



# News Sheet "Update" November 14, 2023 ~ #32

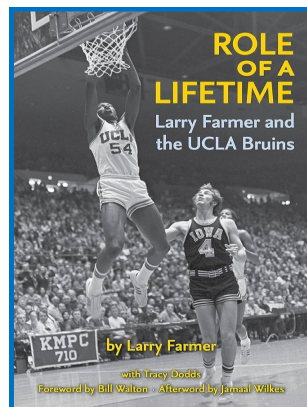
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## Lamb's Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery

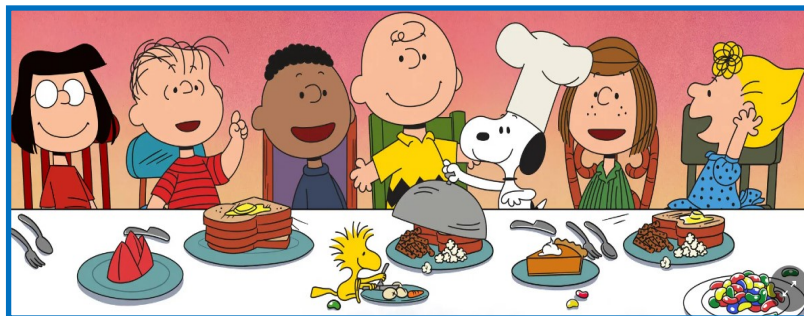
### Noon

### Larry Farmer, Jr. ~ Author

### *ROLE OF A LIFETIME, Larry Farmer and the UCLA Bruins*



- **Residing in Gurnee**, basketball legend and coach, Larry Farmer, Jr., still has his "hands" in basketball as he coaches the high school girls' team at Woodlands Academy in Lake Forest.
- **He is grateful** to those who have helped him on his amazing journey to ultimately becoming the head UCLA basketball coach at the age of 30, the first black head coach for any sport at UCLA.
- **But, he has never forgotten his roots**, dedicating his book to his parents, Clarice and Larry Farmer, Sr., and devoting Chapter 2, "Manuel High School Thunderbolts," to his principal, coaches, and guidance counselor who helped him to go on to UCLA, playing on teams that won three NCAA titles under coach John Wooden. Farmer's record at UCLA was 89-1, the greatest winning percentage in NCAA history (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was 88-2)!
- **"Put me in Coach!"** Being the 12th man on the sophomore team, sitting at the end of the bench, he was sent in with two minutes to play and "Swish!," he was three-for-three, winning the game! Coach Yearling said, "You played well today. If you work really hard and come back next year, there's a chance that you *might* make junior varsity [not varsity!], but his words gave me the push I needed not to quit," adding, "You know what you might want to do from now on is take your socks out of your locker and wash them!" "During my junior year at UCLA, we won the Bruin Classic Christmas tournament and we all received watches. As soon as I got back to Denver, I gave Mr. Yearling that watch and thanked him for encouraging me."
- **Thank you, Mrs. Beverly Biffle**, his counselor whom he credits for getting the phone call from UCLA that changed his life. She told him to be more proactive by attaching a copy of his transcripts with each letter he sent (she improved them!), with the game films provided by his coach and copies made and paid for by his dad. (A good investment on his part!)



#### TRS (Teachers Retirement System)

P.O. Box 19253  
Springfield, IL 62702-9253  
1 (800) 877-7896  
[www.trs.state.il.us](http://www.trs.state.il.us)



#### IRTA (Illinois Retired Teachers Association)

828 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62702  
1 (800) 728-4782  
[www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org)



#### LCRTA (Lake County Retired Teachers Association)

Box 8107, Gurnee, IL 60031  
[www.lcrtanet.net](http://www.lcrtanet.net)



2023 - 2024 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION	
December 12	HOLIDAY FUN! Installation of New Officers
JANUARY	NO MEETING
February 13	LESLEY BRACERO, author of <i>Love is a Sacrifice</i>
March 12	RACHEL CANNON, Attorney ~ "Future of cryptocurrencies and why they may be here to stay"
April 9	SAM LEWIS & LAURIE STEIN, Lake Forest History Center ~ <i>How to get started researching your family history</i> "
May 14	ROBERT COLLINS, chef ~ "Youth Culinary School"
June 11	ESTHER SLOAN, <i>Personal Fitness Trainer</i>
JULY	NO MEETING
August 13	DOUG STRAND ~ <i>TRS Trustee</i> SHARON TEEFY ~ <i>IRTA Political Action Chair</i>
September 10	MARTI SWANSON ~ <i>Meet the Candidates</i>
October 8 Not at Lambs Farm	EDIZON, <i>Keyboard/Sax/Vocalist</i>
November 12	THE GOLDEN 13 ~ <i>National Museum of the American Sailor</i>



**Congratulations!**

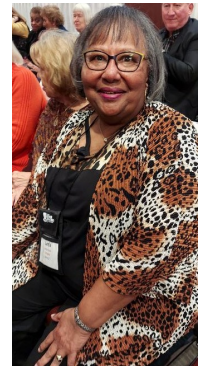
**Connie Reidel, Retired Teacher of the Year**  
**Marti Swanson, W.C. Petty Award**



**Samuel Lewis** and his "crankie" puppetry told the story of his great-great-grandfather, who saved a train from crashing in 1872.



**Jessica Newbold Hoselton**  
New IRTA Exec. Director  
**Wendy Wieggers,**  
Area II Rep



**Linda Davis,**  
LCRTA's 2023  
Unit Honoree



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