

Happenings in the Social Studies Department, Semester 1, 2011

2011 Social Studies Historical Figures Halloween Contest AND THE WINNERS WERE:



**1st Place
Andrew
Trandai
as Napoleon**



**2nd Place
Amir
Jajeh
as Saladin**



**3rd Place
Nicole
Hensel
as Mansa Musa**

This is the 12th year the Social Studies Department has sponsored the Historical figures contest. Each year the costumes become even more authentic. Andrew Trandai and his mother actually took to the sewing machine and hand stitching to create the costume he wore.

Social Studies Superstars

Each semester the Social Studies department selects students to honor for the quality of their effort, contribution to class, handling tough situations, sticking with the program and mastering the challenges presented. In November, the following students were selected as Social Studies Superstars:



Lauren Basgall – nominated by Ms. Collier for her work and great attitude in Middle Eastern Studies



Cal Miller – nominated by Dr. Gantt for his success and taking on the challenge of AP World History



Mia Morettini – nominated by Ms. Erven-Raducha for consistently pushing our class discussions to a higher level in the World Civilizations II class



Kendall Litzsinger – nominated by Ms. McKee who has illustrated an amazing work ethic in the Asian Studies Class



Elena Svigos – nominated by Mr. Kuhl due to the fact that Elena is invariably positive in the World Civilizations I class

Pearl Harbor Survivor Ray Morley Speaks To Asian Studies Classes



Pearl Harbor survivor Ray Morley a sailor aboard the USS Oklahoma- spoke to Asian Studies class on December 7th the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor (1941). Mr. Morley was accompanied by his grandson-in-law from Lake Bluff Mr. Rob Davis



International Human Rights Day

On December 9th, the Human Rights club celebrated **International Human Rights Day at LFHS – December** by hosting Ms. **Susan Walsh**, founder of **Little By Little**. *Little By Little* is a local non-for-profit organization that provides medical care to families in Haiti. Susan's most recent trip to Haiti was in January 2010 when the tragic earthquake traumatized the country. Susan is also a personal friend of LFHS math

teacher Chuck Gress. Mr. Gress worked with the Human Rights Club for the past year to make this event possible at LFHS. Ms. Walsh's presentation was a meaningful learning opportunity for students.

Meet the new teachers in the Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department has been fortunate over the years to have found some outstanding teachers who work in the department. This year is no different. Ms. Mary Conroy began the year as a 1 year replacement for Ms. Kelly MacBlane in the World Civilizations II program. Ms., Conroy is a recent graduate of Notre Dame and Northwestern University. Ms. Conroy brings that vitality one hears about in new teachers. Mary is also the assistant varsity girls' basketball coach.

Mr. Matt Jerina – a graduate of LFHS works with both the Science and Social Studies Departments. Mr. Jerina is co-teacher with Ms. Conroy in the World Civilizations II program. Mr. Jerina is a graduate of Marquette and Trinity International University. Though Science is his specialty, Matt has proven to be most valuable in assisting Ms. Conroy in the World Civilizations II classes. Mr. Jerina has also coached Boys Cross Country and is presently managing the Weight Room.