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The West Catholic Alumni Association exists to serve you, the Alumni of West Catholic; to help preserve the West Catholic Spirit; and to help support the School so that future generations of students may experience the same wonderful education and sense of community that we were so fortunate to receive. To carry out those goals, the Association needs the active support of you, the faithful Alums!

Each year, our Alumni Association conducts the Annual Fund campaign to raise the funds needed to carry out the Association’s mission, including printing and mailing of The Emissary, promoting Alumni and School events, providing scholarships and financial assistance to West Catholic and maintaining the Alumni Association website, www.westcatholicalumni.org. This Annual Fund campaign is the only time that the Association solicits money from our Alumni.

By now, each Alum who graduated prior to 2003 should have received an Annual Fund letter with a coupon requesting your support. Donation appeals were sent not to the classes of 2003-2012 because we know that many members of those classes are very devoted supporters of West Catholic but are still in college or are just starting out and may not have the ability at this time to financially support the Alumni Association.

Over the past few years, the donations contributed by Alumni to the Association have been seriously affected by the economy. As a result, the Association has drastically cut its expenses, including reducing the number of issues of The Emissary and your ongoing support for the School and its students. If this decline in monetary support continues, the Association will be faced with very serious choices. However, with your generous support, we can become even more active in reaching out to Alumni, supporting West Catholic and providing assistance to students!

In recent months, West Catholic, under the direction of Brother Richard Kestler, has made tremendous progress and really has been re-born! With your support, the Alumni Association once again can become a major source of support for the School and its students! Please help keep the West Catholic Spirit alive! We hope that we can count on your renewed support so that we may reach out to even more Alumni and increase our support for the School and its students! Please return your Annual Fund envelope today or use the coupon in this edition of The Emissary to make your contribution. Credit cards also are accepted and donations may be made over a three month period with a minimum donation of $50 per month. The West Catholic Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) entity, so that your contributions may be tax deductible for federal tax purposes. THANK YOU!!!

West Catholic Rises Like the Phoenix

Just as the Phoenix rose from the ashes in Greek mythology, so has West Catholic High School risen to soar once again, not only alive and well but thriving and exceeding all expectations of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The upcoming school years and the enrollment projections are very, very promising.

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A recent interview with Rebecca Tomlinson, Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs at West Catholic High School provided a look ahead to new course selections which will be available to West Catholic students in the fall of 2014.

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Join Friends and Family at the 92nd Annual Communion Breakfast on April 21, 2013

Class of 1963 Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Calling all West Catholic Grads! Come and join your classmates and friends on April 21, 2013 at the West Catholic Alumni Association’s 92nd Annual Communion Breakfast. Once again it will be held at the Springfield Marriott, 320th Street and 320 Street in Springfield, PA. Mass will begin at 9:00 am and the Awards Breakfast will follow immediately.

This year’s Mass and Communion Breakfast will be in thanksgiving for the West Catholic Spirit that continues to motivate so many of our faithful alums to contribute to their communities and to society, and whose generosity enables students to continue to receive a wonderful gift of a West Catholic education that so many students were privileged to receive throughout the 97 years of West Catholic’s existence. Please join us to celebrate the fact that THE WEST CATHOLIC SPIRIT LIVES ON!

The principal celebrant for the Mass will be Rev. Msgr. Donald E. Leighton, of the Class of 1952, with a number of Priest-Alumni as concelebrants. Once again, the Mass will feature a highly inspirational music program. Members of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1963 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1988 will assist at Mass.

The Communion Breakfast Awards Ceremony once again will provide us with the opportunity to honor the accomplishments of fellow grads while also enjoying time with friends and fellow alums. This year’s recipients include: Msgr. Leighton (Brother G. John Owens Award), William Boylan ’52 (Brother D. Aloysius Award); Daniel Ahearn ’54 (William H. McFarvey Award); Daniel Bielli ’64 (Golden Burr Award); The Golden Anniversary Class of 1963 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1988 will be honored for their respective 50th and 25th anniversaries. All are encouraged to come and join your classmates and friends on April 21, 2013 at the West Catholic Alumni Association’s 92nd Annual Communion Breakfast. Over the past few years, the Alumni Association has grown to serve you, the faithful Alums! To carry out those goals, the Alumni Association needs your help!

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Burrs at the Beach Celebration
Sunday, July 7, 2013 at Westy’s

By: Tom Dorrian ‘61

It is time to make plans to attend the 23rd annual Burrs at the Beach all class reunion at Westy’s Irish Pub on Sunday, July 7, 2013 in North Wildwood N.J., from noon to 7:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 AM at Westy’s Pub. All are welcome! Our gracious hostess Peg West will welcome the West Catholic family to this lovely Beach establishment. This will be the first year that her recently departed husband, Art, will not be there to greet us. Unfortunately, he passed after a lengthy illness. They will provide numerous food courts inside and out, upstairs and downstairs with their usual culinary delights. There will also be many bars strategically placed throughout the venue providing your favorite beverages.

Westy’s Pub provides multi-dimensional party areas that include an outdoor tent, an upstairs outdoor deck overlooking the ground level partners and view of the inlet. There is also an air conditioned bar just inside the deck and of course the huge main bar area downstairs. DJ Jerry Smith will once again spin records that cover the 40’s to present to satisfy all musical tastes.

Ticket prices remain the same: $20.00 pre-paid and $25.00 at the door. We will also continue our popular 50/50. To make sure that everyone has a chance to win one of these prizes we will have many committee members filtering through all areas so that you may buy tickets.

I hope you are planning to attend the best all class reunion of them all. Please come out and help us celebrate the 28th Annual Burrs at the Beach and reminisce about your days at West with your old neighbors and classmates. We need to fill the newer grades, both boys and girls to support this great event. The money we raise will help keep West Catholic thriving and open.

See you all on Sunday, July 7, 2010.

Thanks to all who participated at the outing and those who supported this event by being a hole sponsor. Also, many thanks to the staff at Wildwood Golf and Country Club their help and cooperation, especially Bill Kerns ’64. Because of all these generous participants, we were able to raise $5,000 to aid Catholic students at West with tuition assistance.

Due to the Burrs at the Beach event being held on the Fourth of July holiday weekend, we were unable to secure tee times that would be feasible for our golf outing.

Again, thanks to all for their support over the years for this event.

Bill Simpson ’60

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Meet the 2013 Communion Breakfast Award Recipients

Every year, the task of selecting recipients of the Annual Communion Breakfast Awards is a difficult one because of the increasingly large number of Alums and other members of the West Catholic family that accomplish great things and deserve recognition. This year, the following individuals will be receiving awards at the 52nd Annual Communion Breakfast! These brief statements provide only a small sampling of their many accomplishments; more detailed biographies will appear in the Communion Breakfast Program Book and online at www.westcatholic.org.

Rev. Msgr. Donald E. Leighton
Principal Celebrant and Brother G. John Owens Award

A member of the Class of 1952, Msgr. Leighton attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1954. He also earned a Master of Arts degree from Villanova University. Serving the faithful of the Archdiocese in various ministries throughout the Philadelphia area for over 50 years, Mr. Leighton received his Golden Jubilee in 2012. Currently, Msgr. Leighton serves as the pastor of St. John Visnay Parish in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. The Alumni Association is honored to have Msgr. Leighton serve as the Principal Celebrant for this year’s Communion Breakfast Mass!

William Boylan ’52
Brother D. Moylan Award

William Boylan came to West Catholic from MBS Parish. He received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Villanova in 1956 followed by graduate work at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in marine engineering. After a tour in the U.S. Navy, Bill began a long career with the Naval Boiler and Turbine Laboratory, where he was recognized for his technical knowledge. In 1981, he became the senior civilian official of the Naval Ships Systems Engineering Station in Philadelphia. Upon retirement, he received the Navy Distinguished Service Award, the highest civilian honor for federal service. Throughout his career, Bill dedicated himself to a parallel career he shared with his wife, Mary Jane (Shelby). In 1971, they attended a Marriage Encounter in 1974. Bill and Mary Anne rose to the National Executive of Marriage Encounter, have presented marriage encounter seminars throughout the world and continue their ministry to this day.

Daniel Ahearn ’54
William H. McGarvey Award

Dan and his wife Lorraine ’59 are dedicated and passionate supporters of West Catholic. Dan, a member of the Class of 54, played for the 1951 Championship Football Team. West Catholic helped to form him into a devout, hard working gentleman; in turn, he passed those same characteristics to his children. Dan graduated from St. Joseph’s University and was a long time subscriber to West Catholic. While both actively teaching and now in retirement, Helen is a tireless supporter of West Catholic and is a long time leader and officer of the West Catholic Alumni Association. Helen also served for many years on the Board of the Friends of West Catholic.

Edward L. Baxter, Esq. ’63
50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award

After graduating from West in 1962, Ed received his undergraduate degree from Widener University in 1968 and his law degree from Temple University in 1971, where he was Editor of the Law Review. Ed has had a very successful career in law and currently is a partner at the internationally known law firm of Cozen O’Connor. The former chair of the Business Law Department, Ed specializations are mergers and acquisitions, general quick matters and corporations. Ed is a past member and graduate tax program at Temple University Beasley School of Law and a member of the board of Overseers of Weinrber University School of Law.

John Couvery ’63
50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award (Posthumous)

Hailing from MBS, John was the senior fullback on the 1962 City Title football team that tied for a share of the City Title. He was inducted with his fellow teammates from the 1962 team into West Catholic’s Hall of Fame. John served in the U.S. Army as a communication specialist after serving in the Korean War. He received his American Legion Post 959 in Southwest Philadelphia, where he served as the Sgt. at Arms until his passing. John, a true Catholic gentleman, was involved in many community organizations including the Knights of Columbus (cincinnati- Knights of Columbus, Bar Association 8803), a CYO grade school football coach and Senior Vice President of the Southwest Football Coaches Association since its inception in 1994, being honored as the Southwest’s Father of the Year in 2010.

Thomas Dally ’63
50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award

Tom has been a true "Loyal Son" of West Catholic for 50 years now. He has enjoyed his stellar basketball career at West Catholic and has since gone on to study at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science. After graduating from Philadelphia Textile, Tom pursued a successful career in business. He has continued his friendships with many of his fellow classmates and has been a strong supporter of West Catholic events, never forgetting his beginnings at 49th and Chestnut Streets.

Daniel Hielli ’64
Golden Burr Award

Dan was an accomplished athlete at West Catholic, excelling in football and playing for the City Championship Team. After graduating from West Catholic, Dan attended a prestigious university with a degree in education, Dan embarked on a teaching career that has spanned the years for more than 40 years and still continues. In addition to his work in the classroom, Dan has dedicated himself to the Catholic faith through his long lasting coaching activities, particularly as the head football coach at Archbishop Carroll High School. Dan earned numerous honors, including three times as the Philadelphia Catholic League Coach of the Year and the Southwest Catholic Coach of the Year. As the most winning coach in Carroll football history, Dan has led the Knights to four City Championships.

Dave grew up in St. Barnabas Parish, honing his athletic prowess at Finnegan Playground. At West Catholic, Dave excelled in sports, particularly basketball and earned three Catholic honors in multiple sports. After graduating from West Catholic, Dave worked as a Client Services Analyst at the Catholic Foundation in Broomall with his wife, Jackie, Dave continues to be an avid supporter of West Catholic, serving as an Assistant Boys Basketball coach (2000-2005) and assisting the Football team with kicking and punting since 1999. Dave also has coached at Ridley (2006-2011) and Haddonfield (2011-2012) High Schools, and for the Marple Junior Tigers Football Team and Marple Township Little League. Dave has been a life-long coach, working for Professional Trading and Research, Inc on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

Richard F. Klineberger, III, Esq. ’88
25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award

After graduating from West Catholic, Richard attended Neu mann University, graduating magna cum laude, and then pursued his Juris Doctorate degree at the Beasley School of Law at Temple University. He is a member of the Philadelphia and New Jersey bar associations. He is a client was investigated but never continuing his friendships with many of his fellow classmates and has been a strong supporter of West Catholic events, never forgetting his beginnings at 49th and Chestnut Streets.

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West Catholic Boys’ Basketball – The Championship Seasons

By: Ed Kerr, Jr. ’60

The University to play his college ball for the Hawks of St. Joe, at 5600 City Line Avenue, Philadelphia PA.

1952

1952 was a Year of Champions for the Burrs of West Catholic High School for Boys.

1953

Defending a Championship is never an easy task, especially when you lose your starting five to graduation. The hard-nosed Philadelphia Catholic league offered very talented opponents to include South Catholic, LaSalle, North Catholic. West Catholic played six preseason games and fourteen Catholic league contests and finished with a record of 20 victories and one defeat; losing only once to the Falcons of North Catholic. The foundation this team (24-2) would again win the Catholic league Championship. Victory over South Catholic and LaSalle in the playoffs, LaSalle game being a nail biter as Lindsay, Devine and McNicholas combined for 19 points. Pat Carey would show that when you lose your starting five to graduation their only defeat coming at the hands of the speed boys from West Catholic High School.

The 1953 City of Philadelphia Basketball. Pat Carey (16) leading the Burrs to the 1955 City of Philadelphia Catholic league championship. Tom Devine and McNicholas among others. The key to this season was a returning West Catholic team. They were a team of 5-3 down as the most important victory.

1954

A New Head Coach and former star player from the Class of 1951 returned to West Catholic after a fine Hoops career at Villanova University to coach the 1955 team. Ed Garrity did return to play for Canisius College in Buffalo. Teammate Tom Holt was the recipient of the prestigious Naismith Trophy for the second time (1948 & 1949); MVP in the City Title game, He scored 47 points on a Sunday afternoon against Roman Catholic in a game that West Catholic defeated the Carlisleans of Roman Catholic in three games. Team members included the following student athletes. Jack Rowan, Pat Carey, Jim McNicholas, Joe Cullen, Bob Devine, Charlie Eltringham among others.

1955

Two years had passed and the Burrs Basketball team for 1955-1956 had the opportunity to challenge the Philadelphia Catholic league Championship. Still in command was Head Coach Mr. James Usilton who succeeded Mr. Frank Usilton the previous two years. He scored 47 points on a Sunday afternoon against Roman Catholic in a game that West Catholic defeated the Carlisleans of Roman Catholic in three games. Team members included the following student athletes. Jack Rowan, Pat Carey, Jim McNicholas, Joe Cullen, Bob Devine, Charlie Eltringham among others. The team would win its first five league games before losing a 50-46 contest to LaSalle. They would be required to assist. Coach Mr. Frank Usilton the previous two years. He scored 47 points on a Sunday afternoon against Roman Catholic in a game that West Catholic defeated the Carlisleans of Roman Catholic in three games. Team members included the following student athletes. Jack Rowan, Pat Carey, Jim McNicholas, Joe Cullen, Bob Devine, Charlie Eltringham among others. The team would win its first five league games before losing a 50-46 contest to LaSalle.
West Catholic Players Presents Annie

By: Ed Kerr, Jr. '60

Through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), Annie was presented to West Catholic High School students and all who supported the three performances this March at the beautiful John Cardinal O’Connor ’38 Auditorium.

The Musical Director, Ms. Mary F. Maddox is a retired Philadelphia school teacher, of 32 years; for five years she taught music and led the choirs at West Catholic. Brother Richard Buccina, FSC was the Set Designer, Mr. Aaron Spence ’03, the Sound Technician, Mr. Joseph Selfridge, the Stage Manager, Eyakono Ekpip, Production Assistant and Andre Sabatelle ’04 directed this delightful show.

This is his fourth year of working with West’s theatre program.

The cast included Theresa Ta (picted) as Annie, Ayanna McNelis, Ciara Achley, and Philip Chau among other fine performers. A total of 34 students participated in this show either as a member of the Cast, Stage Crew, Production Assistant and Student Producer.

There was plenty of energy at the performance 1 saw as Director Andre Sabatelle did an outstanding job of guiding these students to excell for the audience which included parents, teachers, fellow students, Alumni, and friends.

All attending seemed to enjoy this show.

West Catholic Alumni Association is pleased to support this important Drama Program.

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then win six more games before losing to St. Thomas More 67-66.

Following a season ending victory at St. James in Chester Pa, the Burrs prepared for the Catholic league playoffs at Penn’s Palestra. With a bench which included Rich Moore, Jim McAndrews, Bill Miller and Foul McMannus the team looked forward to the opening round of the playoffs against Cardinal Dougherty.

Jim Lynam (17) and Jim Flavin (13) would show the way in a 46-39 win over the Cardinals and Vince Berry (17). This set up the Championship game against Father Judge, a talented team that West had defeated during the regular season 67-62.

This Championship game was one that kept you on the edge of your seat. Jim Boyle (18), Jim Flavin (14) and Herb Magee (10) would lead the Burrs who decided to hold the ball after gaining the lead with 3:20 left in the game. Jim Lynam, ever the whiz with the ball basically controlled the pace and outcome of this contest although John Monahan could have changed this outcome with a 16-footer that didn’t connect. The Burrs won the game 59-58 for first year Coach Jack Devine and 1959 became a year to remember. West Catholic certainly enjoyed their Catholic league championship but just as in 1955, there would be City Championship to be decided against their Public league foe and champions, Overbrook High School. This 1959 Overbrook team was an all-star team for sure. Wali Jones (24), Ralph Heyward (20), Walt Hazard (18) set the pace for Coach Paul Ward in his third year with a Record of 66-2. Jim Boyle had (16) points for West Catholic as they lead the Burrs who decided to hold the ball after gaining the lead with 3:20 left in the game. Jim Lynam and Jim Boyle would move on to play for St. Joseph’s University while Herb Magee would do his playing for Philadelphia College of Textile and Science.

Many thanks are extended Ted Silary for documenting the important history, about Philadelphia’s Scholastic Basketball a major source of information for this Article.

Three members of this West Catholic starting five would go on to Coach Basketball at the collegiate level and excel. Jim Lynam at St. Joseph’s University, Jim Boyle also at St. Joseph’s University and Herb Magee at Philadelphia College of Textile and Science, now Philadelphia University. Jim Lynam also Coached the Philadelphia 76ers from 1988-1992.

Herb Magee continues today as Head Coach at Philadelphia University and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame in Springfield Massachusetts in 2011.

Please see entire Article on this at: www.westcatholicalumni.org
A West Catholic Man, through and through — that would be Philip “Knute” Bonner, from the great Catholic Family of ‘43. A World War II Army veteran, he fought in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, during the early winter of 1944.

Knute and his friend, Joe Collins joined the Army after they were given the choice of jail or the Army following a scuffle with other neighborhood teen-age boys. It was 1943, and World War II was raging, but the boys chose the Army. During the hard fighting at the Battle of the Bulge, Joe Collins was killed; Knute carried his body into a church and placed it on the altar. Just one of the wrenching experiences the teenager endured as he fought with the 155th Combat Engineer Battalion.

He emerged from the war with a Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart for wounds. He carried shrapnel in his legs for the rest of his life. Knute’s own war scar later landed him in the Pocono Mountains where, as a child of Germany.

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He was a True Burr who loved to share his heart, and through — that would be Philip Bonner, who grew up in the Philadelphia’s Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade every March. He was the grand Marshall in 2001 and dedicated the parade to the memory of Joe Collins.

Besides his wife Patricia, Knute was survived by four daughters, Mary Beth Ryan, Erin Hudyma, Bridget Pot and Deirdre Hines; three sons Philip Bonner, Jr., Sean K. and Sheamus; and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Patrick P. Bonner, on September 12, 2012.

Patricia remembers her husband as “fun-loving and extremely good hearted. He was a very generous Knute gave cows to homeless people in the streets. He would do anything for you.”

We remember Knute Bonner and his String Band at the early years of his career in which he became one of the largest U.S. relocation programs in history. Our proud graduate became a part of our community, as he settled into the Philadelphia area. He would enroll at West Catholic High School; did well in college under his coach, Vince Tracey.

While at Widener he had an amazing career, in which he became a six-time NCAA Division II Champion in the Steeplechase, 5,000m, 10,000m, and cross country events; earning him All-American honors three times. He was such a talented runner that the morning after Macharia won the Division III Cross Country Championship, he left the awards ceremony early to fly back to Philadelphia to run the Philadelphia Marathon, placing 6th with a time of 2:25:39.

Forbes Sports Writer’s As- sisted named Yot his Most Courageous Athlete, and he was honored with the Giant Steps Award for “Courageous Athlete in 2006” by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports. In 2005, he received the NCAA Inspiration Award, which is awarded to an individual who “when confronted with a life-altering situation used perseverance, dedication and determination to overcome the event. He now serves as a role model to give hope and inspiration to others in similar situations.”

After college, Macharia competed in many races including the Twin Cities Marathon, where he qualified for the Olympic trials. A few weeks later he was proud to become an American citizen.

Today, Macharia dedicates himself to charity work that is focused on raising money for his village in Sudan. His charity is named Surbghum Fields Project. He also speaks to people of all ages on the importance of hard work, determination, giving back, and the ability to make a difference through life, sport and charity.

He is an inspiration as a runner, but more important is the way in which his character inspires and motivates others to be strong, to never give up, to reach for your dreams, and always give back. Presently, he gives the world a great gift by inspiring others to give back and by running his charity. Life is a journey, and the journey of Macharia’s life is one of hope and determination.

Macharia Yuot ’02

West Catholic High School Adds Resource Enhancement Partnership with SJU

One of several partnerships which West Catholic High School is developing with other schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has agreed to work together on several leadership and service initiatives. Penn’s Robert A. Fox Leadership Program, the Nether Center for Community Partnerships, Civic House, Sigma Iota Rho Honorary for National Christian Relations, and the LIFE Center have agreed to work on projects that include: (a) student development leadership skills; Assistance with college search and application process; Tutoring programs; Joint community-service and service learning projects; and International Studies Collaboration.

By: Ed Kerr, Jr. ’60

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Pursuant to Article 3, Section C, of the Bylaws of the West Catholic Alumni Association, the annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Monday May 20, 2013 beginning at 7 PM at the AmWets, Post 118, 270 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070.

West Expands Partnership with Univ. of Penn.

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Pursuant to Article 4, Section B, of the Bylaws of the West Catholic Alumni Association, the annual general meeting will be to elect members of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association for the term September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015.

All Members of the Association are eligible to vote in the Alumni Association election and to be elected to the Board of Governors. The Bylaws define “Members” of the Association as: (a) all graduates of West Catholic High School for Boys; (b) all male graduates of West Catholic High School; and (c) all former male students of either school who completed at least one year at either school and whose original class has graduated.

All members interested in being elected to the Board of Governors must notify the president, Fran Crowley ‘77 by e-mail (crowley@blankrome.com) or phone (610-246-1020) no later than May 10, 2013 so that your name may be placed on the ballot.

Pursuant to Article 4, Section K, of the Bylaws of the Alumni Association, an organizational Board Meeting shall be held in June, 2013 at which the newly elected Board shall be sworn in. The President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President for Finance and the Recording Secretary for the term of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015. No person shall be elected President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance or Recording Secretary unless that person has served as a Member of the Board for at least one year. At that same organizational Board Meeting, the newly elected President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, the Vice President for Communication and the Executive Secretary.

If you would like any further information concerning the general meeting or the election, please contact Fran Crowley at crowley@blankrome.com or 610-246-1020.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Pursuant to Article 4, Section B, of the Bylaws of the West Catholic Alumni Association, the annual general meeting will be to elect members of the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association for the term September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015.

All Members of the Association are eligible to vote in the Alumni Association election and to be elected to the Board of Governors. The Bylaws define “Members” of the Association as: (a) all graduates of West Catholic High School for Boys; (b) all male graduates of West Catholic High School; and (c) all former male students of either school who completed at least one year at either school and whose original class has graduated.

All members interested in being elected to the Board of Governors must notify the president, Fran Crowley ‘77 by e-mail (crowley@blankrome.com) or phone (610-246-1020) no later than May 10, 2013 so that your name may be placed on the ballot.

Pursuant to Article 4, Section K, of the Bylaws of the Alumni Association, an organizational Board Meeting shall be held in June, 2013 at which the newly elected Board shall be sworn in. The President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President for Finance and the Recording Secretary for the term of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015. No person shall be elected President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance or Recording Secretary unless that person has served as a Member of the Board for at least one year. At that same organizational Board Meeting, the newly elected President shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, the Vice President for Communication and the Executive Secretary.

If you would like any further information concerning the general meeting or the election, please contact Fran Crowley at crowley@blankrome.com or 610-246-1020.
Keeping in Touch

By: Ed Kerr, Jr.'60

Class of 2013 star football line-
man Jarely Jones-Smith who trav-
elled from Voorhees, NJ, each school
day to attend West Catholic High
School has selected University of
Pittsburgh as his college of choice;
6’7”, 320 pounds he is being
eyed for the offensive line, accord-
ing to www.solidary.com.

The family and friends of Ernie
Taraborelli ’51 wish him a very
Happy 80th Birthday, see Ernie at
www.westcatholic.edu.

Paul Di Napoli ’59 sends his
best to all from West Chester PA as
does Rich ’61 and Mary ’60
O’Brien from Langhorne, PA.

Joe Dukes ’60 is recovering
from major surgery and needs your
prayers.

Jim Kelly ’59 and Charlie
Johnson ’78 from Havertown, PA, join
Joe Horing ’60 from Mor-
ton, PA, to send congratulations
to recent inductees to the West
Catholic Sports Hall of Fame on
March 25th.

Tom McGinn ‘65 continues
to travel to unusual locations and
return with beautiful photos, his most
recent venture was off the western
coast of South Africa and the remote
location of the Galapagos Islands,
home to an abundant variety of
unique wildlife species found
nowhere else on earth. Tom also
finds time to assist with the BURRS
at the BEACH committee which
helps to raise funds for needy stu-
dents at West Catholic High School
at 4501 Chestnut Street.

Joe and Barbara Bartolomeo
’59 continue to support the Alumni
Association as do Dave and Sally
Kelly ’62.

Dan Ruppert ’70 is working
with the HIM nuns at St. Francis De
Sales Parish in Philadelphia, PA, to
assist immigrants attain U.S. Citi-
zenship. Good work Dan!

David Gioa ’82 and Vincent
John Geraci ’62 send their best to
classmates and encourage them to
support the Alumni Association’s
Annual Fund.

Jay Sawyer ’59 enjoyed his re-
cent West Coast trip with his wife
Carmela where they visited their
son David and family along with
John Duffy from the great class of
1951. John and his family donated a
Saint Jude Shrine to Saint Barnabas
Church in Southwest Philadelphia
this past November in memory of
his wife, Joan Marie McAllister
Duffy, from the class of 1950 West
Catholic Girls’. The Shrine was also
dedicated to all Saint Barnabas
grade school graduates who went on
to attend West Catholic High School.
Make an attempt to visit Saint Barnabas
Church to see this beautiful shrine,
and tell others about the thoughtful donation made
by John Duffy to the parish of his
loving wife Joan, who passed away
in 1993.

Bill Strain ’41 is still an active
supporter of all that is West Catholic
along with his son, Tommy.

Joseph Richardson ’62 and
Jim Huggard ’51 wish only the
best for West Catholic Alumni As-
sociation and West Catholic High
School, Long Live the BURRS!

Name These Burrs

Name these graduates (L and R) of West
Catholic High School. Send your guesses
to West Catholic Alumni Association, PO
Box 889, ARDMORE PA 19003. Include your
name, class and shirt size and you could win Alumni sweatshirt.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MERCHANDISE

The West Catholic Alumni Association offers Merchandise including:
Burland Shirts, Golf Shirts, Burrs Regular & Mock Turtleneck Shirts,
Tee Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Sweat Pants, Jackets, Flags, Banners,
Pennants for Old & New Schools, Prints of 49th & Chestnut Street Boys’
High School; West Catholic Hats and Ski Caps, Sweaters and
more, if you are interested in receiving complete list of merchan-
dise, Please send an e-mail request to westcathalumni@aol.com
or call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560 after 3:00 P.M. or before
9:00 A.M and leave a message at the voice mail center. Be sure to
provide: Name, Class, Mailing Address, Phone Number and an E-
mail Address if available. We will respond with details including a
description of items available, photos of merchandise, price list
which includes shipping of merchandise to you or to a third party as
a gift, we will also include gift card or you can send card with your
order form to be included with shipment. The Alumni Association
looks forward to hearing from you and sends thanks for considering
ALUMNI MERCHANDISE, GO BURRS!

Magee Honored with “Dare to Dream Award”

By: Ed Kerr, Jr. ’60

West Catholic High School was
well represented in January of
this year at the St. Kevin Parish gymna-
sium in Springfield, PA, (Delaware
County). St. Kevin is home base for
the Annual Christmas CYO Basket-
ball Tournament played during the
Christmas season. Both Boy and
Girl teams were represented for
these the Championship games.

St. Bernadette defeated Our
Lady of Perpetual Help 29-24 to
capture the First Place trophy for the
Girl’s competition; the Boys’ of St.
Bernard and Cardinal O’Hara made it a sweep as they
both captured the second half of the dou-
ble-header with a victory over the Holy Cross parish Boys’ team, tak-
ing home a First Place Christmas trophy as well.

A highlight of this exciting day
included a visit from Coach Herb
Magee ‘59 of Philadelphia Univer-
sity to accept the cherished “Dare to
Dream Award”. This Award was created by the Tournament Direc-
tors, Charles Hopkins and Joe
Casertano ’74, and is presented each year to someone who has devoted
themselves to helping young people appreciate the value of sportsman-
ship and competitive spirit.

Coach Magee has received many honors over the years from the
West Catholic Sports Hall of Fame, The Philadelphia University
Sports Hall of Fame, The Philadelphia
Sports Hall of Fame and most recently a Congressional
in the Nai-
smith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

Coach appreciated the recogni-
tion and was touched as past award
recipients joined in helping him cel-
brate.

Also attending this wonderful
day of CYO Hoops activities were
Brother Richard Kestler, FSC,
President, West Catholic High School,
Enisse Beck ‘49, George Light
’58, Ed Kerr ’60 (who an-
ounced both games), Dan Harrell
’61, John Tonosky ’63, Tom DeFe-
lce ’64, Charles Hopkins ’70 and
Joe Casertano ’74.

Over the many years of this tour-
ament, Directors Hopkins and
Casertano will often speak of how
Paul Arizin (a St. Kevin Parish-
ioner), Jimmy Young ’49 and Ernie
Beck ’49 always make time to as-
sist with the annual trophy presen-
tations.

Ellis Island Medal of Honor
Awarded to Leonard Mazur

Ellis Island and all branches of the United States Armed Forces tradi-
tionally participate. Approximately
100 medalists are honored each year.
Past medalists include six Pres-
idents, Nobel Prize winners, leaders
of industry, education, the arts,
sports and government.

A very proud 90th of the 50th Anniversary Class of 1963, Leonard
L. Mazur, received his Medal of Honor in May of 2012 in his
happiness and offer our sincere congratulations.

Both the United States House of
Representatives and United States
Senate have officially recognized
the Ellis Island Medals of Honor.
Each year’s recipients are read into
Congressional Record. The
Great Hall where immigrants were
once processed hosts the gala dinner
which follows the ceremony.

The Ellis Island Medals of Honor celebrate the diversity of American
life, honoring not only individuals but the pluralism and democracy
that have enabled ancestry groups to
cohesion and natives while be-
coming integral parts of the Ameri-
can way of life. Notable medalists
that Leonard has joined include Bob
Hope, Frank Sinatra, Gerald Ford,
Joe DiMaggio, Bill Clinton,
Muhammad Ali, Tom Blair, George
H.W. Bush, Don Shula, Danny
Tarkanian and many others.

Leonard L. Mazur ’63

By: Ed Kerr, Jr. ’60

The Ellis Island Medal of Honor
was founded by the Ethnic Coalition
of Organizations (NECO) and is in-
tended to pay homage to the immi-
grant experience. The medal honors
the contributions made to America by
immigrants and the legacy they left
behind in the successes of their chil-
dren and grandchildren.

Many medalists take pride in
documenting their family’s entry to
this country via Ellis Island. The
medals are awarded to native-born and naturalized U.S. Citizens from
various ethnic backgrounds. The
honorees are said to “exemplify out-
standing qualities in both their per-
sonal and professional lives while
continuing to preserve the richness
of their particular heritage.” The
medals were established at the time
of NECO’S founding in 1986.

A ceremony is held each May on
TIME FOR A CHANGE!

I have enjoyed my several terms as President of the West Philadelphia Catholic Alumni Association. I am proud to have been associated with so many wonderful alumni, both on the Board of Governors as well as many other men, who every day demonstrate that the West Catholic Spirit lives on and continues to thrive. However, like all good things, our term in office is set to expire as my successor will be elected in June, 2013. Although I do not know its author, I often have seen and heard the statement that “if you do not create change, change will create you.” The Alumni Association is at that point where either we have to choose to change in order to meet many new circumstances, challenges and opportunities that exist or we will be changed by the same factors in ways that we cannot control. The past several years have been an incredible roller coaster ride with great sadness when it was announced that West Catholic would close followed by euphoria when it was announced that West Catholic would stay open – to be followed yet again by a sense of wonder whether the West Catholic family – administration, faculty, students, parents, Alumni and Alumnae – could and would meet the challenges of the future.

TIM E FOR A CH A NGE!

The Alumni Association newly-formed Veterans/Military Committee would like to hear from many of you that have served your country!

Bro. Patrick Ellis FSC
James A. Kelly 77
Joseph Lewis ‘27
Francis A. Brady 31
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Kehoe ’31
John C. Miller ’34
George W. Batten 35
Joseph L. Curry MD ’36
James J. Kervin 36
William E. Hooper ’37
John A. Noble ’38
Thomas A. Shallow ’38
Byrne P. Whalen ’38
Thomas E. Henry B. Degnan 39
Samuel V. Orligo ’39
Thomas J. Byrne 40
Harry J. DiIuliano ’40
Paul E. Farrell ’40
James J. McCaughy ’40
Robert H. McCurney ’40
Christine R. Runsey ’40
Daniel P. Sheedy ’40
Thomas J. Sullivan ’40
James J. Cassells ’41
James K. Collins ’41
Joseph P. Doyle ’42
Joseph E. Davis Sr. ’42
J. Robert Malone 42
James J. McGegoff ’42
Francis A. Biondo ’42
Philip (Knute) Bonner ’43
John J. Cranford ’43
James B. Feeney ’43
Thomas J. Fleming ’43
Patrick T. Hunt 43
Rev. Msgr. James E. King ’43
Joseph J. McGimpan ’43
John W. Quinn ’43
Fred J. Schirn ’43
James L. Wilson ’43
William J. Duffy ’44
Louis Pines 44
Joseph R. Coyne Sr. ’45
Louis J. DiHippo ’45
Joseph F. Fletcher ’45
Daniel R. Young ’45
Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Cassidy 46
Thomas A. Doris Jr. ’46
Richard G. Taraporelli ’46
Alvin A. Clay ’47
James E. Downey ’47
George C. Hare ’47
Joseph F. Collins ’48
Michael J. Dopherty ’48
Joseph W. Farnelli ’48
John A. Gordon ’48
Richard J. McGegantch ’48
Robert A. O’Connor ’48
Francis E. Shaw ’48
James P. Toner ’48
Thomas F. Ward ’48
Cornelius J. Gillespie ’49
Robert G. Kennedy ’49
James J. Young ’49
Ronald C. Helko ’50
Ronald J. Lavoie 50
Thomas F. Lavery ’50
John Lombardo ’50
Richard P. Manapton ’50
John A. Welsh ’50
Thomas A. Wolfe ’50
Thomas J. Boyle ’51
James E. Cahill ’51
Joseph F. Campbell ’51
Joseph C. Chamber ’51
James M. Larney ’51

Thomas J. Lyons ’51
William T. Callahan ’51
James J. McCary ’51
Richard J. Touhill ’51
John P. Bilardi ’52
Richard J. Carroll ’52
James A. Cusack ’52
Charles J. Devlin ’52
Alex P. Fink ’52
Christian G. Kellor ’52
Joseph Kennedy Jr. ’52
Joseph A. Skeehan ’52
Donald J. Lynch ’52
Robert P. Bokser ’52
Thomas P. McNallagh ’52
Joseph W. Myrtites ’52
Charles J. Pastorsc ”52
John P. Scheuren ’52
Richard J. Lecies ’52
Thomas J. Doyle ’53
Albert J. Brown ’54
Rev. Joseph W. Callahan ’54
Joseph C. Carroll ’54
John E. Crowe ’54
Donald W. Goodwin ’54
John P. Lazzara ’54
Thomas J. Lyons ’54
Francis T. McGone ’54
Joseph A. McLane ’54
Matthew J. Senior Jr. ’54
Robert P. Alotta ’55
Joseph A. Nero ’55
Gerald M. England ’55
Rev. William T. Joseph ’56
John J. Degnan ’56
Gerald J. Mulaney ’56
Joseph J. Rockwell ’56
Frank J. Durante ’56
Joseph J. Marion ’57
Charles M. O’Brien ’57
Dennis J. O’Leary ’57
Francis J. Rensch ’57
Robert F. Mckytne ’58
John P. Roche ’58
James T. Rowan ’58
Thomas P. Martinelli ’59
Samuel J. Avella ’60
Joseph P. Bole ’60
Bro Richard W. B Jesse FSC ’60
Richard T. Burke ’60
Patrick J. Callahan ’60
James F. Donovan ’60
Patrick A. Sadales ’60
John P. England ’60
Michael S. Mcnamara ’62
Joseph F. Wagner ’62
Michael J. Cleary ’63
John P. Conroy ’63
William P. Smith ’64
Charles J. Haltt ’65
James J. Keener ’65
Joseph J. McKea ’69
John B. Mcferney Jr. ’70
Paul R. Morley ’70
Thomas C. Harr ’71
Michael J. Senior Jr. ’72
Charles M. Reily ’72
Neil F. Bicker ’73
Robert E. McSweeney ’74
Christopher Wood ’76
Patric P. Bonner ’84
Patrick P. Ward ’84
Raymond P. Hill Jr. ’83

To Uniformed West Grads
We’ve been successful in getting the names of many of you that have served our 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

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 ’00, Chairman
244 Baltimore Pike, Unit 433, Glen Mills, PA 19342
e-mail: bob1mac1@gmail.com.

Any questions may be directed to any committee member listed below:

Jim Mulhern (US Army), Chairman
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

* denotes veteran

May They Rest In Peace

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

CLASS REUNION

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

Class Location/Date
55th
1/19/2013
Clairmont Hotel
Essington, PA

56th
4/19/2013
Clairmont Hotel
Essington, PA

57th
5/19/2013
Club at the Creek
Essington, PA

58th
6/19/2013
Club at the Creek
Essington, PA

59th
7/19/2013
Club at the Creek
Essington, PA

Class Location/Date
60th
8/19/2013
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