Chapter President’s Message
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

First of all, thanks to all the great officers and directors of the LALV for all they do in keeping our alumni involved with Lafayette. Special thanks to Chas Snyder ‘78 newsletter editor and to John Becica ‘69 webmaster who help to keep our alumni up-to-date and informed on the latest Lafayette developments.

Secondly, I wanted to acknowledge the long-time support of former LALV director Hilton “Dutch” Rahn ’51 who died December 7, 2011. He always reflected the true spirit of being a Lafayette alumnus. Whether sports event, cultural event, or reunion – Dutch was there. He will be missed.

Finally, thanks to you for your continuing support of Lafayette. We’re looking forward to a great year and hope to see all of you at the events listed in the current newsletter (link above) and other events taking place over the course of the year.

GO ‘PARDS!!
Ted Veresink ’68

LALV Honors Former Officer
Hilton N “Dutch” Rahn ’51

Dutch Rahn ’51 was a fixture at Lafayette College. A devoted and active Leopard alumnus, one of his most visible activities was serving as the long time Grand Marshall of the Reunion Parade. A bit more behind the scenes, Hilton served as the Class of 1951 correspondent for a remarkable 50 years plus, recorder for the Sigma Nu alumni chapter, Homecoming chairman, president of the Alumni Inter-fraternity Board and Maroon Club executive committee member. As for the LALV, Dutch was a former president and, like his father, honored by the chapter for his extraordinary support of Lafayette athletics by being named a recipient of the LALV’s Arthur “Danny” Hatch Class of 1904 Award. Hilton loved Lafayette athletics, but his passion was baseball. His support of Lafayette baseball was recognized by the college with the naming of the field after him and a reserved parking spot at Metzgar Fields. Following his death in December of 2011, the LALV executive committee unanimously voted to rename its annual Spring Tailgate as the Hilton N “Dutch” Rahn ’51 Tailgate
2011 L/L Week Football Senior Dinner at the Pomfret Club and presentation of the Danny Hatch Class of 1904 Award

Over eighty were in attendance at the Pomfret Club on Thursday of “Lehigh Week 2011” to salute the senior members of the Leopard Football team at the LALV’s annual sendoff of the team to the nation’s most played football rivalry. Joining area football fans were Coach Frank Tavani and his extended staff, the entire football senior class and the parents of 17 of the players. Director of Athletics Bruce McCutcheon welcomed all in attendance and reviewed the accomplishments of the senior class and urged them on to victory. Coach Tavani, noting that he had attended almost 25 of LALV’s L/L week events, looked forward to a Leopard victory and then introduced each senior football player adding their academic majors and their post-Lafayette plans. Player parents in attendance were introduced to the audience by their sons.

A special part of the 2011 dinner was the presentation of the 38th Danny Hatch Class of 1904 Award for “exceptional service to the cause of Lafayette athletics” to the late Hugh P. Gallagher ’57. Jack Bourger ’71, president of the Friends of Lafayette Football and Coach Tavani provided some remembrances of Hugh’s unwavering and exceptional support of Leopard football. LALV chapter president Ted Veresink ’68 presented the award to Hugh’s widow, Francesca Gallagher who was the chapter’s honored guest at the Pomfret Club. The evening concluded with a benediction from team chaplain Waltar Bright followed by the audience singing the Lafayette College Alma Mater.

With a large number of guests in attendance annually, the LALV’s L/L Week Dinner at the Pomfret Club is mainly supported by our sponsors. We thank the following 2011 event sponsors: June ’79 & Ken Vail, Chas M Snyder ’78, Ted Veresink ’68, Jack Bourger ’71, Selena Vanderwerf, John Squarcia ’69, Amy Crooks P’12, Sue Frekot P’12, Ralph ’55 & Betty Doederlein, Jeff & Kim McGovern P’12, Michael McSally ’73, Jeff & Ellen Biel P’12, Frank & Julie Buffolino P’12, Gregory & Marie Krieger P’12, Kyle & Mary Hayes P’12, Richard Shupp ’67, Kevin Doty P’12, Joanne Haring ’97, Richard & Susan Welch P’12.
a look ahead to...

LALV Day at Lehigh Valley Zoo

Although the LALV has its usual traditional events such as the Football Forum and Student Awards, we are always searching for new events, particularly in the areas of Young Alumni and Family Events. Last August LALV officers Marlene Ely S’76, Chas Snyder ’78, and Caron Anderson ’73, with husband Rich Kotchessa visited Lehigh Valley Zoo inspite of the approaching hurricane. Our host for the visit was Alan Raisman ’10 who is the Development and Marketing Coordinator for Lehigh Valley Zoo. Alan gave us a complete tour of the zoo so we could check out the facilities. You can read more about the event at http://community.lafayette.edu/lalv/upcoming-events/. Most of the LALV Day at LV Zoo is self-guided and at the times of your choice, however we will be having a special presentation by LV Zoo personnel at 1:30 that you don’t want to miss! UPDATE: The LALV Day at Lehigh Valley Zoo has been moved to a Saturday in September!

LALV Salutes Past President

On December 22, 2011 LALV officers Ted Veresink ’68, Chas Snyder ’78, Marlene Ely S’76 and June Vail ’79 with husband Ken Vail P’79 visited the home of the LALV’s Immediate Past President John Becica ’69. During the holiday visit, chapter President Ted Veresink presented John with a plaque recognizing his two year term as the LALV’s President. Thank you John, for leading us during 2010 and 2011!
And this just in...  

**LALV Participates in Wine 3/9**

Event Chair Brian Cort ’99 and attendees toast Lafayette College’s charter of March 9, 1826.

**LALV Family Skate at the Steel Ice Center on 3/10/2012**