

The Lincoln Heritage Museum Reflects and Remembers 9/11



Vicki Selvaggio with Tower beam behind her

September 11, 2001 affected millions of people around the world in many different ways. Clearly, whether you were in an airplane, in New York City or right here in Lincoln, Illinois, you will never forget the heartache, fear, anger, and helplessness you felt. Now ten years later we remember the fallen, the broken families, the terror we felt, and for some the memories are far more intense.

LC's Lincoln Heritage Museum held a commemoration event where people could come to share their memories of that tragic day in history. Museum Director Ron Keller said, "The museum has become a place for people to come and recall because of its 9/11 collection which includes the flight jacket that former flight attendant Vicki Selvaggio wore that day, items donated by the Chan family of Peoria in memory of their son, Chip, who died in Tower One, and a three-foot piece of a steel beam from the World Trade Center's Tower One." Keller went on to say, "I have personally witnessed that steel drawing tears, gasps, and anger."

Vicki Selvaggio, a Springfield, Ill., resident and former American Airlines flight attendant was the guest speaker at the September 11 Ten Year Anniversary commemoration, which was held on September 8, 2011 at the Museum. Selvaggio described her feelings as "pure fear"

on that day ten years ago. She was on a layover at a hotel in downtown Manhattan the morning of the attacks. Selvaggio said, "I've never experienced such fear in all my life! I was 33 years old and didn't think I was going to make it out of New York."

Selvaggio looked at the piece of steel from Tower One in the museum and immediately felt a sense of sadness and recalled the burning electrical smell that filled the air that tragic day. "You could walk down the middle of the street in downtown New York City and not see a single cab or car. There was so little life," she commented sadly.

Three months later Vicki Selvaggio took a deep breath for courage and returned to work. She said she almost walked right back off the plane her first day until the pilot assured her there were three air marshals on board. A few years later, Selvaggio left her job as a flight attendant. She said, "Flying after 9/11 just didn't have the same joy."

Several friends and area community members came together to listen to Selvaggio speak for the first time in public about her experience and memories of that day. After she spoke everyone was able to mingle and share their thoughts, memories and reactions.

The commemoration event also included Michelle Fletcher reading an original poem about the events of 9/11, and music by Steve Scaife of the St. Andrews's Pipe Band.

The Museum's 9/11 collection can be viewed during the Museum's regular hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Two Gators are roaming the Lincoln campus, thanks to the generosity of Phil and Sarah Alexander, parents of current LC sophomore Randy Alexander. Through Randy's involvement with the baseball team, they noticed the need for some updated equipment to maintain the baseball field and the rest of campus. Phil is an engineer at John Deere, and he and Sarah are thankful for the education and opportunities that LC is providing for Randy, so they wanted to give back. They donated one Gator utility vehicle last year, and the second Gator was delivered over the summer. The Gators are a great asset to the Buildings and Grounds department. They make it easier to transport tools and equipment, and are used in a variety of ways to maintain the sports fields and the rest of our beautiful campus. The Alexanders saw a need. We all see the result of their generosity every day. Thank you!

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President's Corner Fall 2011



President Astroth

The 2011-12 school year is now well underway, and it is my pleasure to share with you some information regarding campus activities and developments. Before I do, however, I would like to thank alumni, donors, trustees, and employees—all of whom are indispensable to the continued success of Lincoln College and its students. I hope you will always maintain your connection to the College and support it in any way you can.

Lincoln College – Lincoln Campus

New to the Lincoln campus commencement this past year were our first graduates of the bachelor's degree program in theater. We believe that this bachelor's program will strengthen our appeal to students in the field of performing arts.

The Lincoln Heritage Museum, now housed in McKinstry Library, is planning its move to the new Lincoln Center facility in 2013. Taylor Studios from Rantoul, Ill., was selected as the firm to help us design the new museum. Taylor has extensive experience with this type of project, and the College hopes to develop a museum with considerable interactive exhibits to attract 21st century museum goers. The College views the museum as a resource not only for its students, but also for the general public and Abraham Lincoln scholars across the globe. We are currently trying to raise approximately \$1 million in addition to the funds already set aside so that we can develop the type of museum we desire.

Academic support programs are integral to the success of all students, and the Lincoln campus is reinvigorating its efforts to provide needed academic support services via the "Lynx to Success" program. Through "Lynx to Success" students may participate in the math lab, academic enrichment seminars led by faculty, tutoring and study tables, and other activities designed to help them achieve their academic goals.

A dual credit program was initiated this fall with Lincoln Community High School. Under this program, qualifying high school seniors can enroll in Lincoln College courses taught at the high school during the regular school day and receive both college credit and high school graduation credit upon successful completion of the course. Over the course of this year, the College will offer five such courses. For the fall 2011 term, 45 students are taking advantage of this accelerated path to college.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the men's basketball team on a second, consecutive national championship. They are the first team in 25 years to attain this level of distinction. In addition, the men's soccer team finished 5th in the 2010 national tournament.

Lincoln College – Normal Campus

LCN continues its focus on bachelor's degree completion for adult students via the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program. A promising opportunity for LCN is to continue to expand

this program in partnership with public community colleges. Under ABE, qualified community college graduates can enroll in an LC bachelor's degree program provided on their local community college campus. The ABE model can be extended to additional community colleges and to their students who had not originally planned to complete a bachelor's degree but find themselves in jobs in which a bachelor's degree would provide more opportunities for advancement.

LCN is also undergoing a facelift to provide more attractive and functional facilities for students and staff.

LC -Both Campuses

LC has continued to implement its plan to raise the admissions standards for freshmen and is achieving its goals. On the other hand, the College did not meet its enrollment targets for this fall but is implementing strategies to address the decline in enrollment. As you are aware, these are challenging times for higher education, yet the College is committed to more effectively presenting its case for Lincoln College and adapting to a changing landscape.

Enrollment at a Glance

	Full-time		Part-Time	
	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2010	Fall 2011
LCL	676	610	13	61
LCN	202	160	324	331 (ABE = 269)
MCC	63	54	33	32
Total	941	824	370	424

Congratulations to Dr. A. Gigi Fansler, who has been named the new Vice President of Academic Affairs over both campuses. This position consolidates two previous positions and helps to bring LCL and LCN closer together. One of the areas Dr. Fansler is studying is how students on the Lincoln campus can more effectively be encouraged to consider bachelor's degree opportunities on the Normal campus.

On August 27, the Board of Trustees held a retreat to examine issues facing the College and strategic directions the College might take. I would like to thank all the trustees who could attend for their time, energy, and thoughts in reflecting on the future of LC.

Conclusion

In closing, I would like to thank all those who continue to provide crucial financial support to the College, even during these difficult economic times. Given the pressure on dollars from every source, it is particularly gratifying that supporters of the College continue to step forward and assist. There are many wonderful opportunities and programs at LC, and your assistance with them is vital as we move forward.

Jonathan M. Astroth

Louie's Corner



Another Fall Semester is flying by, but I had to stop to share some great news! Over 80 LC students are receiving financial support through donor-sponsored scholarships. It's exciting to see so many alumni and friends supporting our Scholarship program! Your gifts are making it possible for another generation of LC students to make lifelong friends, to learn and grow personally and academically, and to experience the pride of being a LYNX!

I want to take just a moment to thank LC alumni endowed scholarship supporters: Bernard Behrends, class of 1948; Elvira Hoepfner Fleming, class of 1936; William (class of 1943) and Jean (class of 1947) Gossett; Dallas L. Hensley, class of 1969; Elsie Menzel, class of 1941; David (class of 1958) and Carol Walters.

I also want to thank the families and friends of the following alumni who have established scholarships in their loved one's name through a bequest or as a memorial: W. Herbert Alexander, class of 1934; Anna K. Behrends, class of 1936; Marguarite Berger, class of 1936; Paul A. Berger, class of 1931; Melissa Brassard, class of 2005; Arthur Bree, class of 1936; Percy R. Council, class of 1911; John T. Hickey, class of 1947; Nathan Holden, class of 2003; Mark Shannahan, class of 2004.

This year's scholarship recipients and donors were able to meet at a special reception held during Family Weekend at the end of October. The reception is always very nice, but I know that for each scholarship that was given, we had many more requests that went unfunded. I wish we could do more, for more students!

Do you know that it takes just \$1,000 to fund an annual named scholarship? Establishing an endowed fund which would provide an annual scholarship in perpetuity is another option. If you'd like to help a Lincoln College student realize his or her dream of a college education by establishing a scholarship, please call the Advancement Office at (217) 732-3155, ext. 217 or toll free (877) 522-5867. I'd love to see you at next year's scholarship appreciation reception!

Until next time...



Louie
Your Lynx Mascot

Another Successful Year for LC's Golf Outing for Scholarship

A total of 208 golfers (19 foursomes in the morning and 33 foursomes in the afternoon) participated in the 2011 LC Golf Outing for Scholarship, held July 29 at the Lincoln Elks Golf Course. It was a great day for golf, and we appreciate everyone who played, attended the dinner, or participated in the raffle or auction, and give a special thank you to our sponsors: Event Sponsor COUNTRY Financial; Golf Cart Sponsor Elegant Limousine/Bloomington Charter Coach; Super Sponsors Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Cleveland Golf, Lincoln Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Logan County Bank, Peerless Cleaning and Restoration, State Bank of Lincoln, and Samuels, Miller, Schroeder, Jackson, Sly LLP; Lunch Sponsor Dan Bock & Associates/ABE Lincoln Appraisal Service; Reception Sponsor Character's Pub; Dinner Sponsors Pacesetter's Financial and Sysco Central IL, Inc.; Driving Range Sponsor Graue, Inc.; Putting Green Sponsor, CORE Construction; Hole Sponsors Allen & Jeannine Pickering, Lincoln Printers, Stuart Solutions LLC, Illinois American Water, CEFCU, Eaton Corporation, Blue Dog Inn, Hampton Inn, The Clark Corporation, Peasley Funeral Home, NAPA Auto Parts, Alley-Bi Saloon, Chris Coyne – State Farm, Area Disposal Services, Inc., Shelley Postin – COUNTRY Financial, Famous Liquors, R.W. Garrett Agency, Inc., Hartsburg State Bank, John & Renee Dreusicke.

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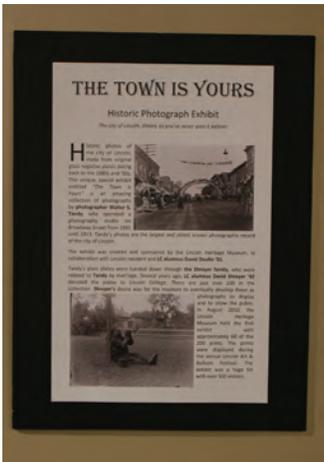


Alumni Reunion 2011 Re-Cap

Thanks to all who came back to campus for the 2011 Alumni Reunion April 14-17. What a great turnout we had this year. We enjoyed celebrating with everyone! All alumni were invited back to the Lincoln Campus to celebrate Alumni Reunion 2011. Members of class years ending in 1 and 6 were recognized during the Alumni Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday, April 16. Members of the class of 1961 (50 years) and the class of 1986 (25 years) in attendance were presented with the Lincoln College Swarovski crystal alumni pin. Special platinum Swarovski crystal alumni pins were presented to Angelina (Brummel) Sandel '41, and LaVeta (Baker) Zurkammer '36, celebrating their 70th and 75th anniversaries.

As a special part of reunion this year we hosted the "Town is Yours" historic photograph exhibit. The photos of the city of Lincoln were made from original glass negative plates dating back to the 1880s and '90s. This unique, special exhibit is an amazing collection of photographs by photographer Walter S. Tandy, who operated a photography studio on Broadway Street from 1881 until 1913. Tandy's photos are the largest and oldest known photographic record of the city of Lincoln.

Tandy's glass plates were handed down through the Shroyer family, who were related to Tandy by marriage. Several years ago, LC alumnus David Shroyer '42 donated the plates to Lincoln College. There are just over 200 in the collection. Shroyer's desire was for the museum to eventually develop these as photographs to display and to show the public. In August 2010, the Lincoln Heritage Museum held the first exhibit with approximately 60 of the 200 prints. The prints were displayed during the annual Lincoln Art & Balloon Festival. The exhibit was a huge hit with over 500 visitors.



Another special Reunion event was the return of Broadway star and alumnus Stephen Buntrock '88 who conducted a theatre and vocal masterclass with our fine arts students as well as spoke with various music and theatre classes. On Friday evening, April 15, the LC Jazz Band and Show Choir held their Spring Music Concert, and Stephen performed a few musical numbers at the conclusion of that concert. A reception followed. All events took place in the Johnston Center for Performing Arts. Stephen also received the Alumni Achievement Award in Fine Arts. It was a great weekend and our fine arts students learned a tremendous amount from a successful Lincoln College alumnus and Broadway star.

To see photos from Reunion and Stephen Buntrock's work with the fine arts students, please visit www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni.



2011 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

A Broadway star, a local entrepreneur devoted to preserving the town of Lincoln's history, and a long-time resident of Lincoln – all members of the Lincoln College alumni family – were honored for their distinguished service and accomplishments during this year's alumni reunion weekend. Two alumni achievement awards and one very special new award were presented at the 2011 Reunion Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday night, April 16, 2011. Lincoln College celebrates and commends the award winners on their exemplary achievements.

*The Young Alumni Achievement Award was established to recognize future leaders among Lincoln College's young alumni, defined as those who have been alumnus/a for twenty years or less. This individual demonstrates leadership capabilities, has a substantial indication of commitment to the service of others, demonstrates the potential for leadership/distinction in the long term, and has substantial commitment to Lincoln College and its mission. Lincoln College was proud to present the third Young Alumni Achievement Award to **David A. Doolin**, class of 2005.*

David Doolin, class of 2005, received several honors and awards during his time at Lincoln College. After graduating from LC with his Associate's degree and receiving a Bachelor's degree from Bradley University, Doolin returned to his hometown of Lincoln and immediately began immersing himself in community development and civic pride. He has taken a very special interest in our city's history, and utilized his time and talents towards advocating on behalf of historic preservation.



David Doolin '05 with his family, President Astroth and award nominator and museum curator Ron Keller.

As a young entrepreneur, Doolin started his own technology business, Infinity-X, in Lincoln in 2009. In recognition of his demonstrated leadership capabilities, commitment to service to others, and commitment to Lincoln College's mission, Doolin was nominated and presented with the Young Alumni Achievement Award.

***The Alumni Achievement Award** is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed on Lincoln College alumni. It is presented to a Lincoln College graduate who shows inspiration to others, characterizes the values and ideals of Lincoln College, gives distinguished service through professional or personal achievement and demonstrates continuing interest in Lincoln College. Since 1962 Alumni Achievement Awards have been presented to alumni from all walks of life who have had an impact on the lives of others and their communities. Lincoln College was proud to present the 2011 Alumni Achievement Award in Fine Arts to **Stephen R. Buntrock**, class of 1988.*

Stephen Buntrock, class of 1988, came to Lincoln College in 1986 to play soccer. However, when he graduated in 1988 with his Associates degree, he took with him a passion for theatre. He went on to receive his BA in the Fine Arts from Roosevelt University in Chicago. He attributes LC with turning his life around and placing him on the path toward a career in which he has enjoyed over 20 years of success. LC's late President Jack Nutt and former faculty member Bill Buffington were instrumental in instilling in Stephen the confidence and drive he would need to garner that success.



Stephen Buntrock '88 (center) with LC friends (left to right) Kerri Taylor, Tina Nutt, Jan Bowers '81 and President Astroth.

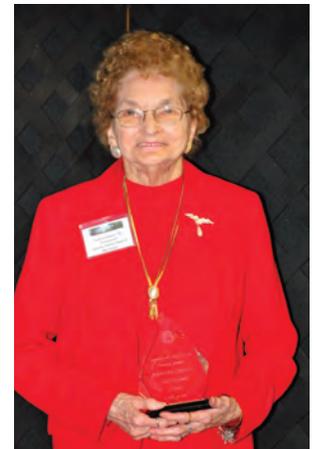
Buntrock's starring Broadway credits include Fredrick Egerman in *A Little Night Music*, Curly in *Oklahoma!*, Gaston in *Beauty and The Beast*, St. John in the original cast of *Jane Eyre*, Barrett in *Titanic*, Enjolras in The Tenth Anniversary Cast of *Les Miserable*, covering the role of the Phantom in *The Phantom Of The Opera*, and creating the role of Teen Angel for the latest revival of *Grease!* He has toured extensively across the United States and Canada as Rueben in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* and originating the role of Arnaud du Thil in Cameron Mackintosh's production of *Martin Guerre*.

Buntrock has enjoyed many concert appearances as well as performing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the Louisville Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, the Cleveland

Orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony, the Dallas Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl. He is the very proud father of Haley Paige and her little sisters Anna Louise and Catherine Caroline. He is married to actress Erin Dilly.

***The LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award** was established in 2011, in honor of LaVeta (Baker) Zurkammer, class of 1936. This is an award which will recognize and honor future generations of Lincoln College alumni whose love and enthusiasm for their alma mater are demonstrated by their life-long dedication to and involvement with Lincoln College, its mission and programs, as exemplified by LaVeta (Baker) Zurkammer. This award will be given out in the future only when merit warrants. **LaVeta (Baker) Zurkammer**, class of 1936 was the first recipient of The LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award at Lincoln College.*

LaVeta (Baker) Zurkammer, class of 1936, came to Lincoln College with the hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher. As everyone knows, plans change, and instead of becoming a teacher, LaVeta stepped up and helped her mother raise her younger siblings. After she married and had two children, Tom and Phyllis, she did enjoy a career as an Occupational/Recreational Therapist at the State School. LaVeta enjoyed organizing activities and crafts for kids. She has always been happiest working hard and helping where needed. Consequently, over the past 75 years, LaVeta has volunteered with and supported Lincoln College. She learned valuable life lessons at LC and loves everything the college stands for. No matter what the event, she has been there in either a volunteer role or as a participant. In looking back over the past 75 years since she attended LC as a student, LaVeta has exemplified what it means to be an alumna. She volunteered at Honor's Day ceremonies for 70+ years, attended every Founders Day (now called Charter Day and held every five years), volunteered at and attended numerous reunion dinners and awards programs, served as secretary on the Alumni Board for more than ten years, and she has attended countless LC theatre productions, student concerts, and LC sporting events. Having her son, Tom, attend Lincoln College and then enjoy a long, successful career with the College, no doubt also makes her very proud.

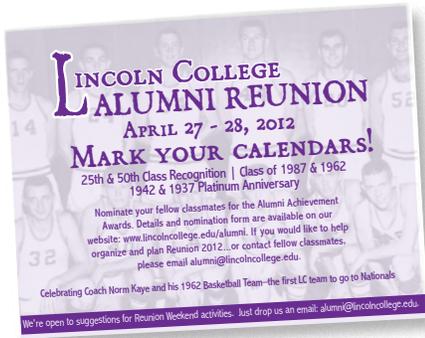


LaVeta Zurkammer '36

LaVeta Baker Zurkammer is an outstanding example of the kind of person we hope each Lincoln College student will become: empowered to realize their full potential for success in life, engaged and active in their community, committed to serving others and having a positive influence on those around them.

**Congratulations
to our 2011 Honorees!**

Alumni Reunion April 27 - 28, 2012



All alumni and friends are invited back to the Lincoln Campus to celebrate Alumni Reunion 2012. The weekend will have events for all. Members of class years ending in 7 and 2 will be

recognized during the Alumni Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday, April 28. Members of the class of 1962 (50 years) and the class of 1987 (25 years) in attendance will be presented with the Lincoln College Swarovski crystal alumni pin. Alumni from the classes of 1942 & 1937 celebrating their 70th or 75th anniversary will receive a special Platinum Anniversary gift.

Attention classes of 1961-63: Coach Norm Kaye and the 1962 basketball team is already planning on returning to celebrate their 50th anniversary from being LC's first athletic team to go to Nationals. * WATCH FOR SPOTLIGHTS ON THE '62 BASKETBALL TEAM IN THE SPRING ISSUE OF *THE LINCOLN LOG*.

Reserve the dates on your calendar now! You won't want to miss this exciting weekend! Keep checking the website for more details and registration coming soon.

Get Involved...

Help contact your fellow classmates for reunion 2012. Call Mary Jo at 877-522-5867 or email mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu to volunteer!

Events are being planned now, and we want to hear from you! What events would you like to see scheduled?

Here's just a few highlights already planned...

- The Annual Wine & Cheese Reception
- Alumni Brunch
- Coach Norm Kaye & his 1962 basketball team take the court to celebrate 50 years since LC's first athletic team went to nationals.
- Lincoln College Scavenger Hunt
- Alumni Awards & Dinner Program

Alumni Achievement Awards

Nominate your fellow outstanding Lincoln College alumni for an Alumni Achievement Award. Presented each year during the Alumni Reunion Weekend, the Awards recognize alumni and friends of Lincoln College. **The deadline for this year's nominations is November 30, 2011.** Nominations are currently being accepted for three awards: Young Alumni Achievement, Alumni Achievement, and Honorary Alumni Award.

Details and nomination form can be found online at www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni.

ST. LOUIS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION

The St. Louis alumni & friends reception was held at the home of Don '56 and Becky Magruder in Creve Coeur, Mo., on Saturday, September 17. Everyone enjoyed food and drinks and had a nice time reconnecting, looking through yearbooks and talking about Lincoln College today.



Don Magruder '56 showed alumni & friends his collection of police reserve badges. Don's collection is the largest in the world and is quite impressive. You can see more photos or read more about his collection at his website: <http://www.thereservebadgeguy.com>



Front row L-R: George "Rick" Mace '65, Maryann Mace, Juanita Wallen, Dean Wallen '58. Back row L-R: Don Magruder '56, Becky Magruder, Dennis Horn '94, Kerri Taylor (Alumni Relations & Special Events Coordinator), Cheryl (Floom) Perl '66, and Rick Samuels (Development Officer).

Around Campus...



LC Friend Judy Lumpp and Bill Donath '66

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Iota Chi chapter welcomed 17 new members at its fall semester induction ceremony held in September. Lincoln resident Bill Donath, class of 1966, was the special guest speaker. He spoke to PTK members and inductees about the importance

of giving back to your community, the value of a higher education, and always striving to be the best you can be. He shared with the students about his days at Lincoln College, what the campus was like then, how his professors helped him, and he recalled his own induction into PTK in the old (then fairly new) Davidson-Sheffer gym. Mr. Donath was recognized as the Lincoln Courier's Citizen of the Month in August 2011, and currently serves as the president of the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society. The PTK was honored to have him participate in their fall induction.

PTK has been working hard to achieve star status recognition with the national PTK headquarters, which rates chapters on a 5-star scale. LC's Iota Chi chapter has successfully completed the first two levels and is on target to complete the requirements to reach the 3-star level this academic year. To become a 2-star chapter, the group held two induction ceremonies and informational meetings for other academically eligible students, had their bi-laws approved, had orientation for new officers, researched the Honors study topic provided by the International Headquarters and then created an action plan on how to make a difference in the Lincoln/Logan County community based on their research.

The research topic was literacy, and their research efforts resulted in a free event for families called the READING RAILROAD. The event was held on a Saturday afternoon and was designed and managed by the PTK members to encourage



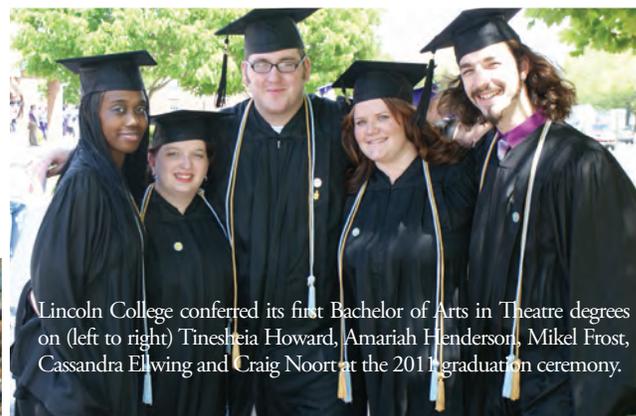
Reading Railroad

reading in children from ages three to seven. The kids had a great time moving from one station to another where they were able to do different activities based on reading. It was a family event and the children who visited all the Railroad Stations received a free pizza from Sorrento's and a free book from Iota Chi chapter. This event will become an annual PTK event held on the Lincoln campus.

The group is now working to become a 3-star chapter. To achieve this, they will continue their efforts in community involvement, will attend the regional leadership PTK conference and extend their community efforts into a college-based project as well. During the 2011-2012 year, the Iota Chi chapter is planning a second induction, a Trivia Night fundraiser, the Reading Railroad, and plans to increase their service to Lincoln College and its community. Proceeds from the fall Trivia Night event will be used to help promote literacy among soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq.

PTK has also helped members find scholarships to further their education beyond LC. Thanks in part to these efforts, PTK members from the class of 2011 will receive over \$350,000 in scholarship monies over the next two years.

Congratulations Class of 2011!



Lincoln College conferred its first Bachelor of Arts in Theatre degrees on (left to right) Tinesheia Howard, Amariah Henderson, Mikel Frost, Cassandra Ellwing and Craig Noort at the 2011 graduation ceremony.

California Alumni and Friends Gatherings

In March 2011 President Jon Astroth, VP for Advancement Debbie Ackerman '83 and Development Officer Rick and Jan Samuels visited with a number of alumni and friends in California. An alumni & friends gathering was held at the home of Jack '63 and Cyndi Sparacio in Carlsbad on March 12. Here are some photos from the California trip.



Alumni & friends gathering at the Sparacio's home in Carlsbad, Calif. Front row L-R: Rick Samuels, Jeff Anshel '69, Beverly Pairitz, Julie Pairitz-Grodanz '73, Pat Lamb, Debbie Ackerman '83, & Victoria McCaster. Back row L-R: President Astroth, Jack Sparacio '63, Cindy Sparacio, Tony Matarrese '73, Frederic Lamb '54 and Kevin McCaster '83.



Getting ready to go for a ride in Doug Walkers' classic '66 Chevy Bel Air! Doug, the husband of LC Board of Trustee member Louise Taper. When weren't joy riding in Doug's classic cars, the group enjoyed a guided tour of Louise's extensive Abraham Lincoln collection. Photo: Front seat - Doug Walker (driver), President Astroth. Back seat - Jan Samuels, Debbie Ackerman '83 and Rick Samuels.



President Astroth, Esther & Lynn '56 Bridgman, Debbie Ackerman '83, and Rick Samuels at "The Fresh Fish," restaurant in Los Alamitos, Calif.



President Astroth, Rick Samuels, Lynn (Litterly) Mattingly '40, and Debbie Ackerman '83 at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara, Calif.

How a Little Opportunity Took Two Brothers a Long Way



By Dr. Jeff Anshel, O.D., class of 1969

I came to Lincoln College with hope. After a struggle in high school and mediocre grades all the way through my school years, there was finally someone who said that they'd give me a chance. Cool! I knew I had to take advantage of that opportunity, so I made it happen: I made the Dean's List in my first semester!

I took my success from Lincoln and moved back to Chicago, and then on to SIU to finish up my college years. My grades had been up and down but overall, I knew what I had in me to do what was needed to succeed. I applied to two Optometry schools and got accepted to both! So, it was back to Chicago for four more years to learn to be an Optometrist.

I used the confidence that I learned at Lincoln to get "on top" of the challenging curriculum of a professional school. My grade point average soared and I got excited about my goal of becoming a healthcare practitioner. I was learning so many great things about our eyes and visual system and realized how little I (and my friends) knew about how we see. I decided then (during school) that I should write all this down in a book that the layman could understand.

While a great idea at the time, it sat dormant in my closet for several years after graduation. I was now living in San Diego (sent there by the Navy) and just happened to meet a literary agent at a business meeting. We talked and she said that she could market my book to publishers—much easier than me doing it! Well, sure enough we got a bite on the first try! WOW, that never happens!!

So, the first book, "Healthy Eyes, Better Vision" came out in 1990 and immediately died a quiet death because the publisher sold out to another company who did not market it. But when a different publisher from London contacted me for a copy, I told them it was out of print but wanted to do a book on my new venture: helping people reduce eyestrain at the computer. Thus, my second book, "Visual Ergonomics in the Workplace" came out a year later.

Armed with some publishing background now, I sought out another publisher for a renewal of my first book. Got one! This publisher had their "concept" books, so I took their suggestion for a title of "Smart Medicine for Your Eyes", which came out in 1999. Again, the publisher sold out right after the release (ugh!), so it was back to the drawing board.

In the meantime, I was contacted by another "ergonomic" publisher who asked me to update my computer-vision book, so we then developed the "Visual Ergonomics Handbook", which was a technical book for ergonomic professionals.

And finally, one of the partners of my "Smart Medicine" publisher started a new company and we just released the second edition of "Smart Medicine for Your Eyes" in January, 2011.

And I have to think back at how it all came out of someone at Lincoln College giving me a shot!



By Mark Anshel, Ph.D., class of 1968

Some people call life's successes "good luck," while people of faith refer to life's good fortunes as "blessings." Either way, I am testimony that the combination of hard work and an opportunity to learn and grow can result in success and happiness. I thank the fine faculty and staff at Lincoln College for providing me with the opportunity and the intellectual tools to fulfill my destiny in life, particularly given my less-than-stellar academic performance in high school. (I plead the 5th amendment on disclosing my high school GPA).

A high school guidance counselor recommended Lincoln College to my parents, where I was the only player on Coach Chuck Lindstrom's 1967 baseball team not on scholarship as a second string first baseman. Lincoln College was a blessing, without question. Failure was not an option, as I studied hard and made Dean's list both semesters of the 1966-67 academic year. Lincoln College provided small classes, excellent educators who were passionate about their students' education, and a friendly environment where students could feel comfortable, relaxed, and secure. Most important, however, was that one of the College's unique missions was to give students with mediocre academic records a renewed opportunity to mature as a person, to succeed academically, and to develop intellectually—if the student took this opportunity seriously. I did. Starting with my year at Lincoln College, life would never be the same again—thankfully.

Attending Lincoln College created a sense of purpose in life, improved my ability to manage time, and taught me to associate high effort with successful outcomes. I studied hard, soaked up new knowledge like a sponge, and left the College with renewed energy and confidence. After a much-appreciated year at Lincoln College I transferred to Illinois State University where I was a physical education major, and completed my bachelor's degree in 1970. I then accepted a position as Physical Education Director at the "Y" in Montreal, Canada. Five years later I decided to prepare for a career in higher education. I attended graduate school at McGill University (M.A.) and Florida State University (Ph.D.), and was employed as a professor in health and human performance (e.g., motor behavior, sport and exercise psychology) at New Mexico State University, Wollongong University (Australia), and Middle Tennessee State University, where I have been since 2002, and currently advise student master's theses and doctoral dissertations.

I have authored 16 books (if including new editions) related to sport psychology, exercise psychology, and wellness; 24 book chapters; and 132 research publications in scholarly journals. You might say I have a passion for writing. Without question, my year at Lincoln College set in motion a renewed sense of purpose and energy that allowed me to find a sense of purpose and passion about my work. I give my students and the academic community what Lincoln College faculty (and my parents) gave me—100 percent. My sincere thanks for that!

Where Are They Now?...Alumni Spotlights

A Look Back at the Early 80s and My Days at Lincoln College By Michael Jay, class of 1981

My days at Lincoln College were spent largely working with the radio station WLNX. If I remember correctly, the teacher was Mr. Danner. I remember being made Music Director in my freshman year, and was told at that time that no freshman had ever received an “officer position” with the station before. But I arrived at LC with an extensive knowledge of the music business from reading my weekly Billboard Magazine subscription, which I had since I was 13. I had also “collected” ALL the charting records, giving me a larger personal record collection than what WLNX had!



Michael Jay '81

As Music Director, I took over compiling the weekly music chart and began distributing it off-campus to music retailers in the areas. I remember one store was called Co-Op Records. I created a relationship with the store’s manager which allowed us to cross-promote developing artists between WLNX, the record store and the artist’s record label. I used my connections with the record labels to arrange exclusive personal on-air interviews with several artists including Rupert Holmes, Dan Peek (of the group America) and Eric Carmen among others.

I also got WLNX to be among the first college radio stations to report their playlists to Bob Haber’s new CMJ publication (College Media Journal), which has since become known in the industry as the Billboard Magazine for college radio stations. During my two years as Music Director, the WLNX music charts were published in every issue of CMJ. That exposure helped to increase the amount of free promotional material that WLNX received from all the major record companies.

After leaving Lincoln College, I briefly attended Illinois State until a job opportunity came up for me to work in the A&R department of Curtis Mayfield’s Curtom Records in Chicago. After six months in that position, I moved to Los Angeles and became a songwriter. I received a publishing deal with Famous Music, the music division of Paramount Pictures, and wrote one of the songs for the “Top Gun” movie soundtrack, “Hot Summer Nights,” which was performed by Gloria Estefan. A year later I discovered and developed the pop singer Martika and we had a worldwide number one hit with a song I wrote called “Toy Soldiers.” Recently, rap superstar Eminem recorded a new version of that song, and it is on his Greatest Hits CD which is currently in its 136th consecutive week on Billboard’s album sales chart.

I’ve also had my songs recorded by artists such as Celine Dion, Mandy Moore, Kylie Minogue, New Kids On The Block, Jon Secada, Lara Fabian, Peter Allen and many others. My song “Declaration of Love” was recorded by Celine Dion and included on her 1997 record “Falling into You.” It won a Grammy for

Album of the Year and earned me a star on the Grammy Walk of Fame in downtown Los Angeles.

Today I own Jambo Studios in Los Angeles where I continue to write and produce songs for big stars as well as for new and developing talent.



Nate Lunt, class of 2005, continued his education at Western Illinois University where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. After college, Nate tested for many police departments, but his dream was to work for the Illinois State Police. In 2007 he attended the Police Training Institute (PTI) as a police cadet for the Fulton County

Sheriff’s Department. Prior to graduating from the academy he received an offer to work for the Macomb Police Department. He jumped at the chance, and worked for the Macomb Police Department for approximately one year. In 2009 Nate received an offer to pursue his dream and become an Illinois State Trooper. He attended the 25 week Illinois State Police Academy under Cadet Class 116. After graduating the academy he was stationed in District 06 (Pontiac, Ill.).



Nate and Ann Lunt '05

On a personal note, Nate recently purchased his first home in Normal, Ill., and married Ann Mikenas on October 1, 2011. Nate commented, “I am loving life and really enjoy living out my career

Robert “Bob” Pelikan, class of 1959, attended two other Illinois colleges before finishing at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. He is now retired after starting and selling 10 companies during his 45-year career. Bob and his wife Jerilyn have been married for 46 years and have three sons and three grandchildren. They live on the California coast just south of San Francisco, where

Bob enjoys restoring old cars and building hot rods to keep him out of trouble.



Bob '59 and Jerily Pelikan

Besides his automotive passions, Bob serves on the board of a local non-profit and heads up a major fundraiser for them each spring. The highlight of his life these days, however, is his two-year-old granddaughter, Sofia. She thinks her grandpa is pretty cool too. Bob said, “There’s

Alumni Spotlights continued

nothing like the unconditional love between a grandfather and his granddaughter.”

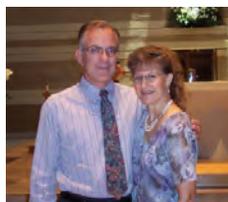


Bob Pelikan '59

Over the summer of 2011, Bob and Jerilyn drove one of their restored cars, a 1951 Buick, from Santa Monica, Calif., to Chicago, Ill., along the old Route 66.

The car is equipped with a modern engine, cruise control and air conditioning, so it was a comfortable, trouble-free trip. To see photos and read about Bob and Jerilyn's Route 66 journey, check out their blog at <http://www.bobpelikan.com/category/route-66/>.

When they reached Lincoln, Ill., Bob & Jerilyn stopped at the Lincoln College campus for a quick visit. Bob shared a few of his Lincoln College memories with us. As a student, he lived in Olin Sang and used to earn a little cash doing the "10 p.m. mail run," which involved taking letters to the train station every evening so they'd get to Chicago the next day. Bob and Jerilyn enjoyed a nice walk around campus, remembering it the way it was in the late '50s and seeing all the new changes and additions. Lincoln College was one of many stops on the Pelikan's Old Route 66 Summer of 2011 Journey, but it was one that brought back good memories of where Bob's higher education began.



Terry '72 and Renee Plata

Terry Plata, class of 1972, and his wife Renee became high school sweethearts in 1969. After high school Terry came to Lincoln College and Renee went to Illinois State University. At the beginning of Terry's first semester on campus, Lincoln College poured a fresh concrete pad between University Hall and the Harts Science Building. The Dean invited the students to write their names in the wet concrete, so Terry wrote his and Renee's name and that day's date, 9/30/70. Terry completed five semesters at LC before joining Renee at ISU in December 1972. Five years after their relationship began Terry and Renee were married in 1974.

On September 1, 2011, the Platas revisited the Lincoln campus and reminisced about that sidewalk. They had to crouch down under the tree branches and sweep off the pine needles but there it was, "Terry & Renee 9/30/70!" Terry remembers that moment 41 years ago very vividly and wonders about all the other classmates that are immortalized in that concrete.



Terry still owns and drives the 1953 Oldsmobile that he drove during his LC days; he restored it about 20 years ago. In the 1970s, students who parked their cars had numbered parking permits. Coincidentally, Terry's parking permit number was 219, the same as the address of the home Terry and Renee lived in when they were first married.

Terry really enjoyed seeing the campus again after all these years. They plan to return again next fall, and are looking forward to spending an afternoon on campus for a formal tour. Terry said he'd like to walk down the halls of Carroll South, where he served as the second-floor RA during his last semester at Lincoln.

LC Alumni & Friends at Cubs/Cards Event - July 2011



Class Notes

Alumni News, Activities and Events

1930s

Elvira (Hoepfner) Fleming, class of 1936, was unable to attend her 75th anniversary reunion during April 2011 alumni weekend due to health reasons. To make it up to her, President Jon Astroth and Vice



President Astroth, Elvira Fleming '36 and Deb Ackerman '83

President for Advancement **Debbie Ackerman**, class of 1983, hand-delivered Elvira's platinum 75th anniversary alumna pin in early May. Elvira was happy to see Debbie and to have the opportunity to meet the new president. The three, along with Elvira's close friend **Roseann Coers**, enjoyed visiting for a while before Debbie and the President presented Elvira

with her anniversary pin. Roseann took a picture of Elvira, Debbie and President Astroth (shown here), which Debbie then took along with a 75th anniversary certificate to Elvira a couple weeks later. On July 11, 2011 Elvira celebrated her 95th birthday. **Mildred**

(Osborn) Kaesebier, class of 1936, marked her 95th birthday on



Mildred Kaesebier '36

June 16, 2011 with a family celebration. Mildred has been a dedicated mother and farm wife most of her life, though for a short time following her graduation from LC she taught at the Walnut Row one-room country school near Atlanta, Ill. Mildred and Wilbert, her late husband of 58 years, farmed west of Lincoln before retiring. Mildred is the mother of **Mary Ellen** (and **Richard**) **Martin**, class of 1959, of rural Lincoln and **Dean** (and **Carol**)

Kaesebier of Fairhope, Ala. She has four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Today Mildred resides at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, where she enjoys playing bingo and other games with other residents. She also enjoys going to church with family and friends. Mildred would enjoy hearing from her friends, fellow LC alumni and family.

1950s

Wayne Conrady, class of 1950, and his wife **Lois (Paulus) Conrady** of Lincoln celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 7, 2011. Wayne, originally from Hartsburg, Ill., and Lois from Lincoln were married October 7, 1951, at St. John Church of Christ in Lincoln. Wayne and Lois have farmed together for the past 60 years and have operated Big Oak Hunting Paradise since 1999. They are the parents of five children: **Elaine** of Hartsburg, **Carla** (and **Greg**) **Jurgenson** of Atlanta, **Jan** (and **Mark**) **Schleder** of Green Valley, **Gary** (and **Valerie**) **Conrady** of Lincoln and **Greg** (and **Lisa**) **Conrady** of Hartsburg. They have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The Conrady children recently honored their parents with a celebratory family dinner. **Charles Hartnett**, class of 1952, visited



Deb Ackerman '83, Charles Hartnett '52 and Kerri Taylor

campus in May 2011. He flew into Chicago and spent a couple days there before stopping by campus on his way down to Paris, Ill., for a family reunion. Vice President of Advancement **Debbie Ackerman**, class of 1983, Administrative Assistant **Mary Jo Werth** and Alumni Relations & Special Events Coordinator **Kerri Taylor** enjoyed visiting with **Charlie**. **Charles** hadn't been back to campus for a while, so he was happy to see all the changes. **Charles** currently resides in sunny California. Recently, Lincoln College Development Officer **Herb Reichelt** enjoyed a visit with



Scott Rabkin '58

Scott Rabkin, class of 1958. **Scott** lives with his wife and three daughters in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has owned and operated the Carrousel Tobacco Shoppe for 40 years. **Scott** shared his Lincoln College story with **Herb** over lunch. Of the many wonderful instructors he had at LC,

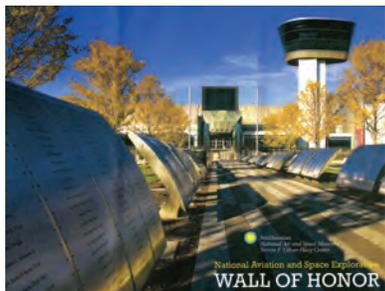
Scott remembers "Ma" **Balof** and **Dr. and Mrs. Dooley** most fondly.

Walt Chase, class of 1959, is living in Clearwater Beach, Fla., and owns Chase Real Estate. **Walt** said, "I tried to come up with a better name, but this one has worked well for 47 years so I think I'll keep it." **Walt's** son **Christian**, class of 1993, took over **Walt's** real estate business in Naperville, Ill., and according to **Walt** is doing better than he ever did. **Walt** says he's pretty sure that's because **Christian** actually opened a book while at LC, whereas **Walt** could never find the library as hard as he tried. Nowadays, **Walt** enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, three-year-old **Blair Bailey** and nine-month-old **Chase Bailey**. **Walt** said he was so honored when his daughter named her son **Chase**. **Walt** and his son **Christian** shared that they both were lucky they went to Lincoln and that Lincoln College helped both of them to do as well as they have in life. **Walt** recently talked to his fellow 1959 classmates **Joel "NEWK" Fisher** and **Mike Garfinkel**. They both seem to be doing well. If there are any other fellow classmates out there reading this who would like to reconnect with **Walt**, he can be reached at (727) 480-9050 or by e-mail at wchase@msn.com

1960s

Barbara Perlman, class of 1963, has great memories of her days at Lincoln College. She lives in Illinois, and spends winters in Florida.

Barbara is divorced and has no kids. She enjoys driving around in her Mini Cooper convertible. **Rick Schwartz**, class of 1963, contacted us to share the news that in one of his regular e-mail subscription sites he saw a post that classmate **Frank Alesia** died in March. Frank was active in LC's theatre program, and received the Best Actor and Creative Arts awards in 1963. After LC Frank moved to California and worked in Hollywood as a character actor, writer, and director. After retiring from show business, he bred and raced thoroughbreds. **John "Jack" Sparacio**, class of 1963, was named Chief Operating Officer for Sonosite in June 2011. Jack and wife Cindi hosted a LC Alumni & Friends reception at their Carlsbad, Calif., home in March, but are now living in Washington state. **Dennis Pilcher**, class of 1965, was inducted into the NJCAA Coaches Hall of Fame on March 14, 2011. He has served in the role of head coach and/or athletic director for the past 39 years at several schools, including Dyersburg State (Tenn.), Fancy Farm High School (Ky.) and Iowa Central Community College. He finished the 2010-11 season coaching the ICC Tritons with an overall junior college record of 721-462. Coach Pilcher graduated from Murray State University after LC and is married to his lovely wife Donna. They have three children who have also become educators and coaches. Coach Pilcher entered the NJCAA Coaches Hall of Fame with retired Lincoln College coach Allen Pickering. **Melvorn Kent Finzer**, class of 1965, is a retired pilot with United Airlines. His wife Carolyn recently honored him by



placing his name on the National Aviation and Space Exploration Wall of Honor as an Air and Space Friend. The Wall of Honor is part of the nation's aviation and space heritage at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy

Center. This honor is in recognition of Melvorn's contribution to the aviation and space exploration heritage and will be a permanent testament to his commitment and passion for flight. **Rik Shafer**, class of 1965, is still alive and well. He is remarried to Peg, doing a little work, playing guitar in two bands for fun gigs, traveling a bunch, and has a new granddaughter. He says, "Life is pretty good, and I would have to have a lot of gall to complain about anything much." Rik hopes things are good for everyone else. **Jane (Peyser) Magruder**, class of 1966, and her husband Bob have retired and moved to Georgia to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Jane recently retired from her position as Director at a substance abuse facility in New Jersey. She and Bob will soon celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary and look forward to many exciting adventures in retirement. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. Jane would welcome hearing from former classmates, especially her old roommate Debby Lorton. **Skip Allison**, class of 1968, retired from Motorola after 35 years there. He is now working as a Public Safety Consultant and living in Lake Zurich, Ill., with Kathy, his wife of 39 years. Their son Ryan and his family, wife Cari and daughter Lorelai, live nearby in Cary. **Tom Waldron**, class of 1968, was elected to the National Swimming Hall of Fame in July 2007.

1970s

Lauri (Cueva) French, class of 1970, lives in Montgomery, Ill., with her husband and two beautiful daughters. She is a teacher and would love to hear from any of her classmates. She can also be found on Facebook. It's been 40 years since **Art Larocca**, class of 1972, arrived on the Lincoln College campus in September of 1971. He made some close friends in his one year at LC. This past June, Art's close friend **Phil Kahn**, class of 1973, attended the Detroit-area wedding of Art's daughter. Art and Phil have enjoyed staying in touch since meeting at Lincoln College, 40 years ago! Art currently resides in Scottsdale, Ariz. **Tony Matarrese**, class of 1973, recently appeared as Don Vitello in the Coronado Playhouse (Coronado, Calif.) production of "A Roman Holiday." **Joseph W. Wheeler**, class of 1973, was inducted into the Las Vegas Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on May 1, 2011 for his part in the 1970s band "Santa Fe." Photos and information about "Santa Fe" can be found at <http://lasvegasrockreunion.com/inducteesbands1970s/sante%20fe.html>. **Pam (Hazlet) Lindley**, class of 1974, lives with her husband Dave in Gilbert, Ariz. She is a certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist and loves her job and clients. Pam and her husband have been married over 30 years. They have a son and daughter, and three grandchildren with another due in April. Pam would love to hear from fellow classmates by e-mail or Facebook. She plans to be in Illinois in mid-October to enjoy the fall colors. **Patrick Wade**, class of 1975, misses all of his former classmates! Maybe a mini reunion is in order? **Ken "Spike" Weingarten**, class of 1977, was recently appointed by the Scottsdale, Ariz., City Council to serve on the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board which carries a three year term. **Brian Klassman**, class of 1978, commented, "Lincoln College really started me off on the right foot. I wasn't a good student before going to Lincoln, but after Lincoln I went on to graduate at FIU with my B.S. in Hospitality and went on to own and operate my own restaurants and concession company. So everyone out there thinking they can't, well Lincoln College made a difference so 'I Can!'" **Tom Malloy**, class of 1979, has been living in California since 1979.

He retired in February 2009 as a Lieutenant with the Dept. of Corrections. Tom writes that he doesn't know what people mean when they say you will be bored being retired, as he wonders how heaccomplished so much while working. Tom still treasures his Lincoln memories and gives credit to LC for maturing him. He wishes health to all. **Mary (Nemmer) Paul**, class of 1979, shared the above photo of LC classmates who got together last April in Mount Prospect, Ill.



Back row: Barbara (Ball) Otis, Maryellen (Larson) Allabastro, Diane (Craver) MacDougall, Mary, Marty Young, all class of 1979. Front row: Rosanne (Kilinski) Sliwa and Kim (Field) Springer, class of 1979; Audrey (Gusinow) Ultmann, class of 1978, and Barry Ultmann, class of 1980.

1980s

Heather Anderson, class of 1981, has been living in Minneapolis, Minn., since April 2010 and loves it!! She is working full time and would love to hear from her classmates. **Juanita (Pinkley) Buttell**, class of 1981, worked for the Illinois Secretary of State's Office for 22 1/2 years, before she had to resign due to health reasons in January 2009. She indicated that she is not retired, but rather on disability status. She was honored to serve the citizens of Illinois and really misses working in Springfield. Juanita attended the 2011 Lincoln College Alumni Reunion and can hardly believe it's been thirty years. She has connected with several members of the class of 1981 on Facebook and hopes to connect with more as time goes on. Juanita and her husband, Mike will be celebrating 30 years of marriage on December 19, 2011. They met during her last semester at LC. They never had children, but have enjoyed several cats and dogs over the years.

1990s

Mark E. Anderson, class of 1994, is employed as a Special Agent with the Illinois Secretary of State Securities Department, investigating financial crimes and securities fraud.

2000s

T.J. Rietveld, class of 2002, is still at SIU in his 11th year! **Mara Braiman**, class of 2008, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and minor in Health Promotion. Mara is hopeful a job will result from recent interviews; she looks forward to the future and life after college. **Ashley Telling**, class of 2008, shared news of some of her former classmates with us: **Anna Sarovich**, class of 2007, received her Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in May 2011. **Mara Braiman**, class of 2008, graduated with Anna. **Simone Wilson**,

class of 2008, Ashley's suitemate from Lincoln, welcomed a baby girl earlier this summer. **Angelique Cruso**, class of 2009, received her Bachelor of Communications from Cornell University in May 2011, and has moved to New York City to work for Delhaize Group, an international corporation that operates supermarkets. She was one of 13 students selected to be management trainees.

Angelique writes, "Basically we are all on a one year program learning how to run the stores (doing budgets, Human Resources, policies etc). After the year of training is complete I will be placed to lead a store." Angelique plans to obtain management/human resource experience for a few years then hopefully move on to her real dream job, managing a public official's office in Washington, D.C. Angelique commented



Angelique Cruso '09 (right)

that she is very thankful for the education and guidance she got from Lincoln College and from LC alumni who helped mentor her. She hopes she can pay it back now and help mentor or offer guidance to other LC students. **Erica Glenn**, class of 2009, transferred to the Lincoln College-Normal campus this semester where she is studying Liberal Arts and will graduate with her BA in May 2012. She still loves to find ways to reach out to youth, so she is currently working at the Children's Discovery Museum in Bloomington, Ill. She loves her job and the kids and vice versa.

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What's New With You?

We always welcome news items from Lincoln College alumni for use in future issues of *The Lincoln Log*. If you have news you would like to share with fellow classmates, you have moved, gotten married or had a baby, please let us know.

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

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In Memory

Waldo E. Bertoni
1926–2011

Lincoln College Board of Trustee member **Waldo E. Bertoni**, 85, of Mount Pulaski, passed away Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011. Mr. Bertoni retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1977 as a colonel. He graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1948, receiving his commission as a second lieutenant. In addition to his bachelor's degree from West Point, he received a master's in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois and an MBA in research development management from the University of Chicago. He was a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He returned to his hometown of Mount Pulaski in 2005 and joined the Board of Trustees in 2008. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie.



Paul H. "Bud" Boecker
1952–2011

Paul H. "Bud" Boecker, class of 1952, died peacefully with his family at his side on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011. Bud was a long time member of the LC Chicago Alumni Council and a loyal supporter of Lincoln College. Bud and his wife Sonja attended numerous college events over the years and as a member of the Alumni Council, Bud helped plan and implement many of them. Bud was elated when his grandson, Paul IV chose to attend LC in his grandfather's footsteps. Bud has always been a true friend and generous supporter of LC and said the College was the foundation for his higher education. LC was honored to have Bud as a part of the Alumni Council and as a treasured friend.

He was born Sept. 9, 1931, in Aurora, Ill. Bud continued his education at North Central College and graduated with B.S. degree in business. Bud started as a firefighter in Naperville, Ill., in 1952 and joined the Lisle Fire Department as fire chief in 1971. He helped turn the volunteer department into a full-time fire department and grew the department to be the first Fire District to be ISO class 1 in the United States. On a national level, Chief Boecker served as chairman of the Emergency Management Committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs for 14 years. He is the author of "Common Sense Disaster Management - Think Big!" program presented at numerous state fire schools. Bud would go anywhere to help anyone. He was a charter member of the National Advisory Committee for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Integrated Emergency Management System and served as an adjunct faculty member of the Emergency Management Institute at the National Fire Academy. He served as technical consultant for three federal emergency management manuals including "Disaster Planning Guidelines for Fire Chiefs." Chief Boecker was the first fire chief to serve six years as chairman of the Executive Board of the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) in its 59 years. He also was the Association's representative to the Congressional Fire Services in Washington, D.C., and the joint Council of National Fire Service organizations. In May of 2000, Chief Boecker was named the 2nd recipient of the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership award, which was presented to him by the speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert, at the National Fire and Emergency Services dinner in Washington, D.C.

After years of dedicated service and making a profound impact in the community, Chief Boecker retired on July 2, 2004, from the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and was named fire chief emeritus. In 2005, the trustees dedicated Fire Station No. 1 and its headquarters to Fire Chief Emeritus Boecker. Bud is survived by his wife, Sonja J. (Sinclair) of Lisle, Ill., two sons, three grandchildren, including Paul H. IV, LC class of 2009, and a sister of Naperville.



Juanita (Folger) Niehus
1906–2011

Juanita (Folger) Niehus, class of 1927, died on Sunday, August 7, 2011, at the age of 105. In the Spring/Summer Lincoln Log, we published an article about Juanita being the oldest known living Lincoln College alumna and that she was celebrating her 105th birthday in February 2011.

Juanita was born on February 18, 1906, in Indiana.

Juanita received a full scholarship to Lincoln College and received her degree in 1927 with majors in languages and math.

Juanita was a generous, friendly, and optimistic person with an appetite for life and desire to be on the go. Even in her second century she loved to hear from or visit with friends, do crossword puzzles in ink, and to play cards, bingo and dominoes.

Juanita's religious faith was a constant in her long life. She said, "I was born on Sunday, went to church three weeks later and would be going ever since." When asked the secret of her long life, she would acknowledge the importance of eating right, not smoking or drinking and walking everywhere she could. However, she claimed that the real secret was that she was not a worrier. Her pastor once asked her why she never worried and she said, "If there is a problem, I do anything I can to solve it. If I can't solve it, I try to find to find someone who can. After that I pray to the Lord and leave it in His hands."

In Memory

Our deepest sympathies to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations we are only able to publish names, ages, class years, and dates of death.

Frank M. Alesia, 67, Class of 1963, February 27, 2011. **John J. Anderson (aka Olof F. Hilgerdt)**, 74, Class of 1956, October 15, 2009. **Len A. Batterton**, 63, Class of 1968, September 27, 2011. **John S. Beare**, 68, Class of 1962, March 19, 2010. **William D. "Bill" Becker**, 63, Class of 1967, June 30, 2011. **George E. "Ed" Bevard**, 81, Class of 1951, May 17, 2011. **Paul H. "Bud" Boecker**, 80, Class of 1952, August 14, 2011. **John R. Brahm**, 72, Class of 1958, December 31, 2010. **Robert J. "Bob" Burns**, 81, Class of 1951, June 7, 2011. **Dorothy M. (Williamson) Cargill**, 89, Class of 1941, June 1, 2011. **Allen J. Chalem**, 66, Class of 1962, July 23, 2009. **Larry L. Cole**, 68, Class of 1961, December 31, 2009. **William H. Conner**, 85, Class of 1974, December 14, 2010. **Eleanor S. (Lohrenz) Copper**, 90, Class of 1941, July 14, 2011. **Robert W. Dambacher**, 45, Class of 1986, April 10, 2011. **Dale Lee Davis**, 62, Class of 1968, September 30, 2011. **Helene E. Davis**, 85, Class of 1946, July 26, 2011. **Gary D. Freeman**, 62, Class of 1969, March 11, 2011. **Ruth M. (Groff) Goebel Aldendifer**, 91, Class of 1940, March 29, 2011. **Sharon L. (Botica) Haberkorn**, 59, Class of 1972, May 25, 2011. **Lanna C. Hagge**, 64, Class of 1966, January 20, 2010. **Robert J. Hamman**, 54, Class of 1975, May 16, 2010. **William E. "Bill" Hardin**, 89, Class of 1942, May 14, 2011. **Virginia M. "Gini" (Webster) Higgins**, 94, Class of 1938, March 8, 2011. **Julia M. (Gullett) Holth**, 87, Class of 1943, March 21, 2011. **Melvin H. Jacob**, 88, Class of 1944, April 23, 2011. **Harold J. Katz**, 99, Class of 1933, February 10, 2011. **Robert J. King**, 63, Class of 1971, October 20, 2010. **James A. "Jim" Maunter**, 65, Class of 1966, May 29, 2011. **Judith (Niederberger) Moss**, 66, Class of 1964, June 2, 2010. **Juanita L. (Folger) Niehus**, 105, Class of 1927, August 7, 2011. **Douglas E. Norman**, 79, Class of 1951, June 24, 2010. **Ramon Parks**, 52, Class of 1979, October 23, 2009. **Thomas H. "Tom" Rippon**, 49, Class of 1982, August 28, 2011. **Keith C. Rorem**, 76, Class of 1956, December 20, 2010. **Jeffery P. Rose**, 68, Class of 1967, November 2, 2010. **Cathy M. (Nerud) Schuett**, 55, Class of 1976, January 1, 2011. **Jack R. Sutter**, 70, Class of 1961, November 21, 2009. Former Trustee **F. John Taylor**, 86, September 19, 2009. **John G. Tershowski**, 63, Class of 1968, June 24, 2011. **Ronald L. Thomas**, 79, Class of 1951, May 17, 2010. **Ernest W. "Ernie" Wimperis**, 81, Class of 1951, May 16, 2011. **Roy T. "Thomas" Woolridge**, 64, Class of 1966, June 4, 2010. **Marolyn J. (Fink) Wrage**, 80, Class of 1970, August 13, 2011.

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Saturday, November 19, 2011.....Fourth Annual Holiday Shopping Trip to Schaumburg
Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10, 2011.....LC Fine Arts Holiday Concert
Friday, December 16, 2011.....Dinner Theatre Bus Trip, Goodfield, IL

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Saturday, November 19, 2011
7:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Woodfield Mall & IKEA, Schaumburg, Ill.

Cost \$40 (includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, breakfast treats, movies on bus, shopping bag & coupon booklet)

Bus will load in Lincoln, Ill., and pick up additional passengers in Normal, Ill. Reservations are required. Seats are limited so register early. (*32-passenger minimum for trip to go)

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LC Fine Arts Holiday Concert
featuring the Chorale, Chamber Choir and Jazz Band
Main Stage of the Johnston Center for Performing Arts
Dec. 9 (Fri.) & 10 (Sat.) at 7:30 pm
Admission is \$1.00.

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A Year With Frog & Toad (a musical):
Feb. 15-19, 2012

Almost, Maine:
April 11-15, 2012

**“It’s The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!”
Dinner Theatre Bus Trip**
Friday, December 16, 2011

Lincoln College will be taking a deluxe motorcoach to the Conklin Barn II Dinner Theatre in Goodfield, Ill., to enjoy the “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!” holiday show filled with sparkling holiday music and hilarious comedy routines, along with a spectacular audience participation opportunity. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. The bus will depart Springfield at 4:00 pm, Lincoln at 4:45 pm and Bloomington/Normal at 5:30 pm.

Cost: \$55 per person-includes motorcoach from Springfield, Lincoln or Bloomington, deluxe buffet dinner including prime rib & fried chicken along with many other options & the show. Kids ages 4-12 are discounted to \$47.50. **RSVP deadline - November 15.**