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90th Annual Communion Breakfast

Join your friends and classmates to show your support for the Alumni Association and West Catholic at this historic event!

Loyal Alumni, friends and family will gather on Sunday, November 7, 2010 to celebrate West Catholic Alumni Association's 90th Annual Communion Breakfast. This historic day will start with the celebration of Mass at 9 am, with Father Dixey, OSA (Class of 1947) as the Principal

Celebrant and Homilist. Breakfast and the Awards Ceremony will follow immediately.

Once again, the Mass, Breakfast and Awards Ceremony all will take place at the beautiful and convenient Springfield Country Club, on Springfield Road, in Springfield, Delaware County.

Ticket prices have remained the same as last several years — \$25.00 in advance or at the door.

At the Awards Ceremony, deserving Alumni and friends of West Catholic will be honored for their many accomplishments and contributions to the School, the Alumni Association and society in general. Members of our 50 year class — the Class of 1961 — will receive special awards and will be involved in various aspects of the Mass.

Nominations were submitted throughout the year by many members of the Alumni Association and Alumni Association-Board Members. The Communion Breakfast Committee chose nine award winners to be honored from a large field of wellqualified nominees. The 2010 honorees are: James H. Richardson, '37 (Brother D. Aloysius Award); Msgr. Daniel Kehoe (Brother Edwin Anselm Award); Thomas Simpson, '47 (Golden Burr Award); James Madden, '54 (Brother G. John Owens Award); Thomas Dorrian, '61 (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); Joseph Manfre, '61 (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); Brother Leonard Rhoades, F.S.C. (Bishop McCort Award); Capt. Kevin Hodges, '77 (Brother Mar-Strickroth Award); and Stephen Tulli, '84 (William H. Mc-Garvey Award). Articles on each winner are featured elsewhere in this edition.

All priest-alumni are invited to serve as concelebrants for this special occasion. Special arrangements are being made once again to provide a beautiful musical program for the liturgy.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Thomas DeFelice '64. Tom has performed the same duties at many past Communion Breakfasts, and the Association is very happy that Tom graciously agreed to perform these duties again this year!

Once again, all proceeds from the Offertory Collection will be used for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship fund to benefit Catholic students who wish to attend West Catholic. The Communion Breakfast Scholarships generated by the last three Communion Breakfasts have assisted five students to attend West Catholic.

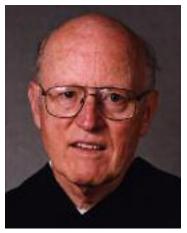
The Springfield Country Club.

in addition to its elegance, is convenient to Alumni living throughout the Delaware Valley. It is easily accessible from I-476 (the Blue Route) and Route 1. It is located at 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, Delaware County. Parking is free.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560. Tickets may also be purchased by mail or at the door. Please use the order form printed on this page.

If you would like to purchase an ad in the program book to congratulate an honoree or to show support for the Alumni Association, an order form is included at page 3.

Rev. Dixey Named Celebrant and Homilist for Breakfast Mass



EDWARD J. DIXEY, O.S.A.

Father Dixey grew up in Southwest Philadelphia where he received his grammar school education in the parish schools of St. Barnabas(grades 1-5) and Most Blessed Sacrament (grades 6-8). He is a 1947 Graduate of West Catholic, where he was a member of the Varsity Football Teams of '45 and '46 seasons — Catholic League Championship Teams.

Following graduation from West he served for two years in the U.S. Army. In September 1949, he matriculated at Villanova University. After his junior year at Villanova, he joined the Order of St. Augustine. Father Dixey received BA and MA degrees from Villanova, completed Theological Studies at The Augustinian College in Washington, D.C., and was ordained to the Priesthood on June 8, 1957 in Washington.

During his years of priestly ministry he taught Religion and Mathematics for eleven years at Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, PA; worked with the Augustinian Seminarians at Villanova University for four years as Submaster (Assistant Director) and five years as Master (Director) of the Professed Religious Students.

Father has served as a parish priest in several parishes staffed by the Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Albany, NY for a total of 25 years. He has served as Prior (Religious Superior) for more than 20 years in various Augustinian communities in the Philadelphia and Albany areas.

Currently, Father resides at St. Augustine Friary (Villanova, PA), serves in Senior Ministry capacity, and is a regular weekend assistant at St. Hilary Parish, Rydal, PA.

2010 Annual Fund Exceeds \$55,000 To Date

Co-Chairmen Gus Hoban, '54 and Joe McGinn, '55 advised the *Emissary* that the 2010 Annual Fund Campaign generated a grand total through August 31st of \$55,121.05, and for that the Alumni Association is most grateful. We certainly appreciate all donations that were made for this Fiscal Year ending in August, 2010. The Association also is most thankful to those who supported the Alumni Scholarship Funds that are listed in the *Emissary*. Because of your kindness, the Association awarded 18 scholarship grants totaling \$33,475.00. Thank you from the worthy and needy students attending West Catholic High School who were the recipients. Without your generous donations we could not provide these grants.

North Wildwood Honors Burrs

Return No Later Than October 23rd

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Tom Dorrian (right), co-chair of the West Catholic Burrs at the Beach Committee, receives a proclamation from North Wildwood City Councilman Joe Duncan, '61 (left) and North Wildwood Mayor William J. Henfey declaring the weekend of July 16-18, 2010 to be West Catholic Weekend. (Beach details on page 5)

Alumni Association Award Recipients



THOMAS M. DORRIAN '61 50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Tom is a proud member of the Class of 1961! To this day, he professes that his time at West "were the best four consecutive years of my life."

After graduating from West Catholic, Tom attended St. Joseph's College (now St. Joseph's University) at night from January, 1962 to May, 1967, receiving his Associates Degree. Tom also served our Country as a member of the Unites States Army; Tom served six months active duty and 5½ years in active reserve before being honorably discharged.

Tom has spent many years and made great efforts to show his loyalty and gratitude to West Catholic, and to keeping the West Catholic Spirit alive and flourishing. He has been an active member of the West Catholic Alumni Association Board of Governors for nearly 20 years.

Tom is now retired and enjoying life (and golf!) at the Jersey shore. He retired from Lockheed Martin Aerospace (formerly General Electric Aerospace) in King of Prussia in March, 2006.



CAPTAIN KEVIN HODGES '77 BROTHER MARTIN STRICKROTH AWARD

Kevin attended Most Blessed Sacrament Parish before moving onto West Catholic. Graduating in 1977, Kevin shortly thereafter began his career of public service, enlisting in the United States Air Force. His tour of duty took him to Ramstein Air Base in Germany for two years and Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota for three and half years. Achieving the rank of Tech Sergeant (E-6), Kevin was honorably discharged after serving six years.

Kevin then joined the Philadelphia Police Force, graduating from the Philadelphia Police Academy with honors and as the top shooter in his class. In his many years as one of Philadelphia's Finest, he has held many positions, serving Philadelphia's residents in many areas throughout the City. He currently is assigned to the Command Inspections Bureau.

Kevin married Maggie Spaeder (West Girls '77) in October 1986. He considers his greatest achievement to be his marriage to Maggie and their 3 great kids, Liz, Matt and Chrissy.



REV. MSGR. DANIEL KEHOE BROTHER EDWIN ANSELM AWARD

Currently Pastor Emeritus at Holy Spirit Parish (Sharon Hill), Msgr. Kehoe is the longest serving priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He recently celebrating the 71st Anniversary of his Ordination on June 3, 2010!

After graduating from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish School, Msgr. Kehoe attended West Catholic for his freshman and sophomore years. He then transferred to the Pre-College Division of St. Charles Seminary.

Ordained in 1939 by Cardinal Dougherty, he was assigned immediately to St. Thomas More High School, where Msgr. Kehoe remained a faculty member for 18 years, until 1957.

He then became the founding Principal at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown, and remained there until 1962, at which time he was appointed Principal at Bishop McDevitt High School.

In 1969, Msgr. Kehoe began a new phase of his ministry – assuming the Pastorship at Holy Spirit Parish. Msgr. Kehoe remained Pastor until September, 1987, at which time he became Pastor Emeritus.



BROTHER LEONARD RHOADES, FSC BISHOP McCORT AWARD

Although not a West grad, Brother Len truly embodies the West Catholic Spirit — in the classroom, taking students on service trips to Appalachia and the Dominican Republic, chaperoning students at leadership conferences and, of course, while announcing West Catholic home football and basketball games!

Hailing from Northeast Philadelphia, Brother Len graduated from Father Judge High School in 1982 and then entered La Salle University. While at La Salle, he entered the Christian Brothers in 1985, then received his degree from La Salle in 1986. Brother Len professed his Final Vows in 1995.

His teaching career, which started at West, also has taken him to Central Catholic in Pittsburgh and St. John's in Washington, D.C. He now is in his second tour of duty at West. He chairs the Religion Department.

Brother Len brings home to his students the legacy of St. Jean Baptist de la Salle, who wanted his schools to have a special affection for the poor.



JAMES J. MADDEN '54 BROTHER G. JOHN OWENS AWARD

Jim Madden grew up in St. Barnabas Parish, in the heart of Southwest Philadelphia. He entered West Catholic in the Fall of 1950, beginning what Jim recalls as the "best time of my life."

Jim attended and received his Bachelor of Science from Drexel University. In his long career, Jim worked for Atlantic Refinery and then, for thirty years, at Betz, Inc. (now General Electric). Jim rose through the ranks at Betz. For four years, he managed the company's region centered near Chicago. He rose to the position of Vice President for Corporate Sales, the position from which he retired in 1995.

Jim and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children, six grand-children and two great grandchildren — with a third on the way! Jim, now living in Newtown Square, is enjoying his retirement, including his time at the Jersey Shore and in Florida each year — as well as the time he continues to share with many of his West Catholic friends!



JOSEPH R. MANFRE '61 50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Joe has been married for the past 43 years to Mary Ann, a 1961 graduate of West Catholic Girls. They are proud parents of two sons, Marc and Greg. Joe and Mary Ann are blessed with six grandchildren.

He fondly remembers his years at West Catholic and is proud to have played, as a sophomore, on the 1959 West Catholic Basketball Team. That team won West Catholic's last Catholic League Basketball Championship!

Joe's career since leaving West has been dedicated to public service. Joe served with the United States Marines and is proud of his honorable discharge.

For over thirty years, Joe held the position of Director of Recreation and Community Services for

the Upper Darby School District.
For the past 8 years, he has served on the Board of Governors of the West Catholic Alumni Association and actively participates in the West Catholic Burrs at the Beach Committee. Joe also co-chairs the West Catholic Alumni Association's Golf Outing.



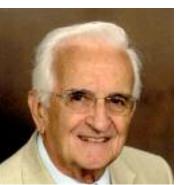
JAMES J. RICHARDSON '37 BROTHER D. ALOYSIUS AWARD

Hailing from St. Ignatius Parish, James entered the halls of West Catholic in 1933, with great excitement and dedication. He immersed himself in West Catholic life, joining many activities such as the Art and Latin Clubs, intramural Track and intramural Basketball.

His level of commitment to his academics earned him the Cardinal Dougherty Scholarship Award to La Salle College. However, he was not able to accept the scholarship due to a stipulation in the grant from the McCarthy foundation that reserved the scholarship for white students

He pursued enrollment at Villanova College for Men, entering in the fall of 1937 to pursue his dream of completing a Christian College Education.

After graduation, James worked for the Post Office, held leadership positions in Finance and Accounting with Sun Ship, Cheyney State and finally with the Board of Education, in Philadelphia. James entered the Temple College MBA Program, in 1943.



THOMAS J. SIMPSON '47
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Tom's Catholic education started in St. Anthony's Catholic School in South Philadelphia, then moved to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Southwest Philadelphia.

He was co-editor of the West Catholic News, published works in the annual West literary publication, participated in the senior play and was one of the voices of the Catholic High School Hour broadcast on radio.

Tom was offered, but unable to accept, a scholarship to La Salle College due to the economic times and his role as the oldest son in the family. He entered a four year apprenticeship as a machinist at the Naval Air Engineering Center in Philadelphia.

In 1960, he was hired by the U.S Navy as a ship systems engineer. He retired from the US Navy civilian employment in 1994

In 1952, Tom married Dolores "Dee" Cloran; they had three children. Several years after Dee passed away, Tom married Patricia Turner; they were married for four years before her passing. Tom now is married to Kathy McCollum, living happily in St. Pius X Parish, Broomall.



STEPHEN A. TULLI '84 WILLIAM H. McGARVEY AWARD

At West Catholic, Stephen was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and various extracurricular activities. Stephen ranked sixth in his class and in 1984 received the William H. McGarvey Scholarship to attend Villanova University where he received a Bacehlor's Degree in Business Administration in 1988 and an MBA in 1993.

Stephen began his career at Keating Building Corporation, spending eight years as a Property/Operations Manager for commercial construction projects. For the past fifteen years, he has been with Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and is currently at Wells Fargo Advisors.

Stephen is proud to have served on the West Catholic Alumni Association Board of Governors for many years, holding the position of Executive Vice President.

Stephen, his wife Maria, and children, Vincent and Hanna Grace belong to St. Eleanor in Collegeville, PA. Stephen comes from a proud tradition of West graduates: Rose Marie, '59, Lisa, '87, David, '89, and the late Shirley McLaughlin, '53.

Inspiration . . .



Pictured, left to right, Kevin Burns, Mrs. Burns, Kelly Burns and Mr. Burns

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

As a student athlete from a family of six, Kevin Burns, Class of 2011 is one proud BURR! The following is his Essay he presented along with his final report card for school year 2009-2010. Kevin and his sister Kelly were nominated to receive one of the Class of 1960 Bill Burns Scholarship Grants presented to qualifying West Catholic students for this school year at West Catholic High School. This is one of the Scholarship funds listed in the Emissary that welcome your support:

Dear West Catholic Alumni Association:

First I want to thank you for your generosity with my tuition at West Catholic. I really appreciate the scholarship assistance you provide, as does my family so

Alumni Association Scholarship Funds

Many West Catholic alums have worked together to establish scholarships for deserving West Catholic students and, at the same time, honor their own class or departed class mates. Each year, these funds provide financial assistance to deserving students who might not otherwise experience the West Catholic Spirit and take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities provided by a West Catholic education.

The funds listed below have been established through the Alumni Association. In addition, new scholarship funds can be created. Please support the existing funds by sending your donation to the scholarship fund of your choice, c/o West Catholic Alumni Association, P.O. Box

889, Ardmore, PA 19003. If you are interested in starting a new scholarship fund, please contact the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560.

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that I can get this awesome education. West Catholic is the place to be. West is best and they truly are family. Everywhere I go I meet more people from West. Who wouldn't want to be part of this large elite group!

In the 2010-2011 school year, I have many goals I want to achieve. My first goal is to end my senior year in the top 10 of my class rank. Another goal is to get into a great college for engineering. My third goal is to be on the first West Catholic football team that wins the state championship.

Football is something I love and I am vice president of Student Council. Although they are important to me, my grades and ranking are first. It is really important to me to rank in the top 10. That is by far my most important goal. Therefore, I am determined to do my very best academically.

My dream is to be an engineer. I am looking at different colleges and hopefully will be accepted at one of the best. I am hoping that working hard, getting good grades and keeping my fingers crossed will get me to the next level. I believe hard work pays off.

The final goal for my senior year is state champions! In order for West to win the state championship, we need leadership. I am going to be one of those leaders on and off the field. I am going to play every game like it is my last and leaving nothing behind. If we have faith in ourselves we can and will make it to HERSHEY!

> Thank you, Kevin Burns

Both Kevin and his sister, Kelly presented impressive report cards to include "0" times late and a grade of 100 for conduct. I was inspired by Kevin's Essay and hope that his words will also move you to continue your support of the West Catholic Family. West Catholic High School is as important as it ever was with a proud history dating back to 1916...Long Live West Catholic High School!

West Catholic High **School Class of 2010**

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Due to lack of space in the last issue of the Emissary, the following important information about the 2010 graduating Class at West Catholic High School is presented in this issue. The 2010 Graduation Exercises were held on June 12, 2010 at West Catholic High School in their beautiful Auditorium, Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, Pre-

One hundred twenty-nine proud graduates received their Diploma from West Catholic High School on a beautiful morning before a capacity full auditorium, to include the balcony, Daniel Benny delivered the Salutatory address and Liana Taylor, the Valedictory address, to an audience that was both considerate and respectful, as they held their applause until the very end.

Remarks were made by Principal, Sister Mary Bur, I.H.M., President, Tim Ahern, FSC, Ms. Mary DeMasi, Father John Hand

and Commentator Mr. Joseph Dolland. Also playing a part in this joyous day were Ms. Helen Sheridan, President of the Alumnae Association and Mr. Francis X. Crowley, Esq., President of the Alumni Association.

Several members of the respective Golden Anniversary 1960 class for West Catholic Girls' and West Catholic Boys' High Schools were included in this day to help them celebrate their 50th along with one member of the 1935 Girls' class, who celebrated her 75th too!

The Honors and Awards presented to the 2010 graduates, was very impressive, as were the significant financial aid offers to over 70 students. Attending this Graduation day provided those members of 1960 and 1935 the opportunity to see the West Catholic of 2010; we came away proud and impressed! Alumni Board Members, Ed Kerr, Jack Lawler, Bob McCann and Jim Mulhern were among those in attendance. Long Live West Catholic High School.

"Baby Squid" in Vietnam



Paul "Baby Squid" McCann, '65 was stationed with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam in the late 1960s. Paul was called Baby Squid because he had a baby face and was a Navy corpsman. Battalian surgeon Dr. Behrens took the above picture in the BAS bunker Rockpile around the end of 1968. Paul is second from the left.

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> 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: Jim Mulhern (USMC) '60 - jrmulhern@aol.com
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Burrs Primed for Special Season



Captains for the 2010 Football Season
Pictured (Left to Right) Anthony McDonnaugh, Anthony Reid,
Brandon Hollomon and Jim Lynch.

By Ed "Huck" Palmer, '87

It has only been two seasons since the Philadelphia Catholic League has been a member of the PIAA, which in turn allows them to compete for state championship honors. And in these two seasons the West Catholic football team has twice been on the cusp of bringing home a little state glory.

Two years ago, the Burrs fell to Wilmington High School in a heart-wrenching, one-point defeat in the Class AA final in Heroption who made an impact last year will be returning. Senior running backs Brandon Hollomon (1,428 yards) and Joshua Mathis (911 yards) return to the Burrs' backfield. This duo combined for 33 total touchdowns in 2009. Hollomon galloped his way to over 2,000 all-purpose yards and is considered one of the area's better backs.

Though, the Burrs should be a force with their ground attack, they also have the makings of an effective passing game. Last year, with seniors Jim Lynch at



Offensive Unit

shey. A year ago, they dropped a two-point loss to Lancaster Catholic in the AA semifinals. Lancaster would go onto capture the state title the following week

Losing twice to the eventual state champions in their class has been no consolation for the Burrs. So, in year three of the PIAA the West Catholic football program will look to be the team that hoists the hardware that has so narrowly avoided them in

tight end and Quran Kent and Jaelen Strong-Rankin as wideouts, the Burrs returned nearly 1,500 yards of receiving between the three of them. Kent set a school record with 808 receiving yards last year.

Directing the team this year will be senior quarterback Anthony Reid, a transfer from recently closed North Catholic. Reid, who passed for a 1,000 yards last season for the Falcons, should bring ample expe-



Defensive Unit

the past two seasons. The task of achieving this will once again be a difficult one, but collectively the Burrs' coaches and players feel that they have the pieces to accomplish such a lofty goal.

A bevy of returning skill position players should spearhead the Burrs' chances at postseason success in 2010. Every single running back and receiving

rience and leadership to the Burrs' offense. Another North transfer, Dave Sherman, could also help bolster the offense at wide receiver. Sherman had 440 yards receiving as Reid's top target a year ago.

The Burrs lost a few important pieces from their offensive line, but with returning starters Rodney Linder and Dominic Di-

Galbo still in the fold, the foundation for success most certainly still exists in this area. Mike Makor, yet another North transfer, should be one of the anchors on the line as well.

Defensively, the Burrs will rely on a quick and athletic group of players. Holdovers from last year's terrific unit include Lynch, who was an All-State performer at defensive end. Lynch finished last season with 13.5 sacks. Senior linebacker Anthony McDonnaugh was second on the team in tackles a year ago and brings toughness to his position. Junior, Kevin Malone and Hollomon return to the secondary.

Some of the new faces that Head Coach Brian Fluck expects to perform well on the defense are linebackers Kevin Burns, TJ Waters, and Tristin Freeman. Look for Kris Padgett to play opposite of Lynch at defensive end, while Ike Ugwu, Devante Ford, and Chris Coe will vie for playing time on the defensive line. Dar-ray Jubilee and Sherman will fill out the secondary.

Once again the Burrs have a very difficult non-league portion on their schedule. They opened with 4A contender Roman Catholic at the shore for the tenth consecutive year. They also hosted 3A hopeful Monsignor Bonner and defending 4A state champion La Salle at Widener in weeks two and three. Week four they traveled to Haverford School, who was Co-Inter-Ac champion a year ago. Archbishop Ryan, another 4A team, will round out their nonleague schedule.

The Philadelphia Catholic AA division will feature a few changes this season. Still in place is Bishop McDevitt, but newcomers Neumann-Goretti, Conwell-Egan, and Lansdale Catholic will all be on the Burrs' schedule. The latter three of these schools all dropped down from the 3A league. Meanwhile, Cardinal Dougherty (closed), Kennedy-Kenrick (closed), and Archbishop Carroll (moved to 3A) are now gone.

If there is one constant with the West Catholic program, it is that they always play competitive and exciting football. With a schedule full of marquee opponents and a roster full of talent, this season should be no different. Undoubtedly, there will be peaks and valleys along the way, but if this club can stay together and remain focused, then there is no reason why we won't see them playing in Hershey once again come mid-December.



Standout performer, Tight End Jim Lynch, is the proud Grandson of Jim Lynch from the Class of 1958.

Soccer Alums Return for Annual Alumni Soccer Game



On Saturday, September 18, 2010, about 30 current and former members of the West Catholic Men's Soccer Team returned to Penrose Park, 74th Street and Lindbergh Blvd. in Southwest Philadelphia, to show off their soccer talents. This year, the men were joined by two Alumnae players as well!

Paul Marzell, '59 travelled in from the Pittsburgh area to be the most senior member of the soccer alumni present. Paul gave the many younger alums and current team members a good run! Paul keeps up his soccer form by coaching high school soccer in Western Pennsylvania.

Each year, the proceeds from the Soccer Alumni Game are used to support the current soccer program at West Catholic. Thanks to all who participated.



Summer Basketball Camp Nets Area Grade Schoolers



Recently appointed boys' Head Basketball coach, Guy Moore (formerly the Head Coach at North Catholic) welcomed the opportunity during his first summer at West Catholic High School to conduct a summer instructional basketball camp for 33 grade schoolers during the first week of August. Former La Salle University Men's Basketball Head Coach, Lefty Ervin (pictured), who coached the Explorers from 1979-1986 to total of 119 victories that also developed nine NBA picks, attended the camp as did Aaron McKie, presently a coach with the Philadelphia 76ers. Both men lectured to the young aspiring high school basketball players about the value of fundamentals.

23rd Annual Burrs at the Beach B@B Golf Outing 2010 **Hot but Successful**

By Tom Dorrian, '61

On a hot and muggy July 18, 2010 twelve hundred alumni, alumna and friends of West Catholic braved the heat and humidity and gathered at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood to celebrate our 23rd annual Burrs at the Beach all class reunion. Even though we lost approximately 400 people due to the weather, those that attended said it was the best B@B yet.

Once again, the West Catholic Burrs at the Beach Committee did a marvelous job in putting this event together. The event went off without a glitch, and there was ample parking all around Westy's Irish Pub for everyone.

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. I also want to congratulate our great committee for putting this day together.

For the past 22 years the Burrs at the Beach Committee

has always held our reunion on the first Sunday after the 4th of July, unless that Sunday was on the 4th of July weekend. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Burrs at the beach Committee decided to move the event one week to July 18, 2010. This was done because there was too much congestion and little to no parking in the area of Westy's due to all the other events taking place in the area.

The City of North Wildwood and Mayor Henfey issued a proclamation declaring the weekend of July 16-18 to be "The West Catholic Burrs at the Beach Weekend." North Wildwood city councilman Joe Duncan, '61, was instrumental in setting up the meeting with Mayor Henfey. We were also assured by Mayor Henfey and Councilman Joe Duncan that no other events would be held in North Wildwood on our new date of July 18, 2010.

We think that Westy's Irish Pub is the best venue of any facility in the shore area to hold Burrs at the Beach. Once again this year, Art and Peg West were the most obliging and gracious hosts, and they couldn't do enough for us. They had plenty of bars set up around the grounds - both inside and outside. The food was appetizing and plentiful, and DJ Jerry Smith had everyone dancing the day away. Our 50/50 sent three people home with more the \$2,000.00 in winnings.

Once again I want to thank everyone who supported us this year. Through your generosity, we will present Brother Timothy Ahearn, President, West Catholic High School, with a check for \$25,000.00 to be used for Catholic Student tuition assistance.

It appears our numbers have fallen in recent years, and we want to make sure that we do everything in our power to make it attractive and desirable to attend Burrs at the Beach. We encourage all alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic to attend Burrs at the Beach on Sunday July 17, 2011. If you have any complaints or suggestions. please call me (Tom Dorrian) at 609-368-3395, or email me at tomdorrian@verizon.net.



Pictured, left to right, John "Fitz" Fitzpatrick '60, Herb Magee '59, Jim Monroe '59 and George Connell '59.

This July we had another successful golf outing at Wildwood Golf & Country Club. In excess of \$4500 was raised in memory of Bill Burns, '60, an All-Catholic and All-American football player at West Catholic. The money raised helps support a quality student in their academic goals.

Thanks to all who participated

or sponsored holes for this event. Thanks also to the management of Wildwood Golf & Country Club for their cooperation in making this such a successful outing.

> Golf Committee Bill Simpson, '60 Joe Manfre, '61 Dave Joselin, '67





Herb Magee, '59 (left) and John "Fitz" Fitzpatrick, '60 line up their putts at the 2010 Burrs at the Beach Golf Outing.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Frank Lafferty, '47 advises that his daughter Terry Lafferty, '79 has a B.S. from University of Pennsylvania; Masters Degree from the evening division of St. Charles Seminary and a Doctorate Degree from Catholic University. Terry has been assigned as a Professor of Theology at Catholic University. Good Luck Terry, we are proud of you!



Matt McCauley, '89 (pictured above) is a teacher with the Upper Darby School District; in his spare time you can find him on the sidelines of all West Catholic football games taking select photos for the West Catholic High School football Web Site: burrsfootball.com. The photos to support the article about West Catholic football are all from Matt.

Joe Ford, '60 reports that his son Joe Jr. has a lot of good news to report, He has been promoted to Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy; his wife Melissa gave birth to their son, Adam Joseph Pio Ford on 9/21 one day before his Grandfather's birthday.

The *Emissary* is pleased to report that Russell Gianforcaro, '82 a Saint Barnabas graduate is living and not deceased as erroneously reported in the spring 2010 Emissary, Information provided to the Emissary was incorrect and we apologize to Russell and his family for this error. An old friend and Sports Hall of Fame member John Tomosky, '63 called the Alumni Association to report the error and we are grateful. For those who don't remember Russell played both baseball and football at West Catholic, following West he was awarded a four year athletic scholarship to Villanova where he played Varsity baseball for four years and completed his studies with a degree in Finance and Accounting.

Ron Walsh, '51 who does a marvelous job of bringing the men of '51 together regularly for quarterly luncheons reports that a classmate (Joseph McFadden) who didn't complete West Catholic but was included as a class member passed away about a year ago, Ron reports He lived in Essington, PA, I believe this is the same Joe McFadden who for years was a key part of the St. Barnabas CYO football program.

Old friend **Jim McCullough**, '59 who played the lead character in the 1959 West Catholic High School for Boys' stage production of *Where's Charley?* (Once in Love with Amy) has returned to Pennsylvania from the Santa Rosa California wine country where he was employed in the wine business. Jim is presently residing in the Linfield, PA area and sends his very best wishes to all members of his West Catholic family.

John J. Smith, '67 is now residing in Media, PA while Tom Hare, '59 reports from Macungie, PA. Joseph Tamburrino, '90 is now in Santa Monica, CA while Anthony L. Tumolo is living in West Chester, PA and Edward Morano, Jr., '84 reported from Shavertown PA. Leo J. Nentwig, '45 checked in from Port St. Lucie, FL as did Peter Nepi from Sarasota FL, Harry E. Horstemyer, Jr., '68 is now in beautiful Williamsburg, VA, while George M. Harrington is in Lansdowne, PA.

Past President Jim Coyne, '74 attended the opening meeting for The West Catholic Alumni Association at West Catholic High School on September 20th along with Dad, Jim, a member of the class of 1939.

Thomas Charles, '52 and his wife Mary celebrated 50 years of marriage and are taking European River cruises this fall. He and Mary winter in The Villages, FL where several West Catholic alums get together socially.

Major James T. Smith, '49



Pictured, left to right Jim Coyne, '74, Jim Coyne, '39 and Fran Crowley, '77 at Alumni Meeting.

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Joseph Bartolomeo, Denis Brennan, Tom Dorrian, Ed Kerr, Jr., George Light, Joe Manfre, Bob McGovern, Ed "Huck" Palmer USMC (Ret.) of Albuquerque, NM is still flying as a pilot several times a month with The Kirtland Air Force Base Flying Club, his wife Catherine is doing fine after recent surgery to remove cancer. I still honor the memory of Brother "Handsome"

Rev. Daniel J. Kehoe, '31 of the Holy Spirit parish in Sharon Hill, PA was elevated to a position of Honor by Pope Benedict XVI as "A Prelate of Honor" bearing the title Monsignor. We all look forward to meeting Monsignor Kehoe at the Communion Breakfast in November.

Tom McCarville, a fraternity brother of Jim McCullough and also class of 1959 reports that he is still coaching varsity basketball, 1st Assistant at Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Newfield, NJ as well as Head Coach of the Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team. Tom says is having fun working with 21st century Athletes. He and his wife, Alma now have 6 grand-daughters, enough to start a team!

William J. Shaughnessy, '62 now living in Ambler, PA with his wife Susanne, retired from the Vanguard Group in December of 2009. In retirement, he plays golf more often, travels – he and Susanne have gone to Aruba and Poland. Bill also helps coach baseball at Germantown Academy (6th grade) where his wife teaches Biology and Forensics.

James T. Britt, '72 will be honored by The Neumann University Alumni Association in October, 2010 with 2010 St. John Neumann Award.

John C. Carney, '42 wrote a guidebook, *The Human Ecology Research Writing* book. John is trying to get it in the curriculum at West Catholic High School.

Richard P. Ely, '50 is truly enjoying retired life in a gated community in southern Schuylkill County, PA; he is still taking photos and helping senior citizens.

Francis X Foy, '63 is retired and living the good and warm life in Pompano Beach, FL. Fran Long, '62 is now residing in Media, PA and enjoying it. John J. Foley, '51 who retired from UPS at age 55 is married to Barbara Brennan, West Catholic Girls', '57; They reside in Newtown Sq. and Florida.

Peter Roe, '48 reports that his first grandchild Noelle Cutler married Bill Hagan at St. Patrick's in Center City, both are graduates of Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA.

The *Emissary* regrets to report the passing of **Brother Philip Rene De Porter**, **F.S.C.** on September 19, 2010, Brother was the Chairman of the Language Department at West Catholic High School for Boys' in 1970 according to **Charles Hopkins**, '70 a former student.

Former hoopster, John T. Kehner, Esq., '61 of West Chester, PA and formerly of Saint Barnabas parish also passed on September 23, 2010. John is survived by his wife, Mary, '63, two sons and six grandchildren.

Former football standout **Jake Zuzek**, **2010** Class went through the Naval Academy Boot camp and stopped by Widener University to see West defeat Bonner along with his proud parents, Tina and Steve.

The Class of 1964 ran a Golf Outing on October 14th at The Riverwoods in Woodbury, NJ as reported by Joseph Kelly. Contact Mick at jmickkelly@gmail.com or call him at 484-949-4733 about future Class

BURR BRIEFS

Over 25 (graduates and attended the 70th auests) reunion for the great class of 1941 on May 5, 2010 at the Llanerch Country Club in Havertown, Pa. In attendance were Jim Agnew, Jim Cassells, Jim Magee, Joe Hamilton, Bill Strain, Patti & Tom Strain, Tony Nello, John Malley, Ray Theilacker, Jim Thompson. Otto Miller, William Steiert, Joe Logue, Hugh Gillespie and Jim Curlett. The Alumni Association was represented by Ed Kerr who was pleased to be with these loval Burrs for this special occasion to celebrate #70!

Rich Costello, '55 provide a health update on classmate Anthony Scully, '55 who was a center for the 1954 football team at West Catholic High School. Anthony also played the center position for the University of Pennsylvania Quakers according to Rich. Anthony was recently hospitalized for double knee replacement, after which he had 6 mini strokes. Presently recovering, he would appreciate hearing from classmates and friends. Consider dropping him a few lines: Anthony Scully, 14813 Glen Eden Drive, Naples FL 34110.

By: Jim Quigley, '45

The Class of 1945 held its 65th Reunion luncheon on May 5th at the Edgemont Country Club. Forty members of the class were avid listeners to a talk by Brother Tim Ahern on the long range projection for West Catholic. Following Brother Tim on the podium was Jim Murray, Class of '56. Jim regaled the group about his many experiences in school and his career as general manager of the Philadelphia Eagles. Don Skahan presented Brother Tim with a memorial gift from the class, for West Catholic.

Profile - Walt Johnson, '59

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Beginning in July of 1963 through December of 2009, Walt Johnson, '59 was a teacher at Northeast Catholic High School High School in Philadelphia, PA. Forty-four of those years, he was active in the classroom; the last 2 were sick leave. During those 2 years Walt had a series of medical adventures. Thank God he had accumulated sick time over those two years.

Recently (June 19) Walt and his wife, Marion (Dolan) R. Johnson, also a 1959 grad from West Catholic Girls' celebrated their 45th year of marriage. They have three sons (Paul, Eric and Glen) who are Father Judge graduates, and three grandchildren (Katelynn, Matthew Tyler and Thomas). The Johnson's reside in the Mayfair section of Philadelphia and are parishioners of St. Bernard Church located there.

Walt was one of the internal coordinators for the Middle States Evaluation now known as AFG (Accreditation for Growth). He was chosen three times for inclusion in *Who's Who in American Teachers* based on student recommendations. Until the ad-

vent of Channel One, he did the daily PA announcements for the Falcons of Northeast Catholic Walt Johnson was included in the list of contributors to the German textbook series Deutsch Aktuell, for approximately 20 years. For over 17 years during the summer months, he taught summer school at West Catholic and Roman Catholic High schools. During his service to the students at Northeast Catholic, Walt taught German, English, Theology and Senior Social Studies. During his last 5 active years, Walt was World Language Department Chair.

Summing up our interview, Walt states "I owe a great debt to the Christian Brothers at West, at La Salle, at Ammendale and at Elkins Park. Without their guidance and prayers, I could never have achieved what I have done. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales say 'Live Jesus' as a motto. We were taught to say 'Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!' How very similar!!!"

We wish Walt the very best as many students who previously attended the school he called home for 44 years+ are now considering his alma mater for their high school education.

Remembering Lew Brown

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Perhaps the name Lew Brown (1893-1958) is one that you don't recall. He was a songwriter who was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1970. Many of his songs have relevance, "It All Depends on You," "Good News," "Sunny Side Up," I'd Climb The Highest Mountain," "The Best Things in Life are Free" and many, many more; however the one song that caught me was "The Best Things in Life are Free." Especially the lyrics, The stars belong to everyone their shining for you and me, the flowers in spring, the robins that sing, the sunbeams that shine, they're yours' they're mine.

When this song was introduced, and for a time after Lew Brown passed, this could be said for a Catholic education at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia, PA. The Catholic education we received was a wonderful foundation for our life ahead; the friends that we made during those four years are still our friends today. Those years for many of us were some of the best years in our life, and yes, the Catholic education we received was free. Today, The Best Things, including Catholic education, guidance and lasting friendships, are still to be found at West Catholic High School; however, the key difference is the cost for these "Best Things" is no longer free.

As proud graduates, we need to, if at all possible, do what we can to support the school and Alumni Association to help preserve the tradition of West Catholic High School. "Come and sing a tribute to our own West Catholic High." Fresh ideas are welcome as are your contributions. As we are well aware, times are difficult for many. Just spread the word that West Catholic High School is doing great work in helping to provide The Best Things, just as they did for you and for me!

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1970 40th	10/22/10 Airport Ramada 6 Industrial Hwy. Essington, PA	Eleanor Gallagher 215-467-0981 Bob Farrington 610-543-7079
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Francis X. Crowley, Esq. '77 President West Catholic Alumni Association

Challenging Times!

As I get older, it constantly amazes me how fast the weeks, months and years pass! It does not seem all that long ago that my friends and I could not wait to get out of high school — then could not wait to get out of college, and so on — and now we are 50! I find it hard to believe that we already are in the Fall; mentally, I am still somewhere in June! As I write this article, the Phillies have clinched the NL East and are preparing for the playoffs; the Eagles are waiting to face Donovan McNabb; and it will not be long until the holidays are upon us!

It also has amazed me how fast my first three years as President of the Alumni Association have gone. I look forward to a good 2010-2011. For example, as an Association, we have our 90th Annual Communion Breakfast coming up on November 7, 2010, beginning at 9 am, at the Springfield Country Club. We are truly honored to have such a distinguished group of award recipients this year — each of whom exemplifies that special West Catholic Spirit in their own unique way! The fact that this wonderful tradition of holding Communion Breakfasts has endured for 90 years is a true testament to the Faith and Loyalty of the West Catholic Alumni!

However, it is clear that, for all of us, this once again will be a year of challenges! The economic conditions facing us present problems for all aspects of the West Catholic Family — Alumni, Alumnae, our respective Associations, the School, all students and their families. It is our challenge — all of us together — to find ways that we all can work together to continue to insure that the West Catholic Spirit and the West Catholic Tradition of Excellence continue for many years to come!

I would like to challenge every Alumnus reading this article to find a way that they personally can become involved in the effort to keep West Best! I challenge you to get involved in the Alumni Association! Volunteer to assist at the School! Mentor students! If you are a business owner or manager, consider ways you can employ students and Alumni! Find out how you can help let your friends, family and neighbors know what an excellent school West is! Help plan your class reunion! Sponsor a student! The number of ways in which we can get involved with and strengthen the West Catholic Family is limited only by our imaginations! But the bottom line is, to overcome challenging times, we all must share our time and talents!

If you are interested in getting involved — IN ANY WAY — contact me at my e-mail address — crowley@blankrome.com. I look forward to hearing from many of my fellow alumni!

West Catholic Community Mourns the Loss of Brother John Owens



Brother John Owens

West Catholic High School lost a valued member of their family on July 15, 2010 when Brother John Owens lost his life to cancer. Brother John was former principal of West Catholic High School.

He joined the Christian Brothers after graduating from Roman Catholic High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from La Salle University (where he later began an administrator) and a master's degree from Villanova University.

Brother John taught at St. Gabriel's Hall is Philadelphia as well as a high school in Pittsburgh before joining West Catholic High School in 1939. He became a vice principal in 1948 and was elevated to the position of principal in 1954. Brother John

held the position of principal until 1963. He finished his career at La Salle where he retired in

Because of his good looks, Brother John was dubbed "Handsome John" by the students at West Catholic High School.

The following is an excerpt from a writing by one of Brother John's former students, Brother Arthur J. Bangs, '49, who serves as a Christian Brother at La Salle University:

It is an honor for me to offer a few thoughts about Brother John because I have known him since I was 13 years old at West Catholic High School. He was my prefect of discipline, and I have always been an ardent admirer of this man.

How is it even possible to describe a man who embodies so well those overused terms: true icon and a true legend? An icon—a sacred image to be admired and a legend, etymologically, something that one is obligated to read and to imitate.

Out of the Fairmount section of Philadelphia, Brother did not attend a Brothers' school but was a lifelong proud graduate of Roman Catholic High School—a true Cahillite.

Except for a brief sojourn at Central Catholic in Pittsburgh, Brother John's apostolic mission was confined to his beloved Philadelphia: first at West Catholic and then here at La Salle.

It took a giant of a man to be the principal of a large school with 2500 boys coming from 90 parishes — with only one vice principal — and at the same time being the religious superior of a community of 65 Brothers — unheard of today.

Brother John was noted for having an amazing grasp of detail, and that is why he could function amazingly well as a prefect of discipline, a principal, a Dean of Men, a religious superior here at La Salle and a gifted member of the registrar's office. His attention to and memory for detail and names was prodigious.

Brother John had a high respect for and interest in athletics. His devouring of the daily newspaper stayed with him to the end. He was astonishingly logical in his thinking.

Despite extensive experience, he had no need to monopolize conversations but always exhibited a wonderful respect for his confreres' thoughts and opinions. Years of being a religious superior wonderfully trained him to be a good listener.

We will miss this steadying force

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Meet Me on the Track!



George Light, '58

This is where you would find George F. Light, '58, a supreme runner and part of a Championship program at West Catholic High School for Boys' during the mid fifties under the guidance of Brother Luke. In addition to Track, George also enjoyed Dramatics where he met his lovely wife, Barbara (Fredd), '58 during his senior year. Today,

George is the Assistant Director for Development at West Catholic High School at 45th & Chestnut Sts. in Philadelphia, Pa. He has held this position for 10 years following a very successful career in sales. George excelled as a bartender in Sea Isle City, NJ, for quite a few years during the summer months, where he was also a lifeguard. George and Barbara have four daughters and seven grandchildren. George is very active with many other pursuits including the West Catholic High School Sports Hall of Fame, Burrs at the Beach, and a spring gathering in Havertown, Pa. at Tip O'Leary's. George is a past president of the Alumni Association and is the liaison between the school and the Association, never missing a meeting. Just a little more information about a very valuable part of the West Catholic family. Next time you need to meet up with George, request a meeting on the track! He will understand and look forward to the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace

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