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3 inductees to join Latin Hall of Fame Sept. 9

Two former Lion gridiron stars and one of the school's most prolific basketball guards will join the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association's Athletic Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies to be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School campus in Chardon.

This year's Cathedral Latin inductees are John Paglio '60 (deceased), Tom

Lamb '67 and Tim Hyland '73.

They will be joined by Notre Dame Academy inductees Catherine MacDonald Quinlan '45 and Sharon Pike Walker '87, and NDCL inductees Jason Bonhard '95 and Rhonda Rickelman.

A dinner and induction ceremonies will take place at 4 p.m. under a tent near the school following the varsity

football game between NDCL and Walsh Jesuit.

Admission to the event is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students ages 18 and under. Reservations can be made online at www.clatin.org or by mailing a check made payable to CLAA to the Alumni Office at 1496 South Green Road, South Euclid, OH 44121.



John Paglio

An all-state honorable mention at offensive tackle and defensive end, John Paglio was a two-year stalwart in the trenches for the Lions before starring on championship teams at Syracuse University.

The 6-foot-2, 230-pound Paglio was a two-way starter as a senior. After going undefeated and winning Latin's last Charity Game appearance his junior year in 1958, Coach Fred George's team went 4-6 in the East Senate League in 1959. That year, John was named All-East Senate, All-Catholic (Universe Bulletin) and All-Scholastic (Call & Post).



Tom Lamb

Back when the East Senate represented the toughest high school basketball competition in Ohio, guard Tom Lamb was setting scoring records for the Lions.

A two-year varsity performer and cocaptain his senior season, Tom led the team in scoring and was named MVP for the 1966-67 squad, which was coached by Latin Hall of Famer Norm Baracz.

Despite a disappointing 7-12 record against the brutal East Senate competition, he was named All-East Senate, All-Catholic (Universe Bulletin), All-Scholastic (Call & Post).



Tim Hyland

An intense, fierce-hitting linebacker and tight end, Tim was co-captain for the great 1972 football team that ranked as the top squad in the Greater Cleveland area.

A three-year letterman and two-year varsity starter, the 6-foot-1, 215-pounder earned All-Crown Conference, All-Northeastern District and All-Ohio honors for his play his senior season. The Lions, under Coach Jack Zebkar, shared the Crown Conference championship that season resulting from a tie in an epic game against co-champion St. Joseph.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, Sept. 9

Hall of Fame Day Football vs. Walsh Jesuit 1 p.m. at Lion Stadium

Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony 4 p.m. at NDCL

Saturday, Oct. 14

Homecoming Weekend Football vs. Holy Name 1 p.m. at Lion Stadium

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Communion Breakfast April 23

The 55th annual Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 23. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral at East 9th Street and Superior Avenue in downtown Cleveland. Breakfast will follow at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center. The NDCL Jazz Band also will perform this year.

The Man of the Year will be Edmund Turk '43 and our guest speaker is Paul Wilkes '56. The Class of 1956 will be honored guests of the alumni association celebrating its golden anniversary.

Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Reservations can be made on-line or by calling Sue at the alumni office.

Golf Outing June 30

The 14th Annual Golf Outing will be Friday, June 30 at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, OH. The scramble outing will start with the driving range at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$110 per person that includes driving range, golf with cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and door prizes.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



I hope you are all having a great summer and I thank you for taking the time to read this issue of the Alumnotes.

The lead article in this issue is the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. I would like to congratulate the 2006 Cathedral Latin School Athletic Hall of Fame inductees: Tim Hyland '73, Tom Lamb '67 and John Paglio '60 (deceased). I would also like to congratulate the inductees from NDCL, former athletic director and coach Rhonda Rickelman and Jason Bonhard '95. They will join NDA inductees Catherine MacDonald Quinlan '45 (wife of CL alumnus John F. Quinlan '41) and Sharon Pike Walker '87. These alumni/ae have been selected for induction based on their athletic achievements while attending their respective schools.

The dinner and ceremony will follow the NDCL - Walsh Jesuit football game at NDCL on Saturday, Sept. 9. I invite you to come join in this fun-filled event.

Thanks and farewell, Mr. Cathedral Latin

I also wanted to honor and remember one of our alumni, George Werling '47 who passed away on July 21. George was a founding member and first president of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association. He and his wife, Mary, and their family lived in Euclid for many years before moving to Rocky River. George had a successful career in the insur-

ance industry.

George was a very dedicated trustee of our association and served on its Executive Committee. He recently served as chairman of the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee and is

a past chairman of the Hall of Fame Dinner Committee. He has also served on numerous other committees through the years.

George was a starter on the 1945 and 1946 Latin state championship teams, under Coaches Herb Eisele and Bill Belanich. He was one of the stars in the 1946 Charity Game victory over Holy Name that was attended by nearly 71,000 fans in the old Cleveland Stadium. He played football at Ohio University and later (again under Eisele) at John Carroll University. George was

inducted into the Latin Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.

George's leadership, commitment and passion for Cathedral Latin School, its alumni association, and his advocacy of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School (NDCL) will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. We will miss his vision, humor and friendship.

George led by example and was always willing to assist others. I am grateful for the time that I spent with him during our association as trustees. I consider George "Mr. Cathedral Latin" for his commitment and pride to his alma mater and the way he enjoyed people and

life. Thanks, George, and God bless!

In closing, I would like to thank all of our alumni for continuing to be caring Christian men of the world and showing your Latin Pride in deed and truth!

-Chris Lynch '75

History book written, sponsors still sought

Dominic A. LoGalbo, '50, chairman of the History Book Committee, reports that the manuscript has been completed by Gene Gibbons '44, and the proofreading of all the years from 1916-79 has been completed by the hard work of Tom Meaney '47, Bob Grisanti '36, Pat Hyland '76, and LoGalbo.

Tim Hudak, publisher of the Latin football book, is now in the process of adding photos and captions to the manuscript. As soon as this is completed, it will be sent to the printer for gallies to provide a better idea how the book will look, number of pages, photos, and any changes that may be required before publication. The book is expected to be about 350 pages with

about 300 photos.

LoGalbo is still seeking sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the book. Sponsors of \$1000 (Gold) and \$500 (Purple), \$100 or more which is tax deductible or any other amount you wish to contribute to help with this undertaking. Contributions may be sent to the alumni office. For more information, contact LoGalbo at 330-467-1700, or logalbo@netzero.net.

It is the goal of the committee to have everything finalized and the book printed in time for alumni to order in time for the holidays. When these issues are resolved all alumni will be notified about the price and how to order your copy.

It has been a huge undertaking by

the committee to research the material that went into this historical project. Between yearbooks, Latineers, Alumnotes, newspapers, and items submitted by various alumni and others sources, Gibbons has covered a tremendous amount of territory to highlight all the activities that were part of Cathedral Latin's history.

Yearbooks Needed

The Alumni Office is in need of the following yearbooks: 1952, 1957, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1976. If anyone has an extra copy or would like to donate a copy, please call Sue at 216-691-9999.

CLS Southern California Chapter gathers again The Southern California



Leo Hyland '77, director of institutional advancement at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School, shows a recent school publication to Ann and Jim Mulligan '70 during a July meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association near Los Angeles.



Terry McGrath '67 and Clinton Jones '63 were among the attendees at the July 16 meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association.

The Southern California Chapter of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association gathered near Los Angeles on July 16.

The group met for a delicious dinner at lovely Mountaingate Country Club, and was hosted by Mike Iacampo '73 and his wife, Paula.

Joining the Iacampo's in the fun were Clinton '63 and Rosielee Jones, Terry '67 and Marilyn McGrath, Lloyd '55 and Monica Battista '55, Jim '70 and Ann Mulligan, Dominic '55 and Sandra Niccoli, Pete Pucher '55 and Leo Hyland '77. After dinner, Pucher, Iacampo and Hyland addressed the gathering.

The group has agreed to try to continue to meet on a regular basis.

Unfortunately, longtime leader Roy Fenstermaker '30 was unable to make it as he was just returning from a trip. He did have dinner several days later with Pucher and Hyland, who also found time to visit with former Latin football coach Sam Ruvolo near Las Vegas and Hallie and Jim Foy '49 in Victorville, Calif.



Batter Up!

Four CLS grads still playing on the same
Los Angeles-area softball team are Al
Sheahen '49, Bob Sheahen '62, Tony
Campisi '67 and James Foy '49. The team
has won the league championship three
years in a row under the astute management of Bob Sheahen.

2006 CL Golf Outing

Sold-out event a "hole" lot of fun!

It was another sell-out event for the 14th Annual Latin Golf Outing with more than 145 golfers enjoying the beautiful weather and comradarie at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon.

For the third year in a row, Bill Miller, Anthony DiScenzo, Stan Meeks and Jammer won this year's scramble with a score of 61. Three skins were won, but the highlight of this year's event had former Latin basketball star Colin Irish '79 sinking a hole-in-one on the 9th hole. In all of the years of the outing, this was a first that an alum had an ace.

The Winking Lizard Restaurant served another great lunch and dinner, followed by a 50/50 raffle with great door prizes.

Each golfer received a purple and white golf umbrella with the charging Latin Lion on it.

The association would like to thank all hole sponsors and volunteers who helped make this year's event one of the best ever. Make sure you don't miss next year's event. It's sure to be another sellout!



Greg Stricker '77 with 1979 classmates Chip Tighe, Colin Irish and Greg Blatt.



Golfers from the class of 1975 are Mike Fitzgerald, John Allega, Dave Roach, Rick Godic, Bill Ibold, Dick Kelley, Chris Lynch and Vince Malatesta.



1974 classmates Jim Carrabine, Joe Filippo, Carter Welo and John Tepfenhart.

Front row: Tom Lamb '67, Mike Kiely Jr., Terry Lamb '66. Back row: Pete Lamb '80, Pat Lamb '71, Mike Lamb '68, Bill Lamb '69 and Doug Lamb.



J.B. Bambrick '69, Tom Bambrick '74, Jack Bambrick and Jim Bambrick '71.

In Memoriam

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Mark Lawley	'80

2006 Communion Breakfast



Concelebrating the Mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in downtown Cleveland were Latin graduates Rev. John Putka, S.M. '56, Rev. Mr. John Sferry '63, Rev. Ralph Thomas '56 and Rev. Mr. Carl Toomey '70.



Rev. Ralph Thomas '56 offers the host during consecration.



Retired Judge Edmund Turk '43, winner of the 2006 Alumni Association's Man of the Year Award, describes the role that Latin played in forming his career.

Communion Breakfast honors Edmund Turk '43 as Man of Year

About 150 guests turned out for the April 23 Communion Breakfast honoring former Judge Edmund Turk '43 as the winner of the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association's Merit Award – the highest honor given by the association.

The 55th annual event kicked off with morning Mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in downtown Cleveland. Concelebrants were Latin graduates Rev. John Putka, S.M. '56, Rev. Mr. John Sferry '63, Rev. Ralph Thomas '56 and Rev. Mr. Carl Toomey '70. The class of 1956 also participated at the Mass as gift bearers and readers.

Brunch at the Cleveland Marriott at Key Center followed with music provided by the NDCL Jazz Band.

Veteran journalist and noted author Paul Wilkes, whose 1956 Latin classmates were in attendance as guests of the Alumni Association celebrating their golden anniversary, was the featured speaker.

Next year's Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 22. We hope you can attend this wonderful event.



Former Alumni Association President Felix Fedor '56 provides a scripture reading during the Communion Breakfast Mass.



Rev. Ralph Thomas '56 greets former Latin classmates celebrating the 50th anniversary of their graduation.



NDCL President Sister Margaret Gorman meets Paul Wilkes '56, noted author and featured speaker at this year's Communion Breakfast.



Past winners of the Latin Man of the Year Award at this year's Communion Breakfast were Rev. John Putka S.M. '56, Dominic LoGalbo '50, Gerald Fuerst '52, Judge Salvatore Calandra '39, Ernie D'Amato '48, Andy Putka '44 and Ed Turk '43.



Andy Putka '44 and Rev. John Putka S.M. '56 share a moment at the conclusion of the Communion Breakfast program.



Paul Wilkes '56, author of 18 non-fiction books, a novel and the host, writer, director and producer of seven PBS documentaries, challenges the audience to carry out the lessons taught at Latin.

2006 Reunions

Below are the chairmen and information for the 2006 reunions. Please direct any questions regarding your reunion to the event chairmen listed.

1956 - Frank Roddy (440) 449-5074 & Jim McNulty (440) 449-4676 Golf outing Friday, Aug. 25 at Briarwood Golf Course followed by a stag dinner. Golf outing Saturday, Aug. 26 at Briarwood followed by dinner at Holiday Inn. **1961 -** Joe Spagnuolo (440) 892-0206

Golf outing Saturday, Sept. 23 at Sweetbriar. Mass at Holy Rosary at 5 p.m followed by dinner at Nido Italia.

1966 - Frank Malatesta (216) 544-3113 & Frank Piunno (440) 484-3010 Bocci tournament Friday, Aug. 25 at Alta House. Golf outing Saturday, Aug. 26 at Acacia Country Club followed by dinner.

1971 - Jim Baron (440) 942-1424 Golf outing Saturday, Sept. 2 at Manakiki followed by a social gathering at the Firehouse Grill & Bar. Dinner dance at Sammy's in the Flats on Sunday, Sept. 3.

1976 - Tim Bauman (216) 382-2687 & Bernie Tamburro (440) 449-1484

Golf outing Saturday, Sept. 2 at Fowlers Mill followed by brunch at Phil Fogarty's house, 1 p.m. varsity football game at NDCL and dinner at Joe Allega's home.

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George H. Werling '47 12/25/28 - 7/21/06

"Our love for thee shall never cool, Cathedral Latin School"

All alumni of Cathedral Latin have sung the above-quotes lines of Latin's fight song innumerable times. And like many other alumni, George Werling lived these words until his death on July 21, 2006.

Inducted into Latin's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, George was an allaround athlete lettering in football, basketball and track. In 1945 and 1946 Latin won both the city and state football championships, recording nine wins and one tie in each season. George was a member of both teams.

In the 13-7 Charity Game win against St. Ignatius in 1945, he threw the winning touchdown pass to end Lenny Lapka. In the 1946 Charity Game against Holy Name, he scored a touchdown in the first quarter en route to Latin's 35-6 win.

Although honored by the accomplishments of the teams on which he played, George was equally proud that he was awarded the Bishop's Bronze Plaque for his perfect attendance during his four years at Latin.

In 1949 George and several other alumni resurrected the Latin Alumni Association that was dormant for several years. He served as its president in 1949 and again in 1956.

For the past several years, George served on various committees of the aassociation, including the Executive Committee, Hall of Fame, Publications and Membership committees. On each, he exhibited his strong leadership and spent countless hours in meetings,



telephone conferences, and personal contacts with other alumni to "get the job done."

In furtherance of the association's support of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School (NDCL) and as chairman of Latin's Hall of Fame Committee, George was a prime mover in having Latin's Hall of Fame induction ceremony and awards dinner combined with NDCL's and Notre Dame Academy's Hall of Fame inductions on the campus of NDCL. The first of these combined ceremonies was held in 2003, and proved so successful that they were repeated in 2004 and 2005. The fourth annual joint ceremony will be held Sept. 9, all of which underscores George's vision of carrying on Latin's tradition in partnership with NDCL.

For the members of the association who knew and worked with George, who relied upon his wisdom and common sense, our sense of loss cannot be fully expressed. To his wife, Mary, their eight children and 22 grandchildren, the association extends its sympathy and condolence as well as its gratitude for the countless contributions George has made to Cathedral Latin and its Alumni Association.

Alumnotables

'47 Rev. Kenneth Tietjen, Ocso, celebrated the golden anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in February. He lives in the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa. "Cathedral Latin School fostered my monastic and priestly vocations," he said in a recent note to the alumni association.

'69 Dominic DiMarco has been appointed executive director of strategy and chief financial officer for Ford Motor Co.'s operations in Canada, Mexic and South America. Dominic lives in Bloomfield, Mich.

'69 Nick Restifo, a longtime teacher and football coach at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, has received the Ron Stoops Assistant Football coach of the Year award from the Northeast Chapter of the National Football Foundation. The award is named after Ron Stoops, who was an assistant football coach at Youngstown Cardinal Mooney High School.

'68 James Matuszak is being sought by the alumni association. A man in Beavercreek, Ohio contacted administrator Sue Wise to say he found a class ring, which Sue tracked to Matuszak. Unfortunately, the association does not have his address in its database. Anyone with information should contact her at 216-691-9999.

John Paglio

John also threw the shot put for the Latin track team his junior and senior years, and played varsity basketball his senior season.

His performance on the football field earned him a scholarship to Syracuse University, where he received three varsity letters as a starting defensive lineman. He was member of the 1961 Liberty Bowl team, and in 1963 was mentioned on several pre-season All-American teams.

In 1964, John was drafted by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League. He was the last player cut by the team when future Hall of Fame defensive end Gino Marchetti came out of retirement to play one more year. He played one year in Canada and three years in the now-defunct Continental League before starting a career in business.

John worked as a sales representative in the audio visual field and owned his own company, Mid-Atlantic Reps. He also enjoyed working with young adults at Lake Catholic High School and in CYO programs. In 1991, he died of heart problems at age 49.

John and his wife, Diane, had three children, all of whom live in the Lake County area.

He joins classmates Robert DeSapri, Larry Kaminski and Richard Myslenski in the Hall of Fame.

Tom Lamb

He was an honor student and member of Student Council for three years.

Tom attended the University of

Detroit for two years and was a member

of the freshman basketball team. He transferred to John Carroll University, where he graduated in 1971.

After a brief career in banking, he began a career in horse racing. He worked at Northfield Park, Beulah Park and Scioto Downs racetracks before going to work for the Ohio State Racing Commission, where he serves as fiscal officer.

He joins classmates Dennis Badar and Robin Kaser as members of the Hall of Fame.

Tim Hyland

An honors student, Tim also played two years of basketball and ran the 440 and 880 for the Lion track team his junior and senior years. It was his gridiron exploits, however, that earned him a football scholarship to Georgia Tech.

Tim was named captain of his freshman team. Playing linebacker for some great Tech teams against top national competition, he lettered two years with the Yellow Jackets although two serious knee surgeries limited his playing time following his sophomore year.

Following graduation, he took a sales job and rejoined coach Joe Perella on the Latin football team staff until the school closed in 1979. He later helped coach at St. Edward High School.

Tim is vice chairman of Boyd Watterson Asset Management LLC, the third largest asset firm in Ohio. He married his high school sweetheart, Cathy Gartland and has four children. The couple lives in Rocky River.

He joins classmates Gary Jeter, Jim Weiler, Jeff Cikra, Bill Hallal and Jim "Dubber" Ward in the Hall of Fame.

Catherine MacDonald Quinlan `45

Catherine excelled in sports at a time when girls' athletics was hardly in existence. She played volleyball and basketball for NDA, as well as CYO basketball and softball.

After graduating from NDA, Catherine studied physical education at Notre Dame College and started the sports programs at the new Hoban Dominican High School where she taught. Catherine was also instrumental in the athletic programs and parish life at St. Louis Parish in Cleveland Heights.



Joe Waler

Homecoming Oct. 14

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School will celebrate homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 14. A pre-game reception at Lion Stadium at 11 a.m. will precede the 1 p.m. varsity football game against Holy Name. The second annual Alumni Clambake will follow the game at 4 p.m. Cost is \$30 for full clambake, \$25 for chicken bake and \$5 for a kid's meal. Reservation are required; payment deadline is Oct. 6. For details or to place an order, call Keven Krajnak at 440-286-6226.

NDCL, NDA Hall of Fame Inductees



Sharon Pike Walker `87

Sharon was a three-sport athlete, excelling in volleyball, basketball and softball. She was basketball team MVP in her junior and senior seasons, and averaged 18 points per game as a senior. She was a GCCGAC All-Star in volleyball, basketball, and softball during her junior and senior years. In 1987, she was league MVP in softball. She was named NDA Athlete of the Year for 1987.

She earned her doctorate in physical therapy and works in an orthopedic clinic in Athens, Ohio.

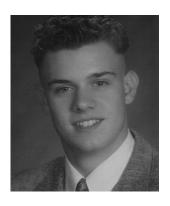


Rhonda Rickelman

Rhonda was a coach, athletic director, and teacher at NDA/NDCL for 28 years. As athletic director for NDA, she added cross country, track, and tennis programs to the volleyball, basketball and softball programs.

When NDCL was formed, she started the boys' athletic programs and directed the development of the basketball gym, baseball diamonds, practice fields, and football stadium. She also served as girls' softball coach.

Besides being an outstanding coach and teacher who always has a heart for her students, she was a great administrator who bleeds blue and gold.



Jason Bonhard '95

Jason lettered four years in basketball, taking team MVP honors his freshman and senior seasons. By the time he graduated in 1995, he was the career leader in points and rebounds.

His senior season, Jason was named to the Plain Dealer's first team for Lake/Geauga and earned All-State honorable mention.

In addition to basketball, Jason excelled in baseball for three years for the Lions. He was chosen first-team News Herald Coaches All-Star after his sophomore season, during which he batted .419.

NDCL names Joe Waler new principal

Joseph A. Waler, former principal of Trinity High School in Garfield Heights, is the new principal at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School.

Waler was appointed by NDCL President Sister Margaret Gorman after a national search and assumed his new role on July 1.

The move occurs as part of NDCL's implementation of the president/principal model for high school leadership.

This will be the first time that two people have filled those roles at NDCL. For the past two years, both roles were the responsibility of Sister Margaret Gorman, who will remain as the school's president.

"We are very excited about having Joe Waler join our school, just as we move into this key transitional period at NDCL," stated Sister Margaret.

"He brings to us just the right blend of experience and leadership – and a reputation for excellence – all of which fits for our school culture. Plus, he's been through the establishment of the president/principal model at Trinity.

That is an invaluable benefit to our students, faculty and parents."

Waler has been at Trinity since 1980, serving as religion teacher, director of development and admissions, assistant principal and ultimately becoming principal of the school in 2004.

"I am enthusiastic and honored to join NDCL's journey to excellence," he said.

Waler holds a master of education degree in educational administration from Cleveland State University and a master of arts in religious studies from John Carroll University. His undergraduate degree is also from JCU, summa cum laude.