

Upcoming Events

April 25, 2004

Communion Breakfast at Cleveland Marriott at Key Center following 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Cathedral

June 15, 2004

Annual trustee meeting and officer election at NDCL

June 25, 2004

Alumni Golf Outing at Grantwood in Solon

July 16, 2004

NDCL Golf Classic at Pine Ridge in Wickliffe.

September 18, 2004

Hall of Fame Induction ceremony at NDCL



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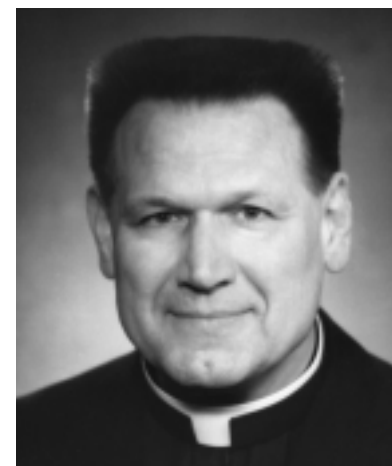
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The 53rd Cathedral Latin Alumni Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 25. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral located at E. 9th Street and Superior Avenue in downtown Cleveland. Breakfast will follow the Mass at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center near public square.

Free parking will be available in the Cathedral garage next to the church. Be sure to have your ticket stamped by an usher at the church.

The golden anniversary class of 1954 will be the honored guests of the Alumni Association at the breakfast.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for students. Wives and friends are welcome. This year's event will feature the Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin stage band, directed by Tom Lipps.

Communion Breakfast set for April 25 Rev. John Putka named Merit Award winner

Reservations may be made by visiting the Latin website at clatin.org or calling the Alumni office at 216-691-9999. You may also use the reservation form below. Get a table of your classmates together for a great program.

This year's Merit Award recipient will be Rev. John S. Putka, S.M., class of 1956. The annual award is given to "one who by his conduct and example has brought renown to Cathedral Latin School and his chosen field of endeavor embodies the sterling qualities for which Cathedral Latin stands."

A member at the University of Dayton's Political Science Department,

Father Putka has taught for 44 years, the last 15 at Dayton. He has graduate degrees in sacred theology, historical theology and political science.

He has been recognized as an outstanding educator by the Jaycee; appointed to the Kentucky consumer protection council; served on the educational advisory board of TIME magazine; and has been a guest chaplain of both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. He has been featured on C-SPAN and appeared on "The O'Reilly Factor." He often is a featured speaker at meetings regarding corporate ethics.

CL Alumni Communion Breakfast

Sunday, April 25, St. John Cathedral and Cleveland Marriott at Key Center

Please reserve _____ seats for breakfast, at \$17.00 per adult.

(\$15.00 for students). ATTACH LIST OF PEOPLE ATTENDING.

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Class # _____

Make checks payable to CLAA

Reservation Deadline: April 18, 2004

Cathedral Latin history book under way

Twenty-five years after its closing, work is underway to research, document and write the official history of Cathedral Latin School.

The book, being written by Latin alumnus Gene Gibbons '44, has been

high on the agenda of the Alumni Association's board of trustees since a spring 2002 survey of members showed that 99 percent of respondents said they supported the project. It marks the second major book endeavor

for the association, which last year published the highly popular book on the history of Latin football, "When the Lions Roared."

CLAA President Chris Lynch '75 last spring appointed a History Book Committee to plan the funding, writing and publishing details for a

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Florida chapter members welcome NDCL visitors



Latin Pride – Again!

ue for years to come.

I cannot say enough good things about NDCL Principal Sister Margaret Gorman. Her father is the late Judge Frank J. Gorman, a distinguished Latin alumnus from the class of '36. She is very engaged with the students, faculty, parents and alumni. She is enthusiastic, has a great sense of humor and an open mind.

Sister has met many Latin alumni during her years as an educator and Sister of Notre Dame, and she has begun to see the building of a new tradition like that of Cathedral Latin School. As she passionately recalled at our 2003 Communion Breakfast, she witnessed firsthand the Latin pride and tradition that her father shared with his fellow alumni, and those memories are still with her today. She posed the question as to where our future leaders will come from to replace men like George McMonagle '24 and her father. She hopes they come from NDCL.

We must remember that NDCL is only in its 15th year of existence. Its oldest graduates are just 32 years old. Our youngest alumni are about 40 (freshman class of '82). The Cathedral Latin tradition did not happen over night. There will never be another Cathedral Latin School, but we can share and communicate to the school community the Christian values, morals, leadership, and pride that we obtained at our alma mater.

I had the closest encounter to a Latin Pride event since our alma mater closed when I attended the last regular-season NDCL football game last fall. The underdog Lions were visiting arch-rival and playoff-bound

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This is my first Alumnotes column since becoming president of the association.

It has been a privilege to succeed Leo Hyland '77, who decided to step down as president when he accepted the position of director of institutional advancement at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School last August. Leo is responsible for major fund raising efforts and key development projects. He is still active with the association as a member of its Executive Committee. We believe this is a great opportunity for Leo and another key sign that NDCL sees the Latin alumni as key stakeholders at the school.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the closing of our alma mater. Our alumni are still active in all areas of business, religious, military, government, and community life around the world. Our alumni association is very active for a group that could have faded into glory in 1979. Having a great tradition, pride in our school, classmates, faculty and coaches has kept our group vibrant.

I feel that affiliating with NDCL in 1988 has rejuvenated alumni to become involved in some way with the school that bears our name. Being associated with a living, breathing institution like NDCL brings an additional sense of purpose to our organization that will contin-

The Florida Chapter of the Cathedral Latin School Alumni Association gathered Nov. 11 at Leverock's Restaurant in Pinellas Park, Florida. NDCL Principal Sister Margaret Gorman, SND and Director of Institutional Advancement Leo Hyland '77 were guests.

The visit was the result of an invitation by chapter President Joe Suchan '48 to address the group on developments at the school. A group of 30 met for a lively luncheon and presentation by Sister Margaret, highlighted by a video on the recent dedication of the Madonna Statue of Mary that used to be in front of the Marianist residence behind the Latin school building. The statue now sits on a hillside that overlooks the Lions' Stadium on the beautiful NDCL campus.

Sister Margaret also took the opportunity to explain the new lay board governance structure that was initiated at NDCL beginning this academic year. She spoke of the importance that the new board has assigned to the process of strategic planning during this school year.

It proved to be the perfect occasion



President Joe Suchan '48 opens the November meeting of the Florida Chapter of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association.



The familiar statue of Mary and Jesus that used to stand in front of the Marianist residence behind Cathedral Latin School has been refurbished and re-dedicated on a hillside overlooking Lions' Stadium on the campus of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School.

to share the successes that the school had in bringing alumni to the campus for the Kickoff Cookout (Aug. 9), the Hall of Fame Day at NDCL (Sept. 6) and Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 11-12).

The gathering enjoyed the food and conversation, along with the chance to ask Sister Margaret a few questions about NDCL and her vision for it. Not surprisingly, some of the questions had to do with the big football win over



Sister Margaret Gorman (standing, center) is surrounded by new friends at the Florida Chapter of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association luncheon near St. Petersburg, Florida in November.



The Guys of '55: Brian Mullin, Joe Elkins, Pete Pucher, and Joe McHenry are all smiles.

Lake Catholic and the Lions' first state playoff game. The alumni seemed to revel in the visit and gave their guests a very warm Florida welcome.

The group also viewed a video production prepared by local videographer Jeff Greiner. The video captured many photos from the Hall of Fame Day and interspersed images from World War II. These moving pictures were set to an emotional soundtrack. It was a short but powerful visual synopsis of the wonderful activity of that special day at NDCL.

The Florida Chapter's next meeting was their Christmas party held Dec. 9. Helping the chapter were Cathedral Latin Alumni Association and NDCL, which provided gifts (clocks, coffee mugs, shirts, hats, etc.) that supplemented the group's gift exchange program.

The January meeting continued to draw a large group of alumni and wives.

The February Valentine meeting was held Feb. 10. The chapter concluded its 2003-04 season with a St. Patrick's party on March 9.

Hall Of Fame inductions cap emotional day of events

More than 3,000 Lion backers packed the stands at NDCL for a dramatic 15-13 last-second homecoming victory for the Lions over University School.

The largest number of Cathedral Latin alumni to see a Lions game in years watched a thrilling battle. After a tremendous defensive stand, the Lions drove the length of the field and kicked the winning field goal with just seconds left to give University what turned out to be its only loss of the season. The Lions would go on to qualify for the state football playoffs for the first time.

Prior to the game, guest inductees, their families and Latin alumni visited at the reception tent next to the field. The large number of CL alumni was apparent by the dots of purple ballcaps in the stands.

After the game, the victorious Lion gridders for the first time since 1978 visited the familiar Mooney statue for a post-game prayer. The statue, crafted in Italy in memory of John “Jack” Mooney ’44, a popular Latin student

who died in 1945 defending his country in Germany, used to sit in front of the Marianist residence behind Latin. It recently was refurbished and rededicated at an emotional ceremony as part of the weekend event.

Four Latin alumni were especially instrumental in the success of the project. Mike Iacampo ’73 and Pat Conochan ’77 approached some Latin trustees about the condition and location of the statue, while brothers Dick (’46) and Larry (’46) Timbers spearheaded the fundraising efforts. Former Latin lay board member Jim Mooney (Jack’s brother) and his niece, Mary Ferron, attended the dedication.

Hundreds stayed for the ceremony, which featured a military color guard from John Carroll University, the NDCL marching band and color guard, and two alumni buglers from NDCL. Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon ’44, a classmate of Jack Mooney, led the crowd in a prayer that included the NDCL football squad, representatives from other athletic teams and other



For the first time since 1978, victorious Lion gridders gather before the statue of the Blessed Virgin to offer a prayer of thanksgiving.



Led by spirited performances from the NDCL marching band and football team, the 2003 Hall of Fame Day was a grand success.

members of the NDCL community. The ceremony concluded with the playing of “Taps.”

After the ceremony, a capacity crowd of 225 filled a large tent covering the school’s courtyard for the Hall of Fame induction program. The 44th rendition of the Cathedral Latin Hall of Fame was distinguished by the creation of the inaugural Hall of Fame classes for Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin and for Notre Dame Academy.

CLAA President Chris Lynch ’75 began the festivities by thanking Sister Gorman for the hospitality and welcoming event organizers and attendees. He also congratulated all of the day’s inductees, which included former Latin athletes Ed Gough ’29, Bob Taucher ’64, Richard Zippert ’80 and the state championship football teams of 1927 and 1944.

Accepting for the late Gough, Latin Hall of Famer Tony Pozelnik ’31 gave a stirring memorial speech to tremendous applause.

Dick Zippert spoke of the “Latin family” and the values that he and his brothers shared as Latin men. He also thanked his brothers and parents, who were instrumental in resurrecting the long dormant Cathedral Latin wrestling program.



A capacity crowd of 225 listens to the induction ceremonies honoring former athletes from Cathedral Latin, Notre Dame Academy and Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin. The September event marked the first Hall of Fame classes for NDA and NDCL.

Bob Taucher ’64 was one of the biggest players ever to wear the purple and gold before excelling for Nebraska and being drafted by the Dallas Cowboys. Recovering from a debilitating stroke that has made speech



Latin Hall of Famer George Werling ’47 presents Eileen Fry Hennies ’29 with a tribute for being the inaugural member of the Notre Dame Academy Hall of Fame.

difficult for him, the former lineman recited the Prayer of St. Teresa: “It is not by the place you occupy in life but how you occupy that place.” His courageous reminder of the Cathedral Latin spirit – showing the highest ideals of character and determination

of the human spirit – earned him a standing ovation.

NDCL inducted its charter Hall of Fame member: former track and cross country standout Kimberly Voyticky McNally ’94. Kim also starred at Duke University.

Also inducted for NDCL was Dan Barren, the school’s first football coach. After laying the foundation for the NDCL football program and guiding the school through its first varsity season (6-4), Dan Barren was struck by a fatal heart attack in 1991.

Accepting for her husband, Catherine Barren recounted the early years of NDCL football and how Dan’s vision for a beautiful stadium and a great program have now come to fruition.

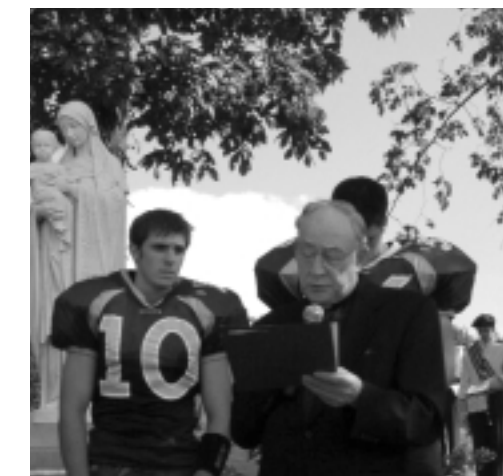
NDA’s Eileen Fry Hennies ’29 brought many smiles recounting women’s sports in the 1920s. Closing her remarkable and entertaining speech she touched her necklace and proudly proclaimed “...and I’m still wearing my class ring!”

The induction of the teams from 1927 and 1944 marked the first time an entire team was inducted into the Cathedral Latin Athletic Hall of Fame. Several team members were present, including Bill Feldkircher ’45, Lenny

Lapka ’46, and Johnny Petricig ’47.

The 1927 team was recognized via a letter from its lone remaining member, Bob Irwin ’28. His note recounted that great season and the terrific support that his team got from teammates, classmates, faculty, parents and those “wonderful girls from Notre Dame Academy.” He exhorted all to get behind NDCL teams, so that “they, too, will become champions.”

The singing of the Cathedral Latin fight song closed the program.



Lion football team captains Jesse Brumbaugh and Bill Preston flank Bishop Gilbert Sheldon ’44 during prayers at the dedication of the Mooney statue.



NDCL running back Steve Gittenger picks up yardage against the Preppers.

Thanks, 'young' Lions

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation for all the work and dedication shown by all the "young" Lions who have selflessly picked up the responsibilities of continuing the important work of the Alumni Association.

It is without any doubt that because of you the history of Cathedral Latin will continue in the tradition all of us have come to both expect and enjoy. It is with heartfelt joy that I thank you for your past diligence and look forward to more great work in the future.

On a final note, I wanted to also extend my thanks to all the Sisters at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, especially Sister Margaret Gorman. Your graciousness and hospitality extended to me each and every time I visit is comforting.

I encourage all alumni who get the opportunity to please go out and visit the beautiful campus we now call our own.

God bless and good luck.

Ernie D'Amato '48

Those NDCL myths

I enjoyed reading Leo Hyland's column about the "NDCL Myths" in the most recent issue of the Alumnotes. Much progress has been made.

The creation of NDCL by the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association, Inc. was never meant to create another Cathedral Latin School. Its purpose was to create a needed Catholic coed high school located in Geauga County.

It was created to form a new school having the highest standards taken from the stellar traditions of Notre Dame Academy and Cathedral Latin School.

Specifically for the CLS alumni, it afforded them an opportunity to have a purpose for the continued existence of the CL Alumni Association. The alternatives were to start a foundation that would award school scholarships to the offspring of CL alumni; or to be a dying organization that would sponsor a few social events each year remembering the past.

It was decided by the association to accept the offer of the Sisters of Notre Dame to be partners in creating a school that would come to be known as NDCL.

I think the direction taken by the Sisters of Notre Dame to turn over the governance of NDCL to an independent board is a step in the right direction.

I am a bit disappointed that the Sisters of Notre Dame did not see fit to appoint one or two members of the association to their newly created governance board. Since the CLAA, Inc. were co-creators with the Sisters of Notre Dame, allowances should have been made to insure their inclusion. Hopefully this oversight will be corrected in the near future.

Pete Pucher '55

Class of '63 celebrates 40 years



On Oct. 18, the Cathedral Latin class of 1963 celebrated its 40-year class reunion. The informal dinner was held at the Willoughby Brewing Company in Willoughby, Ohio. The event was coordinated by reunion chairman Joel Guthleben.

About 30 members of the class attended, many of whom brought wives or guests. The crowd of about 50 enjoyed a casual and spirited evening of dinner, drinks and pleasantries.

The event also showcased a table full of Cathedral Latin yearbooks, photos and other memorabilia.

One item was a letter from Father William McKay, S.M., who wrote to congratulate the '63ers on their 40th anniversary. Father McKay was the president of Cathedral Latin during that era. He is now retired and lives in Dayton.

Alumni in attendance came from as far away as California and Florida for a festive evening punctuated with much laughter and storytelling. Judge Timothy McMonagle gave a brief speech of welcome and thanks for the occasion.

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comprehensive school history from 1916-79.

The committee is chaired by Dominic A. LoGalbo '50, longtime editor of the Alumnotes. Committee members have since been planning the many details of this monumental project, including its author, format, size and funding.

The critical task of finding an author led to interviews with a number of professional writers, several of whom are Latin graduates. In January, trustees approved the committee's recommendation to award the project to Gibbons, an experienced writer who is retired and available to commit the time necessary to tackle a project of this magnitude. Gibbons already has delved into the extensive research and has interviewed our older alumni.

According to LoGalbo, the committee does not plan to set a deadline for the book's completion. It is hoped that a first draft can be submitted sometime in 2005.

The committee has established several sponsorship levels to help underwrite the cost of this historic undertaking. A number of alumni have already made financial commitments of \$1,000 to the project, which is expected to cost about \$30,000. There also are \$500 and \$100 contribution levels, which will include a free copy of the book. Anyone interested in being a sponsor should contact LoGalbo (330-467-1700) or Sue Wise at the alumni office (216-691-9999).

The committee also is looking for historically significant items for the book. Anyone with pictures that represent activities held over the years at Latin or anything of a historical nature about the school should contact the alumni office.

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Above: (left to right) Jo and Rich Arceci and Susan and Terry Mulligan enjoy the evening's fun.



Right: Mike Campbell (left) and Mike McGrath share a laugh at the CL 1963 class reunion.

Lions defend North Coast League football title, earn first playoff berth

The most dramatic finish imaginable was a dream come true for NDCL Head Football Coach Dan Thorpe and his 2003 team.

In a wild season filled with exciting finishes, the Lions roared loudest when it counted the most. During the season, NDCL defeated four teams that qualified for the state playoffs. Yet heading into the last week, the Lions were ranked 10th in their region with only the top eight teams qualifying for playoff action. The 6-3 NDCL squad had just a glimmer of hope to gain its first-ever state football playoffs berth.

The opponent was arch-rival Lake Catholic, who had already qualified for the playoffs and sported an 8-1 record and had never lost to the Lions on Lake's home field.

But the NDCL coaches had the young Lions ready and fired up to meet the high-powered Cougars. The Lions jumped out to a 14-point lead early in the game. Lake Catholic countered to tie the game at 14 in the second quarter. The game see-sawed right to the end as Lake took the lead late in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 28-21, the Lions got the ball with just a few minutes remaining. Pounding the ball with strong inside running and mixing in enough passing to keep Lake's defense honest, the



First-year Head Coach Dan Thorpe leads the Lions in celebrating an amazing 29-28 victory over Lake Catholic.

Lions rolled into Cougar territory with under three minutes to play. Lake stopped the drive on a key third-down play that set up a critical fourth-and-13 for NDCL.

With the season on the line, junior QB Alex Euse drilled a strike to senior Carlo Melaragno for the first down to keep the chains moving. The play seemed to sap the will from the Lake defense. The Lions continued to move down the field while taking time off the play clock. With less than a minute to go, junior Mike Beatty punched into the end zone to pull the Lions to within a point, 28-27.

Coach Thorpe knew his troops would play for the win. After having run inside with its "wing" offense most of the night, the Lions called for a

pitch wide right to junior tailback Mike Beatty. The defense seemed surprised, the blocking was solid and Beatty scampered into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

The crowd was delirious as the Lions took a 29-28 lead over the Cougars. There were still 47 seconds on the clock and Lake had its high-octane offense ready to move for that late game score to win. But the NDCL defense, as it had done all year, stood tall and snuffed out the final effort to preserve the win.

The NDCL crowd swarmed the field to congratulate the Lions on defending their league title and for qualifying for the state playoffs. The NDCL Lions have officially arrived as a football playoff qualifier.

also planning for NDCL's next round of strategic planning. The board has hired an experienced Cleveland consulting firm to facilitate the strategic planning process.

In meetings this fall, the consultant and the board agreed to a timeline that will enable the school to work through the strategic planning process in a thorough and orderly manner. The outcome of that process will be a written five-year strategic plan for NDCL that will commence in the next academic year. The plan will set forth the school's priorities, along with specific goals and objectives to address them.

It is imperative that we involve all NDCL constituents in this process – it is the only way we can know the respective values of each group. Over the next few months, we will gather

the data that will be used to evaluate the priorities. To ensure a high quality and comprehensive process, we are contacting parents, alumni (of all three schools), friends and other NDCL stakeholders.

Our consultant has recommended a combination of personal interviews, focus groups, and surveys to gather the data that we will need. The alumni survey is currently available online for those who might be inclined to respond in that manner.

The NDCL board welcomes your participation and encourages your input. Your involvement will help make NDCL a stronger and more focused Catholic community.

**Bruce D. Jarosz, chairman
NDCL Governing Board**

Homecoming 2003 a shining success

NDCL's Homecoming Week 2003 was one to remember. The school was blessed with near-perfect weather all week for festivities that included sign painting, a school rally, a homecoming parade, pre-game tailgating and an all-alumni pre-game reception.

All of these events were preliminary activities for NDCL students. The main focus for them was the big football game against long-time nemesis Holy Name and the homecoming dance. The NDCL campus was abuzz all week with activity that kept spirits high and hearts light.

The school also got a nice turnout from all of its alumni groups for a pre-game meal and some old fashioned fun. The alumni tent was staffed by volunteers from the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Association as they welcomed over 200 fellow alumni for hotdogs, pizza and soft drinks.

The mix of students and alumni from NDCL, Notre Dame Academy and Cathedral Latin made for a fun time on a beautiful afternoon. The gathering was held in a tent immediately adjacent to the football stadium from about 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. kickoff.

The crowd then moved to Lions' Stadium for the homecoming game against Holy Name. The game proved to be a close defensive struggle, with the Green Wave prevailing by a 7-6 count. Notwithstanding the loss, the Lion faithful were in good spirits and enjoyed the lovely day and the entertaining game.

The day's activities were just the first part of a busy weekend for our alumni. The following day, the school sponsored a homecoming Mass and breakfast. This part of the weekend renewed an old Notre Dame Academy tradition.

The Mass was celebrated by Father

Paul Sciarratto, CLS '55, in the chapel at the Notre Dame Educational Center.

The Mass was immediately followed by a breakfast attended by about 80 people in the NDCL cafeteria. Many attendees commented on how much they enjoyed the family atmosphere of the entire weekend.

Right: Father Paul Sciarratto, '55 and Jean Olup, Notre Dame Academy alumni director, pause during homecoming week festivities on the NDCL grounds.



Above: The NDCL Alumni tent was staffed by student volunteers, NDCL alumni, and members of the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Association. Below: NDCL student athletes discuss their school and their football team with Latin graduates (left to right) Dominic LoGalbo '50, Paul Reminder '36, George Werling '47, Bob Grisanti '36 and Joe Suchan '48.



A message from the NDCL board chairman

The governing board of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School has been hard at work since the beginning of this academic year. It is the function of this board to establish the institutional policies that will guide NDCL into the future. In other words, the board will be concerned with the "big picture" planning for the overall direction of the school.

The members of the board have established a number of committees that are busy reviewing the school's current practices and procedures while

Mike Dwyer '33

1915-2003

Last summer, the Cathedral Latin Class of 1933 celebrated its 70th reunion anniversary at St. Noel Church and Hall with a Mass and luncheon. The event was well attended and the Mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael Murphy, a member of that class. The occasion was featured on the evening news on local TV station.

The reunion was coordinated by long-time Cathedral Latin trustee Michael Dwyer, the "ringleader" of that great class. For years, Mike made a point of keeping his classmates connected through reunion activities, letters, and phone calls. He also worked on many activities for the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association, including serving as president in the mid-1980s.

The popular Irishman passed away on Dec. 6, after suffering complications from a stroke. Aside from his inspirational leadership, Mike will always be remembered as the wonderful toastmaster for the annual Cathedral Latin Communion Breakfast, his grace and wit helping make that event the great success that it has become.

While at Latin, Mike served as president of the band and later became a



Mike Dwyer (left), "ring-leader" of the Cathedral Latin class of 1933 and a longtime supporter of the Alumni Association, participates in a ceremony to dedicate the statue of the Blessed Virgin on the NDCL campus last fall. Mike passed away Dec. 6.

professional trumpeter. Mike used his musical skills to earn money to pay for his college education at John Carroll University. Mike also enjoyed a successful career as an executive with the Ford Motor Company. He and Carolyn raised six children and were longtime members of St. William parish in Euclid. At his funeral Mass, the pastor reflected that "no one person welcomed more people into St. William parish than Mike Dwyer."

Mike was also a bit of a Renaissance man. He had a love of photography, music, literature and most of all – people. His estate left a cache of 220 books to the NDCL library, along

with many other photos, memorabilia and personal effects for the Cathedral Latin archives project at NDCL.

He was also a lifelong learner, always enjoying reading, writing, volunteering, swimming and contributing. He recently purchased a book about electronic printing because of questions that had arisen during his committee work for book project on the history of Cathedral Latin. Mike was very excited about this book and was one of the first to pledge his support as an official sponsor (\$1,000).

The association is grateful for his dedicated service to our alma mater and our association.

Golden Alumni dinner honors 4

Four men of Latin were honored at the 10th annual Golden Alumni dinner held Dec. 29 at the Radisson Inn. Recipients of the Golden Alumni Award were recognized for their service, dedication and support to the alumni association. This year's honorees were the late Charles Gold '32, Kenneth Koprowski '57, James Denk '62 and Frank Cardinale '68.

Left: (left to right) Daniel Gold (son of Charles Gold), Frank Cardinale, Barb Denk (wife of Jim Denk) and Ken Koprowski are all smiles after receiving their Golden Alumni awards.



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Lake Catholic Cougars.

To watch the way that team clawed its way to victory in the final minute of the game was a site to behold. Successfully completing two fourth-and-12 plays, scoring a touchdown in the waning minute and capping it off with the gutsy, game-winning, two-point conversion was a feeling that will stay with all the players, coaches and fans for a lifetime.

The pride, faith, desire, support of the fans, families, faculty and alumni was one of those feelings that one does not forget. The subsequent rush of players and fans onto the field to celebrate the biggest football victory in the history of the school was simply awesome.

I know I will never forget that game and the feelings I experienced. They brought back memories of how it felt when I was at Latin. I believe the school, students, faculty, parents and NDCL alumni now have a taste of what a tradition is all about. I think they liked it. It's called Latin Pride! With this victory, the Lions football team made it into the playoffs for the first time in the school's history.

Sister Margaret, her staff and students would love to see and hear from more Latin alumni. If you are in the area or just passing through, feel free to call and schedule a visit to the school and its grounds, which are quite amazing. Come see the school that bears our name and carries our legacy. Consider having your reunion on the campus or add a school visit as part of your reunion itinerary.

Hope to see you at one of our future events.

As always, with Latin Pride!

Chris Lynch '75

2004 Reunions

Listed below are the chairmen for the 2004 Reunions. Please direct any questions regarding your reunion to the chairmen listed below. We are looking for chairmen for the following years: 1934, 1939, 1949, and 1969. If you would like to be a chairman, please contact the Alumni Office.

1944 – Andy Putka (440) 331-5532 & Jim Pesek (440) 885-5059

1954 – John Robertson (440) 423-3406

1959 – Carmen Cesa (440) 918-1333

1964 – Joe Diemert (440) 461-2083
Looking at June 12, 2004 for a scheduled date.

1974 – Lenny Velotta (216) 381-3149
To be held Sept. 4, 2004 at the Manor Party Center in Euclid, OH @ the outdoor cabin.

1979 – Chip Tighe (440) 449-5999

Alumni Golf Outing June 25 at Grantwood



The annual Cathedral Latin Alumni Golf Outing is set for Friday, June 25 at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon (Rt. 43 and Pettibone Road).

The scramble tournament will begin with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost for the outing is \$99 and includes golf with cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and door prizes. Skill prizes and skins game also will be available.

Reserve a foursome for this popular event by sending a check made payable to CLAA to 1496 Green Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121. Or register online at www.clatin.org.

In Memoriam

Name	Class
George Carleton	'28
Jack Duffey	'30
Rev. Msgr. James McIntyre	'30
Judge Frank O'Bell	'30
Darrell Schneider	'30
Daniel Malloy	'32
Michael Dwyer	'33
Edward Travnikar	'33
Lawrence Druckenbrod	'35
Kenneth Fierle	'35
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Heruday	'35
Carl Fechko	'36
Fred Wirsching	'36
Raymond Wyar	'36
Robert Callahan	'38
Rev. John Storey	'38
John Beyerle	'40
James Redmond	'40
William Dempsey	'41
Donald Kehoe	'41
Thomas Malloy	'41
Thomas Maurer	'43
Rev. John Anderson	'43
James Knapil	'44
Charles Davey	'46
Joseph Scanlon	'46
John Chessar	'47
Robert Murphy	'47
Joseph Mihelich	'48
Stephen Hornyak	'49
Arthur Laslo	'50
S. Donald Major	'52
Howard Mullin	'53
Godfrey Anzic	'55
Edmund Ciolek	'55
Ernest Demarchi	'57
Samuel Mondello	'59
Roger Bauza	'59
Thomas Mancini	'61
William Cogan	'72
Daniel Lauer	'73