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# Sept. 4th Hall of Fame to Honor Carl Pikus '59 & Ed McGrath '61

The 51st annual Hall of Fame Dinner and induction ceremony along with the 8th Annual NDCL and NDA inductions will be held Saturday, September 4, 2010 at NDCL's McGarry gymnasium 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 Carl Pikus '59 and Ed McGrath '61. Joining them will be NDCL's inductees Tim Smith '92, John Longano '95, Elyse Lucas '03 & the 2000 NDCL Boys Golf Team (State Champions). NDA's inductee will be Laura (Nowac) Jesswein '90.

Admission is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students 18 and under. You can register on-line at www.ndcl.org or make check payable to NDCL and mail to NDCL Advancement Office, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024. If you have any questions, please call Keven Krajnak at 1-440-279-1068.



#### Ed McGrath '61

Ed started as an offensive guard on the 1958 junior varsity football team and the 1959 varsity team. He also started as an offensive guard and defensive end on the 1960 varsity football team that were co-champs of the East Senate.

For the 1960 season Ed was named

to the following: All Catholic team, Press Star, All East Senate and All Call & Post. He was also named as Cathedral Latin's Most Valuable Lineman. Coach Sam Ruvolo named him as co-captain for the season's last game in the absence of their original captain.

After high school, Ed attended Indiana State University (ISU) where he was a starting offensive guard on their football team. He also coached football at ISU for three seasons.

#### Carl Pikus '59

Carl was a three-year starter and starting fullback on the 1958 City Championship football team whose record was 10-0-1. He was the leading rusher in five of eleven games. Carl had 75 yards in 11 carries in the



Charity Game against St. Ignatius where Latin beat Ignatius by a score of 12-6. Carl scored 72 points for the year and was second to his classmate, Leo Caito. He was considered to be an outstanding blocker and punter. Carl averaged 42.2 yards punting in the City Championship game. Coach Fred George called him "a great running back" and "our best man" in the city championship game (PD 11/25/58). Carl was All East Senate honorable mention.

After high school, Carl attended the University of Maryland on a football scholarship, but was forced to leave football in

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### A Decade of Work for Sue Wise



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 51st Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. I would like to congratulate the 2010 Cathedral Latin School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees: Carl Pikus '59 and Ed McGrath '61. Joining them will be NDCL's inductees Tim Smith '92, John Longano '95, Elyse Lucas '03 & the 2000 NDCL Boys Golf Team (State Champions). NDA's inductee will be Laura (Nowac) Jesswein '90. The dinner and ceremony will take place at NDCL on Saturday, September 4 at 2:00 p.m. I invite you to join us in this fun-filled event honoring them.

I wanted to thank our administrative assistant, Sue Wise, for her dedicated efforts to our organization as she completes ten years of service for our association. Sue Wise was hired in June 2000 by Leo Hyland to work part-time as our administrative assistant. She started working flexible hours, which worked out well because she could pick up her then two young boys (ages 6 & 7) from school and manage to be a mom as well. It was convenient because her boys attended St. Gregory the Great School, which is located across the street from the alumni office on South Green Road.

On Sue's first day on the job, she could barely see the basement office floor. It was filled with boxes spread out all over every inch of the floor. Through endless hours, Sue managed to go through each box, organize the files and place archive items in plastic bins. She ordered filing cabinets to organize all of the paperwork. Working in the basement of the building isn't exactly the greatest office space, but Sue made it work.

Sue was given an old used computer with an outdated database that held over 6,700 alumni addresses. Within a year, the association gave her a new computer, printer/fax/scanner and a

desk. An email address was also set-up for the association along with a website. The database software was also updated. Sue went through each



Sue Wise

yearbook to make sure each alumnus' name was listed for his class. It was tedious, but necessary in order to have a correct alumni database.

Merchandise was sold and shipped out of the office in the earlier years. Sue would place the order, receive it from the vendor, pack it up & stand in line at the post office to get the item shipped to the customer.

After a decade, a lot has changed for Sue and the association. Sue now works out of her home. She has hours from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sue has our association's cell phone in case she needs to run an errand, you can usually get hold of her or leave a message for the association. Merchandise is now sold and shipped online without Sue's intervention.

Even though there have been many changes, Sue hasn't changed. She still

dedicates most of her time to help with the production of the *Alumnotes*, run the annual golf outing and communion breakfast and help with reunions. But especially, she gives her time to help any alumni or caller who needs assistance with any matter.

Sue, thanks for all you have done for the association and its members during your ten years. We could not have made the progress and efficiencies with the association without you. (Sue is married to Terry Wise class of 1977).

The Cathedral Latin Alumni
Association looks forward to the
2010-2011 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

### Ed McGrath '61

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Ed served as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for five years and was a polygraph examiner for law enforcement agencies and defense attorneys in Boston, Massachusetts for ten years.

He recently retired as a lieutenant from the Gwinnett County Georgia Fire Department after 23 years of service. Ed has two children, Dennis and Marty and is married to Elaine. He currently resides in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Ed is one of five brothers who attended and played football at Cathedral Latin School. His brothers are Dan '62, Mike '63, Terry '67 and Kevin '70 (Hall of Fame inductee). He also has four uncles who played football at Cathedral Latin – Jim (Clarence) '23, Gil '26 and Ed Gowan '28 and Phil McGrath '39. Gil and Ed Gowan, as well as Phil McGrath, are Hall of Fame inductees.

### Carl Pikus '59 (cont'd from page 1)

his second year due to a back injury. Carl worked for the U.S. Capitol Police his last two and a half years at Maryland.

Carl also worked as vice president of sales for a number of consumer products companies both foreign and domestic. He retired a few years ago, but loves his work now as a substitute teacher in the St. Charles, Illinois school district.

Carl is married to Valerie and has three children (all married) and seven grandchildren. He currently resides in St. Charles, Illinois.

#### J. Joseph Whelan '60 & Nick Orlando, Sr. '56

#### Honored at Communion Breakfast

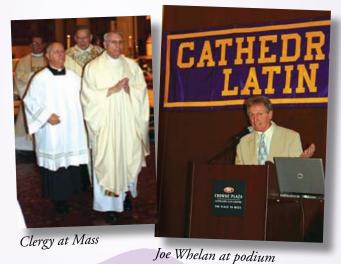
Over 210 guests attended the 59th annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 25. Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral in downtown Cleveland. The breakfast and award presentation was held at the Crowne Plaza. Orlando Baking Company supplied bread at each table and also gave each guest a loaf of ciabatta bread and a special bread, "Pane Nicola" (Nick's bread), in memory of their father, Nick Orlando, Sr.



Joe Whelan '60, Nick Orlando, Jr., Dominic LoGalbo '50 & Andy Putka '44

J. Joseph Whelan '60 and Nick Orlando, Sr. '56 (deceased) were recipients of the Merit Award—the highest honor given by the Alumni Association. Nick Orlando, Jr. and Mike Orlando accepted this award on behalf of their father. The Class of 1960 was the honored guest of the alumni association celebrating its golden anniversary. Our guest speaker was Joseph Marinucci '72.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and hope you can join us next year.





It was a picture perfect day for the 18th Annual Golf Outing held Friday, June 25 at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, Ohio. Each golfer was given a beautiful tin 3D wall plaque. These plaques displayed the charging lion with our purple and gold colors.



2010 Winners - Al Rossi '56, Frank Roddy '56, Nick Palladino & Ken Palladino

Our golfers enjoyed a delicious lunch and dinner served hot, right off the grill, by The Winking Lizard. They do a wonderful job every year for us—our thanks to Jeff and his crew. After dinner, we held our 50/50 raffle where our

guests won some wonderful gifts. A special note of thanks to Paul Ertel '71 who donated Nautica Queen cruises for our prizes.

The winning team of Frank Roddy '56, Al Rossi '56, Ken Palladino and Nick Palladino shot 13 under to win the scramble—congrats to each of them!

We would like to thank our hole sponsors; especially Mike D'Amato '79. His dealership, Nissan of North Olmsted, again sponsored a sign on every hole—"Are you kiddin' me!" We are always looking for more hole sponsors so if you are interested, please call Sue at the alumni office.

Special thanks to Bernie Hyland '81 from Aable Rents for donating purple & gold tablecloths and Jim O'Neil '57 for making nametags for each golfer. Thanks also to Rick Cavolo '74 and Karen Wilson for volunteering to help with this year's event. Sue Wise would like to also thank those who made a special donation in her honor. It was a big surprise and much appreciated.

We would like to point out that this is our only fund raising event for our alumni association. All the money raised helps keep our alumni going. This year we raised over \$6,700.



Jim Feldkircher '52, Tom Weber, Paul Boczek '55 & Bill Zoller '44



Joe Wegas '48, Bob Krejci '53, Joe Whelan '60 & Chick Catalano '53



George Zimmer '64, Rick Myslenski '62, Ryan Stefanski & Dennis Myslenski '69

#### Home of Hope India

Paul Wilkes '56 is the U.S. Coordinator for Home of Hope India. He would like to share that they have a new website, www.homeofhopeindia.org, which went on-line in May 2010. Home of Hope is now able to tell a fuller story of their ever-expanding work in India.

The new website shows all the locations (and some have a YouTube slide show), provides ease of donations, illustrates current and most crucial needs, and gives volunteers a good picture of what they might be doing in India. Also, you will see more about HopeZone concept, which helps to focus work in three states of India, at 32 Salesian locations—orphanages, schools, junior colleges, technical training schools and hostels.



The website was created by Tim Brill of Brill Branding of Wilmington, NC. Please browse through the website. It shows how your support can help thousands of orphans and children in need.

#### Gathering at The Barrel Room Winery

The Class of 1968 is sponsoring a reunion gathering at The Barrel Room Winery, 28932 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH on Saturday, September 11 starting at 6:00 p.m. They would like to extend an open invitation to all classes. This is just an annual social gathering that is continuing since their 40-year reunion held in 2008. Approximately 30 alums attended last year and they hope to build on that number. Please note that this event will be held the Saturday after Labor Day every year without exception.

Everyone is on their own for food and drinks. There will be 50/50 raffle tickets available for sale. Half of the money goes to the winning ticket and the other half is donated to the Alumni Association.

If you have any questions, please call Donnie Rapposelli '68 at (440) 223-7277 or (440) 442-4996. You can also e-mail him at donnierapp@att.net.

We hope to see you there!





# 2010 Class Reunions

Information for each class reunion is listed below.

If you have any questions, please contact the chairman.

- Dominic LoGalbo (330) 467-1700
  To be held Saturday, September 18 at Lakeside Yacht Club, 4851 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland, OH.
- Ivan Otto (440) 567-1154 & Paul Jankowski (440) 746-0852 Stag gathering to be held Friday, August 20. Dinner with spouses on Saturday, August 21. More details to follow.
- Bro. Tom Giardino, S.M. (937) 293-9744; tfgiardino@yahoo.com
  To be held the weekend of September 3-5. Friday NDCL home football
  game at 7:00 p.m. Saturday golf followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 p.m.
  at NDCL. Sunday Mass & brunch at 11:00 a.m. at NDCL.
- Joe Pierce (440) 740-1139 & Ray Andrews (440) 838-4490
  To be held Saturday, August 28 at Angelo's Nido Italia, 12020 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, OH (Little Italy). Cocktails at 6:30 (cash bar) followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40/person.
- Chris Lynch (216) 381-3375 & John Rogers (440) 257-4866
  To be held Saturday, August 7 from 6:00 midnight at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, 5330 Coronada Drive, Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060.

## Class of 1959 – correct picture

The wrong 50th reunion picture for the Class of 1959 was incorrectly posted in our last *Alumnotes* issue. It was from their 45th reunion in 2004.

The correct picture from their 50th reunion in 2009 is shown at right. We apologize for this error.





### 3D Wall Plaques for Sale

We have a unique plaque available for sale to all alums. These aluminum embossed wall plaques are 15" x 15" with our lion logo and school colors. They are framed in a faux wood frame with a 3D look to them. Perfect to hang on any wall of your home or office. The cost is \$30, which includes shipping & handling. If you are interested in purchasing one, please call Sue at the alumni office.

#### Looking for Alumni to Serve as Trustees

The Membership Committee of the Alumni Association is seeking members to get involved as trustees to control and direct the various activities of the association, including the Communion Breakfast, St. Patrick's Day and the Hall of Fame dinner. Trustees also decide how the association should direct its resources.

Any alumnus with an interest and affection for our alma mater is qualified to be a trustee. Trustees generally meet every other month from September to June.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact the alumni office at (216) 691-9999 or Membership Committee members Rick Cavolo '74 (440) 285-8528 or Terry Roncagli '77 (440) 543-6185 for more information.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

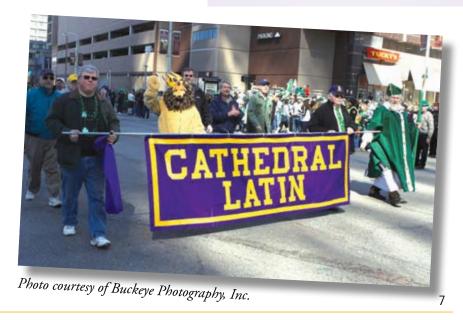
Our thoughts & prayers are extended to families who have lost loved ones.

Robert Thompson '33 Aloysius Sebian '35 Rev. Thomas Hogan '36 Linus Gottas '37 John Gallagher '39 Frederic Hess '39 Thomas Dunnigan '39 Richard Dubbs '39 Rev. Louis Trivison '42 Thomas Mahoney '42 Edwin Lutton '42 Joseph Skrha '44 John Kirchner '47 Joseph Gallo '48 Robert Collins '48 Donald Farley '48 Edward Baugh '50 John Phelan '51 Norbert Malin '52 Anthony Cudnik '54 Robert Reinmann '56 Otis Drayton '58 Frank Hocevar '58 Elias Bird '58 Richard Lutz '58 Donald Sassano '59 Benjamin Bounce '60 Henry Dardy '60 Thomas Mlinac '61 Clark Riedel '63 Michael Kaminski '67 Jeff McDonald '74 Jerome Zielaskiewicz '74

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade

Alumni marched in the 143rd St. Patrick's Day parade on Wednesday, March 17 with the NDCL band leading the way. Joe Pierce '70 dressed as St. Patrick and Nancy Noltkamper (NDCL '91) wore the lion costume. Nancy is the daughter of trustee, Frank Hlad '68.

Afterward, Bob Abraham '74 invited everyone to his restaurant, Pacer's Ribhouse, for corned beef sandwiches and appetizers. Everyone who attended had a great time.





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