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50th Annual Hall of Fame – August 29

The 50th annual Hall of Fame Dinner and induction ceremony along with the 7th Annual NDCL and NDA inductions will be held Saturday, August 29, 2009 at NDCL's campus in Munson Township. The event will begin with a social hour at 2:00 p.m. followed by a catered barbeque dinner from the Winking Lizard under a white tent near the school.

This year's Cathedral Latin inductees are Ray Kirchner '40 and Tim McNeil '63. Joining them will be NDCL's inductees John Quinlan '92 and Susan Cinadr '95. NDA's inductees are Angeline (Zurek) Zaremba '37 and Meg (Grantham) Grimm '83.

Admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students 18 and under. You can mail a check made payable to NDCL, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024, Attn: Keven Krajnak. For more information, visit their website at www.ndcl.org.

On Friday, August 28, NDCL will host a Hall of Famer Reception from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is by invitation only. Following the reception will be a football game vs. Benedictine.



Ray Kirchner '40

Ray was a 5'10" guard on the 1938-1939 basketball team. His junior year he was the leading scorer averaging 11 points per game with a team average of only 30 points per game. He had a high game with 18 points – scoring 149 points for the season. The team record was 6 wins 8 losses. Ray was selected to the Cleveland Press All-Scholastic Team.

In baseball, Ray was the starting outfielder and led the team in scoring with a batting average of .375. He played Class A baseball after high school and received a tryout with the Detroit Tigers.

Junior year at Latin was his final year of eligibility due to using up a year of eligibility at St. Francis Grade School/High School.

- He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.
- Ray married the former Jane Fournier in 1943 and raised 5 children Dianne, Lynne, Katie, Ray & Daniel. He is currently living in Mentor, OH.
- Retired from City of Cleveland and Pena Realty
- Cleveland Press All-Scholastic in basketball & baseball at Cathedral Latin School
- Played for and received numerous accolades while playing for various Class A baseball and basketball teams throughout Cleveland as well as offered a professional baseball tryout.

Tim McNeil '63

Tim started as linebacker on the varsity football team his junior year. He was



awarded Outstanding Player in the East Senate for the 1962 season by the Cleveland Touchdown Club and was named *Universe Bulletin*'s Most Valuable Player. During his senior year he was captain and voted Most Valuable Back. Coach Sam Ruvolo said, "He was the spirit and Mr. Latin."

After graduating from Latin, Tim was awarded a football scholarship to Waynesburg University in Waynesboro, PA. His college team won the 1966

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Economic Conditions Affect Us All



I hope you are all having a great summer and that you enjoy reading this issue of the *Alumnotes*.

The lead article in this issue is the 50th Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. I would like to congratulate the 2009 Cathedral Latin School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees: Ray Kirchner '40 and Tim McNeil '63. I would also like to

congratulate the inductees from NDCL, John Quinlan '92, and Susan Cinadr '95 and from NDA, Angeline (Zurek) Zaremba '37, and Meg (Grantham) Grimm '83. These alumni have been selected for induction based on their athletic achievements while attending their respective schools. The dinner and ceremony will take place at NDCL on Saturday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in this fun-filled event honoring them. Join us the night before if you would like to see the NDCL Lions open their football season with a home game against Benedictine.

The alumni association is no different than any other household or organization when it comes to operating expenses during the current economic downturn. Therefore, we are planning cost reduction efforts of various kinds to improve the bottom line and have more funds available for supporting alumni and NDCL initiatives. Beginning with this issue, we have distributed the *Alumnotes* via e-mail instead of the regular mail for those that have provided us with their e-mail address. This will save the alumni association thousands of dollars in postage per mailing, which is our largest annual expense. We send *Alumnotes* to over 5,000 addresses from our database with 1,500 current e-mails. We have a new icon ("Address Update") on the home page of the website (www. clatin.com) so you can inform us of your e-mail address or update your address information. We would like to have this publication distributed by e-mail to over 50% of our alumni by next year. Other cost saving items we are considering: Eliminate fax line; change to non-traditional phone service; alumni office relocation. If for some reason you no longer wish to receive the *Alumnotes* please call us (216-691-9999) or send us an e-mail (clsalumni@yahoo.com) so we can remove you from our database.

The restoration of the "Roaring Lion" painting is completed. The new oil painting should be installed in the school's Mike McGarry gymnasium by the end of August. You will be very happy with the new version of the roaring lion. We are still looking for additional donations for this project. Please call the alumni office if you can lend us your financial support on the project.

The Cathedral Latin Alumni Association looks forward to the 2009-2010 school year at NDCL working with Sr. Jacquelyn Gusdane, President, Joe Waler, Principal, the NDCL Board of Directors and the school community to make NDCL the premier school in our area. If you have not made a pledge to the NDCL Capital Campaign, please consider making one this year.

Thanks to all of you for continuing to be caring Christian people of our community and showing that Latin Pride in deed and truth!

- Chris Lynch '75

Sports Legends Share Stories

On Monday, March 30, The Mill Tavern in Highland Heights, OH hosted a talk radio sports show called *Monday's With Malta and Ray Milavec Too*. This talk show features area high schools and is broadcast on 1330 AM WELW & at www.welw.com. Charlie Malta, along with Ray Milavec interviewed alumni on their experiences while attending Cathedral Latin School.

Alumni from the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s came to share their stories. It was a great turnout! We would like to thank all of the alumni who attended this event.





Lion Painting Roars Back

Dominic LoGalbo '50, chairman, is pleased to inform the alumni that a local artist has completed the reproduction of our "Charging Lion" that hung in the Latin gym. At this time, arrangements are being finalized to install the 10' X 12' painting in the McGarry gym at NDCL.

This painting is being funded by donations from alumni and friends. To date, we have received approximately half of this cost. We are looking for more sponsors for this project – Purple \$1000, Gold \$500 or Lion \$100. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. There will be a plaque listing the contributors to this endeavor.

We would like to thank our committee members Ben Carlozzo '71, Carmen Cesa '59 and Dave Pasini '65 for their hard work and commitment to this project.

Communion Breakfast Honors William Slick, Jr. '41

The 58th annual Communion Breakfast was held Sunday, April 19 at NDCL. A beautiful mass was held in the school chapel followed by breakfast in the library.

This year's Man of the Year and speaker was William Slick, Jr. '41. The Class of 1959 were the honored guests of the alumni association celebrating their golden anniversary.

We hope you can join us next year for this wonderful event.





Exciting Finish at Golf Outing

Over 140 golfers enjoyed the sunny warm weather at the 17h Annual Latin Golf Outing held at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, Ohio.

Three teams tied for first place with a score of 63 (8 under). The winner had to be determined by the USGA tiebreaker – best score on the back 9. Congratulations to Greg Stricker '77, Brian Liederbach, Chris Kostura and Bill Kampf. The two teams that tied were John Barkley, Brian Huss, Ken Norden and Dale Ramacciato '66 and John Gregorio '63, Don Ramacciato '64, Frank Ramacciato '60 and Ron Ramacciato '65. Congratulations to all of our winners.

The Winking Lizard Restaurant served a delicious lunch and dinner, followed by a raffle with some great door prizes. Every golfer received a purple folding golf chair with the gold C/L logo on the back of the chair. Marty Palumbo '79 had these designed by his company, BGM Solutions. Everyone loved them! We would like to thank all of our hole sponsors with a special thank you to Mike D'Amato '79. His dealership, Nissan of North Olmsted, again sponsored a sign on every hole – "Are you kiddin' me!" Bernie Hyland '81 from Aable Rents donated the beautiful purple & gold tablecloths that helped to make our event special. Jim O'Neil '57 made nametags for each golfer. Another thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's event run smoothly.

We hope you can join us next year for this great golf outing.

On another note, in the Spring *Alumnotes* we incorrectly ran the wrong picture of last year's golf winners. The winning foursome picture for 2008 is listed below. We apologize for the error.





2009 Winners



Dennis Kennedy '66, Terry Lamb '66, Bob McAuley '66 & Mike Lavelle '66



Al Musca '53, Paul Boczek '55, Bill Zoller '44 & Dick Toth '65



ALUMNOTABLES

1944

The class of 1944 meets for lunch at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at Don's Lighthouse, 8905 Lake Avenue in Cleveland. Anyone interested is invited to attend the luncheon.

1953

The class of 1953 will have a golf outing August 14 at Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio. Anyone wishing to play should contact Bob Krejci at (440) 582-2226.

The next luncheon will be Friday, October 9 at Acacia Country Club. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please call Dick Huberty (440) 888-1139, Dennis Grapo (440) 473-6244 or Tony Gambatese (440) 248-4643.

1955

The class of 1955 meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Damon's Grill, 4181 Rockside Road in Independence. To make a reservation, please call Don Hutton at (440) 331-7778.

1960

Bro. Stan Zubek, S.M. has been a missionary in Africa for over 35 years. He is currently in Mombasa, Kenya in anticipation of the opening of a teacher-training center. Bro. Stan indicated that funding was tenuous at this time due to the economic situation. Anyone wishing to support the Marianist missions for this project can send a check made payable and mail to: Marianist Missions, 4435 E. Patterson Road, Dayton, OH 45430. Please mark on the bottom of the check Stan Zubek's project.

Deacon John Burke, Jr. will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination on August 23, 2009 at St. Bede the Venerable Church in Mentor, OH. Mass will be at noon and Deacon John has been given permission to preach at the liturgy. There will be a reception after Mass in the parish Fr. Tulley Center. Deacon John was at St. Bede's for 18-1/2 years before moving to Georgia in 2003.

1962

Larry Kaminski has the opportunity to be nominated to the Denver Bronco All 50 Year Team. He would appreciate any support you may want to give him. You can log on to www.denverbroncos. com/50th and vote for Larry. 1**972** Bob Vito

Bob Vitolan started a non-profit organization in 2008 called Equal Food Fund. This corporation raises and provides funding directly to food pantries specifically for the procurement of food and hygienic products. Their goal is to insure that all pantries and soup kitchens have the ability to remain open for business through difficult financial times. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation can visit their website at www.equalfoodfund.org or mail a check to Equal Food Fund, 1256 Cleveland Hts. Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44121.

Bob also serves as president of Heights Emergency Food Center where they serve 12,000 people per year from Cleveland Hts., University Hts., South Euclid and Lyndhurst.

1976

Christopher Ducic is the Chief Operations Officer (COO) for Tote Systems International L.P., a leading supplier of pharmaceutical equipment. He also purchased DCE Bathing Systems, Inc. in August 2008. Chris lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

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NAIA National Championship and he received 2nd team NAIA All-American Honors. Tim also played baseball and wrestled. He was also involved in Student Government and the Letterman's Club. In his senior year, he won the Small College National Championship and was named to Small College All America and his teammates named him Most Valuable Player.

McNeil taught high school for a few years, and then moved to Australia

where he worked for the railroad. Later he left for Katmandu, Nepal and then westward to London. He came back to the USA where he met his wife and had four children – Tim Jr., Bridget, Meredith and Sarah.

In 1980 Tim helped start up the Niles Youth Soccer League and was first president. He also helped start up the girls soccer team at Warren Kennedy Catholic High School and coached there for 12 years. In 2007 he was inducted into the Mahoning Valley Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

Currently Tim is running as a Libertarian candidate for State Representative to the General Assembly. He received the highest percentage of Libertarian votes in the state of Ohio. He also has been Chairman of the Mahoning Valley Libertarian Party many times in the past several years. He also serves on the Weathersfield Township Board of Zoning Appeals and is working at J&W Canvas Company.

2009 Reunions

Listed below are the chairmen and information for the 2009 reunions. If you require additional information, please contact the chairman.

- 1944 George Metz (216) 381-4801 To be held Fri., Sept. 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Wellington Restaurant,
- 777 Alpha Dr., Highland Hts., OH. **1949** – Charlie Emrhein (216) 932-6746 To be held Wed., Oct 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Wellington Restaurant,
 - 777 Alpha Dr., Highland Hts., OH.
- **1954** Joe Snyder (216) 650-1640 or (330) 467-7869
- **1959** Carmen Cesa (440) 227-7496

Fri., Aug. 21 – Welcoming Party at Cappelli's Comfort Inn & Suites (Rockefeller Room), 7701 Reynolds Rd., Mentor, OH at 6:00 p.m. Sat., Aug. 22 – Golf Outing at Pine Ridge C.C. at 9:15 a.m. Dinner at Cappelli's Comfort Inn (Presidential Ballroom) at 6:00 p.m. Sun., Aug. 23 – Memorial Mass at NDCL at 1:00 p.m.

- 1964 Joe Diemert (440) 442-6800 To be held Fri., Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Shoreby Club, 40 Shoreby Drive, Bratenahl, OH.
- 1974 Rick Cavolo (440) 285-8528 & Lenny Velotta (216) 381-3149 To be held Sat., Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend). Golf outing at 8:30 a.m. at Berkshire Hills Golf Club. For more info, please call Bob Nemecek at 440-257-1970. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. at Manor Party Center-Country House,

24111 Tungsten Rd., Euclid, OH.

1979 – Chip Tighe (440) 289-2284
Fri., Aug. 7 – Golf Outing at Ellsworth Meadows at 1:30 p.m. Picnic to follow at Brian Quinn's house.
Sat., Aug. 8 – Dinner at Villa DiBorally's, 27227 Chardon Rd., Richmond Hts., OH at 6:00 p.m.

Legacy Day at NDCL

This year's event drew a crowd of nearly 175 alumni, friends, and students at the 2nd Annual Legacy Day at NDCL. Students wore t-shirts showing the heritage of Notre Dame and Cathedral Latin—girls in the light blue "Notre Dame Northstars" shirt, and boys in white shirts with the "Latin Lion" that will soon hang in NDCL's McGarry Gym.

Everyone enjoyed good food, memorabilia displays, and reconnecting with classmates and friends from Notre Dame Academy, Cathedral Latin School, and NDCL.

IN MEMORIAM

Our thoughts & prayers are extended to families who have lost loved ones.

G. Albert Lawton '31 Joseph Marinko '32 George Savage '33 Matthew Payne '37 Francis Jones '39 Robert McConville '40 James Pitts '40 Ralph Steiger '40 Thomas Hagen '41 John Hawerott '41 Herbert Simmerly '41 Edward Muldoon '43 Robert Burns '44 John Rudd '44 James Gleason '45 Thomas McDonnell '48 Rev. Msgr. Frank Manieri '49 Philip Mesi '49 Paul Schikowski '49 David Wiatroski '49 Robert Dineen '50 William Borgmann '51 Donald Hoopingarner '51 Joseph Kurth '51 Richard Merk '52 Thomas Wilson '53 Robert Horansky '54 Ronald DeLambo '58 Robert Mawby '58 Robert Pilch '59 Thomas Primosch '59 Thomas Schuele '59 John "Packy" Hyland '60 William Korosec '60 William Rapp '60 Charles Krajniak '61 Joseph Lally '62 Dr. Gary Gaile '63 Raymond McIntyre '64 William Nichols '64 William Hayden '65 Michael DiSanto '66 Kenneth Marince '66 Richard Sauto '66 David Hamm '71 Paul Robare '82



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