

Communion Breakfast – September 22 Johnny Britt '75 & Leo Hyland '77 Men of the Year

The 72nd annual Communion Breakfast is Sunday, September 22. We are happy to honor merit award recipients Johnny Britt '75 and Leo Hyland '77. This award is bestowed to someone who distinguishes himself in his chosen field of endeavor in a manner that brings renown to Cathedral Latin School.

The Class of 1974 will also be honored on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. They are invited as our guests (no charge) to celebrate their golden jubilee and participate at the Mass.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. @ St. Noel Church, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH. The breakfast and presentation of the award will follow at their banquet center next door.

The cost is \$28 for adults and \$23 for students (18 years & younger). Reservations can be made by credit card at www.clatin.com or checks made payable and mailed to Cathedral Latin Alumni, 5247 Wilson Mills Road PMB #175, Richmond Hts., OH 44143.

Questions, feel free to contact Sue Wise at (216) 691-9999.

Johnny Britt '75

A Multifaceted Talent Making Waves Across Industries

Johnny Britt is not your average musician. In fact, he's far from it. With a diverse skill set that encompasses singing, trumpet playing, songwriting, producing, authoring, and hosting radio shows and podcasts,

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Leo Hyland '77

If you've been to any Cathedral Latin Alumni event, you've probably seen or met Leo Hyland. He's been actively engaged with the CLAA since joining the Board of Trustees in 1996. Even before enrolling at Latin, Leo regularly attended the annual



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Traditions and Transitions



The Cathedral Latin Alumni Association began the new calendar year on June 10, at the Annual Meeting. After a review of the past year, elections were held to install a new slate of officers to lead our organization for the coming year and beyond: Ben Carlozzo '71, President; Joe Nista '64, Vice-President; Frank Hlad '68, Treasurer and Joe Spagnuolo '61, Secretary. Many of these alums served on our board for over 20 years as officers, Executive Committee members and board members.

DUES – THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

We want to thank everyone who has paid their 2024 dues. Your support helps keep our alumni association going strong. You have until December 31 to make a donation. The Board of Trustees recommends a \$60 gift, but any amount is appreciated – and it is tax deductible.

You can pay by credit card at www.clatin.com or mail a check made payable to **Cathedral Latin Alumni**, 5247 Wilson Mills Road #175, Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

If you are unsure whether you have paid, please contact Sue Wise at 216-691-9999.

As the saying goes, be careful what you wish for, as I find myself as the new president of the organization. For those of you who don't know me, I've been a member of the board for many years and served as chair and committee member on most of our standing committees. I've served as an officer in all capacities, except treasurer. I have been known on occasion to sing our fight song and alma mater.

I would like to particularly thank Joe Nista, who has done an exemplary job as president these last number of years. Although he has stepped down as president, he remains on the board as vice-president. Many thanks to Frank Cardinale, who stepped down as treasurer after more than 25 years of service. Congratulations and good luck to him in all his future endeavors.

As I mentioned, this is also about traditions. As an organization, dedicated to keeping our traditions and legacy alive, we will continue to keep our events going strong – Communion Breakfast, Man of the Year, Golf Outing and Hall of Fame. Our annual Golf Outing was held in late June at Grantwood Golf Course and once again sold out. I hope you can attend one of these upcoming events.

If I can be of any service to you, please feel free to drop me a note or give me a call at the number listed on the back of these *Alumnotes*. I would also like to invite all alums who have an interest to consider joining our board as a trustee. We are always looking for new blood and we can use your help in keeping our association vibrant and alive.

Have a great rest of the summer, and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Opere et Veritate!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben J. Carlozzo".

Ben J. Carlozzo '71
President

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Ken Hrabak '63, Joe Marinucci '72, Jim Triskett '74 & 1978-79 Basketball Teams to be honored

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School is proud to host the 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction event on Saturday, October 12 on the campus of NDCL in the McGarry Gymnasium. Dress is casual.

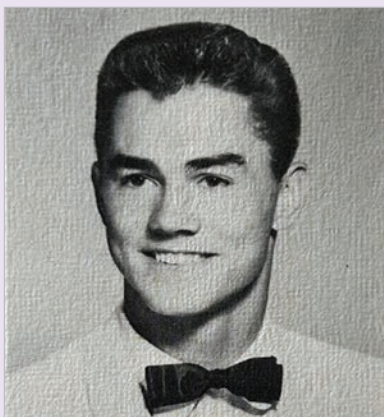
This year's inductees are Ken Hrabak '63, Joe Marinucci '72, Jim Triskett '74 and the 1978 & 1979 Basketball Teams. Also being inducted are Michelle (Bozza '84) Trotter, Andy Boomhower '96, Melissa (Martin '99) Gillen, Ed Marko '97, Andrew Misich '07 and the 2014 & 2015 Volleyball Teams (state champs).

The event begins at 2:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by a BBQ dinner catered by the Winking Lizard Tavern at 3:00 p.m. The induction ceremony will start at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$32 for adults and \$15 for students (age 6-18). You can make your reservation online at <https://ndcls.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2024AthleticHollofFame/tabid/1491879/Default.aspx> or mail a check made payable to NDCL at NDCL Advancement Office, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024. Since tables are assigned, please note who is in your party when you make your reservation.

If you have any questions, please contact Keven Krajnak at (440) 279-1068.

Ken Hrabak '63



Ken Hrabak was a two-sport athlete playing football and baseball while at Latin. In football, he was a running back albeit behind Clinton Jones '63, so he didn't get much offensive time and also played safety his junior and senior years. He was a punter and once kicked a 75-yard quick kick that was a favorite of Coach Sam Ruvolo's tricks. He was an excellent two-year varsity football player, playing halfback, offensive and defensive. Ken was one of only three juniors who started in the 1961 Charity Game at the old Cleveland Municipal Stadium.

Even though Ken enjoyed football, he excelled in baseball. Since Latin didn't have a baseball program until his senior year, he had to play highly competitive summer baseball. He was an outstanding pitcher and outfielder and was a leading hitter with a .500+ average. He pitched the only no hitter in the Senate his senior year against West High, striking out seven and walking two. He scored the only run of the game with a victory of 1-0. That accomplishment earned a spot for Ken as the starting pitcher for the East in the Greater Cleveland High School All-Star Game at the Class A diamond at Edgewater Park. He made the Cleveland All-Star Baseball Team for the *Plain Dealer*.

Ken's teammate Len Ringenbach '64 wrote, "Ken's leadership skills were perhaps even more valuable to our team than his playing skills. His low-key but confident approach to all aspects of the game and his can-do attitude regardless of the score were critical factors in our season-long improvement from a shaky start to a strong finish. Ken's on-the-field example seemed to make everyone else on the team play better and better as the season progressed."



He and his teammates were instrumental in returning baseball to Latin after a 23-year hiatus. Over 200 players tried out for the team, which was coached by Sam Ruvolo. Although they got off to a slow start, they proved to be one of the strongest baseball

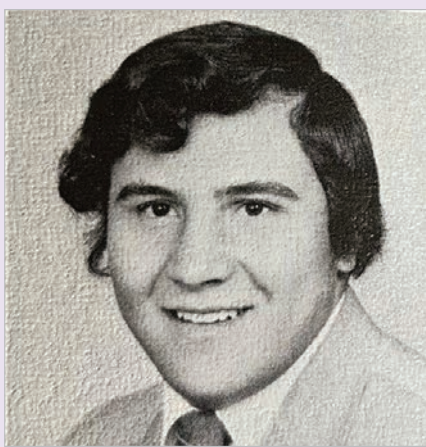
teams at the end of the season, placing third place in a tough Senate League.

After Latin, Ken graduated from Kent State University with a M. Ed. in education and a specialty in Physical Education. He taught

in the Cleveland Municipal School District for 37 years.

Ken has been married to his childhood sweetheart, Fran, for 55 years. They currently reside in Chardon, OH.

Joe Marinucci '72



Joe grew up in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood. His teammate Bill Hallal '73 wrote, "Joe, like many young men from the "neighborhood," was street wise and gritty but, from my view, seemed to have a sense of enlightenment. Enlightenment and grit are qualities that seemed to define Joe throughout his life."

While at Latin, Joe opted not to play freshman football. He joined the JV squad in 1969 at the urging of classmate Al "Yaff" Penzone and Latin Coach Tony Ferrone, and Joe settled into the linebacker position for the team. Although the JV squad struggled on the field, the experience reignited his passion for football.

In his junior year, Joe became a key member of the defense, leading the team in tackles. Although he was undersized, he gave 110% on every play, combining quickness and strength that created bone-jarring tackles.

His play in a come-from-behind 24-22 victory over St. Edwards was one of the team's most iconic moments of the season. Joe intercepted a tipped pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown, earning him player of the week honors from both the *Plain Dealer* and the *Cleveland Press*.

Joe was elected co-captain his senior year by his teammates and was instrumental in leading the Lions to a 5-4-1 record, their first winning season since 1967. He was selected 1st Team linebacker to the All-Crown Conference Team in 1971 and also was honored with the "Mr. Tackle of the Year" distinction at the Lion's team banquet for again leading the team in tackles.

Joe fondly recounts being a member of the "dirty dozen," a group of 12 seniors on the team who never washed their practice uniforms for the entire season. And of course, he revels in being called "twinkle toes" for his work at fullback in the team's last game against Padua.

While at Latin, Joe was able to develop and sharpen his leadership abilities, which were instrumental in his success later in life. He was elected Junior Class president and was a member of the Senior Action Committee, a newly created leadership team for the senior class. He enjoyed many interests outside of football and was fully engaged in issues within the school, modular schedules and the elimination of the dress code, as well as the changing world they experienced in the late '60s and early '70s.



After graduation, Joe attended Ohio Wesleyan University, the defending Division III National Champions, but his career was short-lived due to a serious knee injury during his freshman year. He returned to Cleveland and graduated from Cleveland State University and began his professional career.

Joe was instrumental in revitalizing downtown Cleveland through his work with the City of Cleveland, Playhouse Square and ultimately as President and CEO of Downtown Cleveland Alliance.

He was involved in major projects like the Gateway complex and the Rock Hall as well as iconic projects like the rejuvenation of Playhouse Square, the Euclid Avenue Corridor improvements, and the conversion and adaptive reuse of empty warehouses and office buildings into market rate housing. He was at the apex of the revitalization of Cleveland's downtown over the last 30 years.

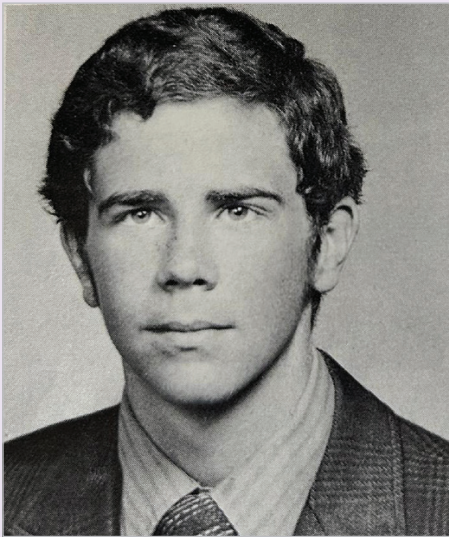
Joe was honored by the Cathedral Latin Alumni Association in 2018 as co-Man of the Year for his many professional and civic

contributions to downtown Cleveland and to our community.

Joe, along with his brother John, a 1975 Latin graduate, continue to relish the lifelong friendships they have that grew out of their Latin experiences. He looks forward to planning the 55th class reunion with co-chair and friend John Bastulli in the coming years

Joe and his wife, Dani, live in Westlake where they raised their four children and enjoy their seven grandchildren.

Jim Triskett '74



During Jim's freshman year at Latin he qualified for the Cleveland City track meet. He was one of approximately 10 runners to qualify by having one of the top mile times of 5:15 for a freshman.

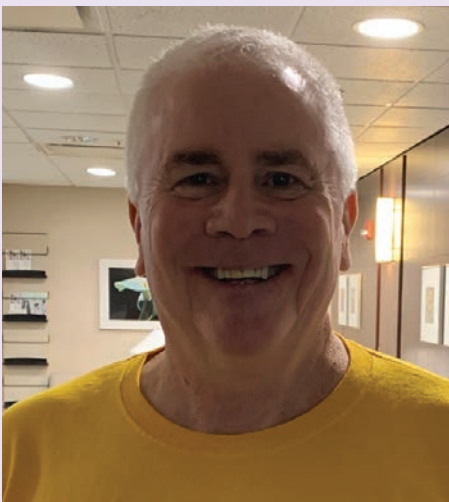
Jim was MVP his junior year for the varsity track team along with Gary Jeter '73 who was MVP of the field events. Jim was most proud his senior year running cross country representing CLS on his own because Latin didn't have a team or coach. He trained with Dick Mann and the Cleveland Heights '73 cross country team and joined them with the Cleveland Heights CC meet schedule representing Latin.

Other cross country accomplishments included placing 2nd at the Forest Hills meet between Lakewood and Heights. Jim defeated both Mickey Jordan and Bob Slater – state runners up in the mile and two mile respectively. He won Euclid Relays open field and won St. Joe relays at Forest Hills open field again – both against approximately 125 runners. He finished 5th in the Crown Conference cross country championship at Garfield Park with a 2-mile time of 9:54. He finished with the same time 9:54 for the 2-mile with a 4th place finish against Kevin Ryan from St. Joe's, 1975 OHSAA state mile champion. He lost to state champ Marc Kadlec from Chanel, Tom Tepley from St. Joe's and Dan Delaney from Padua, both OHSAA state qualifiers.

Career track accomplishments:

- 2:11 half mile
- 4:44 mile
- 9:59 2-mile
- 9:54 cross country 2-mile

Jim won all 2-mile events that he ran except came in second against Marc Kadlec of Chanel (state champion) and Dan Delaney of Padua. He scored in all meets his junior and senior years, won the mile, 2-mile and placed second in the half mile to friend and teammate Pat Zippert against Painesville Harvey. He also placed 3rd in the 2-mile at the Worthington relays in Columbus, Ohio.



After graduation from Latin in 1974, Jim attended Kent State University, Lakeland Community College and Limestone University in Gaffney, South Carolina. While at Kent in 1975, he was part of the top 7 meet designated runners to score. He ran 15:13 in the 3-mile as a freshman.

His father, Don '50, wrote, "Few others in any sport were as dedicated as Jim was to track and cross country during the Latin years. He worked out daily, seven days a week, at the Lutheran East

High track for hours on end. At times I thought he was punishing himself but his work ethic paid off. Mr. Ralph Bunning was his track coach at the time and made sure Jim worked over and above tough workouts."

In 2011 he retired from Nestle after a 35-year career. He started as a part-time hourly associate in 1976. Jim had worked his way up and held many positions. He was promoted to management production supervisor, production group leader,

operations manager, night manager, assistant plant manager and Plant Manager for the Solon, Ohio factory. He went back to work as Director of Operations at Kahiki Frozen Asian Foods in Columbus, Ohio from 2014-15.

Jim has family members who also attended Latin. His father, Don, Class of 1950; Joe, Class of 1979 and John, Class of 1982.

He is the father of three – Donny, Chrissy Bailey, & Jean and has seven grandchildren.

1978 Cathedral Latin Basketball Team

The 1978 Lions were in the hunt for its second straight AA State Championship. The team was led by head coach Don Gacey '58 and fueled by returning players Colin Irish '79, Karl Morris '79, Geoff Warren '79 and Tony Strickland '78. The season would be one of the most thrilling in Latin's sports history.

The team started off to a fast start with 6 wins and 2 defeats. This included big wins over conference rivals St. Joseph's and St. Edward's and a heartbreaking loss (84-85) to longtime rival St. Ignatius in front of a sold-out crowd at John Carroll's gymnasium.

The Lions Cagers won 8 of the next 9 games to capture its second consecutive Crown Championship and third in school history. The second victory over St. Joseph was especially significant. Colin Irish led the team with 22 points, 14 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 blocked shots. His performance earned a selection onto the *Plain Dealer* Dream Team. The game was televised by WVIZ in color, the station's first color televised game.



Front: M. Lembach, J. Liانو, C. Tighe, J. Perella, A. Strickland.
Rear: C. Irish, R. Michalko, K. Morris, G. Warren, M. DiPadova, E. Washington.

The Lions stormed through the sectional tournament at Chagrin Falls. They rolled over Benedictine, Chagrin Falls and Chanel. At the Chanel game, Tony Strickland (team captain) scored a career high of 28 points.

The next step on the road to the state Final Four was the district tournament in Canton. The Lions beat Youngstown Rayen 68-57 and won the district tournament by defeating Brookfield convincingly 81-69.

The team advanced to the state finals in Columbus, Ohio riding high on a 13-game winning streak. The first game pitted the Lions against Cincinnati Reading in the semifinals. The Lions would emerge victorious winning 66-56 and advance to the final round. The team now had its sight on a second straight AA State Championship against Portsmouth. During the first half, the game went back and forth with the score tied 12 times. Portsmouth led 63-60 with 32

seconds left and hung on to nip the Lions 62-63.

First Team All-Crown Awards went to Karl Morris, Geoff Warren and Colin Irish. Tony Strickland was named 2nd team and head coach Don Gacey was "Coach of the Year." They ended the season with an impressive 21-4 record.

1979 Basketball Team

Back row, left to right: J. Iliano, M. Lembach, E. Washington, C. Irish, K. Morris, M. Carswell, M. DiPadova, E. Jiles, M. Torbert.

Front row, left to right: Assistant Coach Pat Ambrose, C. Tighe, K. Chambers, G. Warren, P. Lungo, V. Gill, Head Coach Don Gacey.



1979 Basketball Team

The glorious history of all Cathedral Latin sports would come to an end with the closing of Cathedral Latin School. However, not before the basketball team would take another exciting run with a third straight trip to the State Finals.

The Lions would live up to their #12 National Ranking by scoring 100 points against Erie Tech in the season opener (100-39) and this was before the 3-point shot. The second game of the season the Lions ended a 20-year victory drought by beating St. Ignatius in overtime 60-59. They defeated the Padua Bruins before they faced St. Joseph. The two topped tanked area teams played in front of a crowd of 3000 at Cleveland State's Woodling Gym. The Lions without star player Colin Irish lost in overtime 86-83. They would beat East Liverpool, Lake Catholic, and Benedictine, before losing to Youngstown Rayen. Victories over John Adams, St. Edward, and Padua occurred before another loss to St. Joseph. The Lions played without two starters, Geoff Warren and Joe Iliano '79. They finished the regular season with eight straight wins. The final game ever played at Latin Gym was

a 99-54 victory over longtime rival Benedictine. Mike Carswell '80 would score that last basket ever for the Purple and Gold in Latin Gym.

The Lions would storm through the Sectionals and Districts with a highlight score of a season high 102 points against Woodridge.

It was off to the Canton Civic Center for the Lions to begin regional play. A pesky Brookfield team was ready for the Lions. Latin found themselves in early foul trouble with 3 starters early on with 3 or more fouls. The Lions would rally in the 3rd quarter and go on to win 69-60. The regional championship pitted the Lions against the same Youngstown Rayen (23-0) who beat Latin convincingly earlier in the year. Latin would outscore Rayen 21-6 to take a 5-point lead into the locker room. The second half the Lions took control of the games and finished with a 63-57 victory. The Lions were state bound for the third straight year.

The 1979 Ohio State Basketball Tournament opened at St. Johns arena in Columbus, Ohio with the

Latin versus Uhrichsville Claymont. By now hopes to save Cathedral Latins School from closing in June had just about all been dashed. The pressure was on the Lions to win one more state title before the school would close its doors. With 2:53 to play, the Lions held a 58-53 lead. A 3-point play by Ed Washington '80 and a basket by Colin Irish helped the Lions seal the victory with a score of 67-58. The Lions had made it to the final for the 3rd consecutive year.

Latin would face a tall and talented team from Dayton Jefferson. The Lions would control the tempo the first half but could not pull away. Dayton would tie the game at 60-60, but Junior Mike Carswell made a 3-point play to break the deadlock. Latin fans began to anticipate another state championship. With 31 seconds left, Latin was called for back-to-back questionable traveling calls allowing Dayton Jefferson to take the lead for good, 65-63. The Lions would close out the final basketball season with a proud 22-4 record.

2024 UPCOMING REUNIONS/LUNCHEONS

If you have any questions about your reunion, please contact a member of the committee.

1974 – 50 years

Chairmen: Joe Filippo – (216) 570-6391;
joefilippo@gmail.com

Rick Cavolo – (440) 554-6256; rcavolo@hotmail.com

Friday, August 30 – Golf Outing at 1:00 pm @ Pine Ridge Country Club, 30601 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, OH followed by a social gathering at 7:00 pm at Tavern Six (on patio), 7592 Euclid Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH.

Saturday, August 31 from 6:00 – 11:00 pm @ Pine Ridge Country Club, 30601 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, OH. More details to follow. Cost is \$75/person. Guests invited.

1979 – 45 years

Chairman: Chip Tighe – (440) 289-2284;
chipszoo@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, September 21 – Dinner at Nido Italia in Little Italy.

Colorado Luncheon:

Thursday, November 7 at 11:30 am @ The Country Club at Castle Pines, 6400 Country Club Drive, Castle Rock, Colorado.

All alums in the surrounding area are invited to attend. Sue Wise will also be coming in from Cleveland, Ohio to visit with the guys.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Litra (248) 210-7587

2024 CLASS GATHERING

1953

The Class of 1953 have scheduled its annuals luncheons. They are at 11:30 am @ Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn, 780 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, OH. The last date is Friday, October 11. For questions, contact George Billings at (440) 442-7421, Tony Gambatese (216) 310-4677 or Dick Huberty at (440) 888-1139.

1955

The Class of 1955 gathers for lunch on the second Thursday of every month at 11:30 am. For more information, contact Don Hutton at (440) 331-7778.

1962

The Class of 1962 gets together for food, drink and a good time the last Friday of every month at 1:30 pm @ Muldoon's Saloon and Eatery, 1020 E. 185th Street, Cleveland, OH. For questions, contact Tom Ashdown at tomashdown@yahoo.com.





Mark Bauman '73 Receives Archbishop Samual J. Aquila Leadership Award

More than 10 years and 40 ministries later, philanthropists Mark and Nancy Bauman say they're only stewards of God's gifts.

The Baumans, who attend Holy Name Parish in Englewood, Colorado, received the Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila Leadership Award at the Centro San Juan Diego gala on October 1, 2023 for their support of ministries in the Archdiocese of Denver.

"We're honored, but we don't see it as our work," Nancy told the *Denver Catholic Register*. "We see it as our hands doing God's work."

After Mark retired as president and chief operating officer of Starz Entertainment Group in 2005, he and Nancy decided to give their time, talent and treasure to the Church. They've been involved with ministries locally and nationally including the archdiocesan seminaries, FOCUS campus ministry, the Augustine Institute, Bella Natural Women's Care, Christ in the City, Catholic Charities, The

Catholic Foundation, The Congo Relief Mission, Bishop Machebeuf High School and ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women). Both Mark and Nancy have served on the boards of a number of these ministries.

"Mark and Nancy have been nominated for this award in recognition of their tremendous heart and devotion to the Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Denver," reads a statement from Centro. "Their exceptional fidelity, and tireless service and generosity, have benefitted the social, educational and faithful journey of thousands of individuals."

The couple also gives their time in committees and consultations. "What we have is not ours," Nancy said. "It was given to us as a gift and we have to answer someday to God for what he gave."

Congratulations to Mark and Nancy for this prestigious award!

Don Scipione '61 Wins Crain's Cleveland Business Award

Each year, Crain's 8 Over 80 honorees show how there are no limits to what you can accomplish and the gifts you can bring to your community. Whether it's a role in manufacturing, with nonprofits or the region's pro sports teams, their contributions to Northeast Ohio are inspiring to future generations. Here is a story written by Kim Palmer highlighting Don Scipione.



Don Scipione has a Ph.D. in elementary particle physics, is a pioneering software developer and is now a solar industry innovator and entrepreneur — and those are just his day jobs.

He was also one of the drivers behind the current Cuyahoga County charter government structure, the main reason there is opera in Cleveland and a tireless supporter of both Cleveland's K-12 education and Midtown development.

"It is so cliché, but he truly is a quintessential renaissance man," said Joe Mosbrook, managing partner of Acclaim Communications. "He just continues to be relevant, and he continues to move forward when a lot of people at his age sort of rest on their laurels, and he's never done that."

In contrast to all of the moves Scipione has made professionally, he has stayed put personally, living in the same Cleveland Heights home his parents bought when he was two years old. It's the one he came back to in 1979 after getting his doctorate and working in California.

After questioning a career in research, he moved back to Cleveland, began teaching at Notre Dame College where he met his wife and, in his spare time, started Acme Express Inc.

"The PCs had just come out," said Scipione, who still has one of those original PCs sitting in a veritable computer graveyard at his sprawling Midtown office.

Acme Express, named by, as he puts it, "a bunch of graduate students sitting together picking a crazy name," designed programs for truck loading logistics,

financial and accounting management and software to help scheduling for anesthesiologists. "I built this software on the airplane between Tucson (where his brother, an anesthesiologist, lived) and Cleveland. The airplane was my office for developing the software, which still exists today," Scipione said.

In between running a business and developing software, he has served on the boards of Lyric Opera Cleveland, the Cleveland World Trade Association, MidTown Cleveland, the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Investment Board and the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair, as well as a handful of others.

And he even found time to run for Cuyahoga County executive. "I think we raised \$50,000, mostly from my family and me. Turns out you really need half a million to do something like that," said Scipione, who lost to Ed Fitzgerald. "There were six people running for that first position and I came in fifth."

Scipione is now working on a more efficient, less expensive system for installing solar panels that also deals with the problem of excessive water runoff.

Even though he doesn't work with or teach elementary particle physics anymore, at least weekly, Scipione continues his education with Case Western Reserve University's astrophysics particle physics seminars in colloquia. And if all of that was not enough, his longtime friend Mosbrook recently found out that he was even a driving force behind getting the Cleveland Browns back to town. "He created this campaign that had people basically go after the NFL's website to the point where they crashed it — in protest."

Johnny Britt '75 (cont'd from page 1)

Britt is a true Renaissance man of the entertainment world. His accolades speak volumes about his impact and influence, with prestigious awards and achievements that mark his journey to success.

In 2023, Britt was honored with the United States Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, a testament to his exceptional contributions to the arts. Adding to his list of accolades, he was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, recognizing his profound impact on society through his work. The same year, he was crowned the Indie Soul Artist of the Year, solidifying his position as a powerhouse in the music industry.

The year 2024 brought further recognition for Britt. His talent and dedication were further affirmed with the National Endowment Scholarship for Trumpet and the Governors State University Gerald Myrow Award for Outstanding Composer.

Britt's musical prowess extends beyond mere accolades. In 2023, his single "After We Play" soared to number one on the Billboard charts, showcasing his ability to captivate audiences with his soulful melodies. Notably, he has also penned three number one Billboard hits for renowned artist Boney James, establishing himself as a sought-after songwriter in the industry.

His journey in the music world began with prestigious education, having studied at the Conservatoire de Versailles in Paris, France. This foundation laid the groundwork for his illustrious career, leading him to remarkable opportunities and collaborations.

One such milestone was becoming the youngest musical director hired for the Motown group The Temptations. His talent and vision played a pivotal role in shaping the group's sound and direction, earning him widespread acclaim. Additionally, Britt served as the co-music producer for the Emmy award-winning TV miniseries *The Temptations* and

The Little Richard Story, further showcasing his versatility behind the scenes.

Britt's artistic journey led him to sign with Motown/MoJazz Records with his own group, Impromptu2, where he continued to push boundaries and redefine contemporary jazz. His instrumental prowess was highlighted in the Oscar-nominated motion picture *Hidden Figures*, where he served as the trumpet soloist, enchanting audiences with his emotive performance. Furthermore, he graced the silver screen as an on-camera trumpet soloist in the Oscar-winning *La La Land*, further cementing his place in cinematic history.

Beyond his musical endeavors, Britt is also a published author, with his book *The Soloist* offering an intimate glimpse into his life and journey. His storytelling prowess extends to the airwaves, where he serves as a captivating radio show host and podcast host, engaging audiences with his insights and musings.

In addition to his individual achievements, Britt is a proud member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame-inducted group Little Anthony and The Imperials, further solidifying his status as a legendary figure in the music industry.

Johnny Britt's journey is a testament to the power of passion, talent, and perseverance. As he continues to push boundaries and defy expectations, his impact resonates across generations, inspiring aspiring artists and music enthusiasts alike. With each note he plays, each word he writes, and each stage he graces, Johnny Britt leaves an indelible mark on the world of entertainment, solidifying his legacy as an icon of our time.

Johnny has been married to his wife, Arlene, for 38 years. They currently reside in West Hills, California. They have two children, Joshua and Mariah.

Leo Hyland '77 (cont'd from page 1)

Communion Breakfast and the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner with his father and brothers.

It was at Latin where Leo became interested in service learning. He was inspired by a teacher, Bob Campbell, who taught him about the importance of communications – and how they would become increasingly valued in the coming years. In addition to working with Mr. Campbell on the *Purple & Gold* yearbook and the *Latineer*, the school also launched *The Lion's Tale*, a periodic “publication” that was posted in the cafeteria for all to view. Leo enjoyed serving as president of the Cathedral Latin Key Club for two years. He was also the co-captain of the Lions' golf team for two years and a four-year letterman.

These experiences led him to pursue a career in the field of communications. Leo graduated with a B.S. in Organizational Communication from Ohio University, and later earned a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from Case Western Reserve University. Leo has spent the last nearly 30 years in the nonprofit world, starting in fundraising and continuing in administrative and leadership positions.

Leo served as a CLAA Trustee for 15 years, including as its president. He chaired the annual CLAA Golf Outing for many years and was instrumental in moving it to Grantwood Golf Course (and ALWAYS on the last Friday in June) in 1998. Leo also volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Communion Breakfast for several years. He facilitated a new Strategic Plan for the CLAA in 1997, and help significantly improve its website and database functions. As president, Leo persuaded the Trustees to hire Sue Wise to be the Administrative Assistant of the CLAA.

In 2003, Leo was hired by Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (NDCL) to be its Advancement Director by Sr. Margaret Gorman, SND. In that role, he focused on strengthening the partnership between NDCL and the CLAA. Over the next seven years, he led NDCL's fundraising efforts and the cultivation and solicitation of donors and strategic partners. He led the marketing efforts that included NDCL's popular *Seasons* magazine, upgrading the school's website and the launch of NDCL's first comprehensive fundraising campaign – Igniting a Spirit of Community and Faith.

The Diocese of Cleveland hired Leo in 2010 to be the president at Cleveland Central Catholic, where he successfully led its \$5.8 million Beacon of Hope Campaign. After 11 years there, Leo rejoined the Marianists at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary for two years. He is presently the Executive Director of the Summit Educational Foundation, which supports Summit Academies – a consortium of 22 Charter Schools that serves over 2,500 students with special learning needs. These schools are primarily in urban communities throughout Ohio.

“I am truly humbled and honored to be selected to share the 2024 Merit Award with the great Johnny Britt, and I look forward to celebrating with everyone at the Communion Breakfast,” says Hyland.

Leo and his wife, Beth, belong to Gesu Parish and have two sons, Brendan and Jack, both of whom are NDCL Lions.

2024 GATHERINGS



Class of 1961

The Class of 1961 enjoyed lunch at Muldoon's on Wednesday, May 15.

Left to right: Jim Mulholland, Jr., John Zeller, Jerry Perchinske, Dave Brickman, Joe Spagnuolo, Joe Stracensky, Linda Shenk & Lou Shenk

Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 gathered at Merwin's Wharf for its annual class reunion on Saturday, July 13.

Front: Tony DiGeronimo, Donnie Rapposelli, Mike DeMore, Carmen Carmosino & Joe Pickett, Jr.

Back: Frank DeStefanis (son), Mike Bryk, Bob Andreano, Chuck Cramer, Jr., Mark Skalak, Miguel DelBalso, Tim Kiernan, Dale Hutter & Bob Vance.

Missing: Frank Hlad



Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 started its 55th reunion with a golf outing on Friday, July 19 @ Briardale Greens Golf Course in Euclid, Ohio. A dinner was held on Saturday, July 20 with Mass at St. Noel Church in Willoughby Hills, Ohio followed by dinner their Banquet Center. The reunion was attended by 45 graduates along with 16 wives/guests.

Nick Restifo was honored for his 50 years of teaching and coaching in the Catholic schools. He was presented with a beautiful plaque.



Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 got together at Merwin's Wharf on Wednesday, June 5.

Front: Harold DeStefanis, Joe Blaszak, Tom Leksan, Joe Pierce, Jim Doyle, Mark Schmitt, John Deutsch, Ron Tripodo & his wife.

Back: Dennis DiVincenzo, Ray Andrews, Don Martin & Jim Columbo.

Missing: Phil Kasunick





GREAT DAY FOR **GOLF OUTING!**

Brother Frank Nurthen blessed us again with another great day for golf! It was the perfect weather for our annual 4-man scramble at Grantwood Golf Course in Solon, OH on June 28. Upon arrival, each golfer received a Latin golf shirt and a golf towel (provided by Tim Hyland '73).

Winking Lizard served delicious hamburgers and sausages with chips at the turn. A chicken and rib BBQ dinner followed at the outdoor pavilion.

The winners had a score of 61. They were Ron Bedinghaus, Greg Blatt, Colin Irish and Chip Tighe – all from the 1979 Class. Congrats for their stellar performance!

We collected over \$9,000 for the 50/50 raffle, which was a new record! There were 9 winners that won part of the raffle.

We couldn't have been successful without our hole sponsors. We thank everyone who supported this event in any way and especially Mike D'Amato '79 who sponsors a sign on all 18 holes – "Are you Kiddin' Me! With everyone's donations I'm happy to say we netted close to \$19,000.

Thanks again for making this event a huge success.





ALUMNOTABLES

1960

Deacon John P. Burke, Jr. celebrated 40 years as a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop Edward Malesic celebrated Mass at St. Basil the Great Church in Brecksville, Ohio for all the jubilarian deacons. Congrats to Deacon John for his many years of service to the church!

1965

Deacon Kenneth A. Deluca, Ph.D. celebrated 20 years as a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop Edward Malesic celebrated Mass at St. Basil the Great Church in Brecksville, Ohio for all the jubilarian deacons. Congrats to Deacon Ken for his service to Jesus and the church!

1971

Bishop Neal Buckon will be one of six alumni to receive the John Carroll University Alumni Medal Award on October 18, 2024.

This is the highest award given annually (since 1961) by John Carroll University's Alumni Association. The Alumni Medal Award recognizes an individual's accomplishments in their profession, contributions to their community and dedicated service to John Carroll University post-graduation. This award also affirms the Jesuit ideal of being men and women for others, a principle reinforced in the mission of John Carroll University.

Nominees are submitted by the John Carroll University community to a committee of former presidents of the Alumni Association. The committee selects the Alumni Medal winners, and recipients are recognized at the annual Alumni Medal Recognition Dinner and at commencement in May.

Congratulations to Bishop Neal for this well-deserved honor!

1972

John Bastulli, M.D. was elected President-Elect of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) over the weekend of April 5-7. OSMA is the preeminent medical association in Ohio and one of the largest state medical associations in the country and represents Ohio's physicians and their patients. John's term as President will begin in April 2025 through April 2026. As President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President, he will be a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for three years. He will be guided by his mission to ensure that physicians can provide their patients with reliable access to physician-led, high-quality, cost-effective healthcare.

John also is now part of the Public Juridic Person for the Sisters of Charity Health System. This type of entity (not actually a person) is detailed in the canon law of the Catholic Church and comes under the Church hierarchy, but it also has civil status. It consists of lay and religious individuals who, of course, must be Catholic.

Within canon law, Juridic Persons must have a purpose that follows the mission of the Church. It is a way to preserve the Catholic identity of an enterprise and its obligations to function within Catholic beliefs. The Sisters of Charity Health System has three ministries: Foundations, Service and Health Care. Members of the Juridic Person will be responsible for continuing to extend the values of the healing mission of Jesus to the most vulnerable in our society at a point in time when the sisters are no longer involved.

We extend our best wishes to John as he begins his new roles.

In Memoriam

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



Thomas Lisy '43

John Kloss, Jr. '54

James Raleigh '68

Bernard Wirtz '44

Leo Caito '56

Joseph Tira '68

Raymond Oliver '46

James LaMarca '56

Timothy Callahan '69

Larry Timbers '46

Matthew Muth '59

Kenneth Cuglewski '70

Robert Singleton, Sr. '49

Lawrence Orwig '59

Joseph Herman '71

Thomas Vickers, Sr. '49

Patrick Kinley '60

Richard Tisdale '71

Richard Labas '50

Frank Ramacciato '60

Stanley Lovsin '74

Maurice Williams '50

Chester Selwa '60

Timothy Chapman '75

Albert Dickard, Jr. '51

Michael Gale, Jr. '62

David Lanese '76

George Gabanyic '51

David Smith '62

Richard Grenwis '78

Joseph Sawicki '51

Joseph Rini '63

Kevin Strickland '79

Paul Stuerzenberger '52

Donald Zwilling '63

Stanley Raczka '53

David Montesanto '66

Edward Yarnovich '53

Martin Klonowski '68

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