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## 19th Beach Party - July 9th NEW AIR-CONDITIONED LOCATION

**By Tom Dorrian, '61**

Attention all "former" Burrs at the Beach attendees: No more inclement weather excuses, you know, it's too hot, it may rain etc. We have eliminated those as excuses because we have moved to a new venue for this year's Burrs at the Beach bash. The new home for the 19th annual Burrs at the Beach is Westy's Irish Pub, diagonally across the street from the former site of Moore's Inlet. Westy's has a lot to offer—its facility has been recently renovated—there are 3 bars on the ground floor and 2 upstairs bars with an adjacent spacious outside deck, which also has two bars, overlooking the ocean. There is a staircase leading down to the completely tented parking lot for those of you who like to be out in the fresh air (especially for the younger classes) and those of you who were worried about having enough room to accommodate the huge West Catholic numbers. There will be many temporary bars under the tent for your imbibing pleasure. I saved the best news for last...Westy's is completely AIR CONDITIONED THROUGHOUT!!!! Yes, I said air conditioned, both downstairs and upstairs. The pluses that go along with Westy's are many. They include great food, the same drink prices that Moore's charged (bottled water will also be sold), free parking for a number of cars at Spruce & New York Aves., Fifth and New Jersey Aves. and on nearby streets. We have eliminated all the worry about inclement weather, now it is up to you to participate in what could be the greatest Burrs at the Beach EVER!!!

We are looking forward to having Art and Peg West serve



### WESTY'S IRISH PUB North Wildwood

**1:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Rain or Shine**

#### **Contacts**

- Alumni Office - 215-387-8560
- Bob McGovern '60 - 610-583-4469
- Charles Tucker '61 - 610-494-2133
- Mike McHale '64 - 609-263-3331
- Tom Dorrian '61 - 609-368-3395
- John McMurrough '60 - 610-328-0558
- Marty Moran '56 - 610-356-6072

#### **Parking**

- Free parking for a number of cars at Spruce & New York Aves., Fifth and New Jersey Aves. and on nearby streets.

#### **Entertainment**

- Charlie Gracie (inside) - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- DJ (inside & outside) - 1:00 pm to 7 pm

#### **Food & Drink**

- Delicious menu from Westy's kitchen.
- Buffet included in ticket price.
- Drinks available from several bars.

#### **Transportation:**

- 2 free busses on Surf Ave. all day - Park & Ride.
- Air-conditioned bus from Upper Darby & Philadelphia—Round Trip \$20.00.

as our new hosts and they are looking forward to having all the West Catholic people as their guests. Let's all get together and show them why we are the biggest and best high school all class reunion of them all.

As in the past years, air conditioned bus transportation will be available—\$20.00 round trip. The bus will leave Sunday morning from Upper Darby and Southwest Philadelphia and return that evening. Only one bus will be available so it's on a first come first served basis.

Two free trolley buses will run on Surf Ave. all day from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

This year, for the first time, we will have 50/50 chances instead of the trip chances. The price of the 50/50s will be three for \$5.00 and seven for \$10.00. There will be three winners whose dollar value will be based on the amount of money raised. If for example \$4,000.00 worth of chances are sold the first winner drawn will receive \$1,000.00 and the second and third winners will receive \$500.00 each. Again, the total winner's prizes will be based on the total amount of money raised on the tickets sold.

The early feedback on moving to Westy's is very favorable and I hope that you don't miss the chance to reminisce about your days at West and your old neighborhood with your classmates and neighbors. This year you can sit back and relax without worrying about the weather. Enjoy air conditioning and/or fresh air while making new friends. Treat yourself to great food and drink while spending a very pleasant day at the shore—ALL FOR A WORTHY CAUSE! See you at the beach at Westy's Irish Pub, North Wildwood, NJ on July 9, 2006.

**ADMISSION: \$20.00 in Advance, \$25.00 on Site  
(Mail-In or Online Coupon on Page 8)**

# KEEPING IN TOUCH



**Dan Bugey,'58**, an All-Catholic basketball standout for the Burr squad of 1958 who went on to St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia at the same time that other West men played for the Hawks (**Bob Dickey,'57**, **Bob Gormley,'58**, **Jim Boyle,'59** and **Jim Lynam,'59**), is Postmaster for the Darby, PA 19023 office. Dan has been with the U.S. Postal Service since 1974 and has been Postmaster at Darby since 1993. He was looking forward to the first class of 1958 luncheon that was held at the Ramada Inn in Essington PA. One other name that has a West Catholic connection also played for St. Joseph's University following graduation from St. Thomas More High School in 1959, was the former West Catholic basketball coach and longtime teacher, Mr. Bill Hoy.

**Tom (White Tee Champion) Strohl,'6** writes from St. Augustine Florida and Marsh Creek Country Club to advise all of us and classmate **Joe Masino** in particular that he was recently recognized by his country club as their White Tee Champion for year 2006. At age 63, Tom is very proud to receive this

honor and wanted to share it with all of his classmates and friends in Burrland.

**Charlie Donovan,'58** has surfaced thanks to John Gallagher. Charlie and his wife Barbara reside in Glenside PA; they have three grown sons and seven grandchildren.

**Frank Adolf,'58** is the classmate that contacted **Dan Bugey** for the initial luncheon at the Ramada Inn...We hope it was a success.

**Jim Mulhern,'60** and Class President for the great class of 1960 has accepted the position of Director of Development for West Catholic High School...We wish Jim the very best in his new assignment!

Class of 1960 grads **Ed Bernatowicz** and **George Flocco** together with longtime friend, **Dave Yates**, St. John Bartram took time recently to review the up to date construction of the Comcast Building in downtown Philadelphia. While on location with this group we came across **Bill Collins,'90** outside City Hall, Bill was Captain of the West Catholic basketball team in 1990.



Bill Collins



Ed Bernatowicz, Dave Yates & George Flocco



**Dan Harrell,'61** and former Head coach of West Catholic football was on hand at Sports Hall of Fame dinner with former West and Temple football standout, **John Tomosky,'63** pictured above.

**Bill Bradfield,'41** and his wife Jeanne recently returned to Ormond Beach at Plantation Bay in Florida. Bill's classmate **John Hearn** and his wife Mary also live in this community. Bill & Jeanne, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in the fall have eight children, twenty seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Although it is unlikely that Bill will attend his 65th from West, he sends along best wishes to his classmates and all members of the West Catholic family.

**Edward J. Brassell,'49** checked in from Adelanto, CA as did **Mike Cannon** from the class of 1983.

**Bob McGovern,'60** Recording Secretary for the Board of Governors, advises that the class of 1960 will meet for lunch on Wednesday, June 21st at Llanerch Country Club, 950 West Chester Pike in Havertown Pa (12:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.). Call Bob at 610-583-4469 to confirm or with any questions.

**Tom McQuilken,'51** communicated from Downingtown Pa while **Dick Crist,'55** spoke to us from Colorado.

**Nick Mattera,'61** reported that his Dad, Joseph A. Mattera, recently passed at age 96. Mr. Mattera worked at and eventually ran Mattera's Bakery, a Southwest Philadelphia treasure during the years 1922-1990. The bakery closed in 2003 after which Mr. Mattera moved to Wildwood NJ where he died of heart failure on May 16th. Many of us, who grew up around the bakery, have fond memories of this kind man.

## BROTHER BURR

By Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

The 2004 edition of the Communion Breakfast program included a story about two West men, one requiring a kidney and one (a longtime friend) who was willing to donate one of his, if it was a match. Ted Silar of the *Philadelphia Daily News* wrote the original story in 2004 and he was happy to report on Friday, May 19th, that the transplant took place at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania recently and all went well according to Tom DeFelice. The recipient, Rick "Perk" Pergolini; the provider, Frank "Roscoe" Natale, both West men from the same neighborhood have been friends for over 40 years. Both men have a connection to Tom DeFelice; Natale is an assistant football coach to head coach DeFelice at Bok Vocational Tech in South Philadelphia while Pergolini and DeFelice have more of a relationship through baseball.

We wish both men a quick recovery, they are expected to be discharged from the hospital soon. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Earl 'Barney' Chapman,'41** an active member of his class and ardent supporter of West Catholic football, passed away in April, he will be missed. See photo below.

Earl on (right) with his son Kevin on (left) at a West Catholic football game.



**Johnnie Walker, Sr.,'64** and his wife Kathleen McGrath Walker,'65 now reside in the Villas NJ. Their four children all graduated from West Catholic, **John Jr.,'86**, **Donnie,'88**, **Christine,'90** and **Stephen,'94**.

Pictured below: Donnie,'88 and Stephen,'94 flank their Dad, Johnnie at a West Catholic football game in the fall of 2005.



## IN MEMORIAM

*Do Not Forget Them, May They Rest In Peace*

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| Joseph P. McGlory,'31          | Jack Diehl,'48              |
| Walter E. Guenther,'33         | Lawrence A. Garvey,'48      |
| Eugene J. Huber,'33            | Edward T. Gormley, Sr.,'48  |
| John J. McCloskey,'34          | John D. Hunt,'48            |
| William K. Scattergood,'35     | Joseph H. Rafferty,'48      |
| James J. Wilson,'35            | Thomas P. Dukes,'49         |
| William 'Bill' Scattergood,'35 | Edward T. Gormley,'49       |
| Joseph A. McLaughlin,'36       | Jack O'Malley,'50           |
| Hemy J. Breslin,'37            | Ron O'Reilly,'50            |
| Hemy J. Balaldi,'38            | Vincent J. Dezzi,'51        |
| Daniel F. Callaghan,'38        | William J. Donovan, Jr.,'51 |
| Robert H. Dolan,'38            | Gerald R. Murphy,'51        |
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| Frank W. Frandsen,'39          | Edward J. Callaban,'53      |
| John Fanelli,'40               | Joseph J. Dodds,'53         |
| James J. McFadden,'40          | Richard E. Kelly,'53        |
| Joseph C. Rudolph,'40          | John L. Donahue,'54         |
| Earl T. Chapman,'41            | John J. Dowdell,'55         |
| John R. "Jack" Morris,'41      | Edward C. McCourt,'55       |
| John J. Yeager,'41             | Joseph E. Wilson,'55        |
| Joseph L. Hayes,'42            | Harry E. Paul,'56           |
| William J. Lynn,'42            | Francis P. McGinley,'57     |
| Walter L. McCloskey, Sr.,'42   | Walter S. Czerwinski,'58    |
| Walter L. Moon,'42             | John J. Gill,'59            |
| Joseph M. Sullivan,'42         | Michael L. Gallagher,'61    |
| John A. Willis,'42             | John M. Lochner Jr.,'61     |
| James Z. B. Harding,'43        | Peter M. Purdy,'65          |
| George R. Steckel,'43          | Richard W. Webb,'65         |
| Bart J. Rowley,'44             | John J. Vitelli,'66         |
| Charles A. Schneider,'45       | Thomas W. McAnany III,'68   |
| Thomas M. Logue,'46            | Joseph E. Karaszkiwicz,'71  |
| John J. McElwee,'46            | Stephen S. Palma,'73        |
| Edward J. Tracey,'46           | Malcolm M. Matthews,'86     |
| Edward J. Boyer,'47            |                             |

## Class of 1958 Celebrates At First Annual Luncheon

On May 18, 2006, the Class of '58 had its first Annual Luncheon at the Ramada Inn near the Philadelphia Airport in Essington. The hotel staff said they viewed this to be one of the best get-togethers they've witnessed for some time. **Frank Adolf** (Transfiguration) chaired the luncheon committee who collectively showed dedication, passion and overall focus to detail and ultimate success. **Brother Timothy Ahern**, President of West Catholic High School, was the Honored Speaker. Also speaking was 1958's own George Light, West Catholic Development Office and John Gallagher (Our Lady of Victory) who is the founder and leader of the 58 BRAG RAG TEAM. **Moon Mullen** was also scheduled to attend, but had to cancel due to health reasons. Obviously, "Moon" was sadly missed by all. Almost 100 attended some travelling from California, Texas, Louisiana, New York, Delaware, New Jersey and Massachusetts. There was plenty of great food and

drinks, as well as memorabilia tables with pictures and items from back then. You could hear Doo Wop music in the background....but it was almost drowned out by the laughter and loud conversations between the many guys who hadn't seen each other since high school. This Luncheon is a prelude to the 50th Reunion event which will happen in 2008. The entire speech agenda was limited to 30 minutes total....so the attendees spent personal time with their friends for over 4 hours. Brother Tim led the fellow grads in a moment of silence for the 93 souls who passed away from this great class. The Class of 1958 was represented by 22 parochial schools (some sadly no longer exist) and "took in" West, Southwest, South, and North Philly areas. Please look at the newest website: (bragrag1958.com) and enjoy the 100+ pictures taken at the event. The highlight of the day was the thunderous rendition of our School Song....and not one guy was out of key (yeah! right!).

# Annual Fund Campaign 2006



Joe O'Halloran

Co-Chairmen Joe O'Halloran, '59 and Joe McGowan, '71 report that the Annual Fund Campaign has raised over \$50,000 as we go to press. Both O'Halloran and McGowan are confident that loyal Burrs will again support this Worthy Cause. If you have responded... Thank you! If you have not, please consider any donation within your means, as all gifts are appreciated.

**Credit Card payment of \$300 or more can be spread over 3 months.**



Joe McGowan

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### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The following funds have been established through the Alumni Association. Please support by sending your donation to the scholarship fund of your choice, c/o West Catholic Alumni Association, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, Pa 19003:

- Class of 1951 Basil A. Woodfield Scholarship Fund**
- Edward F. Schehl, Class of 1953 Scholarship Fund**
- Bill Burns, Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund**
- Richardson Family Scholarship Fund**
- William H. McGarvey, West Catholic Memorial Scholarship Fund**
- Kelly Family Scholarship Fund**
- Conway Family Scholarship Fund**

*All donations are appreciated and support worthy students.*

## Lady BURRS Capture Catholic League Championship for 2006!

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Led by their Head Coach, Len Jordan, the West Catholic High School Girls' Track & Field team once again distinguished themselves and West Catholic by capturing the Catholic League title for Track & Field with 139 points ahead of Cardinal O'Hara (120) and Archbishop Prendergast (85).

This 2006 West Catholic Girls' track & field team had excellent balance, which included standout performers in Latavia Thomas, Kneshia Sheard and Simone Carter. Latavia Thomas was named the girls' track MVP of the meet after winning the 400-meter hurdles (61.35 sec-

onds) and the 800 (2 minutes, 13.81 seconds). She also ran the anchor leg on the Lady Burrs victorious 4x400 relay team (4:02.01). This senior standout also finished fourth in the mile (5:17.56), quite a busy day on the way to a Team Championship for West Catholic, their first since year 2000. Our Congratulations go out to all members of the team and to Coach Jordan and his assistants. Thanks to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (Keith Pompey), for their coverage of this important high school event at Leslie C. Quick Jr. Stadium at Widener University in Chester, Pa on May 21st.

## West Catholic Alumni Association Wildwood Golf Outing



**Saturday, July 8th**  
*(Day Before Burrs at the Beach)*  
**Wildwood Golf and County Club**

**Includes cart, driving range, putting green & chipping facilities**

**\$80.00 per golfer**

**Sponsors at \$50.00 are greatly needed.**

*The 19th hole will be available to all participants  
 For further information and to reserve your spot  
 Call the following:*

- Bill Simpson - 610-544-4480**
- Joe Manfre -610-662-2571(cell)**
- Bob Mullin -610-364-1916.**



# Alumni Association Merchandise

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If you wish to call in your order, please call 1-800-750-8560 after 4:00 p.m. and select Mailbox #4. You may leave your credit card information and your order or request a return call regarding same. Thank you.

**ALUMNI GOLF SHIRTS** (100 % combed cotton - washable)  
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C. Suede visor washed pigment-dyed bull denim low profile pro style cap-unconstructed-khaki crown-100% cotton with navy blue Burrs on crown and navy visor. \$17.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

D. "New" Brush twill sandwich cap, navy and white with navy WC on crown \$16.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**ALUMNI JACKET**-white with blue accent, spring weight (75% polyester & 25% cotton with 100% nylon lining) L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$79.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**ALUMNI JACKET**-blue with tan accent, spring weight (65% polyester & 35% cotton with 100% nylon lining) L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$79.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**HANES BEEFY "T"** (100% preshrunk cotton) Navy \_\_\_ White \_\_\_: L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ \$14.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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"NEW" **WHITE SWEATSHIRTS** (CHAMPION APPAREL) (93% cotton & 7% polyester -Blue Imprint) West Catholic High School For Boys L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_ \$37.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

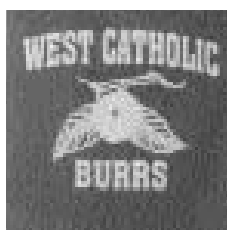
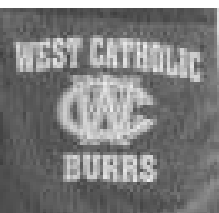
**West Catholic Burrs Custom TWO-SIDED FLAG** (30" Wide & 36" Long) \$62.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMBOSSED LEATHER BUSINESS CARD HOLDER** For Attache Case or Luggage with following message: "This luggage belongs to a West Catholic Burr" Along with a prominent W.C. \$15.00 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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Two sided flag - Great for your shore or mountain house

Jack Lawler, '60 models "New" blue with tan trim alumni jacket along with Burrs hat (item C).

Mike Hisler, '64 models white alumni jacket with Item (C) hat and West Catholic pennant.

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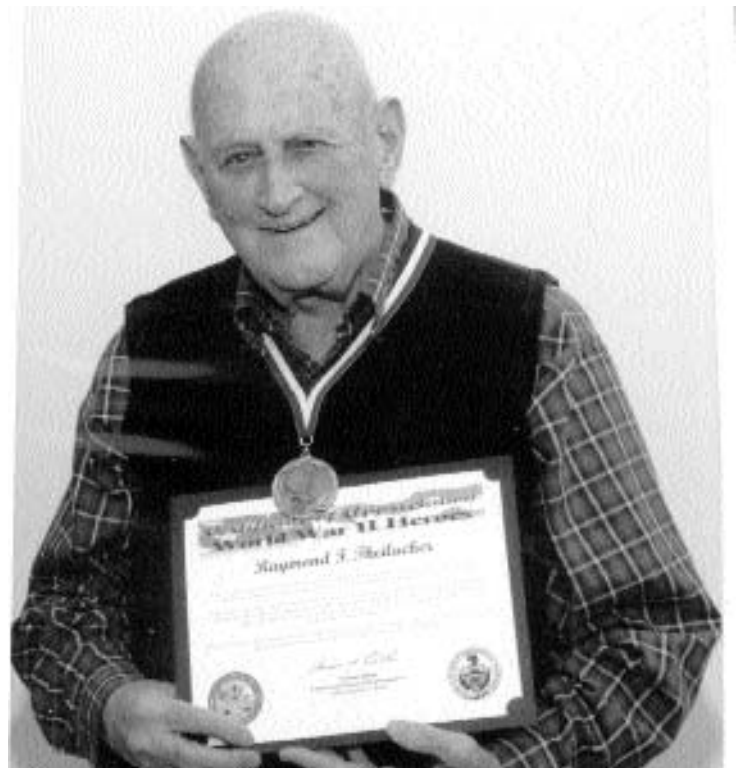
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# Honoring Those Who Served



**Ray Theilacker, '41** proudly displays the specially-minted medal and meritorious certificate he received at a recent ceremony in Media, PA. Ray and other World War II Veterans, assembled by State Representative Tom Killion, were recognized for serving their country with pride and dignity. Congratulation and thanks to Ray and all our service personnel.

## 60th Reunion for Class of '46

Summer will soon be upon us. However, by summer's end-Thursday, September 17th to be exact, the class of 1946 will meet at the Overbrook Country Club to celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Jack Fordyce and his committee have developed an interesting party to be held in the afternoon with a reception starting at 3:30 followed by a dinner at 5:00 and a hospitality room later that evening.

Jack reports that all members of the class have been contacted by mail and/or e-mail requesting a response indicating a yes or no answer -without a deposit-as to one's intention about attending the reunion. To date 75 "yes" responses have been

received and it is hoped additional classmates will be able to attend. If you have not replied by now please do so immediately by mail or otherwise to Jack Fordyce or Jack Quinn stating your intention.

The committee needs a head count as soon as possible so that reservations can be finalized with the country club. Otherwise plans may have to be cancelled. Whether you live near or far plan to attend and enjoy reliving those memorable and happy days sixty long years ago at 49th and Chestnut with your classmates.

Information call:  
 Jack Fordyce  
 484-840-9192 or  
 Jack Quinn  
 215-793-1386.

## BURRS visit the Blue Rocks



Charles Hopkins'70, together with his wife Cathy promoted a recent visit to a Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game in Wilmington, DE. Members of the West Catholic family that attended this entertaining evening included the following Christian Brothers: William Johnson, Philip DePorter, Brendan Garwood, Michael Andrejko, Leonard Rhoades. Brother Kevin Stanton was missed, as he was called to Baltimore for a graduation. Also attending, Mr. Dan Young,'45 a former teacher at West Catholic, Catherine Shea Driscoll,'45, Jean Shea McLaughlin,'43, Dan Ruppert,'70; Ed Kerr, Jr.,'60 with his wife Ann.

## Eight New Members Join School Sports Hall of Fame

On Saturday March 25th over 300 alums and friends of West Catholic High School gathered at the Airport Ramada Inn to induct the 2006 members to the School Sports Hall of Fame. This

years inductees were Noel Schmidt, '41 football, Walt Maxwell '52 basketball, Joe Scanlin '54 crew, Jack McKlenchie '55 crew, Jim Boyle '59 basketball, Mike Wallace '61 track, Richard

Bradley '67 football, and Ellen Shields Fitzpatrick '86 basketball. For information on the West Catholic Sports Hall of Fame contact George Light at the school 215-386-2244.



Jim Lynam, '59 (l) and Herb Magee, '59 (c) listen as George Light, '58 reads citation on plaque for Jim Boyle, '59. Later they accepted the award on his behalf.

## Black Tie Gala to Benefit San Miguel School

The Christian Brothers of the Baltimore District and the Philadelphia Lasallian Community will hold their first annual Christian Brothers Service Awards Dinner Saturday November 11, 2006 at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

In the midst of Pennsylvania's treasured art and sculpture collections, Brother John Owens, FSC, former teacher and administrator of LaSalle University and West Catholic High School for seventy years, will be honored as well as seventeen other

Brother Jubilarians celebrating 1,000 total years of dedicated service to Catholic education. This Black Tie fundraising dinner benefits The San Miguel School in Camden, New Jersey, a tuition-free, all day, all year Middle School for boys, directed by the Brothers. "Though it is a school for the poor, it must not be a poor school."

Save the date, Saturday, November 11, 2006. For further information contact Brother John McDonnell, FSC, Director of Development at 301-210-7444.

### San Miguel School Makes A Difference

Camden, New Jersey has long been synonymous with the urban ills of many older industrial cities in the country. Its city government is under state supervision and the school system has been labeled as 'failing' for the last four years under the "No Child Left Behind" guidelines. By offering a safe and nurturing environment, The San Miguel School offers a beacon of hope for its students and families.

It is the third of fifteen elementary/middle schools sponsored by the Christian Brothers throughout the country. San Miguel follows a unique model. It includes a small size to meet the individual needs of each student; having an extended day that includes what most would call an 'after-school program' and a required summer program.

Most importantly, in order to reach families with limited means, the school is not tuition-driven but operates through the support of the Christian Brothers, grants and donations from interested groups and individuals.

Six classes have graduated thus far. Most graduates have completed high school with some going to college or technical schools while others have joined the military or are working. At least one graduate is now serving in Iraq. Graduates are attending LaSalle University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Camden

County Community College.

The professional staff is greatly augmented with full-time volunteers. Two are Lasallian Volunteers and live with the Brothers in the community near the school. A Jesuit Volunteer lives with others in a community nearby.

Success in future living is more than academic preparation. The values and beliefs that each student will live by are important in dealing with the temptations that the environment of Camden suggests. Thus, the school day begins with an assembly where faculty and students lead prayer. Religion classes are an integral part of the curriculum for all students. Liturgies, penance services and prayer services are held throughout the year. Each grade has an overnight retreat experience each year. San Miguel students know the meaning of our prayer, "Live, Jesus, in our hearts. Forever!"

In a short amount of time, San Miguel has made a significant difference in the lives of a number of young people in Camden. They want to live good and productive lives and San Miguel has both shown them the way and given them the necessary skills to make that possible.

*Brother William Johnson  
President  
Excerpts from  
LaSallian Visions  
Spring 2006*

### Jubilarians To Be Honored

#### 75th JUBILEE

Br. Patrick Power, FSC  
(Gustin Patrick)

#### 70th JUBILEE

Br. John Owens, FSC  
(Galdrick John)

#### 65th JUBILEE

Br. Stephen Paul, FSC  
(Elixus Stephen)

#### 60th JUBILEE

Br. Andrew Bartley, FSC  
(Elias Andrew)  
Br. Edward Adams, FSC  
(Florian Alfred)  
Br. Gregory Cavalier, FSC  
(Flamian Gregory)  
Br. Patrick Ellis, FSC  
(Felician Patrick)  
Br. John Herron, FSC  
(Gratian Alician)  
Br. Gregorian McLaughlin,  
FSC  
(Gregorian)

Br. Fred Stelmach, FSC  
(Flavian of Jesus)

#### 50th JUBILEE

Br. Carl Clayton, FSC  
(Damian Carl)  
Br. Luke Maher, FSC  
(Denis Luke)  
Br. Lawrence Monroe, FSC  
(Eric Lawrence)  
Br. Benedict Oliver, FSC  
(Denis Benedict)  
Br. David Rogers, FSC  
(Daniel David)  
Br. Kevin Stanton, FSC  
(Gerald Kevin)  
Br. Henry Werner, FSC  
(Gerald Henry)

#### 25th JUBILEE

Br. James Butler, FSC

## Big Daddy Graham At West Catholic High School

Big Daddy Graham (Ed Gudonis, '71) recently visited West Catholic High School to provide his entertaining one man show, "Last Call...Remembering MY DAD".

The Show, a Fund Raiser for West Catholic High School, provided an enjoyable evening for all who attended.



Big Daddy Graham and Brother Tim Ahern



Patty & Tom Strain, West Catholic regulars who attended with their dad, Bill, '41.



Barbara & George Light with Big Daddy



Dan Ruppert, Cathy & Charles Hopkins together with West Catholic Athletic Director, Joe Hasson, '76.

## Remembering Joe McLaughlin, '36

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



**Joe McLaughlin**, a member of the great class of 1936 and former Executive Secretary for the West Catholic Alumni Association passed away in April. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his dear wife, Marie and their family. Joe loved West Catholic and was very active as the Executive Secretary for the Association, always recruiting new members and promoting the Association and West Catholic High School. He wrote the *Keeping in Touch* articles for the *Emissary* and his efforts in helping to keep and develop an active list of graduates was significant to the Association and the school. Joe's funeral mass at Sacred Heart church in Manoa was attended by many West men that included past President of the Association, Bill Sheridan, '43 and an original member of the West Catholic Sports Hall of Fame, Ernie Beck, '49.

He is survived by his wife and five children: Kathleen, Joseph, Jr., Joan, Paul and Michael.

## In Memory of Joseph M. Sullivan, Sr. Class of 1942

by Jack Lister, '45



Higgins boat full of troops to the shores of New Guinea, New Britain, Lingayen and Manila; he also served with the army of occupation in Japan. He was a true hero in the service of his country and he spoke proudly of the many heroes he served with in the Pacific.

In 1953 Joe married Maureen Crowe. Together they raised a family of seven children: Sharon, Mary Eileen, Joseph, Brian, Robert, Matthew and Mary Kristine.

Joe was a faithful member of the Malvern Retreat League; he went on a retreat to Malvern every Father's Day weekend for 55 years, initially with his own father and later with his sons. He made many lifetime friends as a member of Overbrook Country Club, the Columbus Club and at his parish, Saint John Neumann.

Joe was a veteran of World War II. He served in the South Pacific as a crew chief of a landing craft in the Army Corp of Engineers. When the order was given to "land the landing force," Joe guided his

Joe will be greatly missed by his many friends. He never forgot his days as a Brothers' Boy at West Catholic and we will not forget him.

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## Message From Brother Tim Ahern, FSC



At the request of *The Emissary* Brother Timothy Ahern, FSC '79, West Catholic High School President, has written the following letter to all alumni expressing his feelings about returning to the new environment and what it meant to him personally. We thank Brother for his comments and hope you enjoy his insight about the future of the school and the goals we all share about Catholic education.

Dear Alumns:

On July 1, 2005 I arrived at West Catholic and proceeded to spend ten minutes trying to figure out what key opened my office. Then I proceeded to spend another ten minutes attempting to access my office phone. What a way to begin a new position of leadership!! Well, after nine months of continual listening, observing and speaking with all sorts of people, I am happy to say that I am extremely pleased being back at West Catholic. The present West Catholic is indeed different from the one I left in 1979. Co-ed, smaller in numbers and living away from the school property is all new to me. The West Catholic of today is still filled with hopeful and talented young people. Our mission from this perspective is the same as it was years ago. Offer a quality Catholic education in an atmosphere of nurturing and concern for the whole student.

As my first year of service is coming to a conclusion and I prepare for next year, I want to take this opportunity to share some of my immediate goals for West.

-Continue to offer as much financial aid as possible for needy and qualified students.

-Air condition our school auditorium and cafeteria.

-Purchase a second school bus for athletic and activity needs

In addition to these "hopes?" I will share with you now one of my thoughts from this year that will become a reality in September of 2006. West Catholic has formed a partnership with "The Restaurant School" of Walnut Hill College to offer a culinary arts course for a selected group of seniors. This course will run for a full year with a master chef from the school instructing our students. Students will receive college credits for this course should they pursue a career in this field. Additionally, our students will be certified in food preparation and sanitation that will allow them to get employment in the food industry.

Another reminder that all are welcome to stop in West whenever you are in the neighborhood. The best way to know what West is still about is by seeing it for yourself. Best wishes to all for a great summer and I hope to see you at Burrs at the Beach.

Sincerely,  
Brother Tim Ahern, FSC

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS

**NEED** to contact us regarding a change of address, provide the name and address of a missing *Burr*?

**NEED** to inform about your family or a change in your career for the *Emissary*?

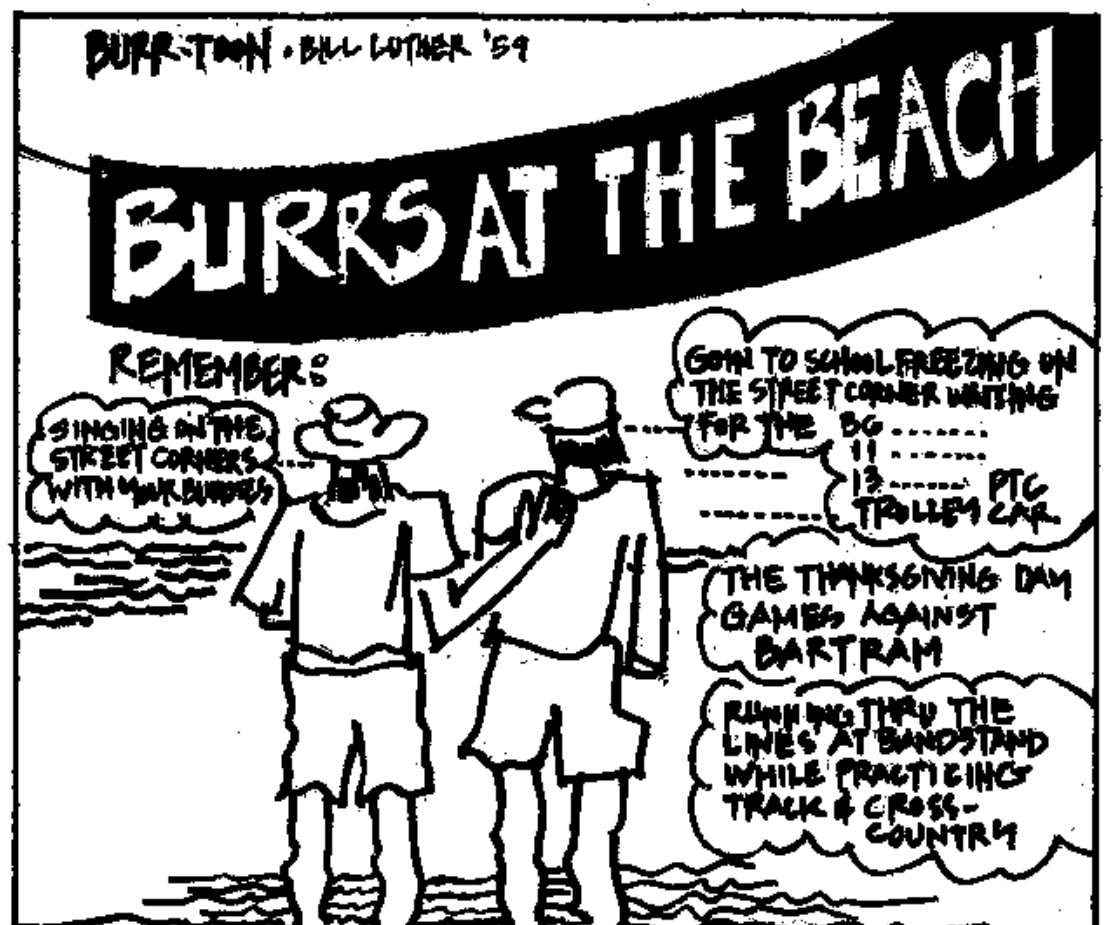
**NEED** to advise regarding the death of a classmate?

**NEED** to order merchandise?

**NEED** to make a suggestion or nomination?

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| 2. FAX: 215-387-9443 or<br>800-539-9443                      | 4. MAIL: West Catholic Alumni Assn.<br>P.O. Box 889<br>Ardmore, PA 19003 |



## Class Reunion Schedule

Only your Alumni Association office can provide your Reunion Committee with a current listing of your classmates—Call (215) 387-8560.

Class	Location/Date	Contact
1946	9/17/06	Jack Fordyce
60th	Overbrook Country Club Radnor, PA	484.840.9192 or Joe Zimmerman 610.446.0298
1947	Planning Stage	Tom Simpson 610.356.9199 or John Donoghue 610.738.4121
60th		
1951	9/15/06	Ron Walsh 610.853.2056 or Walt Lee 610.853.3399
55th	Drexelbrook Club 4700 Drexelbrook Dr. Drexel Hill, PA	
1956	10/27/06	Jim McLaughlin 610.566.2225 or George Madonna 610.565.1000
50th	Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	
1957	9/28/07	Jack Kraft 215.493.5899 or Joan McGinn Woods 610.356.2831
50th	Planning Stage	
1961	10/14/06	Tom Dorrian 484.431.0781 or Joe Manfre 610.543.1792
45th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy. Essington, PA	
1966	10/24/06	Frank Tallon 610.446.3512 or Dot McShane 215.755.4354 DOT10448@HOTMAIL.COM
40th	Airport Embassy Suite 9000 Bartram Ave. Phila., PA	
1980	Planning Stage Combined	Yolanda Braxton yolonnieb@aol.com
1986	Planning Stage	Mike Ward or Maureen Buckley Ward 610.544.3142 momikenmk@msn.com
1996	Planning Stage	Marcie Turner 215.474.1110
10th		
2001	Planning Stage	Jackie Fritz 215.409.5232 jackiefritz3@yahoo.com
5th		

NOTE: ALL OTHER CLASSES GRADUATED IN YEARS ENDING IN "7" OR "2", WHO ARE PLANNING A REUNION OR WOULD LIKE TO PLAN ONE, PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 215-387-8560.

### CLASS LUNCHEONS

Class	Location	Contact/Date
1946	Luncheon Casey's Restaurant Newtown Square, PA	July 17, 2006 Jack Quinn 215-743-1386
1947	Class Luncheons Casey's Restaurant Newtown Square, PA	12:15 pm on July 17 & Oct. 16, 2006
1953	Luncheon Bala Country Club Philadelphia, PA	12:30 p.m June 6, 2006 Bob Smith 610-544-2919
1959	Class Luncheons C.J. McGee Springfield, PA	11:45 pm on Sept. 20, Dec. 20, 2006
1960	Class Luncheons Llanarch C.C.	June 21, 2006 Bob McGovern 610-583-4469

## Wildwood Golf Outing Saturday, July 8th

A limited number of t-times have been reserved at the Wildwood Golf and County Club for Saturday, July 8th (day prior to Burrs at the Beach). The cost should run around \$80.00 per golfer. This includes cart, driving range, putting green and chipping facilities. If you have played Wildwood before, you know how well the fairways

and greens are kept.. Sponsors are greatly needed. The cost will be \$50.00. This is a West Catholic Alumni sponsored event. All proceeds will go to the Alumni Fund. Also, the 19th hole will be available to all participants. If you cannot make the golf outing and would like to be a sponsor it would be greatly

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Tom Dorrian, '61 President West Catholic Alumni Association

*Hello once again to my fellow alumni! As I finish up my third year as president of the Alumni Association our two most important fund raising events are moving into high gear. First and foremost, the heart and soul of our existence, you should have received our first letter requesting your help for our Annual Fund Appeal. I know that I'm always requesting your help to support our organization in some form but this one truly is the most important of all for it is the only one that guarantees the existence of the West Catholic Alumni Association. Without your generous financial support we could not exist. On behalf of the Association I thank those of you who have responded to our 2006 Appeal. I hope more alumni will be able to lend their support so that our modest goal of \$125,000.00 will be attained.*

*The second fund raiser and just as important is the up-coming 19th annual Burrs at the Beach extravaganza to be held on July 9, 2006. This year we are showcasing our new venue, Westy's Irish Pub, North Wildwood NJ, diagonally across the street from the now non-existent but greatly appreciated Moore's Inlet. There are many pluses regarding the move to Westy's but none more important than the really great news that WESTY'S IS AIR CONDITIONED THROUGHOUT. We are now offering something that has never been available in the entire 18 year history of B@B... We have Air Conditioning!!! Westy's will also have their entire parking lot tented, ala Irish weekend, for those of you who like the outdoors (especially the younger grads) and anyone wondering about accommodating West Catholic's huge numbers. I'm hoping everyone who has ever attended a previous B@B and stopped coming for one reason or another will now come back and help us initiate Westy's inaugural endeavour at hosting the new home of Burrs at the Beach. Come out and make this the most successful B@B ever. See you on July 9th!!!*

*Some thoughts and after thoughts...*

*On behalf of the Alumni Association I would like to extend our congratulations to the outstanding job done by Brother Timothy Ahern in his first year as President of West Catholic High School. Well done Brother Tim.*

*Every year we lose many members of our West Catholic family, some high profile and some not so high but all are just as relevant. I don't think it's fair that I mention some and not others so I would just like to say God speed to all and God Bless, you are Loyal Son's who loved to spread her fame, you will all be missed.*

*West Catholic's 2006 graduating class will be sending an astounding 93% on to institutions of higher learning. Congratulation to the Class of '06.*

*I think that both the Alumni Association and West Catholic High School are headed to bigger and better things.*

*Pray for all our men and women in the Armed Forces.*

*Slainte!! God Bless!!*

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