

LVHS SENIOR SQUARES

HELP US PRESERVE THIS IMPORTANT PART OF LAS VEGAS HISTORY! The tradition of “Senior Squares” was created one night in 1941 when two students pulled a prank and painted one of the cement slabs in front of the main steps of the school. Expressing innocence the next morning when called into Principal Maude Frazier’s office, the painter looked down and saw paint splatters on his shoes. Luckily, Principal Maude Frazier liked the idea and decided the Art Guild should carry-on the project in subsequent years.

Ensuing senior classes created their own squares. Over the years, seniors had so much pride in their squares that underclassmen who dared walk on them had to clean the squares with a toothbrush. In 1980, the squares were removed. This caused a huge uproar with LVHS alumni, and after a “protest square” was painted, the squares were re-created in “Pebble Tech”, which was also used for new squares until 1988. By 2000, the squares deteriorated and many were barely recognizable. The “Senior Squares Committee was formed in 2000 to re-create the squares as close as possible to their original colors and design. Because there were originally no squares for the classes during the WWII years (1942-1945), special squares were designed to honor the graduates of those years. The restored squares were dedicated in 2003 and many were repainted at least once since then. Due to the extreme weather conditions in Las Vegas, and the fact that the squares are walked and ridden on, maintenance has been an on-going and expensive problem. Many alumni have made generous donations over the years to support this effort, but once again, the squares have deteriorated to a point where most are hardly recognizable.

The board members of the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association, recognizing that those of us that appreciate the squares will not be around to continue this maintenance forever, decided that a more permanent solution is needed to preserve this important part of Las Vegas history! After numerous discussions, it was decided that an upright structure with the squares re-created on ceramic tiles, is the answer. It will be located on the left side of the front entrance of the school. The columns on each end of the structure will match the school building, and there will be a cover over the top with lights to illuminate the squares at night. This will be a permanent solution, with no on-going maintenance required. We are hoping for completion by September – in time for class reunions! As you might guess, this solution is costing us a lot of money – and that is where we need your help! All donors will be recognized (regardless of amount) and plaques will be placed on the structure listing all “**Platinum**” (\$1000 or more) and “**Gold**” (\$500-\$999) donors. **Remember, the LVHSAA is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so all donations are tax deductible.**

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