

Lustre Links 2016

Alumni/Booster Club Committee

President: Ron Reddig (74)

Vice President: Brant Unrau (99)

Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Schmidt (72) Reddig

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Connie Leland

From the President:

Wow, another year has come and is already almost gone. 2016 was full of many activities in Lustre and at LCHS. Lustre celebrated it's one hundredth anniversary in July with many alumnus coming long distances to be in attendance. A good time was seemed to be had by all, and many people got to see acquaintances and classmates they hadn't seen for a lot of years. The school building project progressed throughout this year as well.

Thanks to many of our Alumni- Booster club members such as yourself we were able to contribute to some of the unfinished details. An entrance sign for the new entrance was purchased and installed just in time for the community's anniversary. It certainly dresses up the front and is also illuminated at night. Other projects your club completed this year were to partner with the donation from the graduating class of 2016 to purchase team seating for sporting events in the gymnasium. A new barbecue grill was purchased for the dorm to replace one that's life had seen better days. Can't you smell that Montana meat cooking on the grill? One of the new rooms in the addition was in need of reliable storage. Twenty-one feet of lockable metal storage was purchased to store PE equipment as well as store team uniforms, etc. It came in Royal blue so it looks very sharp. The girls' basketball program as well as the track program had some specific needs and we were able help them meet their obligations. With all of the new additions to the gym, it became obvious it was time to replace old glory. A new American flag was installed on the west end of the gym. May God continue to bless our great country as well as our school.

There are still many projects we have discussed within our committee as well as those in the A.B.C.. such as an Alumni park, another trophy case, repainting of the gym floor, historical pictures of the evolution of LCHS to hang in the new foyer, and blinds for the south end of the school to name a few.

We were able to sell the old bus this summer and received donations from some of you as well as new one hundred club members. Thanks to your generosity we were able to complete things that will benefit our school facility for years to come. We hope you will think of your alma mater again this coming year to help complete mentioned projects as well as other specific needs. The Alumni Booster Clubs mission is to complete specific needs instead of giving to bricks and mortar.

God continues to bless our efforts and we give Him praise for his goodness. I hope your holiday season will be a blessed one as you celebrate our Savior's birth and spend time with family and loved ones. Hopefully all of our lives have settled down some after a tumultuous election. Let's all pray that America will truly be Great again. Again thank you all for partnering with other Alumni and boosters to enhance the facilities at LCHS.

(ff) former faculty
(f) faculty
(fs) former student
(b) booster

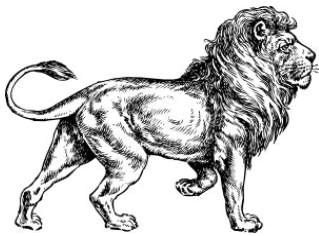
LBA/LCHS graduates have graduate year following name

Sincerely,
Ron Reddig (74)

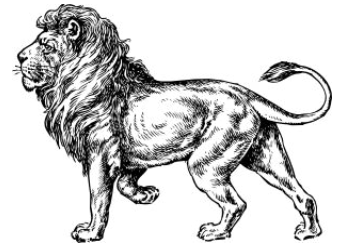
The Newest Lifetime Members

MARLISS FAST (63) BUSENITZ
SHONNA UNRAU (95) KUKULA
JOE KUKULA (b)
CAROLYN BROWN (62) MILLER
NORA UNRAU (96) MATLOSZ
RACHEL UNRAU (00) MOELLER
MATTHEW UNRAU (04)
EVAN BARTEL (16)
DORIS TOAVS (61) NELSON

*All Lifetime Members are displayed on a plaque in LCHS hallway.



Want to join
the \$100 club?



Send Donations, Dues & Memberships to:

LCHS Alumni/Booster Club
294 Lustre Road
Lustre, MT 59225

*Yearly dues are \$10 with lifetime membership staying at \$100.

Sports Spotlight:

*The LCHS Girls Volleyball team finished their season in November taking 3rd at District Tournament.

*Brooke Toews (00) Holzrichter was the coach for the Lustre Girls & Boys Jamboree Team and they placed 4th in their tournament. Kimberly Wall (99) Klatt was the coach for the Jr High Boys Team and they placed 3rd in their tournament.

Check out the Lions' basketball schedule on the school website lustrechristian.org.

Go Lions!



FUTURE ALUMNI

A son, *Gunner Hayes*, was born to Rome & **Roni Reddig (06)** Legg on February 28, 2016. He weighed 8 lbs and joins a brother Oakley. They reside in Ogden, UT.

A son, *Roman James*, was born to **David (90)** & Amanda **Korns** on April 26, 2016. He weighed 2 lbs 12 oz. A link to their story that was featured in the Mayo magazine can be found on the Lustre Christian High School Alumni page on Facebook.

A daughter, Emerson Amelia, born to **Devin (12)** & Nicole(FS) **Loendorf** on May 7, 2016. She weighed 6# 12 oz.

A daughter, *Aaliyah Rae*, was born to **Caleb (06)** & Casie **Dirks** June 10, 2016.

A son, *Oliver Marshall*, was born to **Marshall (04)** & **Luanne Toews (05)** Mullet on September 20, 2016. He weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and joins a sister, Sophia in Eagan, Minnesota.

A son, *Milo Ploh Doh soe*, was born on June 26, 2016 to Saw Hla & **Kelsey Erickson (08)** Tha. He weighed 8 lbs 9 oz.

A daughter, *Audrey Rose*, was born to **Clayton (02)** & Jenn **Zerbe on June 14**, 2016. She weighed 9 lbs 9 oz. She joins a brother Micah at their home in Lustre.

A daughter, *Zoey Renee*, was born to **Winston (05)** & Jody **Mullet** on November 12, 2016. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz. She joins a sister, Olivia.

A son, *Alistair Elliot*, was born to **Landon (93)** & Mindy (ff) **Olfert** on November 12, 2016. He weighed 7 lbs 8 oz. and joins Abby, Tessa, Natalie and Jamin in Lustre, MT.

A daughter, *Maren Maci*, was born to Steven & **Amy Toews (03)** Gramza on September 22, 2016. She weighed 8 lbs 5 oz.

A daughter, Paige, was born to **Tad (96)** & Kara **Reddig** July 5, 2016. She joins a sister, Riley in California.

A son, *Lando Miraj*, was born to Jamal & **Bethany Boyum (99)** Ali July 3, 2016.

A son, *Braxton Lloyd-Robert*, was born to Maxwell & **Merrilee Mullet (07)** Murphy on December 21, 2015. He weighed 8 lbs.

A daughter, *Emersyn Rylee*, was born to **Zach (12)** & Dakota (FS) **Homontowski** on June 29, 2016. She weighed 4 lbs 15 oz.

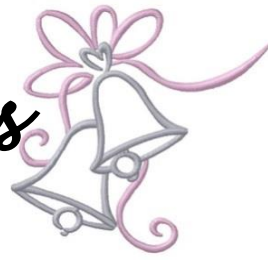
A son, Reid Luverne was born June 17, 2016 to and Matt & **Katrina Wall (05)** Plueger. He weighed 9 lbs 10 oz. He joins a sister, Elizabeth.

Check it out! lustrechristian.org

Keep updated with LCHS happenings! Look for the Lustre Links there too!

Current news & info can be found on the LCHS facebook page.

Wedding Bells



Jordan Young (10) married Jackie Ryu (11) on March 14, 2016 at the home of Daryl & Jean Toews. A Korean wedding will take place on December 10, 2016 in Korea. They reside in Eaton, Co.

Kristine Unrau (88) married Paul Kline on June 15, 2016.

Brad (86) & Abby Traeholt were married on March 19, 2016 in Lustre. Brad is currently a LCHS board member.

Jesse Hallock (fs) married Viki Nagy on January 2, 2016. They reside in Chicago, IL.

Sabrina Hallock(fs) married Aaron Engbrecht on December 6, 2014 and now live in Bremen, IN.

Aaron Cho (11) married Rachel. He works as a purchasing agent for an oil company in Bothell, WA.

Rylan Nichols (fs) married Meredith Traeholt on February 29, 2016 in Billings and now reside at the former Raymond Rahn farm.

"Our family has a long history in the Lustre area. We've greatly admired your efforts to enhance your community through excellent education of your students. Our dear Aunt Helen DeRoeck recently passed, and after settling her estate we would like to bestow upon your school this gift to further your efforts in the next generation." A family memorial service was held March 19, 2016 at the Lustre MB Cemetery.

The family of Helen DeRoeck (aunt of Florence Reddig children)

*Thank you to Marty and **Angie Reddig (93)** Smith for donating the extra money from the Centennial DVD project to the alumni.*

*Thank you to Joe and **Shonna Unrau (95)** Kukula for the donation.*

In Loving Memory...

Paul Zerbe (45) passed away April 16, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Ferne, son, Galen(fs)(Karla) and daughters, **Lynell (78)** (Bob) and Sherrie(Kurt), 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Paul served on the LBA school board. In 1950, he and his brother, Otto, opened Zerbe Brothers in Lustre.

Del Neufeld (53) passed away on November 6, 2016. He was preceded in death by son, **Jason (91)**. He is survived by former wives **Leona Toavs (53)** & Norma, 4 daughters, 2 sons, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Christine Sue Ensز (70), passed away on March 4, 2016. Her parents were Pastor Elmer & Katherine Ensز who served at the Bethel Lustre Church for many years. She is survived by a daughter, Micaela and 5 brothers, Orie, **David (71)**, Marion (fs), Mark & Stephen.

Ralph Fauth passed away on November 5, 2016. He is survived by his wife **Carolyn Schmidt (51)** Fauth and daughter, **Jolene (75)**, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Pat Baker (B) passed away April 21, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Bob and 4 children, **Jamie (86)**(John), **Rob (89)**(Andrea), **Jason (91)** & **Trisha (93)**(Jason), 8 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Cecilia Backman Dick (ff) passed away on June 23, 2015. She will be remembered as dorm mother and cook at LBA.

Helmuth Schmitt (fs) passed away April 23, 2016. He is survived by 4 sons, 1 daughter and brother, **Alfred (58)**.

Alice Hedlund, longtime missionary on the Ridge Indian Reservation with her husband Earl passed away in July 2016. Alice received her Master's degree in Church Ministry from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. She was preceded in death by husband, Earl and son, **Joel (88)**. She is survived by daughters, **Lois (86)** (Nagieb) and Esther(Shawn), son, **Jon (85)**, and step daughter Mary Lou(Neil), daughter-in-law Codie Hedlund, 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

PROJECTS UPDATE:

This photo is what the west side of the school now looks like with the alumni donation of signage to the new entrance! The Alumni/Booster Club has added new cabinetry with lighting to the Flex Room for athletic storage, money to go towards new girls' uniforms and boys' white uniforms, a barbecue grill for the dorm, helped the LCHS Associated Students buy team logo



chairs for the gym, a new large flag for the wall in the gym, helped with the cost of a tent for track and purchased a flag/certificate box for a donated flag that flew over the Capitol in 2008. If you would like to help make future projects happen, send donations to: LCHS Alumni/Booster Club, 294 Lustre Road, Lustre, MT 59225

COMMUNITY NOTES:

The Lustre Mennonite Brethren Church hosted the 106th Annual Central District Conference November 3-5. There were about 75 people that attended from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado. Add this number to Montana attendees from Wolf Point, Bloomfield and Lustre and it makes for a very memorable time of fun and fellowship! Our speaker was Randy Alonso from Melbourne, FL serving with Bridges for Peace. Homemade food and hospitality are always a plus for our guests! Pastor Steven Stout from Omaha, NE, having never been to Lustre, sent a short video to our church after conference and highlighted all of the things he was amazed at about our community and “God’s Big Sky Country”-giving us a view with “fresh eyes” of all of the things we sometimes take for granted.

The EMB Church held their Mission Sale on November 7, this is held every two years. The money is raised to support their missionaries.

Local men have been working on replacing the siding on the old part of LCHS.

The LCHS Music Department has been giving morning worship services in the area under the direction of Mr. Michael Butler, who composes a lot of their music to fit our band. Etien Van de Gruiter, a senior gave his testimony of how his life has changed since he accepted Christ in his junior year at LCHS! You would all really enjoy the talents God has blessed our LCHS student body with.

The Lustre Awana Club was started October 7, 1981 by John Klaassen (ff) and after 35 years is still going strong! **Ron Olfert (68)** is currently the commander. Thanks to all the volunteer directors, leaders and clubbers that make this program so worthwhile!

Michael Brown, senior at LCHS, went to Bolivia for a missions trip this summer to help his Uncle Ben and Aunt Sadie teach English.

Notes from Alumni:

Leon Toews (71) wrote to us last December after he received the Links. Some of the highlights from the letter were their plans to attend the 100th Celebration in July in Lustre with a large portion of the Rudy Toews Family. They also had plans to spend 6 weeks in March in the Dominican Republic of Congo with their daughter, Shannon, a doctor doing medical missions with Samaritan’s Purse, her husband, Ryan and their two children.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Waxahachie Texas! We have been receiving the Lustre Links for some time and appreciate being able to keep up with what is going on there. Enclosed is a check for our membership in the \$100 club. We are semi-retired but Eldon continues to serve as interim pastor in a local church. After pastoring for 47+ years as senior pastor, it has been encouraging to know that God continues to bless the teaching of His Word-even in our later years! He is forever faithful!

Eldon & **Marliss(Fast) (63)** Busenitz

I’ve been meaning to do this for some time. Am praying for continuing success for the school and all involved. May God bless your work! **Dee Toavs (61)** Nelson

SCHMECKFEST

The 51st Annual Schmeckfest was held on March 18, 2016. This year the committee had the challenge of deciding how to use the new entry for a smooth flow of serving with the new coat area and bathrooms. This year the program was staged from the new mezzanine.

Thank you to the Steering Committee and all who helped make it another successful fundraiser for LCHS! It is great to see the next generation step up and do a great job!

**Bill (98) & Trisha Byrne (fs) Reddig
Jerry (92) & Susan Fast
Landon (93) & Mindy Backus (ff) Olfert
Brant (99) & Lynn Unrau*

The 52nd Annual
Lustre
Schmeckfest
March 24, 2017

WHERE IS THE LCHS CLASS of 2016?

Evan Bartel: Fort Peck Community College-Wolf Point

Katie Byoun: went home to Korea

Monica Brown: Montana State University-Bozeman

Teagan Friesen: Montana State University-Northern (Havre)

McKaylah Lenihan: working in San Luis Obispo, California

Joyce Li: College in Richmond, Indiana

Jacques Ndengeyingoma: Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming

Allie Petschke: Springfield Technical Community College, Massachusetts

Geneva Rauch: Miller College of the Bible-Pamburn, SK

Mackenzie Teichroew: Cosmetology School in Great Falls, Montana

Jason Toavs- Montana State University-Northern (Havre)

Have any news to share or a change of address?

Let us know at lchsalum@gmail.com

LUSTRE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The 14 family members still living on the original homesteads hosted the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Lustre on July 3. A morning worship service was held with **Rev. Frank Wiens (50)** giving the message, the MB Church Choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus and a men's group singing "I've Found a Friend in Jesus". In the afternoon Lowell Tieszen (fs) and **Janet Toews (66)** Berg gave talks on Lustre history and Rudy Toews the patriarch in attendance was asked to pray the prayer of dedication. An additional monument was added to the original 50th Monument and is made with Avery Tractor Wheels connected with a plasma sign with the inscription "By God's Grace", 1916-2016 making it now look like "100". A complimentary lunch was served at noon to about 570 people consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, beans, chips and cookies. Families planning the day were Monroe Bartel, Gary Dahl (**Lori Dahl (77) Nichols**), **Martin Fast (61)**, **Warren Fast (78)**, **Brooke Toews (00) Holzrichter**(Tieszen), Jon Kliwer (fs)(Berg), **Ron Olfert (68)**, Henry Ortmann, **Don Pankratz (74)**, **Julie (Schmidt) (72) Reddig**, **John Toews (72)**, Ross Trimble, **Loren Unrau (62)** and **Lyle Wall (70)**. The spouses and families played a big role in making the day a success. Marty and **Angie Reddig (93)** Smith videoed the whole day and offered a 2-DVD set for sale. The Lustre/Larslan/Volt history book was updated to 2016 by **Martin Fast (61)** and includes OJ Walls' first 50 years of history. There are books, DVD's and memorabilia available for purchase. If you are interested contact Julie Reddig (406-392-5321) or Martin Fast (406-392-5722). It was a great day of celebrating God's faithfulness to our community and remembering what our ancestors did to make Lustre a great heritage for us!

NEWSWORTHY:

Kyla Forest (12) graduated from Montana State University-Billings with an Associate of Applied Science Degree and is now a Patient Access Specialist at Billings Clinic.

Zach Homontowski (12) is currently an ICU nurse at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, AZ.

JinWoo Lee (10) graduated from Pensacola Christian College and is currently teaching at International Christian School in Brooklyn, New York.

Tom Leland (12) graduated from University of Montana-Billings with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Tito Matias (84)(ff) received his doctorate.

Sherri Mizell, teacher at Lustre Grade School completed her Master of Education-Master of Science in Special Education from Montana State University-Billings. Her first Jr High class in Lustre was the LCHS graduating Class of 2014.

Tiffany Neufeld (12) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Montana state University-Billings with a double major in Elementary Education and Reading K-12. She is teaching Kindergarten in Nashua MT and just completed her elementary ed student teaching and now is student teaching for her Reading degree.

Quinn (92) and Ali Reddig adopted Ryder in May 2016 from the Philippines. He is 11 years old and joins sister, Jayden and brother, Addison.

Jackie Ryu (11) is currently teaching math online from their home in Eaton, CO.

Kerry and **Linette (83)** Uchtman opened The White Rose Cafe in Wolf Point, MT.

IMPORTANT INFO FROM ALUMNUS:

I contacted **Bonnye Newby (82)** Spray and asked her to write an article about her mission to let everyone know the danger of talking or texting on cell phones while driving. Please read what she has to say.

When a child is born there is such a special and unique bond between the mother and child. My daughter Amanda was no exception. Not only was I a supporting factor in her life, she was the same in mine. Whenever I had a really rough patch in my life she was always there to make sure that I would be fine.

As a teenager we did have some rough patches but our love never did falter. Even after she moved out at the age of 18 she would call me every night before she went to bed along with numerous text messages throughout the day.

Amanda was in a car crash in 2006 while talking on the cell phone. Her vehicle rolled 3 times-she said it was not her time to die yet and the part of the roof that was over her head did not cave in. Amanda said "that is where the angel sat and I saw white envelope me before the vehicle rolled".

I can remember clearly with every detail including what I was wearing that Sunday back in 2007. I never liked April Fool's day and now even like it less. The worst day of my life as I am notified that my 19-year-old daughter was in a horrible car crash and she had been texting. The next 24 hours are burned into my brain especially the part where the doctor notified me that there was no brain activity. I was all alone in that hospital since family and friends had had to leave for work and their own lives. That day I lost a piece of me, my support, my best friend my child. The weeks after have become extremely fuzzy. One instance does still stand out even though I do not know when it happened just was weeks after Amanda's death, her funeral had been held. Life was supposed to be returning back to what some would call normal, even though my normal had forever been altered. I was in the hot tub one evening really crying my eyes out. I never did get angry with God. I did however question God. I was asking him so many why's. Through all my jumbled questions I heard "put it to use". I paused and listened more closely. The voice repeated "put it to use". What was I to put to use and how? The voice went on to say "your daughter's death can be used to save lives". There was nothing special about my Amanda except maybe to me. Nothing special about her death that I at least thought others would care about. A week later my husband was cleaning carpets for a woman who had teen daughters. He was sharing Amanda's story. The woman asked if I would share it with others. Without asking me, my husband replied that I would. Turned out she taught driver's ed. The very next night I shared the details of Amanda's crash. Had to read my carefully written statement. I cried so much throughout it that I thought that the kids would not care. When I finished many were wiping their eyes. Their statements to me at the end I knew then what God was talking about. Telling Amanda's story could save the life of a teen. I will never know but I do know that it is my purpose and mission in life.

Since that very rough beginning I have teamed with organizations to better impact the lives of not just teens but adults as well. It has been over 9 1/2 years now since I said goodbye to the physical Amanda, but I carry her in my heart. She once again is giving me her loving support and God is providing the avenue for me to go and relive the worst day of my life so another mother hopefully will never have to go through the horror of losing a child.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

THE 2016-17 LCHS SCHOOL YEAR:

SCHOOL BOARD:

Kelly Toavs - Chairman/Promotion
Bob Brown (89) - Vice Chairman/Finance
Randy Reddig (00) - Secretary/Dorm
Jared Fast (92) - Yard
Brad Traeholt (86) - School Maintenance
Stan Friesen (77) - Housing
Jason Brown (95) - Transportation

LCHS STAFF

Wes Young - Principal
Renee Adolf - Science, Spanish, Advanced Comp, Library
Michael Butler - Choir, Band, Computer 1
Al Leland (79) - English 9-12, Guidance Counselor
Dan Marasco - Math, Bible
Nancy Mintz- History, PE
Art-Trisha Reddig (fs)
Lucas & Naomi Lorenz – Dorm Parents
Randy Reddig (00) - BBB Coach & Jared Holzrichter- Asst BBB Coach
Ron Reddig (74) GBB & Marty Smith-Asst GBB Coach
Mary Zerbe-GVB Coach
Lynn Unrau – Track Coach
Daryl Toews (67) - International Representative
Eileen Traeholt (65) - Custodian
Diane Unrau - Secretary/Treasurer
Chapel Coordinators-Pastor John Skillman & Pastor Frank Lenihan

DORM COMMITTEE:

*Daryl (67) & Jean Schmidt (67) Toews
Bill (98) & Trisha Byrne (fs) Reddig
Justyn & Kimberly Wall (99) Klatt

FOUNDATION BOARD:

Keith Unger (71)
Grant Zerbe (77)
Wilbur Unrau (68)

Join the 2016-2017 LCHS Foundation 100 Club

In the next few weeks please consider making your \$100 gift to LCHS Foundation and become a member of the 100 club. Now is the time of year for your year-end tax credit giving and your involvement can bring young people to LCHS that would otherwise not be able to come. Drop off your check at LCHS or mail to a LCHS Foundation board member. Thank you for your continued support. Together we can continue to provide a solid Christian education for today's youth.



From the Board:

Praise God for:

...continuing work on various infrastructure upgrades at LCHS thanks to generous donations for specific projects and many hours of volunteer labor by community members. The west side addition may be considered complete and much of the work has been done on the Siding and Window project. This puts a nice finishing touch on the exterior-matching the style and colors of the 2015 addition. The dorm committee spearheaded an upgrade to the sidewalk connecting the school and the dorm as well this fall.

From an operational standpoint, LCHS enjoyed a very successful end to the '15-'16 school year, graduating 11 seniors last May. The summer break was busy for the board as we struggled to find a suitable candidate for the Social Studies position. We are grateful for Mrs. Nancy Mintz' willingness to serve in that capacity for us this school year. So far our year has been a blessed one with a great group of kids. They have really "bought in" to what it means to be Lustre students as they are led by faithful staff and administration at LCHS who truly desire God's best for them.

Prayer requests include:

...our current challenge and biggest concern is overall enrollment. We gained just 4 freshmen after graduating 11 seniors and, most concerning, only added one dorm student to begin the year. While there were the usual number of international applicants, many did not follow through for reasons unknown. As you may imagine, this has resulted in a financial shortfall which has required some restructuring of services to make best use of our resources. Also, we continue to seek a full time/permanent Social Studies Teacher. So please remember in prayer LCHS regarding **finances**, the need for **students** in the dorm, an excellent **Social Studies candidate**, as well as the board itself for wisdom to make difficult decisions. God is doing amazing things in the lives of our students and He is able to see us through!

Kelly Toavs, Chairman

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Hope to see you at the

52nd ANNUAL

LUSTRE SCHMECKFEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2017