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# '83 Grad is a Difference Maker

*Gigliotti comes to the legal aid of seniors in need*

The best adjective that **Paul Gigliotti '83** could use to describe the pro bono work he performs with one local senior assistance program is "heartbreaking."

But his clients might use the term "invaluable" to describe the work Gigliotti handles.

That alone is comforting to Gigliotti and is why he has been recognized for this work. As the managing partner of Gigliotti & Associates in Clinton Township, he has provided pro bono work for Macomb County seniors who have contacted the county's Legal Assistance Program for Seniors for more than a decade.

This program is a part of its Macomb County's Department of Senior Citizen Services. It provides free legal advice, counseling, and referrals on a wide range of topics for seniors over the age of 60 who have questions, concerns or issues that need to be addressed.

Gigliotti specializes in bankruptcy cases, Social Security matters, and disability issues. He was introduced to the Legal Assistance Program for Seniors by his mentor and fellow Clinton Township practicing attorney, Thomas Budzyski, in the mid-1990s. "I was still working at building my business and Thomas thought this would be a great way for me to give back to the community and (increase) my visibility," Gigliotti said. "I feel fortunate to be in a position to help these individuals."

He uses the term "heartbreaking" because he acknowledges that these senior clients should be relaxing and enjoying life at their age, rather than worrying about their finances. He quickly became dedicated to the cause, especially when thinking about his grandmother, Sarah, who passed away a few years ago. She was an important influence in Gigliotti's life.

After his grandfather died three decades ago, Gigliotti's grandmother chose to never "bother" her children and grandchildren with any of her personal financial burdens. But he admits that his father, aunts, and uncles would have been happy to help.

"That's just the way she was as a person and like my grandmother, (the seniors he helps) are good people who generally lived responsible lives and now find themselves in a difficult position," Gigliotti said. "The last thing I want is creditors calling them for the rest of their lives."

His efforts have not gone unnoticed. Gigliotti's work with the seniors group led him to being the recipient of the 2007 Pro Bono Service Award, given annually by the Macomb County Bar Association, earlier this year. Earning the award resulted in mixed emotions for Gigliotti.

"It was good to know my work was appreciated," Gigliotti said. "It kind of hit me at that moment that this work does make an impact on these people's lives."

"I'm that guy who hasn't taken a one-week vacation since I can't even remember when," Gigliotti said. "So I don't get a lot of time for personal reflection."

Some of his fellow Macomb Bar Association members shook his hand and patted him on the back after Gigliotti received the award. That recognition meant a lot to him, and motivated him to continue those efforts.

"There are numerous issues that the Legal Assistance Program for Seniors handles directly, including counseling, prescription and other health care issues and more," said staff attorney Tom Hartwig. But one area he and managing attorney Shirley Cushing don't directly address is bankruptcy. That's where Gigliotti comes in.

"We have a small pool of bankruptcy attorneys that we refer seniors to who can best help them with their legal issues and do so at a significantly reduced rate," Gigliotti said. "Tom has been working with us since 1998 and does a great job."

In fact, Gigliotti has been called upon by countywide seniors more often in the last two years...



**Paul Gigliotti '83**

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...than ever before. The United States changed its federal bankruptcy laws in 2005 to make it more difficult - and more costly - for citizens to successfully file bankruptcy. Those laws also made attorneys more liable for bankruptcy filings.

"As a result, the pool of bankruptcy attorneys available to help the Legal Assistance Program for Seniors went from nearly 15 to a handful," Hartwig said. And with the current global economic crisis having even a more profound impact on the local population, the need for such specialized legal advice and services are greater than ever.

"You have a large group of seniors who are on fixed income while all their costs are rising," Hartwig said.

"Many seniors are in serious need of legal help and Paul is always willing to help and understands the financial challenges that seniors face," Hartwig added.

"Some of our seniors want to use their Social Security money to help their children who might have lost their jobs or are struggling financially as well, and Social Security was never meant to address such needs," Hartwig said.

Gigliotti agrees. "It's a labor of love many seniors are willing to take," he added. "And it is a bankruptcy scenario that is increasing in numbers on a regular basis. In most cases they just don't want their grandkids to be forced out of a home that was foreclosed," he said.

In such cases, Gigliotti has often worked closely with the children or grandchildren of his senior clients referred to him through the program. Recently, a son of one of Gigliotti's clients flew up from Texas to ensure that his mother's case was being responsibly handled. The son spent a significant amount of time discussing various financial and legal options with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law graduate.

Working with family members can often be a rewarding part of Gigliotti's work with the Legal Assistance Program for Seniors, he said. Knowing that his clients are cared for and loved takes some of the heartbreak away.

"More than one time I have had to grab an extra few chairs from my lobby because I didn't expect so many people to show up (with a senior client)," Gigliotti said.

Both the frequency and costs of bankruptcies are on the rise. In the past it was more common for individuals who attempted to start businesses or adults in their working years who were unemployed for a long period of time. As a result of changing federal laws, it now costs several hundred dollars to achieve a legal bankrupt state for an individual, Hartwig said.

Gigliotti assisted 14 seniors with their bankruptcy issues in 2007, and expects that number to rise in 2008. In all, nearly 2,300 seniors were assisted by Macomb County's Legal Assistance Program for Seniors in 2007. Through the first half of this year, the program was counseling an average of 200 seniors per month.

He admits the need for his services is streaky, but it is likely bankruptcies in general won't slow down any time soon. And when there is a Macomb County senior in need of such services, chances are Gigliotti will be the lawyer handling the case.

"It's a great experience because you do feel like you are making a difference," he said.

*Source: Detroit Legal News*



**The Friends of Notre Dame has been storing many videos recovered from Notre Dame High School. We mainly have football videos and a few other miscellaneous events. We have invested in a video converter and will begin the process of converting the videos to a digital format this summer. At that time we will provide you with information as to how we intend to share the footage. We *will not* be releasing any of the original videos. If there is a specific video you are interested in, please email us at [jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com).**

# Upcoming Events

## Benefit Dinner Eyan Joseph Konal

(Son of Jeff Konal '89)

Thursday, April 16, 2009

(See Page 7 for Complete Details)

## Class of 1986 Night Out

for *Notre Dame*, Bishop Foley, Bishop Gallagher, Brother Rice, De La Salle, Dominican, Regina, and Star of the Sea High Schools.

*City Pub*

15505 15 Mile Rd., Clinton Township, MI

Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 7:00pm - 2:00am

## Classes of 1985 - 1988 Golf Outing

A Golf outing for ND classes 85-88 is planned! We are currently looking for 50 plus golfers. The date is Saturday, May 23rd at Sycamore Hills in Macomb, MI.

Cost is \$99 per man and includes 18 holes with cart, unlimited beer and pop on the course, hotdogs and chips at the turn, 2 meat buffet dinner, and 2 hours of open bar with top shelf liquor. Time will be Noon to ??

If interested, please contact *Jim Dewinter '87* at [sportplax1968@yahoo.com](mailto:sportplax1968@yahoo.com)

## 25th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring Fr. Kiselica's 25 Years in the Priesthood

Saturday, June 20, 2009

(See Page 6 for Complete Details)

## Annual Alumni Softball Tournament

September 2009 At Total Sports

Start recruiting your classmates!

# The Muggs

See the Muggs (Tony DeNardo '90 and Danny Methric '90)... Live!



- ♣ Thursday, April 2, 2009, The Eagle Theater...

Pontiac, MI

Opening for Jack Bruce

- ♣ Sunday, April 5, 2009, The Magic Stick...

Detroit, MI

ALL AGES - Motor City Rock Revue

(NCAA Final Four Weekend!)

Tickets: \$12 - Doors Open: 7:30pm

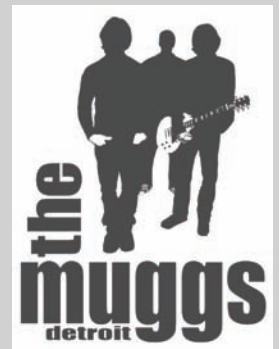
- ♣ Friday, April 10, 2009, Elbow Room...

Ypsilanti, MI

- ♣ Saturday, April 11, 2009, Frankie's Inner City...

Toledo, Ohio

- ♣ Friday, April 24, 2009, White's... Saginaw, MI



# Upcoming Reunions

## Reunions in 2009

The following classes are due to celebrate reunion years in 2009:



2004 - 5 Years  
1999 - 10 Years  
1994 - 15 Years  
1989 - 20 Years  
1984 - 25 Years



1979 - 30 Years  
1974 - 35 Years  
1969 - 40 Years  
1964 - 45 Years  
1959 - 50 Years



Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class?

E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at [jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com).

We are your only source for the most up-to-date alumni contact information!

## Celebrating 25 Years - Class of 1989

Dear Classmates, We are upon our 20 year reunion, and it is time for all of us to get together, enjoy spirits, tell lies, and catch up on what we've all been doing since the dawn of the 90's. Our reunion committee looked at many different ideas, and we have decided to have a party at the Gazebo Banquet Center in Warren, *Saturday May 16, 2009*. This venue allowed us to keep the price reasonable, and we feel the event will be something everyone will enjoy. I hope that many of you will set the date aside, and join us for a fantastic evening. The evening will include entertainment, buffet dinner, and open bar for five hours.

Ticket Prices: (Please note the Fr. Bryson Special)

Pay before March 31st: \$50 each or two for \$90.

Pay April 1st - May 1st (latest): \$55 each or two for \$100.

Please make your check payable to John Pierce and mail to:  
John Pierce, 38713 Woodmont, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

If anyone has any questions, please contact  
Eric Schmidt at: [schmidty1967@yahoo.com](mailto:schmidty1967@yahoo.com) or  
John Pierce at: [lakelooper@yahoo.com](mailto:lakelooper@yahoo.com)

## Celebrating 10 Years - Class of 1999!

*Brett Ceriotti '99, Kevin Dunbar '99*

and others have started planning the class of 1999 10-year reunion.

More information will be released as the planning progresses.

## Yearbooks

Almost all years are available for a small fee (\$7.00) to cover storage and shipping costs. Send us an email and we'll make arrangements to get you a yearbook!

We're sorry, but we are sold out of the following yearbooks:

1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1970, & 1972



# Celebrating 25 Years of Priesthood

In June, Father John Kiselica will celebrate 25 years of priesthood. Please join us in honoring him, his dedication to God and the community he serves, his commitment to education, and his many accomplishments over the last 25 years.

**WHO:** All ND grads, family, friends and guests who wish to honor Fr. K. in achieving this milestone

**WHAT:** Hors d'oeuvres, Beer, and a Good Time

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 20, 2009 @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**WHERE:** Fishbones in St. Clair Shores, MI (9 Mile & Jefferson)

**COST:** \$25 per person

**HOW TO RSVP:** Email to Paul Nahra '93: pnahra@comcast.net

**Checks** can be sent to:

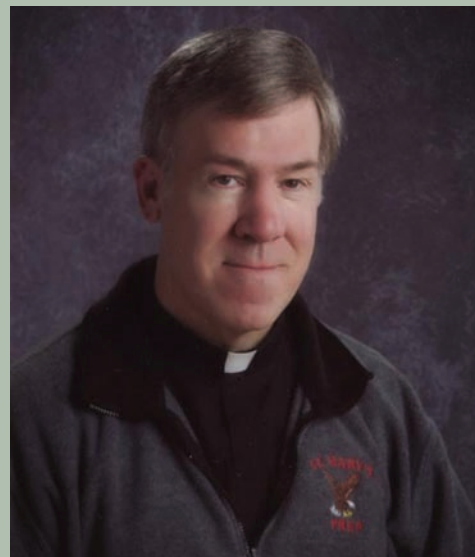
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New Baltimore, MI 48047

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## Births



**Joseph Michael Cusumano**  
Born February 17, 2009 to  
Robyn and John Cusumano '97.



## Web Communication



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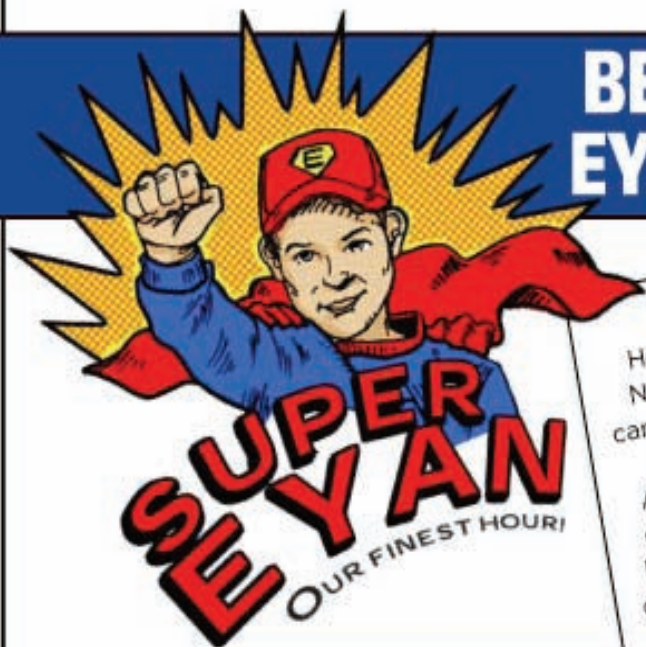
Join the Friends Of Notre Dame  
Facebook Group!

We currently have over  
750 members!

Groups have also been created  
for individual classes!



Our website has eclipsed 20,000 hits!



## BENEFIT DINNER FOR EYAN JOSEPH KONAL

Eyan Joseph Konal is 3 years old. He was recently diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma, an aggressive childhood cancer. He is facing months of chemotherapy and surgeries in his Road to Recovery. Already, Eyan's courage and bravery have earned him the nickname "SuperEyan". To help SuperEyan and his family through this difficult time, you can show your support by attending a benefit dinner in his honor.

**THURSDAY APRIL 16th**

(5PM-11PM) At Barrister Gardens,  
24225 Harper Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI

Tickets: **\$50 in advance** or \$60 at the door.  
Includes Dinner, Open Bar, Live Musical  
Performances by **Mystery Key** and  
**Ronny Masters**, Silent Auction, Raffles, and more.

**Eyan Joseph Konal Foundation Inc.**  
23205 Gratiot Ave.  
PMB 373  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

To purchase your tickets in advance, please send a check made payable to "Eyan Joseph Konal Foundation Inc." along with your name and guest name(s) to

If you're not able to attend this event, donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the address above.

**For any questions on tickets, cash donations, or auction item donations, please contact:**

Lisa/Kevin Gross: 586-296-1739 / 586-292-9793  
Stacey/Tom Konal: 586-915-1139 / 586-612-4916  
Chrissy/Jim Fraser: 586-321-3747 / 586-321-2722  
Amy Fratarcangeli: 586-243-9373 or alwfrat@yahoo.com

**With your help, together we'll see SuperEyan through Our Finest Hour!**



# Play Golf. Enjoy Friends. Help Eyan.

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**Friday May 8, 2009**

**Belle River Golf Course**

**12564 Belle River Road, Memphis, MI 48041 | (810) 392-2121**

**\$400/Team or \$100/person includes:**

- 4-person scramble (**9:00AM Registration and 10:00AM Shotgun Start**)
- 18-holes of golf with cart; breakfast; lunch at the turn; dinner (outdoor BBQ weather permitting); and 2-hour open bar after golf (during dinner)
- Complimentary beer on the course provided by Greg LaFevre of Powers Distributing
- Prize Money for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Teams; Longest Drive; and Closest to the Pin
- 50/50 Raffle and \$20 Team Optional Skins
- Hole sponsorship sign available for \$100 placed at tee box. If interested, please contact Tom Konal at (586) 612-4916 ASAP
- **Limited space is available. Send check (made payable to Eyan Joseph Konal Foundation Inc.), along with the names of each golfer and/or hole sponsorship information to:**

**Eyan Joseph Konal Foundation Inc. (Golf)**  
23205 Gratiot Ave.  
PMB 373  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

Checks, golfer names, and hole sponsorship information must be received by **5/1/09**.



# Congratulations 1997 & 1998

## Alumni Basketball Tournament Champions!

See Photos From the Tournament in the Friends of Notre Dame Photo Gallery at [www.friendsofnotredame.com](http://www.friendsofnotredame.com)



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**Tom Jenkins '97, Paul Calandra '97, John Marchand '98, Steve Davis '98, Frank Heinrich '97, Curtis Rybski '98, Whitney Robinson '98 (Not Pictured: Jim Forkin '98 and Chris Guzman '97)**

### Participants

Jim Mandl	1966	Jeff Springer	1992	Sean Watripont	1995	Jake Hargrove	1999	Taylor Bobak	2003
Frank Guastella	1970	Al Menaghin	1992	Brett Karas	1995	Prasnjak	1999	Burley	2003
Robert Korte	1975	Ed Burley	1992	Matt Orlowski	1995	Bret Ceriotti	1999	Brad Michaels	2003
Mike Karshnia	1989	Matt Schultz	1992	Joe Blizinski	1995	Joe Dudek	1999	Adam Bissa	2003
Manny Valez	1989	Scott McCabe	1992	Gregg Kirk	1995	Paul Gergics	1999	John Pelak	2003
Sean Moran	1989	Joe Vitali	1993	Dan Demski	1995	Erik Kugan	1999	Terrance Wallace	2004
Chris Henness	1989	Terrance Porter	1993	Casey Wakula	1996	Marc Michaels	2001	Anthony Morasso	2005
Byron Miller	1990	Eric Breliniski	1993	Jason Kotas	1996	William Rinehart	2001	Joe Kotwick	2005
Jim Mandl	1990	Paul Nahra	1993	Jim McDonald	1996	Tom Mazzocco	2001	Matt Babecki	2005
Eric Woodhouse	1991	Greg Goleski	1993	Matt Hartung	1996	Gino	2001	Jeff Simmons	2005
Ron Stempin	1991	Scott Sorbie	1993	Tom Jenkins	1997	Shaun Rayman	2001	Scott Machesky	2005
Rick Nowicki	1991	Tom Plagens	1993	Frank Heinrich	1997	Matt Bultink	2001	Jonathan Vitale	2005
Steve Iodice	1991	Tom Kuzner	1993	Paul Calandra	1997	Jason Pesamoska	2001	Jonathan Denys	2005
Scott Bania	1991	Tom Petko	1993	Chris Guzman	1997	Jeff Meldrum	2002	Alex Orlikowski	2005
Marc Gunn	1991	Jeff Pierce	1993	John Marchand	1998	Padraic Timmons	2002	Devon Guinaine	2007
Mike Comito	1991	Jeff Mott	1993	Andy Dold	1998	Jamey Embree	2002	Vince Mazzocco	2007
Scott Decausin	1991	Kevon Ventamiglia	'94	Steve Davis	1998	Dan Marchese	2002	Tim Hayes	2007
Paul Carta	1991	Pat McCabe	1994	Curtis Rybski	1998	Sean Rinke	2002	Paul Briguglio	2007
Ryan Braathan	1991	Tom Kuzner	1993	Terrance Robinson	1998	Pat Lipa	2002	Mike Cracchiolo	2007
Cory Riggs	1991	Tom Petko	1993	Jim Forkin	1998	John Czoykowski	2002	Bryan Dick	2007
Derek Berry	1992	Scott Ferrante	1994	Mike Snyder	1999	Mike Melnyk	2003	Robert Bell	2007
Bart Kocik	1992	Mike Rice	1994	Chris Housey	1999	Gallus	2003	Mr. Ken Parent	



# 51st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade



Chris Guzman '97 and Andy Dold '98



Jim Mandl '66, Jim Mandl '90,  
Eric Woodhouse '91, and Jamey Embree '02



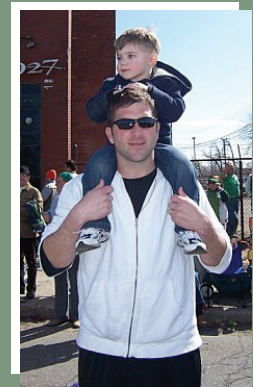
Scott P. Walsh '88 and son with nephews Kevin  
and Matt Senko marching with the Ancient Order  
of Hibernians - Fr. Solanus Casey Division.



Jeff Pierce '93 and Family



Brian Jackson '96 and Daughter, Samantha



Casey Wakula '96  
and Son, Sam

## This.. Is... Jeopardy!

On Friday, April 24, Peter Latouf '02 will be appearing on the TV game show *Jeopardy!* The show will air at 7:30pm on WDIV Channel 4 in the Detroit area. If you are not in the Detroit area, please check your local listings for air time. Peter taped the show in February and said "it was a great experience! I hope all alumni and friends of HWND will watch and cheer me on!" Tune in and cheer, cheer for Peter as he is onward to victory!



Alex Trebek and Peter Latouf '02

# Wedding Bells

Fr. John Kiselica has performed many wedding for Notre Dame grads. Fr. was honored to perform the weddings of the Notre Dame Grads listed below over the past few years.

3 Feb. 07 Joe Palazollo '96 and Elizabeth Cappola

14 April 07 Jeff Loeb '93 and Connie Munroe

12 May 07 Tim Skowronski '96 and Cara Colaluca

22 Sept 07 Kevon Ventimiglia '94

6 Oct. 07 Dan Beauregard '99 and Lora Napiewoki

13 Oct. 07 Jason Stuecher '96 and Melissa Nestico

30 Dec. 07 Robert Skowronski '91 and Danielle Algieri

19 April 08 Ryan Knowles '00 and Heather Pelgrus

24 May 08 John Yezback '98 and Alecia Kulka

7 June 08 Chris Hathaway '97 and Karen Wozniczka

9 Aug. 08 Timothy Brumbaugh '98 and Monica Schibel

23 Aug. 08 Jeff Stine '92 and Laurie Scotese

1 Nov. 08 Patrick Long '96 and Jenelle Chambers

14 Feb. 09 Jason Stanczak '97 and Jennifer Russell

21 Feb. 09 Stephen DeSchryver '99 and Staci Sommer



Chris Hathaway '97  
and Karen Wozniczka



Jeff Loeb '93  
and Connie Munroe



John Yezback '98  
and Alecia Kulka



Patrick Long '96  
and Jenelle Chambers



Tim Brumbaugh '98  
and Monica Schebil



Jeff Stine '92  
and Laurie Scotese

Fr. will be performing weddings for the following Notre Dame grads later this year.

30 May 09 Anthony Gravina '98 and Andrea McIlhargey

27 June 09 Matthew Orlowski '95 and Amy Skruba

11 July 09 Michael Simon '99 and Jessica Hardesty

29 Aug. 09 Kevin Dunbar '99 and Michelle Wheeler

19 Sept 09 Jason Oziem '03 and Jenell Haas

26 Sept 09 Tim Bradley '97 and Kristin Patador

## Wall of Fame

If you see your name listed below, we have your Wall of Fame plaque that hung on the wall behind the gym. We would like for you to have your plaque if you want it. Please email us at [jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com](mailto:jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com), and we will make arrangements to get it to you! These plaques will only be released to the actual graduate or to a family member.

Gary Lytle '61  
 Dave Debol '74\*  
 John Giordano '61\*  
 John Blum '77\*  
 David Bonior '63  
 Bob Navetta '64  
 Joe Przybycki '64  
 Mike Boccia '65  
 Chris Hacias '65  
 John Kraft '65  
 Tom Van Doorne '66  
 Jim Navetta '67  
 Rick Wenner '67  
 Dan Richards '67  
 Glenn Radzik '69  
 Gary Radzik '69  
 Frank Lutostanski '71  
 Jerry Guinane '71  
 Al Provenzano '72  
 Mike McGreevy '73  
 Tim Flannery '73  
 Pat Srock '74



Jim Navetta '67  
Loyola Basketball



Brian Monfils '75  
Kalamazoo Tennis

Jim Romeo '75  
 Kevin Flannery '75  
 Tom Bentley '75  
 Brian Monfils '75  
 Mark McGreevy '76  
 Tom Gadawski '76  
 Marco Caporuscio '78  
 Dave Wolfbauer '79  
 Gary Bass '80  
 Kevin Paterson '80  
 Mike Smith '80  
 Jim Forsgren '81  
 Craig Mitchell '81  
 Walt Dixon '81  
 Brett Nowak '82  
 Chris Gust '82  
 Paul Tripp '82  
 Brian Barney '83  
 Andy Nanasi '83  
 Greg Placidi '83  
 Ken Zazula '84  
 Bruce Smith '85  
 Paul Seibert '86



Jason Selleke '96  
Toledo Baseball



Jeff Miller '90  
Oakland Baseball

Paul Amodei '86  
 Joe Trombley '87  
 Andy Booth '87  
 Scott Klott '88  
 Jim Maher '88  
 Eric Taylor '89  
 Eric Stanczak '89  
 DeJuan Reynolds '90  
 Jeff Miller '90  
 Matt Ziolkowski '90  
 Mark Staples, Jr. '91  
 Steve Jansen '92  
 Anthony Vitale '94  
 Preston Brandimore '95  
 Phil Ruggerio '95  
 Dave Biondi '95  
 Jason Selleke '96  
 Jason Stoicevich '97  
 Nick Holliday '97  
 James Fields '01  
 Adam Fujita '01

\* Pictured on the same plaque - University of Michigan Hockey

*We will gladly ship your plaque if you can cover the cost of shipping.  
 The cost to ship a plaque is \$8.00.*



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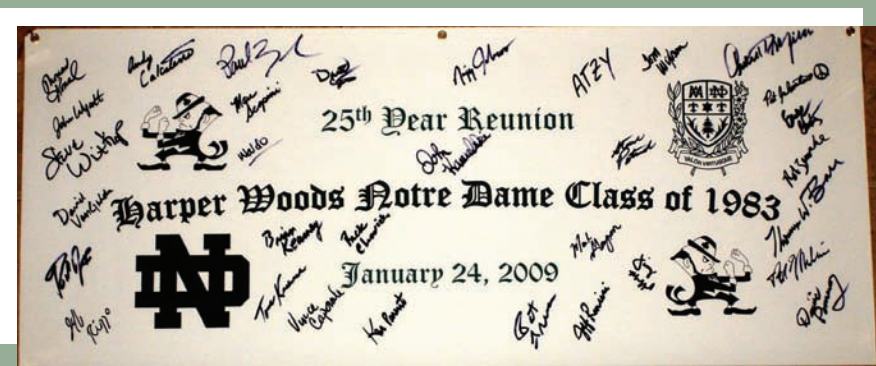
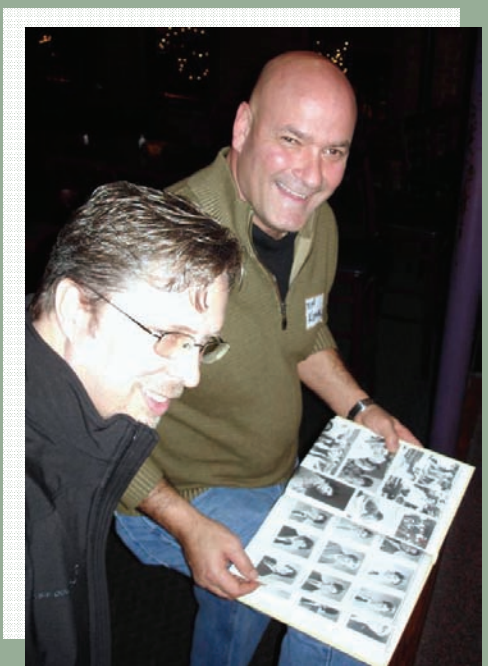
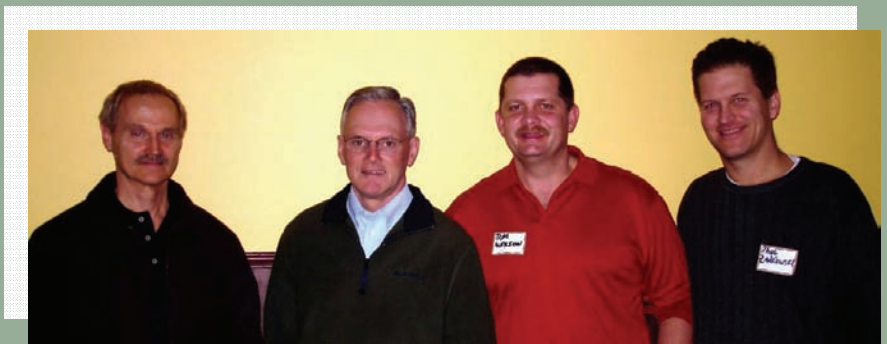
## Trophies

For the past four years, we have been storing over 160 of the school's trophies. We would like to put these trophies in the hands of the guys who earned them for Notre Dame. We have taken photos of all the trophies and uploaded them to the photo gallery on the website. Please browse through them. If you see any that you would like, please contact us, and we will make arrangements to get them to you.

We will continue to store them through July of 2009. After July 31, 2009, we will decide what to do with them.



# Class of 1983 25 Year Reunion



The Class of 1983 reunited for feather bowling and fun at the Bath City Bistro in Mt. Clemens, MI. They celebrated their 25 year reunion on January 24, 2009.

# Notre Dame Memories

By Matt Manzo '74

Mr. Vachon in New Journalism class.... Dead of winter with windows wide open and us having to wear our coats and hats. There was a point but I forget... Throwing dollar bills at us telling us "this was not what life was about," but warning us not to touch his dough. Peering at us over his glasses, smirking, as he passed back our papers with his comments, "candy asses." Returning from break sophomore year to find my friend Andrew missing from his seat behind me. Killed in an accident.... Borrowing two bits from Father DeRoosiers for the bus... I never paid him back... Hopping the fence to Eastland Mall when it was an open mall and it was taboo to do this. In 1973-74 my cousin Joe Trombetta and I co-edited the school newspaper (rag in those days). THE PROBE... We caused some controversy. I wrote an editorial on the football coaches and politics and all of a sudden, I'm on a hit list. Threat-



Matt Manzo '74 - Family Practice Physician in Pinehurst, North Carolina

ened with dismemberment after 7th period social studies class. Mr Glei let me out early stating "many editors have died for much less than that." Curiously our Paper is never mentioned in ND history. Probably the school is trying to forget. Mr Raymond calling it yellow journalism especially when we printed it on gold sheets. Mr Rice, our moderater, angry because we'd sneak stuff in that he did not approve. OOPS.... Father Rancourt calling me into his office because of parental disapproval (yeah like we cared about parental disapproval). Father advising me to be more thoughtful because our paper went into homes, then telling me he was proud of the paper. Maybe we did have some redeeming qualities. Lastly I remember Assembly, baaaaahing like sheep as we herded down the halls into the gym... Paper air-planes whizzing by faculty heads while giving speeches. I remember Mr Recor playing his transistor radio at first period Algebra 1... James Taylor's Fire and Rain...

Mr. Vitale playing his guitar... Sitting in Physics class wondering what Mr. Welliver was talking about... Mr. (or Brother) Parent opening the gym at night to play basketball... Playing pinochle in the cafeteria (some cheating in the process, Kids!)... It goes on and on. As ND did until the last graduate was gone. Thank You school... Bahoo-Bahoo!!!

## Support Alumni Owned Businesses



Visit our eBay Store!

<http://stores.ebay.com/Friends-of-Notre-Dame>

ND Flex Fit hats are now available!



of Macomb  
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'78 Owner

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# 28TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' DINNER



Thursday, April 30, 2009

Penna's of Sterling

Cocktails: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:30 pm

Tickets \$200



This is a stag dinner that includes silent auction. Approximately 1000 attend this east side catholic schools reunion each year. Graduates of DLS, St. Joe's, Austin, Bishop Gallagher, Harper Woods Notre Dame, and others attend yearly.

Tables of 10 are available and there are advertising opportunities available in the program. The proceeds are directed to families needing financial assistance with their De La Salle tuition.

Contact John Monigold for more information at 586-778-3356 or [jmonigold@delasallehs.com](mailto:jmonigold@delasallehs.com)

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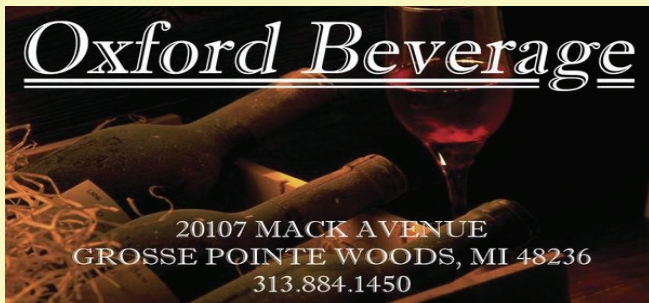
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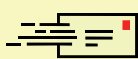
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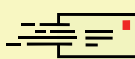
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## We Heard From...

**Kevin Smith, Class of 1974**

Thanks for your continued fine efforts in providing the HWND Alumni Newsletter, Jim. I find myself looking forward to the updates.

**Marty Schwartz, Class of 1970**

Just wanted to let you know that I thought the January newsletter was simply outstanding, a very positive and enjoyable publication. Also received my new alumni directory. Nice update to replace the last one.

**Dan DiNunzio, Class of 1961**

Good luck on your tournament. At age 65, I had to give up competitive basketball. We had some great basketball teams at Notre Dame from 1958-61.

**Dave Weir, Class of 1976**

Thanks for putting together the HWND newsletter. I enjoy reading about events and the lives of ND grads.

**Laurie O'Meara, mother of Mike O'Meara '07**

Thanks for keeping everybody in touch. My son Mike is now a sophomore at Grand Valley and is still in constant contact with many of the friends he made in his two short years at Notre Dame.

**John Kowalski, Class of 1983**

I'm so sorry to hear about Mary Anne. I used to hang with Chris - one of the good guys. I will put her and the family in my prayers. I will also place Skip in prayer and hope for a full recovery that he will overcome this.

**Rev. Gari E. Ruthenberg, Jr., OMI, Class of 1981**

Thanks for all the work you're doing to keep us all linked. I don't know if you receive a lot of praise for it, but I wanted to say thanks. It means a great deal. All the best.

**Paul Gigliotti, Class of 1983**

If I haven't said it lately, thanks for all do, I (we) really appreciate it.

**Mike Scharl, Class of 1971**

I will have to miss this year unless a miracle happens and our team makes it to the second weekend! I will be up at Hillsdale College for parent's weekend with my son starting that Friday. Disappointed to have to miss. I look forward each year to getting together with the guys. Always have fun and have been doing it for what seems like forever! Hopefully next year will work out. Jim, thanks for all you do to put this on every year and for keeping the alumni association going! Say hello to Bob and Frank and any other 70's you come across.

**Ron Mack, Class of 1972**

Thanks Jim. keep up the good work. Much appreciated!

**John Dzieciolowski, Class of 1991**

Thank you for helping me find my graduation yearbook. Thanks for all you are doing. Even though I live in Northern Virginia, I still miss the place. When I visit family in Michigan, I often stop by and say hello to the old school. I hope to find the same experience for my son that I had at ND.

**Tim Skowronski, Class of 1996**

Thanks for doing all that you do for the HWND community. I also wanted to thank you for putting out the invitation to celebrate Fr. Kiselica's 25th Priesthood Anniversary. My wife, Cara, and I would like to help out in any way needed to make the event fun, relaxing and memorable for all. Please let me know if you need anything.

**David Young, Class of 1963**

I want to thank you for the outstanding job you are doing for the Alumni. It is really appreciated.

**Chris Henness, Class of 1989**

Great job organizing the tournament again this year. I think I had just as much fun drinking beers in the bleachers than actually playing.

**Frank Guastella, Class of 1970**

I just wanted to thank you again for putting the HWND Alumni Basketball Tournament together and keeping the spirit of Notre Dame alive. I had a great time and I really appreciate you allowing me to play for your team. At my age I'm not sure of how many more I have left in me so each one is special. The HWND Alumni is lucky to have people like you and your father who refuse to close the book on Notre Dame. We have a legacy to uphold and build on so HWND is never forgotten. Best of luck on the rest of tournament and I hope we beat De La Salle in the finals. Best regards.

**Vince Salerno, Class of 1974**

I would like to let everyone know that Ken Kalisz (class of '74) was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. I am sure Ken would welcome the love and support of his friends at ND. Ken has a website on carepages.com. He would love to hear from all of you. Thank you!

**Mike Mahoney, Class of 1972**

Love the newsletter and website - keep up the great work!

**Vic Battani, Class of 1958**

Take care and thanks for all you do for the Alumni.

**Jeff Urbas, Class of 1990**

Keep up the good work!

**Rosemarie Marcil, Wife of David '75**

Last Sunday there was a mass said at our church in honor of my late husband. The mass was requested by the Notre Dame Alumni and someone sent a card to our home to notify us. This was something very meaningful to our family. I cannot express our gratitude enough at this our most difficult time. THE FAMILY OF DAVID MARCIL, CLASS OF 75, THANKS YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS!!

**John Cusumano, Class of 1997**

You're still doing a great job on the monthly newsletter and that everyone in my family who is an alumni appreciates it very much. Keep up the good work.

**Tim Brumbaugh, Class of 1998**

Thanks so much for keeping the alumni updated on all the events. I really appreciate your effort and enjoy the updates.