



The Los Angeles Figure Skating Club

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“A CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS” 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS ANGELES FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Celebrate with us...

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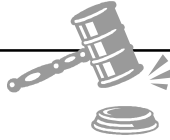
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Save the day:

Saturday, July 26th, 2008

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings LAFSC Members!

Well, time is flying and our 75th Anniversary celebration is almost here. We are all very excited; this will be a once in a lifetime event. Please check our website for additional information and the link to purchase tickets on line.

In the meantime, Showcase for Skaters is coming up on June 7th and 8th along with the Los Angeles Theatre On Ice's Cabaret Show on Friday, June 6th. This will be the 35th year that the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club has presented Showcase for Skaters which is a milestone in itself. Showcase is always a great deal of fun. I hope you will all come by and enjoy the show!

The announcement for the Los Angeles Open Championships is out and posted on the website. We are planning for another great turnout this year.

The U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council was held on May 2nd and 3rd in Denver, Colorado. One item of interest to many people regarded the changes to the Moves-In-The-Field. This item was referred back to committee and will probably come up again next year. For now, Moves-In-The-Field will remain the same. To see what action was taken on all the items up for consideration this year, go to the U.S. Figure Skating website to view the complete report of action. This is the link to the report: <http://www.usfigureksating.org/Story.asp?id=41488>.

Also at Governing Council, the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club was recognized by U.S. Figure Skating as a 75 Year Club. We received a plaque which will be displayed in our case at Pickwick. We were also recognized at the President's Reception. Dawn Eyerly and I spoke and expressed our gratitude on behalf of the Club. Our other delegates on hand were Lynn Bender, Michael Cruz, Karen Dillon, and Darin Mathewson.

I should also mention that the ballots for this year's election of board members have been mailed. They must be returned by June 19th. Please take a few minutes to fill in your ballot and mail it in.

I have one last note for this newsletter, I would like to thank Jo Lawless for the fabulous job she has done in getting the newsletter published. Thanks Jo!

Talk to you soon.

Carla Golubski, LAFSC President

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TESTS PASSED

Listed below are tests passed by LAFSC home club members through April 30th. Slots to take tests are given out on a first come, first serve basis. Test Chair, Ken Taylor's phone number is (818) 394-2080. Congratulations members!

Brigitte Alanis	Novice Pair	Adam Kaba	Pre-Preliminary MIF Pre-Preliminary FS
Anaise Aquino	Juvenile FS Intermediate MIF	Patrick Leahy	Pre-Preliminary FS
Vanessa Balao	Senior MIF	Moriah Magdaleno	Preliminary MIF
Lois Betancourt	Preliminary MIF	Franzette Pagulo-Rodelo	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Alex Brewer	Pre-Preliminary MIF Pre-Preliminary FS	Gretchen Peckler	Pre-Preliminary MIF
Caitlinn Concepcion	Juvenile MIF	Chadwick Phillips	Novice Pair
Krystal Davis	Senior MIF	Rebecca Phung	Junior MIF
Anne Eschen	Pre-Preliminary MIF	Arielle Trujillo	Solo Dutch Waltz Solo Swing Dance Solo Canasta Tango Solo Cha Cha Solo Rhythm Blues Solo Fiesta Tango
Maggie Fritz	Pre-Preliminary MIF		
Catherine Giese	Juvenile FS		
Gigi Goff	Pre-Preliminary MIF	Renee Velasquez	Senior MIF
India Hinton	Preliminary MIF Preliminary FS	Cristina Wong	Junior MIF
Rachel Hollander	Novice MIF	Emily Yan	Juvenile MIF
Kyra Josephson	Preliminary MIF	Maral Zohrabian	Juvenile FS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone: Emerald

Flower: Sunflower or Lily of the Valley



Ashley Agren	Wendy Olson
Anaise Aquino	Faryn Pearl
Nevada Brandt	Patty Poddig
Brian Choi	Renee Roca
Caitlinn Concepcion	Richard Romero
Donna Baldwin	Joan Schulman
Othniel Chan	Steven Smith
Pat Dever	Kiana Soleiman
Phyllis Fitzgerald	Cinda Starleaf
Dalaney Haerle	Laura Stern
Aaron Hai	Barry Stroh
Kathleen Harmon	Anna Villafuerte
Victoria Hecht	D.J. Vincent
Colette Huber-Wardin	Cristina Wong
Taryn Jurgensen	Shannon Wynne
Katarina Kulgeyko	Caroline Yue
Sharon McKenzie-Nix	

THE HISTORY OF THE LOS ANGELES FIGURE SKATING CLUB

by: Jo Lawless, Club Historian

In recognition of the 75th Anniversary of LAFSC's founding in 1933, we look back into our archives through a series of articles to remember events from our colorful past. The passing decades have brought profound changes for LAFSC and for skating. Let's go back to 1953.

In 1953, the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club awarded its first Life Membership. Otto Dallmayr was honored for his years of service as our president and trusted advisor. At this time, he also served as chair of the USFSA Amateur Status Committee. Robert Leip, who had served as LAFSC's Music Chairman, also earned a Life Membership.

The United States Figure Skating Championships were held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Janice Marie Crappa won Novice Ladies and Catherine Machado Gray was second in Junior Ladies, an important step to being named to the World and Olympic Teams in 1956. "Chado" was LAFSC's first member to skate on a world team in 1955.

To Southern California skaters, the name "Chado" has long been a synonym for artistry. She twice won the Oscar L. Richardson Trophy for the most artistic performance at Nationals, once as a junior and once as a senior. This trophy (since retired) was judged not by USFSA judges, but by an artist, a musician, and a sculptor, who were captivated by her poise and inter-

pretation of music. In 2005, she was named to the United States Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

LAFSC tied for the Bedell H. Harned Trophy (awarded to the club earning the most points at the championships), with the Skating Club of Boston. The trophy was retired after the 1975 Nationals.

Margie Ackles Jones passed both the Preliminary and Bronze Dance Tests; and Ginger Pearson Flaherty (Kathleen Flaherty Harmon's mother) and Jack Curtis earned their Silver Dance Tests medals.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Birthstone: Moonstone, Pearl or Alexandrite

Flower: Rose or Honeysuckle



Alexander Barnett
Sterling Beaumon
Darlene Bell
Daniel Belmour
Erin Callahan

Steve Carter
Joan Chanel
Mary D. Couense Vom Steeg
Taylor Davis
Hillary Delin
Kate Donaldson
Gigi Goff
Dee Goldstein
Stephy Hernandez
Brenda Ji
Minami Kojima
Peter Kongkasem
Vanessa Lam
Anne Lynch
Lily Malick

Jeanette Matye
Lea Ian McLaughlin
Betty Newhouse
Camille Faith Ng
Jackqueline Nguyen
Johanna Olafson
Karen Oppgard
F. Maurice Palinski
Stephanie Peterson
Amy Shayne
Barbara Susman
Gene Thielman
Shoko Tokuda
Marilyne Wiechmann
Devan Winston

GOVERNING COUNCIL CONVENES IN MILE HIGH CITY

The 2008 Governing Council convened in Denver, Colorado on April 30th through May 3rd, 2008. The keynote address was delivered by our own Michelle Kwan, who gave an articulate and encouraging presentation to the assembled athletes, delegates and Governing council attendees. Her speech can be seen at the following web address:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/events/200708/governingcouncil/video/kwan-welcome.wmv>.

Michelle reflected on how the tools and lessons she developed and honed while skating competitively have positively impacted her life now that she is away from the competitive skating arena. It was quite moving to see how Michelle has grown into an ambassador for the sport, and how she has blossomed into a truly lovely, engaging and successful young woman. We are very fortunate to have had her represent our club over the years. She always has been and continues to be a truly significant and positive role model for all athletes, both young and old.

The following is a brief highlight of some of the items up for discussion at this year's Governing Council. You may see the complete Combined Report of Action for this year's Governing Council at the following web address: <http://usfsa.org/Story.asp?id=41488>

A Collegiate Membership category was approved. A one time four year membership will be available for skaters going to college beginning with the 2009-2010 skating year.

The Coaching Membership and Continuing Education proposals were passed. Coaches (and other related categories) will have a special category of membership, will have to pass background checks, will have a continuing education requirement, and will be issued a coaching credential/membership card. If a coach wishes to put a skater on at a competition, a test, or any other U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activity, compliance will be mandatory. Coaches will have from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2010 to become compliant with the Continuing Education Requirement. Thereafter, there will be an annual renewal requirement. For further details, including the penalties for non-compliance, please refer to the Combined Report of Action at the link listed above.

The time limit for the Adult Bronze Free program has been increased to a maximum of 1:50. In addition, a proposal was passed to include a Solo Dance event for a two year trial period at Adult Nationals beginning in 2009. A number of other proposals were passed affecting adult skaters. Please see the Combined Report of Action for further details.

The Moves in the Field implementation plan was not approved and the related test changes were referred back to the relevant committees. However, a task force to recommend a plan for implementation of the new plan was approved.

Beginning next season, Juvenile and Intermediate Pairs and Dance teams will compete at Sectionals. Eight teams from each event will advance to the U.S. Junior Championships.

Two LAFSC members have been appointed as U.S. Figure Skating Committee Chairs. Karen Dillon has been appointed Chair of the Sanctions and Eligibility Committee, and Dawn Eyerly has been appointed Chair of the Judges Committee. Congratulations to Karen and Dawn for this exceptionally great honor.

A large number of other rule changes and bylaw amendments were passed. For further information, please refer to the link listed above to see the Combined Report of Action (35 pages).

2008 CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The fifth annual California Championships were held May 18th at the East West Ice Palace, sponsored by the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club. It was chaired by Luz Moncayo. Carla Golubski served as Chief Referee. Following are the standings of LAFSC home club members.

Basic Skills BASIC2 Program w/music

2. Maya Grinstein

Basic Skills FS3 Freeskate w/music

1. Taylor Harrison

Basic Skills FS4 Freeskate w/music

1. Celeste Nguyen

Basic Skills FS6 Freeskate w/music

1. Audrey Hoang

Dolphin/Sea Jewel Artistic

2. Gillian McFerrell

Dolphin Freeskate

1. Cassidy Xu

2. Amara Moncayo

Sunbather Artistic

1. Audrey Hoang

3. Bea Calilung

4. Haley Peters

Sunbather Freeskate

1. Bea Calilung

2. Jessica Xu

3. Jessica Lee

4. Haley Peters

6. Chloe Nakhjavanpour

Pre-Preliminary Boys Compulsory

1. Robert Hennings

Pre-Preliminary Boys Freeskate

1. Aaron Hai

2. Robert Hennings

Pre-Preliminary Girls Freeskate

3. Shannon Wynne

6. Antoinette Nguyen

Pre-Preliminary/Preliminary Artistic

3. India Hinton

4. Graysen Guercio

Preliminary Girls Freeskate

2. Brianna Wynne

5. Graysen Guercio

Preliminary Boys Freeskate

1. Nicholas Abouzeid

Pre-Juvenile Girls Freeskate

2. Anaise Aquino

Juvenile Girls Freeskate

1. Shayanne Casapao

5. Lauren Campbell

Juvenile Open/Juvenile Artistic

2. Shayanne Casapao

4. Mandee McFerrell

Open Juvenile Girls Freeskate

2. Mandee McFerrell

Adult Artistic

2. Wanda Gelsebach

Adult Bronze/Silver Freeskate

2. Joan Bys

Adult Gold Freeskate

1. Paula Smart



WHERE ARE THEY?

LAFSC has been unable to contact some of its past champions and needs your help to locate them regarding participation in our 75th Anniversary Show. Following is a partial list. Please contact Jo Lawless (818) 347-1510 if you have any information.

Carole MacSween Beazer

Shaun Blasé

Lori Blasko

Nicole Bobeck

Joan Campbell

Jeanne Chapman

Charles Coulon

Janice Crappa

Kelly Creel

Alma Davenport

Vicki de Vries

Maria Di Domenico

Melanie Dupon

Kathy Flaherty

Roman Fraden

Kristin Griffiths

Miwa Kosuga

Janice Mayne

David McGovern

Christopher Mitchell

Yebin Mok

Christopher Nahm

Tiffany Nahm

Carl Nelson

Melissa Paull

Dennis Phan

Carrie Rugh

Michelle Schelske

Caroline Song

Lance Travis

Everett Weis

Casper Young

LAFSC JUNIOR COUNCIL

How much do you know about the LAFSC Junior Council? Here are answers to some common questions!

- *What is the Junior Council?*

The Junior Council includes LAFSC members under the age of eighteen years.

- *Does the Junior Council have a Board of Directors?*

Yes. There is a Junior Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and five board members).

- *How do I become a member of Junior Council?*

All home club members of LAFSC under eighteen years are considered junior members and are welcomed and encouraged to attend events sponsored by the Junior Council.

- *What if LAFSC is my second club?*

If LAFSC is your second club, you are not eligible to be on Junior Board. But you are welcome to participate in events sponsored by the Junior Council!

- *What types of things does Junior Council do?*

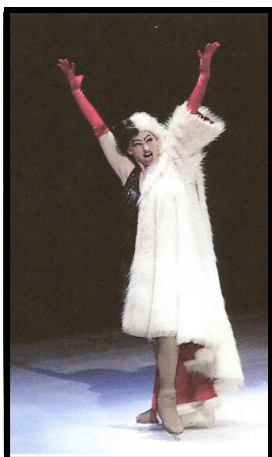
Some of the events are community service, such as sponsoring a Pet Donation Drive to collect needed items for the Los Angeles and Burbank Animal Shelters and making Christmas crafts for a local nursing home. There have been fundraisers to benefit the club, such as car washes and raffles at competitions. The Junior Council also sponsors fun events like a Halloween party and a night of games on the ice.

- *How do I find out about the events?*

If you provided an e-mail address when you sent in your application, you will receive announcements about events in an e-mail from LAFSCNEWSALERT@aol.com. Flyers about events are also posted on the LAFSC bulleting board at Pickwick Ice Center.

- *Can I be on the Board?*

If LAFSC is your home club and you are between 13 and 17 years old in June of the current year, you are eligible to be on the board. A nominating committee is formed for Junior Board elections similar to the nominating process for Senior Board. The best way to get nominated is to get involved!

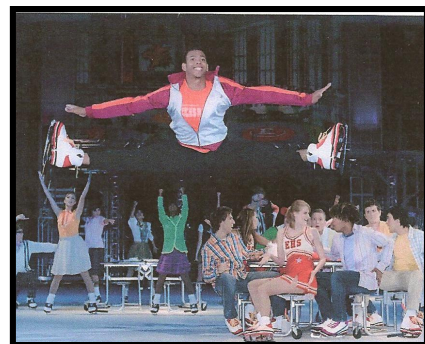


LAFSC MEMBERS SKATE WITH DISNEY ON ICE!

Two members of the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club are touring with Disney On Ice!

Amber Van Wyk recently completed a tour of Asia and will resume touring mid-June in Australia for six weeks. The lovely Amber portrays the not so lovely “Cruella De Vil”.

Girade Jackson has been touring with the national company of High School Musical on Ice as “Zeke”.



UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

June 7-8

June 13-16

June 22-24

June 26-29

July 11-13

July 16-20

July 24-26

July 30-August 3

August 14-17

August 27-31

September 5-7

September 13-14

October 3-7

October 25-26

November 11-15

LAFSC SHOWCASE

Orange County Open

So. Cal Interclub

Hidden Valley Open

LOS ANGELES OPEN

Cactus Classic

West Coast Open

Glacier Falls Open

Silver State Open

Golden West Champs

Rim of the World Champs

Pasadena Open

So. West Pacific Regionals

Arrowhead Open

Pacific Coast Sectionals

Burbank, CA

Yorba Linda, CA

Paramount, CA

Escondido, CA

Burbank, CA

Phoenix, AZ

Valencia, CA

Anaheim, CA

Las Vegas, NV

Culver City, CA

Ontario, CA

Pasadena, CA

Anaheim, CA

Ontario, CA

Phoenix, AZ

RICHARD DWYER—LAFSC LEGEND

1948 National Novice Men's Champion

1949 National Junior Men's Champion

It was March 1948. At the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, the National Championships were being held. In the audience were Sonja Henie and her partner, Michael Kirby; Felix Kaspar of Vienna, a former world champion; and Freddie Trenkler, ice comedian. Two famous coaches, Maribel Vinson and Gene Turner, were also present.

It was the national debut of one of the most talented skaters the United States ever produced; twelve year old Richard Dwyer. Gene Turner watched as his famous pupil amassed five first place votes from the judges to win the Novice Men's title.

Quoting from the "Turner Skating Newsletter" for September 1980, Gene writes, "It was right after returning home from service that I first saw Richard Dwyer. He was about nine then, a first tester; sharp, a natural and raring to skate. For five years it was pure adventure, not really teaching, just guiding. Richard needed nothing but a guide. He already knew. It lay inside, just waiting for the time to emerge. When it came, it flowed like you would drink water. I merely introduced him to things, though he mostly just watched others and imitated."

He goes on to say, "One story only will I tell and that will do it. I happened to look over in the rink corner one day, about ten days before the Nationals (his Junior win), to see Richard deliberately falling and quickly bouncing up into a flying sit spin. 'Hey, what are you doing?' I yelled. 'Practicing falling on my double Lutz,' he said. (From the double Lutz landing he had to step right into a flying sit.) 'But Richard,' I said, 'you've never fallen on your double Lutz.' He shrugged. 'I might.' Guess when he fell on it first? Right, the night of his routine in the Nationals. Sure enough, he popped up, hit the flying sit, and the house came down."



The Broadmoor again hosted Nationals in 1949, and Richard amazed veterans in the sport by winning the Junior Championship just a year after winning the Novice Championship. At 4' 11" tall, he had the ability to put a great deal of energy and talent into everything he did.

And in amateur skating, he had already done quite a bit, for in 1946, 1947, and 1948 he won the Pacific Coast Juvenile, Novice and Junior titles respectively, and just two weeks before Nationals had won the Pacific Coast Senior Men's crown. Skating did not interfere with his school work; he was an "A" student at St. Bellarmine School in Burbank.

Richard enjoyed his competitive years. In 1950, in National Senior Men, he competed against Olympic Champion, Richard Button, and Hayes Alan Jenkins, who also went on to become an Olympic Champion. He won the bronze medal at fourteen, competing against skaters who were 18 to 21 years old.

But then came the offer from Eddie Shipstad and Oscar Johnson of the Ice Follies that would change his life forever. He became "Mr. Debonaire". He says, "It's my identity and its traditional." His era of skating was to last for thirty years. Audiences have not only enjoyed his solo skating, but his pair skating as well. Of his several show partners, Susan Berens remained the longest, nine and one-half years. We were indeed lucky to have both of them perform during LAFSC's Golden Anniversary Revue.

Richard completed high school while with the Ice Follies. He studied at Jesuit high schools along the route of the touring show. Then, for twenty-two years he went to summer school classes at the University of San Francisco and at age thirty-nine received his bachelor's degree.

During his years with the Follies, he took on other duties than skating star. As manager of the show, he had to keep track of sixty-five skaters, and twenty-five administrative personnel, but he attacked the job with the same enthusiasm he always had for his skating. As he said, "It's the people that make up this show. Nobody alone can take credit, it's everybody." He is an eternal optimist; he has faith that things will always work out for the best for everybody.

"Mr. Debonaire" is perhaps the most famous professional skater living today. His record of starring with the Ice Follies for thirty consecutive years (starting at age fourteen) will probably never be broken by any skating star with any show. His handsome style is poised and polished, making him

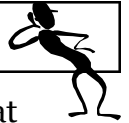
RICHARD DWYER—LAFSC LEGEND (continued)

an international favorite. LAFSC awarded him a Life Membership in 1954. In 1983, he was inducted into both the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame and the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

Today, Richard still skates, both to please himself and to entertain others. Recently, he starred in LAFSC's *Ice extravaganza*, and will be on the ice for us at our "A Celebration of Skating Champions—75th Anniversary of LAFSC". He also chairs our anniversary event.

Gene Turner sums Richard's career best when he writes, "He has never changed. Through all these years he has stayed the same eager, thirsting guy I first knew, always putting out 100% and always seeming to find the next day an adventure."

CRACKED ICE....*heard around the rink*



Michael Cruz wants those of you who receive only the e-mail version of this letter to know that you won't be getting this one because he is away. Your subscription option will resume with the next issue. **O**n May 4th, Taylor Neff exchanged wedding vows with Timothy Phillips at "The Ranch House" in Ojai, CA. Timothy is a hockey referee who Taylor met 9 years ago. **I**t's always nice to be complimented. Wanda Gelsebach writes that she enjoyed the historical articles in the News Bulletin! However, she pointed out that her name is spelled GELSEBACH (we have been reversing an "L" and "E". We promise not to do it again. Wanda also writes that she placed 3rd at Adult Pacific Coast Sectionals FS IV/V, not 4th. So noted...thank you Wanda. **C**ongratulations to Shotaro Omori. He won the Most Outstanding Male Free Skater Trophy at the South Bay Open Championships May 10th. **M**any thanks to Spencer Soohoo for designing and maintaining our LAFSC website. Go to www.lafsc.org to find out the latest news. **V**icki Jo Costanzo has agreed to serve as LAFSC's Trophy Chair for the coming year. She replaces Pauline Mercado whom we thank for her excellent work in this capacity. **J**onathan Keen graduated from UCLA Law School in May. He will soon begin working as a corporate attorney in Los Angeles. He is also a CPA and has a B.A. from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. Congratulations! **B**eth Ishler has agreed to be the News Bulletin correspondent from the East West Ice Palace. However, she is still dealing with the effects of a fire in her home and will not be able to start for a few more weeks. **C**ongratulations to Michael Cruz, who was named LAFSC "Volunteer of the Year" at our Annual Meeting in February. **B**est wishes go out to Deanna Inn and Victoria Hecht who haven't been on the ice recently. Deanna injured her jumping knee while practicing her jumps on the trampoline. So while she may not be in skates, she can be seen volunteering around the rink at skating competitions. Thanks Deanna! Victoria fell during off-ice warm up lacerating her ankle and tearing a ligament. A cast is a must and it may be a year before she's back 100%. Her mom advises that while in the hospital, the heart monitor kept going off because Victoria's heart beats at 49 beats per minute. Any other healthy person's heart would beat upwards of 65, so the machine thought Victoria was dying! Silly machine hasn't monitored very many athletes! Victoria admitted that she does not like playing "couch potato". It's good to know that both girls are in good spirits. Get well soon! **O**n the reverse side of the coin, two of our skaters have returned to the ice after having suffered serious injuries. Hayleigh Weldin was gone for over seven months after being diagnosed with "osteonecrosis" and torn cartilage in her landing ankle. Her bone had decayed and needed to be scraped away just like a tooth cavity. Hayleigh has been seen at the Tuesday night Club Session and is well on her way to a complete recovery! Another LAFSC member and Pickwick coach, Denise Moore underwent three levels of neck spine fusion surgery at Glendale Adventist Hospital on April 21st. She spent three days in ICU, then was released from the hospital two days later. The surgery relieved pressure on her nerves that had caused constant neck and back pain and numbness in her hands and arms. She's back to work and thanks everyone for their help and support. Denise also gets congratulations on recently receiving her Master rating for Moves in the Field from the PSA. Great job! **D**uring March, Paulina Pinsky represented the United States at the Gletscher Cup in the Swiss Alps. After a 21 hour flight home, she boarded another plane for a 13 hour flight to China just two days later. The China trip was sponsored by Polytechnic High School Global Initiatives. Paulina was one of twelve students chosen to visit deaf children who'd had cochlear implants and wanted to learn to speak English from American students. Paulina's group then visited the Olympic venues, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palaces, and of course SHOPPING! Busy girl!

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LAFSC'S 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To get LAFSC's 75th Anniversary rolling, the Board of Directors has named the following members to its anniversary committee:

Chair: Richard Dwyer

Members: Alison Brooker
Danelle Cole
Michael Cruz
Dawn Eyerly
Carla Golubski
Josephine Lawless
Darin Mathewson



The Chair, Richard Dwyer, welcomes questions and comments. His telephone number is (323) 851-2918.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 26, 2008

LAFSC GALA 75th YEAR CELEBRATION!!
