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Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to preserve the spirit and traditions of West Catholic High School by instilling fellowship among the faculty, friends, former students and graduates of West Catholic High School and to provide support to West Catholic High School and its students.

“West Catholic High School” is intended to be defined broadly to include the current West Catholic Preparatory High School as well as its predecessors.

The mission statement is read at every meeting of the Board of Governors and is intended to remind the members of the Board and the Association that all actions, plans and programs should be consistent with the purposes set forth in the mission statement.

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2014 Annual Fund Drive

Our West Catholic Alumni Association is an independent entity that exists to preserve the spirit and traditions of West Catholic by keeping an active interest among its Members, instilling fraternalism and fellowship among the faculty, friends and former students of West and providing financial support to West Catholic and its students.

Each year our Association conducts an Annual Fund drive to raise money so that the association can continue to provide scholarships and financial assistance to students, maintain and improve the Alumni Association website, www.WestCatholicAlumni.org, support West Catholic Alumni events in line with our mission and to continue to produce our newspaper, The Emissary, which promotes Alumni and School news and events.

We only do ONE Annual Fund Drive a year to ask for your financial support and we rely heavily on this Annual

Fund Drive to fuel the rest of the year's expenses. Every contribution, of any size, to our Annual Fund Drive is vitally important. Please help keep the West Catholic Spirit alive through your renewed support by using the coupon to the left to make your generous contribution today.

Thank You for the continued support!

Alumni Association Opens Membership To ALL WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI

David Joslin, Jr.

The West Catholic Alumni Association unanimously approved two key changes in its by laws at its first meeting of this school year on Monday September 15, 2014. The changes removed the reference to male students to include all graduates of West Catholic and inserted female into the second change opening the organization to ALL GRADUATES or Students who have completed at least

one year at West Catholic. We previously changed the by laws to state that any reference West Catholic would include the Boys school, Girls school, West Catholic (combined school) and West Catholic Preparatory High School. Thank you to all the Alumni Association board members for helping reach this goal. Special thanks to the 30+ non board members, teachers and school officials who attended the meeting.

We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and will continue to grow and enhance our alumni association. I urge you to get involved in some way and make a difference for our school, the students and the future of West! Please visit www.WestCatholicAlumni.org for more information on upcoming events and to sign up to volunteer to help!

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Johnnie Walker

On Friday November 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. the Veterans Committee of the West Catholic Alumni Association will hold the 2nd Annual Veterans Appreciation Mass at West Catholic. The Mass will include a Veterans procession into the auditorium, performance of the National Anthem by the students of West Catholic's Music Department, and the Joint Services Color Guard. Remarks will be given by Guest Speaker United States Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Dan Sparks, WC '84. There will also be a rendition of Taps to pay tribute to those West Catholic Alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice.

James Mulhern USMC, WC '60, Chairperson and the rest of the Veterans Committee members would like to invite all West Alums who served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America to attend. Help us to



spread the word; we ask you to notify friends, family, and neighbors that have served in any Branch of service in any capacity in peacetime or wartime and encourage their attendance.

The students will be on hand to honor and celebrate the Veterans of West Catholic for their service. From WW I to Iraq and Afghanistan; West Catholic graduates have donned uniforms and answered their country's call. Help us to demonstrate to the students of West Catholic Preparatory High School the proud history and tradition of honorable and faithful service to our country

by generations of West Catholic Alumni.

Veterans please RSVP to Jim Mulhern at jrmulhern@aol.com, Randy Duck at gmgcs@hotmail.com, or Johnnie Walker Jr. at fstsgwalker@comcast.net to let us know you are attending. Please wear your uniform if possible and arrive early to check in. Parking will be available in the school lot. Student escorts will direct you into the school. A small reception will follow. The Veterans Committee will also be selling Memorial Bricks to help fund the rebuilding of the Grotto that used to be at the Boys School.

DATE: Friday, November 14, 2014

TIME: 8:00am

LOCATION: West Catholic School Auditorium

GUEST SPEAKER: Lt. Col. Dan Sparks
USMC, WC '84

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ANNOUNCING THE 94TH ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST! Fran Crowley

Mark April 19th On Your Calendar and Nominate Worthy Alums to be honored at the Breakfast!

Volunteers Welcomed and Needed!

The Communion Breakfast Committee is pleased to announce that 94th Annual Alumni Association Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 and will return to the Springfield Country Club. Mass will begin at 9:00 am, to be followed immediately by the Breakfast and Awards Ceremony.

The Annual Communion Breakfast is the longest standing tradition in the West Catholic Family! We invite all alums to join the Communion Breakfast Committee to assist in carrying on—and improving -- this tradition! Please contact Fran Crowley '77 at Crowley@blankrome.com if interested

in joining the Communion Breakfast Committee.

A major part of the preparation for each year's event is identifying and selecting the alums and friends of West Catholic to honor at the breakfast. The Communion Breakfast Committee would like the input of as many alums as possible. Please take the time to nominate fellow alums and friends of West Catholic by sending an e-mail to Crowley@blankrome.com with the name of the nominee, the award for which you are nominating them, a short paragraph stating why you are nominating the candidate and your contact information. Please send nominations by December 15, 2014.

The criteria for the awards traditionally presented at the Communion Breakfast are as follows:

Brother Edwin Anselm Award, Brother D. Aloysius

Award, Brother G. John Owens Award and Brother G., Martin Strickroth Award and William H. McGarvey Award: A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be an alumnus of West Catholic; (c) be a proven "loyal son" of West Catholic; (d) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor; and (e) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any form. The Brother Edwin Anselm Award typically is given to a Christian Brother or teacher.

Margaret Porter'40 Blue & Gold Award: A nominee must be (a) an alumna of West Girls, West Catholic or West Catholic Prep; (b) who exemplifies the West Catholic Tradition, (c) who has achieved success in her chosen field, and (c) who has contributed significantly of her time and talents to the West Catholic Community. **Golden Burr Award:** A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be an alumnus of West Catholic;

be a proven "loyal son" of West Catholic; (c) have achieved outstanding success in athletics and in a chosen field of endeavor; and (d) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any manner.

Bishop John McCort Award: A nominee must (a) be an outstanding Catholic person; (b) have contributed to West Catholic in an ethical manner; and (c) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor. Nominees for the Bishop McCort award do NOT have to be men or graduates of West Catholic. **50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award:** A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be a member of the 50 year anniversary class of West Catholic (the Class of 1964); (c) be a proven "loyal son" of West Catholic; (d) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor; and (e) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any form.

25th Anniversary Golden Burr Award: A nominee must (a) be a Catholic gentleman; (b) be a member of the 25 year anniversary class of West Catholic (the Class of 1989); (c) be a proven "loyal son" of West Catholic; (d) have achieved outstanding success in a chosen field of endeavor; and (e) have contributed significantly to West Catholic in any form.

(Note –contributions mean time, effort, non-financial support, etc, and is not meant to be limited to monetary donations. Additionally, the terms "alumnus" and "alumna" include men and women who attended West Catholic for at least one year and whose class has graduated. The Association recognizes that, for many reasons, students that started their education at West Catholic may not have been able to complete their four years at West but remain very important members of our West Catholic family!)



Haverford Author Shane Hayes to Publish Two Books

By LOIS PUGLIONESI, Times Correspondent

HAVERFORD— After pursuing his dream of becoming a published author for decades, Shane Hayes of Havertown is about to cross the threshold from literary aspirations to print, at age 75.

Hayes' first work of nonfiction, "The End of Unbelief: A New Approach to the Question of God," will be published in September. And his novel, "The Last Dreamgirl," is due out in spring 2015.

Originally from Yeadon, Hayes said he has wanted to be a writer since he was a student at West Catholic High School. Hayes penned a book report his teacher praised, commenting that Hayes' prose was "extremely good."

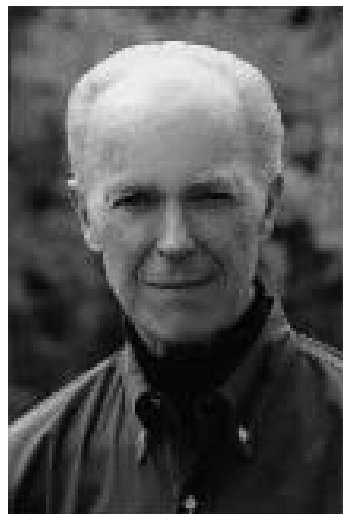
"That was a turning point," said Hayes. "That started my writing ambitions."

Hayes made his first serious attempt at a novel about a year and a half after graduating from Villanova University in 1960. Renting an apartment in Ventnor, N.J., to write, Hayes produced a 370-page manuscript he said had scenes and dialogue, with no cohesive plot.

"I didn't know where the book was going," Hayes said. "I knew it wasn't worth finishing."

So Hayes returned to work at his father's real estate business with "a searing sense of failure" he refers to as a "mid-life crisis at 25."

Hayes subsequently transitioned through several careers, including



Shane Hayes legal name is Terry McGinnity II - West Catholic Class of '56

head of the editorial department at the Executive Reports Division of Prentice Hall. He also earned a law degree and spent 13 years as a staff attorney for the Defense Logistics Agency at the Defense Supply Center in South Philadelphia.

Despite his success, these positions seemed like "poor substitutes for the only one I passionately wanted, writing books," said Hayes.

Hayes thinks his writing took a turn for the better when he discovered the difference between "story making and storytelling."

"I realized I needed to have a plot beforehand. I decided I'd have the whole plot on paper in a detailed way. I wasn't going to make the same mistake again."

Additionally, Hayes said he was inspired to press on by the story of Christy Brown, a victim of cerebral palsy who became a writer and artist.

Hayes said he started another set

of novels, working on plots for 12-13 years. Some of the material was incorporated into "The Last Dreamgirl."

Hayes described his novel as a "study of beauty and the beast. Of dreamgirl fixation. Of shyness, ugliness, brutal bullying. Of friendship, enmity and love. Freedom lost and found. Faith and unbelief."

"The Last Dreamgirl" tells the story of 17-year-old Sandra Moore's abduction by Ollie Bowers, an intelligent, artistic 30-year-old whose life has been painfully thwarted by a facial deformity.

The narrative moves back and forth in time, affording insight into its characters. Hayes skillfully interweaves a parallel subplot, bringing the two strands together in a tour de force at the novel's page turning conclusion.

Set in Delaware County, "The Last Dreamgirl" contains numerous references to local streets and landmarks Delco readers will recognize.

A very different book, "End of Unbelief" reflects Hayes' multifaceted religious experiences as he transitioned from ardent Catholic "to militant atheist at 20, to dilettante Hindu/Buddhist, to Pure Theist, to ... a man with such strong ties to both Catholic and Protestant Christianity that I can identify myself only as a Christian," said Hayes.

Hayes said he was also responding to recent New Atheist works, such as "The End of Faith" by Sam Harris and "The God Delusion," by Richard Dawkins. These authors have "convinced thousands of well-educated

readers that it is neither rational nor intellectually respectable to believe in God," said Hayes.

"My book uses agnosticism to make a pro-faith case to atheists and other skeptics. I argue that believing in God is a rational, intelligent, prudent and practical option, even if one is philosophically agnostic."

Hayes said he received a total of more than 600 rejection letters before signing on with Drake Valley Press and Leafwood Publishers only weeks apart last October.

Drake Valley Press editor Patricia Terrell said she doesn't understand why Hayes got so many rejections, as she found "The Last Dreamgirl" gripping and multi-faceted.

"One could view the story in context of the abducted victim or from the backstory of the kidnapper and what led him to that crossroad. In the wake of so many violent occurrences in our

society — from kidnappings to mass murders — the question that is always raised is "why?"

Author Paul Theroux, whom Hayes befriended on a ship en route from Greece to New York in the 1960s, read and liked the book.

"Very ingenious — the story of an abduction, believable and not sensational but based on an obsession. Prescient ... compelling," Theroux said.

Hayes said he hopes to write another novel in the future, but is currently focused on preparations for his upcoming books.

Hayes' legal name is Terry McGinnity II. He took Shane Hayes as a pen name because it's simpler, and easier to pronounce and to remember. It's also his mother's maiden name. And, Hayes said, it signifies his new persona as a published author.

For more information about Hayes and his works, visit www.shanehayes.com

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MEN OF HONOR *Randy Duck*

The West Catholic Alumni Association and it's Board of Governors is currently composed of gentlemen who volunteer their time, talent and treasures to the success of the organization. One of the main goals of the Association is to be a constant support factor to the school & students.

Our Board consists of graduates from classes ranging from 1952 to 2004. Members fulfill various roles & positions from the Executive Board to Committee members. Every member brings a unique perspective to the organization. However, we all share an ongoing love, respect and dedication to West Catholic.

All Board members share the same passion of giving back to a great institution that has given so much to others for almost 100 years. Many members have been a part of the Association for many years. Their contributions are invaluable and immeasurable. Unfortunately, life has taught us that all good things must come to an end.

As our 2013-2014 year came to a close, saw the departure of some of our members. For various reasons these gentlemen have decided to step down or resign their positions from the Board of Governors. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge these gentlemen for their dedication, service, talents to our Association & West Catholic. You are truly loyal sons of West Catholic. We know that you continue to support our efforts and goals. This is not a goodbye, but see you at the next Alumni affair. Thank you for your time, talent and treasures. May God bless you and your families always. You are truly Men of Honor.

Thank you very much.....

- Bill Luther '59 Ace Carlin '55 Ed Kerr '60
- Ed McMerty '52 Joe Ford '60 .

The following gentlemen have stepped down from their positions, however are still Board members. Their work & contributions are greatly appreciated.....

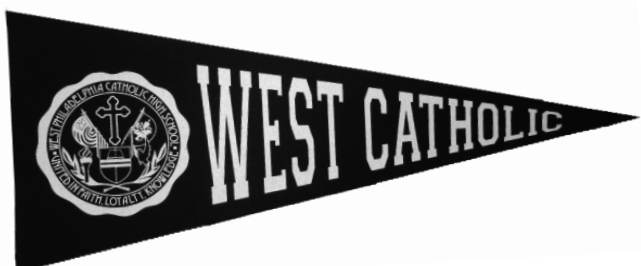
- Jay Sawyer - Executive Secretary
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From The President



What a great year for the Alumni Association! We have been extremely busy molding our new administration and implementing the vision of our future.

We have had some highs and lows over the last few months: some board members have stepped aside after long years of service, while new faces joined the crowd. We have taken steps to bring the West Catholic family together through bylaw changes that both men and women to serve on the Alumni Association Board. Our website has gotten a complete overhaul and now includes the ability to make

online donations as well as purchase West merchandise through the online store. Our fundraising efforts have remained steady with another successful Annual Fund campaign (which you can still make contributions towards), a strong Communion Breakfast event and growing interest from the younger alumni and now female graduates looking to get involved. We suffered a critical blow to our database; which took several months of work to restore the crucial historical and financial data and we are taking the opportunity to make technological enhancements to the way the association operates. There is a lot of work to be done, but, great excitement and energy have kept our new administration pushing to make the organization more efficient and interactive for the thousands of Burrs out there! Without your support we cannot continue to provide support to the West Catholic family. We strive to do what is best for West and ask that you continue to send along your suggestions, feedback, concerns, spiritual and financial support that will allow us to carry on the great traditions of West Catholic as we march toward our 100th Anniversary celebration.

All the best



David F. Joslin, Jr. '88

P.S. I encourage you to contact us with any suggestions or ideas on how to make a difference. Feel free to send us an email: westcatholicalumni@gmail.com or contact me directly at david@davidjoslin.com.

West Catholic Alumni Association 2013-2015

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You need not be a board member to participate in any of our committee's. If you see a committee that you wish to join please contact us via email at westcatholicalumni@gmail.com or submit your request through our website www.westcatholicalumni.org

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West Catholic Alumni Association Financial Overview

For the 2013-2014 West Catholic Alumni Association year, finances are truly looking up!! Contributions for the year have already exceeded last year's amounts. The annual fund collections are looking very well and we anticipate higher funds from the Burrs at the Beach as attendance was up from 2013. With the monies that we collected, we have been quite busy in putting your contributions to great use. Funds from the 2013 Burrs at the Beach were donated to West Catholic. Through the year contributions were used to sponsor the Saint Frances De Sales basketball team in a summer basketball league and we are happy to report, won the league championship. A generous donation was given to the school to assist in renovations to the school basement. Contributions from the 2014 Communion Mass will be used to fund future scholarships for West Catholic students. Through careful cash management our expenses have been reduced from last years' totals with administrative cost being kept to a minimum. A financial summary of the year's activities will be published in a future Emissary edition. I want to thank all who made contributions to the Alumni Association throughout the year and for continuing to show your love for West Catholic. God Bless.

Mark E. Nave
Vice President of Finance

Home Grown BBQ Masters!

This is the story of 4 guys from Philly who go from backyard grillers to competing head-to-head against some of the world's best BBQ Pit Masters for cash, trophies and fame. And when you hear that 3 of the 4 were raised with no backyard at all, the prospects for success seem destined to go... up in smoke!



Pigheaded BBQ was started in 2006 by Ron Templeman (Class of '88), his father/Pit Master, Ron Templeman, brother-in-law Mike and cousin, Brian. As a cooking team, they compete in 10 Kansas City BBQ Society events per year in PA, NJ, DE and MD. They also cater and host pop-up dinners at DE and Philly restaurants. "The BBQ bug bit my parents when they moved from Southwest Philly to DE after my dad retired from the Police Dept. in the late 90's" explained West grad Templeman. A year later his sister (Trina Templeman, Class of

'92) and her husband Mike moved down to DE. Then Ron, his wife and their 2 boys relocated to DE in January of 2006. "That's when we started getting involved with true low & slow BBQ", Templeman said. "Sure we grilled during tailgates, on vacation, at block parties, etc. But the difference in flavor profiles, ingredients, preparation and cooking styles between Southern BBQ and the Southern Italian cuisine I grew up on are drastic", shared Templeman. "Grilling brasiola for Sunday gravy is one thing. Smoking a whole 17 lb. Texas-style brisket for 12 hours is whole other rodeo", he added.

So, with their backyards and newly-seasoned smokers the guys started experimenting. They ate a lot of BBQ. They attended local BBQ competitions. They begged the cooks for scraps. They surveyed the field. They even judged. Then someone offered to mentor them. "He taught us everything", Templeman gushed. "Our BBQ family is the nicest group of people. We compete for money, yet everyone looks out for one another, especially the rookies", he said. Pigheaded entered their first comp in the fall of 2006 and did OK. "Our cooking didn't

kill anyone... that we know of", Templeman smiled. "From that point on, we were hooked!" And the rest, as they say, is hickory.

The guys graduated from traditional Weber Kettles to Weber Smokey Mountain 18.5" and 22.5" smokers. Then PHBBQ went big time 5 years ago when they ordered a 575 pound, vertical gravity-fed Stumps "Stretch" smoker from Cummings, GA that they affectionately call "Raquel". Custom-painted midnight-green, Raquel also flaunts 2 large Eagles-head magnets. "Yeah, we get a lot of comments about her. Not all positive. Especially from Giants, Redskins, Ravens and the occasional Cowboys fan", Templeman laughed. "Raquel's a tough girl. She can take it."

In 8 seasons competing against the best teams in the country, PHBBQ is nationally ranked in the top 5% in all 4 categories: Chicken, Ribs, Pork and Brisket. These guys know their way around meat, preparing each using time-honored techniques, world-class precision and a bevy of secret rubs and sauces. They've won a room full of trophies and even some



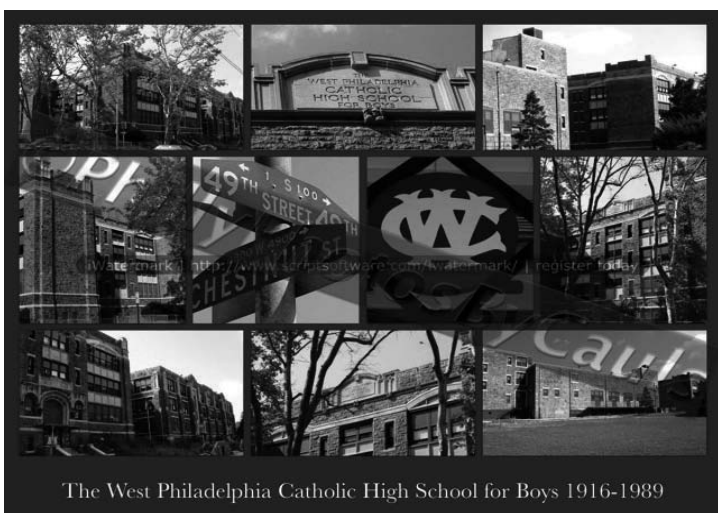
Front Row (l to r): Stephanie Sadgwar, Michael Sadgwar, Maddie Sadgwar & Norma Templeman Back Row (l to r) Mike Sadgwar, Ron Templeman v2.0, Ron Templeman Sr., Trina Sadgwar, Brian Milito

money for their BBQ. But, it's their Chicken Thighs that have earned them acclaim by winning numerous 1st place awards and even a rare perfect score of 180 in Green Lane, PA this season. Along with sponsorships from meat distributors, rub manufacturers and even a local DE Brewery, the winnings help to offset the cost of this deliciously expensive hobby. With four 1st or 2nd place finishes at Victory Brewing's Brew-BQ, many top ten's (including 4th out of 65 at the NJ State BBQ Championship in N. Wildwood this past July) and most recently the Reserve Grand Champion RGC (2nd Place overall) in the Sam's Club regional competition in Harrisburg, PA it's safe to say

Pigheaded BBQ is defying the odds.

"This is not even my day job", says Templeman. Although, he did admit that it occupies a lot of his time. "My kids love it", Templeman shared. "What makes it all worthwhile is the fact that I get to spend time with my family cooking great BBQ and putting it all on the line for some gaudy trophies, cash and bragging rights. And we're all Pigheaded enough to think we can win", snarled Templeman. By the looks of things, I think the competition better watch their baby-backs! You can find them on Facebook at Pigheaded BBQ.

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Old School Cookout

Randy Duck

For the past six years the West Catholic Food Lovers group has been getting together either on a monthly or quarterly basis. Members of the group pick a restaurant around the Philadelphia area, pick a date and have a good evening of fun, food and laughter. Currently there are over 300 members, typically between 20 - 40 people will attend the dinners. This group was started by Arnold Mapp & Bill Dixon, both from the Class of '85. The groups information can be found on Facebook under West Catholic Food Lovers.

A suggestion for the final dinner of the summer was to have an old school West Philly cookout. On Sunday August 17, 2014, the event was held at St. Cyprian

Catholic Church (63rd & Cobbs Creek Parkway) in the school yard. Once the word went out, ideas and suggestions flowed in. As the event drew closer, there was a lot of camaraderie on the group page, along with challenges of a dance contest.

Typically, the dinners are strictly adult only. For the first time in the group's history, the dinner was a family event. Some members came with their children, grandchildren, and even grandparents. Everyone contributed something to the cookout. Music was provided by the DJ services of Walt Taylor and his sons, Maurice and Leslie Taylor '87. Lots of great food was provided as no one left hungry. The Grill Master



was Randy Duck '84. Our photographer was Mark Nave '85. A great time was had by everyone in attendance. There were even contests for line dancing and double dutch jump roping. By the look of things, the hands of time didn't slow down most people's skills or dance moves. At the end of the evening, it was decided to make this cookout an annual event for the group. Classes were represented from 1979 to 1988, as folks came from around the tri-state area. We would like to especially thank Monsignor Britto for allowing us to use the school yard as well as the grill, tables & chairs. Once again, the Burrs showed that WE ARE FAMILY!!



Award Recipients for the 93rd Annual Communion Breakfast *Fran Crowley*

Over 350 alums, family and friends attended the Alumni Association's 93rd Annual Communion Breakfast to celebrate our faith and to honor a few of the many graduates that have contributed in so many ways to the West Catholic Family. Held on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Springfield Country Club, the Communion Breakfast combined sincere devotion at Mass with much camaraderie, reminiscences - - and a lot of laughter! The alums in attendance spanned graduating classes from the 1940's to the 2000's.

Reverend Robert D. Wiesenbaugh, S.J. '53 was the principal celebrant. Father Wiesenbaugh, who joined the Society of Jesus in 1959 and took final vows in 1982, received the Brother D. Aloysius Award in recognition of his many years of service in his many ministries in North Carolina, Virginia and Bolivia. He now is stationed at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, Pennsylvania and serves in the Hispanic Ministry. Father Bob was assisted by Deacon Joel Ziff '50.

Rich McCann'68 served as our cantor for the Mass. Members of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1964 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1989 served as lectors and assisted with other aspects of the Mass.

The alums, friends and family in attendance contributed generously to the Offertory Collection - providing approximately \$2,500 in funds for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship for Catholic students attending West. All money contributed to the Offertory Collection go to that scholarship fund.

Thanks to our returning Master of Ceremonies, Tom DeFelice '64, the solemn reverence experienced at Mass quickly turned to revelry as Tom led us down memory lane -even providing pimple balls for each table!. While many classes were well represented, the Classes of 1960 and 1964 attended in force to show their support for their class-

mates receiving awards at the Breakfast.

This year's Breakfast featured a first - the inaugural presentation of the Blue & Gold Award to Ms. Margaret Porter '40, for her many contributions to the Alumnae Association. In recognition of her many accomplishments and her unique place in the history of the Alumnae Association, the award was renamed The Margaret Porter Blue & Gold Award! A separate story regarding Ms. Porter and her namesake award appear elsewhere in this issue.

In addition to Ms. Porter, the alums receiving annual awards amply represented the many alums and friends of West Catholic that continuously strive to live the West Catholic Spirit throughout each year. Jim Hopely '53 currently the Mayor of Aldan, received the Brother G. John Owens Award in recognition of his many years of service to community and civic groups. The Brother Anselm Award was presented to Joe Batory '60, in recognition of his many contributions to education through, among other things, his service to the students of the Upper Darby School District, along with his involvement in the Rotary and LaSalle University Alumni Board of Directors. Joe Horning '60 was presented with the William H. McGarvey Award for his many years of service to the West Catholic alumni community. Joe was the subject of the largest nomination petition campaign in Alumni Association history, showing the great deal of respect and admiration that many of his fellow classmates, alums and friends have for Joe!

John Tomosky '63 received the Golden Burr Award in honor of his many athletic accomplishments at West and at Temple, in addition to his many years of professional service to the Phila-



delphia area in his work with the Philadelphia Department of Commerce - Division of Aviation, as well as his many volunteer endeavors --- football coach at St. Barnabas, and various leadership positions in the Southwest Football Coaches Association, American legion, Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Bishop John J. McCort Award was presented to Peggy (Ford) Rhoades '71 for her dedication to the Alumnae Association for almost 40 years, holding four of the five officer positions, and for her involvement in school and parish service groups. The Association continued its tradition of honoring members of the 50-year and 25- year anniversary classes - the great classes of 1964 and 1989. This year's recipients are outstanding in their own rights and truly represented the many accomplishments of their classmates. The renowned coaching duo of Mike Hisler'64 and Bucky Antell'64 were honored with the 50th Anniver-

sary Golden Burr Award for the many years they devoted to inspiring and instilling that winning spirit, discipline and many wholesome values in countless young men that they influenced in their many years coaching St. Barnabas CYO Football. Bucky also has been very active in fundraising for many worthy charities, including the City of Hope, Coaches against Cancer and for Katrina survivors. Tom Connell '64 was awarded the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award in recognition of his success in the business work and his contributions to civic and community activities.

The 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Awards were presented to Brian Joslin '89 and Matt McCauley '89. Matt continues to combine his love of sports with his love of teaching -- serving in the Upper Darby School District and coaching for several different schools and organizations. He also is an avid supporter of West Catholic athletics; he and Ed Palmer '87,

created burrs-football.com to spread word of West's football successes far and wide. Brian, in addition to recently opening his own physical therapy practice (Xcelerate Physical Therapy in Newtown Square), chaired the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Walks in 2013 and 2014 and is co-founder of Brian's Pride, a family foundation dedicated to raising money to find a cure for juvenile diabetes.

The co-chairs of the Communion Breakfast Committee, Bill Simpson'60 and Fran Crowley'77 would like to thank the members of the Committee for their tireless efforts - Harry Mirra'52; Ed McMerty'53; Charlie Lamb'53; Jay Sawyer'59; Rich McCann'68; and Denis Brennan'71. Special thanks also to the many alums who assisted at the Communion Breakfast, including Bob McGovern'60; Joe Bartolomeo' 59; Jim Britt '72; John Walker '86; and Dave Joslin'88.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RENAMES THE ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD AWARD TO HONOR MARGARET PORTER '60 *Fran Crowley*

As reported in the last issue of The Emissary, the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association created the Blue & Gold Award to be awarded annually at the Association's Communion Breakfast to honor women graduates of West Catholic (including West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School, West Philadelphia Catholic High School and West Catholic preparatory high School). The inaugural presentation took place at the 93rd Annual Communion Breakfast in May, 2014. The name "Blue & Gold Award" was chosen since blue and gold were the colors of West Catholic Girls and are included in West Catholic Prep's current colors.

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mous! Ms. Margaret Porter had a very long and successful career at the Philadelphia Naval Base, beginning in 1942 and continuing until her retirement in 1996, after 54 years of service. Ms. Porter was the highest ranking civilian at the Naval Base. Ms. Porter has served as President of the Alumnae Association for three terms, has held every office in the Alumnae Association and continues to serve on the Alumnae Association's Executive Board. She has been a tireless - and very generous - supporter of Catholic education, especially for girls and young women.

As a fitting tribute to Ms. Porter's longstanding, unique and influential involvement with the West Philadelphia Catholic Girls Alumnae Association, the Alumni Association announced at the 93rd Annual Communion



Breakfast that the name of award will be changed to the Margaret Porter '40 Blue & Gold Award. Ms. Porter continues to be an inspiration to many alumnae - men and women - and her efforts have touched the lives of innumerable members of the West Catholic Family. We are proud to be able to honor women grads following Ms. Porter's incredible example by presenting them with the award bearing her name!

To Uniformed West Grads
We've been successful in getting the names of many of you that have served your country!
If you haven't let us know your current whereabouts, please fill out the coupon below and get it off to the committee soon!



West Catholic Alumni Association Needs All Veterans or Active Military

Are you a veteran or active military that has graduated from a school who's motto is "For God and Country?"

The Alumni Association newly-formed Veterans/Military Committee would like to hear from you concerning your service to these United States!
 Please supply the requested information below and mail to:
 Mr. Jim Mulhern '60, Chairman
 244 Baltimore Pike, Unit 433, Glen Mills, PA 19342
 or e-mail to veterans@westcatholicalumni.org

Any questions may be directed to any committee member listed below:
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 Rich McCann (US Army) '68 - webmaster@westcatholicalumni.org
 Harry Mirra (US Air Force) '52 - harrymirra@FCN.com

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END OF AN ERA Randy Duck

As the saying goes all good things must come to an end. Now the end of an era has come about at West Catholic, after 13 years of service in the Development /Institutional Advancement Office(s), our friend George Light retired this past June.

George Light attended St. Francis DeSales for grade school before entering the hallowed halls of West Catholic Boys. A student athlete of the Class of '58, he lettered several times in Track & Cross Country. After graduating West, he continued his education at LaSalle College (now LaSalle University). After college, he had a very successful sales career of almost 40 years with Westvaco. Seems George

just couldn't get away from that WEST name.

A dedicated family man, George met his future wife Barbara of the Class of '58 while performing in a school play. This November, they will celebrate 53 years of marriage with their four daughters & seven grandchildren. George and his family are avid fans of the Jersey shore, especially Sea Isle City where they have been vacationing since 1969. George loves it so much that he has been a bartender at the Springfield Inn for the past 37 years.

His love and dedication to West Catholic is evident by his many achievements



post high school. He has been a member of the Alumni Association since 1985, Burrs at the Beach committee member since 1988 and became co-chair of this committee in 2006. In 2000, he was elected into the Sports Hall of Fame(Track). In 2007, he

was a recipient of the Alumni Association's William McGarvey Award. George is also a member of the Hall of Fame for his loyalty to the institution, being elected in 2008. To say George Light is a true & loyal son of West Catholic is an understatement. I have known George and his family for over 20 years now. I've had the pleasure of being a guest in his home. We have

had many conversations, personal & professional over the years, we even have a few inside jokes. He and Barbra attended my wedding. He extended prayers & comfort to my family at my parents passing. That is the epitome of George Light, he

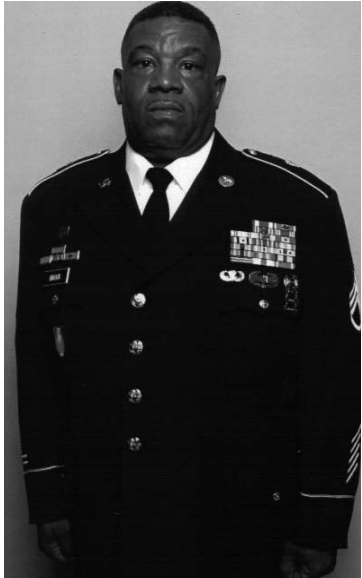
builds and sustains lasting relationships, everyone in the West Catholic community knows George.

It will be strange to walk into that building and not see him at his desk, or hear his raspy voice down the hall. In the finest of traditions, a toast is in order (raise your glass). To my friend, my Burr brother, may God bless you and your family always. Thank you for your service & dedication to West Catholic. Thank you for the many years of friendship. May your next journey be just as rewarding.

Ladies & Gentlemen

George Light!

Biographical Sketch of Leslie W. Brock Jr.



Born 13 August 1966 and raised in West Philadelphia the eldest Son of Leslie Sr. and Yvette Brock. Attended Our Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Victory and St. Rose of Lima Parochial Schools. Graduated West Catholic for Boys Class of 1984.

Briefly attended the Art Institute of Philadelphia before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1985 serving as a Security Police Specialist with assignments at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota; McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; and Wueschheim Air Station,

Germany with temporary assignments in Korea, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey to name a few. Discharged from the Air Force in 1989.

Worked as a Correctional Officer for the Philadelphia Prison System from 1990 until 1998 and worked in Emergency Medical Services as both an EMT Basic and then Paramedic in the private industry. Returned to Military service in 2000 serving in Army National Guard. Most notable assignments have been Operation Nobel Eagle,

Operation Katrina-Rita in New Orleans, Operation Iron Alliance in Romania, Medical Noncommissioned Officer-In-Charge during Operation Jump Start Texas Border Security, and serving as a Squad Leader in the Warrior Transition Unit, Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio, and Senior Flight Medic for the Delaware National Guard Served as a Medical Training NCO and Senior Medic on a Combat Tour in Iraq. Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, 4 Army commendation Medals, 4 Army Achievement Medals. Voted NCO of the Year,

and Medical Instructor of the Year. Earned degrees in Business Administration, Paramedic Education and Criminal Justice, and currently pursuing a degree in Nursing.

Father of 4 Daughters; Erika, Kira, DeJune, and Zabriya. Currently working as the Senior Paramedic for a private Ambulance Service. Retiring from the Military with 18 years of service effective 1 October 2014.

New Superior General to Lead Worldwide Institute...

The Brothers of the Christian Schools, District of Eastern North America, are pleased to inform you that the delegates of the 45th General Chapter have elected a new Superior General to lead the worldwide Institute.

Announcing our very own, Brother Robert Schieler, FSC!

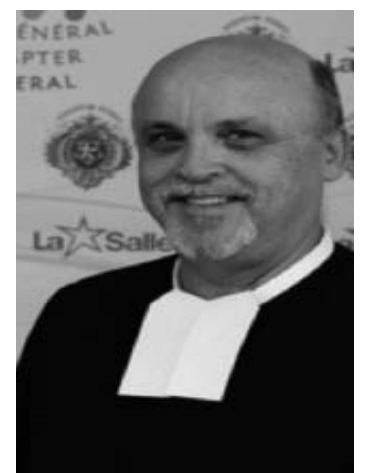
Brother Robert is an alum '68 and a member of the Hall of Fame. Brother grew up in Most Blessed Sacrament parish and resided in Southwest Philadelphia.

Most recently serving as the General Councilor for the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN), Br. Robert has been a member of the Institute for 46 years, taking the habit on Septem-

ber 1, 1968, in Ammendale, Maryland.

During his time as a Brother, Robert has served as teacher, vice-principal, Auxiliary Visitor, Visitor, committee member and board member at a number of schools throughout the Legacy District of Baltimore and the worldwide Institute. He holds a doctorate of Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Robert is the third American Brother to be named Superior General, the first from the District of Eastern North America!

Beginning immediately, Brother Robert will lead the largest order of religious Brothers in the Church dedicated to education. As Br. Robert's new leadership takes shape, we will keep



you informed by e-mail, social media, and the District website.

Please hold the new Superior General and the rest of the Chapter delegates in your prayers as they begin and continue to create and plan the ever-evolving direction for our Lasallian educational mission!

BRAND NEW!



The Alumni Website has been completely redesigned with **new features & enhancements** to better serve our Burr Nation!

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27TH ANNUAL BURRS AT THE BEACH ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Johnnie Walker



There was an invasion on July 6, 2014 an unusually cool summer day in North Wildwood NJ. Over a thousand alumni and friends of West Catholic gathered at Westy's Irish Pub to celebrate the 27th Annual Burrs at the Beach All Class Reunion. After all these years, our all class reunion is still the best of them all. I want to thank all of our loyal supporters who attend every year and make this event the envy of all the other schools. Once again, the West Catholic Burrs at the Beach Committee did a marvelous job in putting the event together.

"Had a great time and Blackthorn was amazing?"

Betty Whalen

Thanks to an anonymous donor from the class of 1964 the 2014 Burrs at the Beach presented Blackthorn, one of the premier cover bands in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as the featured entertainment. Blackthorn certainly did not disappoint. We were forced to dance in the aisles because the dance floor was packed all day long. They dazzled the Burrs with a versatile mix of traditional Irish music and club mixes that appealed to the many generations of Burrs in attendance.

"What a diverse crowd of alumni we have. All had smiling faces! It was wonderful to see a mix of young and old represented."

Stella Carrigan

The Burrs at the Beach Committee implemented a focused social media campaign on Facebook and Linked In. The Young Alumni Committee added a bus that left from West

Catholic and to their credit they filled the bus. There were many members of the 2010 State Championship Football Team in attendance. We were pleased to welcome so many younger Alumni to Burrs at the Beach for the first time. Our older alums remarked repeatedly that they enjoyed the opportunity to share their experiences, some history and traditions of West Catholic with our younger alum.

We have reversed the trend. Attendance has increased for the first time since 2000. The weather and Blackthorn certainly had something to do with the increased attendance but I am pretty sure the committee played a pretty big role as well. This year there were 1050 tickets sold compared to just 865 in 2013. Last year the weather forced quite a bit of the people that had purchased tickets to stay away. I do not believe that was the case this year. Thanks to the increased attendance we were able to generate more funds for the current students of West Catholic which is the purpose of the event. The camaraderie and reconnecting with old classmates are just a bonus.

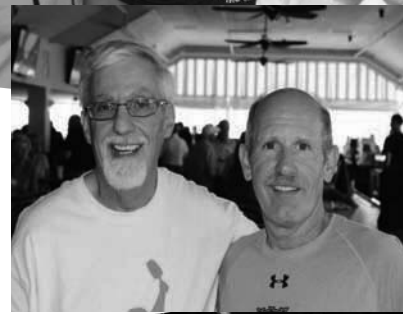
An anonymous member of the Class of 1964, which is celebrating their 50th reunion, donated the cost associated with Blackthorn. This was a really nice gesture and helped to make our event extra special but more importantly helped us to raise a whole lot more for West. Our 50/50 chance drive sent three people home with just under a combined total of \$2,000.00 in winnings. Through your generosity, on September 15, at the West Catholic Alumni Association meeting,

a check for \$22,000.00 was presented to Brother Richard Kestler, West Catholic Preparatory High School President, to be used for Catholic Student tuition assistance. We would like to bring Blackthorn back again next year if we could get some help with donations or sponsorship. If you are interested in donating or sponsoring please contact Tom Dorrian at 609-368-3395.

Next year's Burrs at the Beach is scheduled for June 28. We are hoping the move will make the room rates a little more affordable so we can continue to attract our younger alumni. The move back to the last week of June just may help to make it a little less humid and a little bit cooler. So make your plans now for the 28th Annual Burrs at the Beach All Class Reunion.

"What a great event. I had the best time. Great job Burrs Committee!!!!" Regina McDonough

Once again this year, Peg West and the staff at Westy's were obliging and gracious hosts. Peg couldn't do enough for us. The new upstairs deck looked really sharp, there were plenty of bars set up both inside and outside and the food was great. The Burrs at the Beach committee did a spectacular job. They spend a lot of time throughout the year and especially the couple of months preceding Burrs and the day of the event working hard to ensure that the event takes place without issue. Again I would like to thank Tom Dorrian, George light and all of the Burrs at the Beach committee for all of your hard work and helping to KEEP WEST BEST!



ANNOUNCING the 28th Annual Burrs at the Beach *Johnnie Walker*

Make your plans now The 28th Annual Burrs at the Beach is scheduled for June 28 2015. The Burrs at the Beach committee after significant discussion and assurances from the South West Football Coaches Association (SWFCA) decided to move Burrs to the last weekend in June to further

separate us from the Fourth of July holiday weekend and the costs associated with the 4th of July. SWFCA has assured us that they will be moving with us. The holiday weekend has made it a significantly more expensive weekend. We are hoping the move will make the room rates a little more afford-

able so we can continue to attract our younger alumni. The move back to the last week of June just may help to make it a little less humid and a little bit cooler. So make your plans now for the 28th Annual Burrs at the Beach All Class Reunion.

www.BurrsAtTheBeach.com will give updated information over the next few months, you will be able to purchase tickets online and get information on where to stay and what else there is to do during your weekend visit to North Wildwood!

An all new website



Jack Devine

-Class Of '51

Noted basketball player and coach WALTER F. NAEDELE, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER Published Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 1:08 AM Jack Devine Herb Magee said he learned a lesson about coaching from Jack Devine. Magee's senior year at West Catholic High School was Mr. Devine's first year of coaching basketball there, but he came with a reputation as a star player at West Catholic and Villanova University. "We felt we were a good team, but when Coach Devine took over, he instilled in us the desire to become better," Magee said. "He would let us do what we did best," Magee said, adding that as a coach, "I allow my own players to do what they do



best." It worked on the West Catholic team, because in Mr. Devine's first year, it won the 1959 Catholic League championship. And it worked for Magee, head coach at Philadelphia University for the last 48 years, who in 2011 was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. On Sunday, June 15, Mr. Devine, 82, of Sea Isle City, N.J., a former basketball coach at West Catholic, Villanova, and Cherry Hill High School West,

died at Cape May Regional Medical Center following a stroke. He was a resident of Medford Lakes from 1974 until moving to Sea Isle City in 2000. Born in West Philadelphia, Mr. Devine graduated from West Catholic in 1951, where he was a forward on the basketball team and where he is now in the school's hall of fame, his son Jack Jr. said. At Villanova, Mr. Devine scored 1,263 points and grabbed 1,181 rebounds in his three varsity seasons - 1952 to 1955 - which the website www.vuhoops.com states were the 37th most points and the third most rebounds in Villanova history. At Villanova, he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1955 and entered its hall of fame in 1976, his son said. After serving as a Navy air traffic controller in Norfolk, Va., in 1956-57, he was a freshman coach and

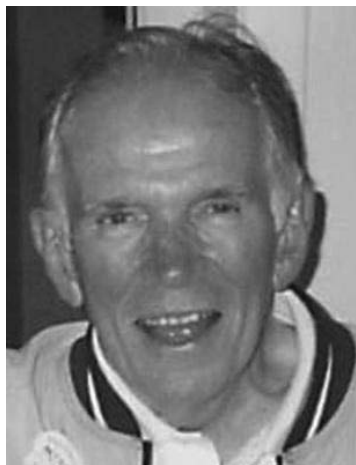
assistant varsity coach at Villanova until 1966 and head coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University until 1972. Bernie Schaffer, who retired in 2013 from investment management, played for Mr. Devine on Villanova teams that included Billy Melchionni, the future NBA and ABA star. "We played the same position, inside forward," Schaffer said of Mr. Devine, "and he taught me how to play physical basketball." But more than that, he said, "he was truly a remarkable guy who really made a difference in people's lives." Mr. Devine completed his career as the basketball coach at Cherry Hill West from 1974 to 1980 and as guidance counselor there from 1974 to 2000, his son said. William Janus, general manager of the Camden Courier-Post, played forward for Mr. Devine at

Cherry Hill West. "I get to go to a lot of high school games and I get to watch how kids perform and how coaches scream, and that wasn't Coach Devine," Janus said. "That was a guy who coached with dignity, suit and tie. It was as much teaching you about what was going to happen later in life as it was teaching about winning or losing basketball games." Janus added, "I have three heroes - Roberto Clemente, Jack Nicklaus, and Jack Devine. I got lucky because I got to meet one of my heroes and found he was the real deal." Besides his son, Mr. Devine is survived by his wife, Fran; another son, Vince; a daughter, Mary Cay Cousart; two brothers, and nine grandchildren.

Jack Carney

-Class of 43

Jack grew up in West Philadelphia in an apartment above a candy store run by his mother. He was a proud graduate of West Catholic High School and of St. Joseph's University, where he played basketball for Coach Bill Ferguson, and received his Master's degree from Temple University. He remained a devoted St. Joe's fan and would greet fellow alumni cheerfully, "The Hawk will never die." He was also a great fan of Philadelphia's professional sports teams and the University of Delaware, and especially of his children's and grandchildren's school and college teams. Jack was a teacher, guidance counselor, and longtime administrator in the Brandywine School District and the former Wilmington Public Schools District. His professional life's work was to help others—especially children and adolescents—to reach their full potential. After he retired, Jack developed a Human Ecology curriculum for schools, and created the Human Ecology Foundation to promote it, a passion that reflected Jack's lifelong belief in education as essential not only for individual success but for responsible citizenship and the common good. His



own community service included volunteer work and board leadership with American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, and March of Dimes. With Ann, he was a volunteer at Wilmington Hospital, serving communion and good cheer to patients, for more than 20 years; the family extends special thanks to the Hospital staff for their care and support. He was active with the Men of Malvern, a spiritual retreat program, for more than 60 years. He founded and then led the CCD program at Holy Rosary, and also helped to secure the grant to hire the first executive director for the Autism Society of Delaware. Jack was honored by former Governor Mike Castle with the 1986 State Volunteer of the Year Award. Together in their Claymont home of 50 years, Jack and Ann raised nine children; all were present for their parents' anniversary celebration last month. Jack took

the deepest pleasure, and always found humor, in the adventures of the big family, and was famous for enticing neighbors, friends, and more than a few strangers to help along the way, whether with home repairs, vacation stops and sports tickets, or just a good bargain. Jack was known never to miss, and occasionally to create, opportunities to break into song, and he and Ann always welcomed family and friends, and their children's friends, in times of both need and celebration. Jack took joy in life as a true devotion—to faith, family, education, community service, his Irish heritage, and his sports teams. He shared that joy with a sincerity and selflessness that are rare, indeed, gathering friends, fans, and singing partners across endeavors and generations. He encouraged everyone he met to "keep up the good work" and "thanks for being you," and always made the people around him feel cherished.

(article courtesy of Delawareonline)



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IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace

* denotes Veteran

Name	Class	Name	Class
Joseph H. Duffield	1936	Philip C. Watson	1950
James Richardson	1937	John F. Devine	1951
Francis H. Gallen, USAF	1938	John F. Groves	1951
Michael F. Newell, Jr.	1938	Robert L. Alsop	1952
George Dougherty	1939	John M. Convery	1952
Joseph A. McGee	1939	William J. McCrea	1952
Warren F. Paris	1940	Patrick H. Murray	1952
Francis Kane	1942	Edward P. Gallen	1953
Francis X. Slavin	1942	James J. Carroll	1954
Samuel Brown	1943	Edward T. Kelleher	1954
John A. Carr	1943	Jerome A. Klein	1955
Daniel F. Comly	1943	Michael W. Finnegan	1958
John J. Crilley	1944	John J. Gallagher	1958
Frank J. McLaughlin	1945	Bernard J. Burke	1961
Leo T. Gladnick	1946	Paul J. Williams	1961
John J. Loughran	1946	Peter J. Burke, Jr.	1963
Francis A. Nealon	1946	Leo J. Harrigan, Jr.	1964
Robert Lo Furno	1947	Charles McAllister	1964
Francis X. Quinn	1947	James C. Sannino	1964
James S. Holleran	1948	Francis X. Strauman	1965
Frank J. Trent	1948	Brian F. Patterson	1966
Francis T. Breen	1949	Russell A. Gazzara	1967
John J. Fossett	1949	Edward C. Martelli	1967
Joseph Powers	1949	Paul R. Phelan	1968
Noel F. Schmidt, Jr.	1949	William J. Andrews	1971
Joseph P. Sheehan	1949	Francis F. Fazakerly	1973
John G. McDougall, Esq.	1950	Albert Wisher	1975
John E. Sherry	1950	Francis J. Lafferty	1976
		Raymond Florence	1988

Please keep the families of our deceased in your prayers