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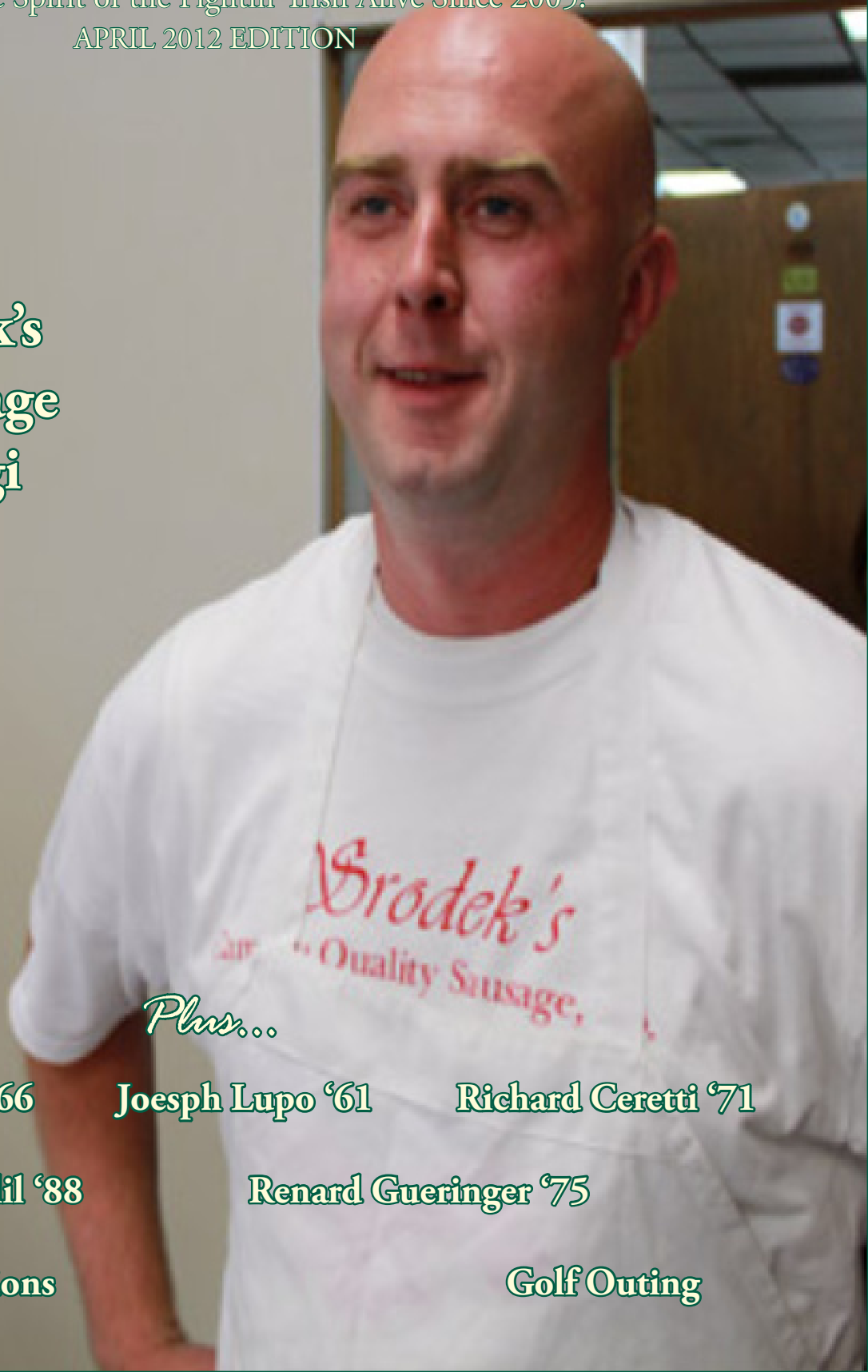
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# Caretti '71 Loses Hair to Raise Money for Cancer Research

A number of Macomb County and local officials, including Macomb County Circuit Judge **Richard Caretti '71**, agreed to be shaved bald or have their bushy mustaches taken off on Thursday, March 8 during a fundraiser for childhood cancer research at Santino's nightclub in Washington Township.

"It feels cold," said Washington Township Supervisor Dan O'Leary after his head became bare thanks to the precision work of Brush Salon & Spa owner Gina Ventimiglio, who cut and shaved the hair from his head. For O'Leary, now in the third year of his first term as supervisor, it was the third time he went bald, but it was for a good cause.

The fundraiser was a benefit for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money for childhood cancer research and treatment. The group has raised more than \$69 million. This event also was a precursor to a daylong fundraiser that was held March 10 in the village of Romeo.

In addition to O'Leary, other officials who went under the scissors and clippers included Macomb County Circuit Court judges David Viviano and Richard Caretti, Romeo Village President Mike Lee, while new Washington Township firefighter-paramedic Gary Wehrwein had his mustache cleared from his face.

Many people involved in the event participated because they knew of someone who was or is battling some form of cancer, including Caretti, whose 12-year-old nephew Joey Caretti, son of **Joe Caretti '84**, is undergoing treatment for brain cancer and leukemia at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

On a lighter note, Caretti joked that he was pushed into having his hair reduced by Santino's owner Michael Magnoli. "Mike said to me 'You should do this — you're not a handsome man,'" Caretti said. "I told him you must have me confused with my colleague Judge Viviano," he added.

Event organizer Stan Babinski, who lost a 20-year-old son to cancer in 2010, said he was proud of the Washington-Romeo community, which last year raised \$243,000 for St. Baldrick's. This year they've already raised \$76,000 and hoped to come up with another \$3,000 at the Santino's event.

The support - monetary and emotional - means a lot to local cancer patients such as Drew Pointe, 16, a sophomore at Romeo High School who has lost all of his hair due to treatments to fight the disease. "It's awesome to see how Romeo supports whoever needs it," he said. His mother, Lisa Biondo, agreed. "Romeo is a small town with a huge heart," she said. A number of Washington Township firefighters also had their mustaches shaved for money. 🍄



**Macomb County Circuit Judge, Richard Caretti '71, gets his head shaved by Judge David Viviano.**

Source: *Macomb Daily*

# Khalil '88 Writes Book About Detroit's Cass Corridor

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series is Detroit's Cass Corridor from local authors Armando Delicato and **Elias Khalil '88**. The book boasts more than 200 vintage photographs and memories of days gone by.

Welcome to the Cass Corridor, an area geographically bound by free-ways and major thoroughfares, yet boundless in its rich history and influence. Since the French established the sleepy ribbon farms in the 1700s, the Cass Corridor has experienced a fascinating evolution.

Home to affluent gentry in the Victorian era, the area became the hub for automotive parts suppliers, film distribution and pharmaceuticals at the



**Elias Khalil '88.**

turn of the 20th century. The interwar period saw the area transition to a working-class neighborhood that descended into a slum. The Cass Corridor, however, redefined itself, Detroit and the nation as a home to the counterculture movement of the 1960's and 1970's. The corridor has long been a cradle of creativity that many renowned personalities called home, including Charles Lindbergh, Gilda Radner, Janis Joplin, Joni Mitchell, Marcus Belgrave and others.

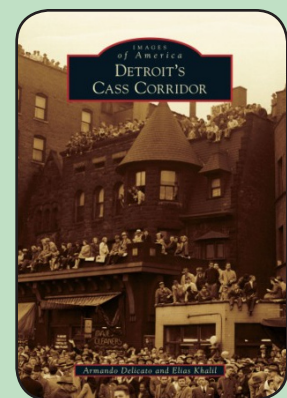
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# Rodney Srodek '97: Hamtramck's Son

## Pierogi and Sausage King Fuels Passion for City

The food that comes out of his family's market is the pride of Hamtramck. So, it should come as no surprise that *Rodney Srodek '97* is the very embodiment of Hamtramck pride. Part sausage and pierogi maker, part family man - but all Hamtramck - Srodek wears his Hamtramck love on his sleeve while continuously putting good things in your belly.

Srodek's Market is a fine purveyor of high-quality, homemade Polish food. They have been keeping Hamtramck residents and metro Detroiters stuffed with pierogi and kielbasa since 1981. There, at the corner of Jos. Campau and Norwalk, Rodney, his parents, wife, sister and two other employees, work tirelessly to generate some of the best Polish

food you'll ever taste. "Start to finish, everything is made at our location here," Rodney says of the sausage, pierogi and golabki that is made fresh daily. "Nothing is in cans or jars. These are family recipes passed down from generation to generation. The pierogi is my grandmother's recipe," he added.

And Grandma Srodek knows what she's doing. The approximately 20 different types of pierogi Srodek's offers (from the mushroom-stuffed to the potato, cheese and bacon variety) on any given day possess an uncanny delicious quotient. It's this rich, consistent flavor that turns a first-time visitor into a long-time customer.

Commercial clients dearly feel the same way. Many buy Srodek products and sell them at their own stores, sometimes affixing their store's labels to them. Foot traffic clients have shopped at Srodek's for generations. Business has been consistent and the food is so good that Srodek's is in the midst of a major expansion.

A grand opening is expected by year's end for a new location in Sterling Heights: 16,000 square feet of market, restaurant and microbrewery on Mound Road. Rodney says to imagine Nino Salvaggio's, but only Polish. And in the same breath, he cautiously reassures that the Hamtramck location isn't going anywhere, that it will stay open as long as Srodeks are making pierogi.

Nobody is going anywhere - not the market - and certainly not Rodney. He stands as firmly planted in Hamtramck as the statue in Pope Park. He moved to Ham-

tramck from Poland in 1985 and grew up in the apartment above the market. He started peeling garlic as a kid, worked his way to the cash register and began shadowing his grandfather around the kielbasa smokers at age 15. Now, Rodney does everything from mopping the floors to signing payroll checks, and he can knock out a 1000-pound batch of sausage in four hours.

He isn't leaving Hamtramck. He volunteers as a board member on Hamtramck's

the original location on Joseph Campau Avenue and Norwalk Street in the heart of Hamtramck, agreed to the partnership with Dearborn Sausage Co. as it makes its mark in Macomb County.

Rodney Srodek, whose grandfather started making kielbasa and 15 varieties of pierogi 31 years ago when he came to Hamtramck from Poland, now sells 29 different varieties. "People flock to the Hamtramck store

because the pierogi are fresh and are filled with kraut, mushrooms, farmer's cheese, potato cheddar, potato and onion and potato and American cheese, apple, cherry, strawberry, blueberry and plum. The pierogi can either be boiled in water or fried in butter in a pan with onions. It is perfect for the Lenten season when most Roman

Catholics fast and don't eat meat on Fridays," Srodek said. "Pierogi are also popular on Easter and Christmas Day," he added.

Keith Woloszyk, manager of the Dearborn Sausage store on Gratiot Avenue north of 12 Mile Road in Roseville, said he is glad to work up an alliance with Srodek. He said Srodek is known to all pierogi fanatics and now people can get fresh pierogi in the suburbs without driving all the way to Hamtramck. Dearborn Sausage is rapidly replacing some of the former Polish meat suppliers in Macomb County.

Dearborn Sausage has been in business since 1946, located on Wyoming Road in Dearborn, according to owner Michael Kosch. He said forming the agreement with Srodek was a win-win proposition that benefits both businesses. Kosch said his company makes Polish and European traditional meats. "Our spiral glazed hams sell for \$4.29 a pound and we believe people are willing to pay for quality," Woloszyk, a resident of Oak Park, said. "We are at least \$2 a pound cheaper than that other spiral ham company in the area."

Rodney's sister, Magdalena Srodek, said her store is always crowded during Christmas and Easter with people looking for fresh pierogi. "A lot of the businesses sell frozen pierogi but we have the fresh ones at Dearborn Sausage and at our store here in Hamtramck," Srodek said. "We still use

the same recipe my grandmother, Marianna, gave us years ago and people still seem to love it. When people get our pierogi, they can eat them right out of the package," Rodney said.



**Three generations of Srodek's have been making pierogi and sausage in Hamtramck. From Left: Rodney's grandfather, Rodney Srodek '97, and Rodney's father.**

Downtown Development Authority. His wife helps organize the Labor Day Festival. He lives 50 feet from the market. Rodney visualizes a city that flourishes. Hamtramck's density creates an 'its within walking distance' component that any city would covet. Its nightlife is rich and diverse. Its people work hard and are proud. "In the '80s and '90s, what I saw, I want to bring that back: the life, the foot traffic," he says. "There are so many good restaurants, so much ethnic food, that, realistically, you shouldn't be able to get bored of food in Hamtramck. That, mixed with the nightlife, will draw in the young crowd," he added. And those young people bring with them property ownership, support of local businesses and their friends follow.



**Rodney Srodek '97: Hamtramck's pierogi and sausage king.**

Now, Srodek's old European meat stores has teamed up with Dearborn Sausage's Macomb County store in Roseville to provide varieties of pierogi.

Srodek's, owned by three generations at

*Source: Real Detroit Weekly*

## Morrocco '66 Seeks Control of Burning Tree Golf Course

Seeking to gain full financial control of a Macomb Township golf course, county Public Works Commissioner **Anthony Marrocco '66** looked on with satisfaction earlier this week as a prominent developer was jailed for contempt of court by Macomb Circuit Judge John Foster.

Simon Mauro, who co-owned the Burning Tree Golf and Country Club before a 2009 foreclosure, refused to sign over his share of the assets to Marrocco and a business partner who split from Mauro, formed a new company and bought the facility in 2010 for a fraction of the prior price.

Mauro, standing before the judge in a suit and tie, without an attorney present, was hauled off to jail Monday after Foster warned him that he was ordered to sign over the assets months ago. As a deputy led him out of the courtroom, Foster advised: "Mr. Morrow, you have the keys to the jail cell in your hands. All you have to do is sign those documents." Mauro relented, signed the proper documents and was released from jail after a 2-day stay.

Before he was led away, Mauro noted that he had "vehemently" disagreed with Foster's past rulings in the case and he called the new motion seeking the imposition of jail and fines GOLF COURSE, "an attempt by Mr. Marrocco to intimidate me and harass me." Mauro, who told the court he has filed for personal bankruptcy, added: "Your honor, you expect me to transfer \$787,000 in assets to Mr. Marrocco, for no financial consideration?"

Marrocco and builder Anthony Fanelli, acting in the capacity of officers for Club Golf Properties and Club Golf Investors, acquired the property for \$2.1 million two years ago in a deal with Fifth Third Bank, which had financed a previous purchase of the 18-hole golf course. Mauro and his then-partners had bought the 21 Mile Road property in 2004 for \$3.4 million, presumably to turn the course into a residential subdivision. After the loan default and foreclosure in the summer of 2009, Fifth Third bought the property for just \$1.5 million at a sheriff's auction. Marrocco and Fanelli then grabbed the property back through a "settlement agreement" with the bank and hoped to resume business at the course in the spring of 2010.

Marrocco, who has been battling with the Board of Commissioners in his role as public works commissioner, was pleased with Foster's decision to incarcerate Mauro. "It's like with


the Board of Commissioners, when I'm right, I'm right," he said as he left the courtroom. "I don't mess around. This guy deserves jail," he added.

Marrocco, who has delved in local property investments for decades, outside of his longtime role as an elected official, currently owns two companies in Macomb County in addition to the firm that owns the golf course. Mauro had insisted that former partners could not acquire Burning Tree without his consent and without judicial proceedings. He ignored two rulings to the contrary by Foster, in November and in January, and in February he fired his attorney.

The owner of Mauro Land Development, Mauro, an engineer by trade, had developed several major projects in Shelby Township over the past two decades. His subdivisions, featuring large luxury homes, included The Orchards, Stoney Park Place and Pinewood Estates. He built the Pinewood Plaza and Farm-brooke Shops shopping centers and the Shelby Park office complex.

His most ambitious project, converting the sprawling Wolverine Country Club in Macomb Township into a 450-lot subdivision, didn't go far before the real estate market collapse of 2008. Prior to the market slide he planned to build an outdoor mall, similar to Partridge Creek in Clinton Township, at 26 Mile and Van Dyke. His partners in the Burning Tree acquisition, also named as defendants in the court case, include Salvatore Dimercurio and Sergio Gesuale. The site has served as home to the Burning Tree golf course since 1955.

Among the partners in the new business venture is prominent attorney Robert Kirk, whose firm is representing Marrocco and Fanelli in the circuit court case. The Club Golf companies are based at Kirk's Hall Road law office in Clinton Township.

The most valuable asset that was sought by Marrocco in the ongoing court fight was Burning Tree's liquor license. The inability to serve liquor at the clubhouse and banquet room, according to court documents, has hurt the new entity's finances since the business takeover in May 2010.  *Source: Macomb Daily*



**Anthony Marrocco '66**

## Geringer '75 Loses Gas

On the way to work Wednesday, March 7, like any other morning, **Renard Gueringer '75** glanced at his gas gauge. It read empty. "Wow I'm really using a lot of gas here," he thought to himself.

He was losing fuel fast and so was his wife, who called from him in a panic. "She left the house with a quarter of tank and a mile later she was on empty," he said. Something was clearly wrong.

The Gueringers were told both had holes in their gas tanks. They soon realized they were not alone.


Some sneaky thieves, trying to avoid the staggering prices at the pump decided to steal gas from at least a half a



**Renard Geringer '75**

dozen vehicles sitting in driveways on Stahelin Avenue on Detroit's west side.

It's unbelievable the lengths the thieves are going to. They are crawling underneath the cars puncturing holes in the gas tanks and draining the gas. The crooks are getting away with a few dollars in gas, but it is costing the home owners hundreds of dollars more in repairs.

The Geringers were able to get their gas tanks repaired for \$115 each, but some of their neighbors were not so lucky. Some had so many holes that it cost over \$500 to repair them. 

*Source: FOX 2 News*



# Lupo '61 Earns Highest Certification in Traumatology

Although the number of fatalities from motor vehicle collisions (MVC) has reached an all-time low in recent years, spinal injuries and mild traumatic brain injuries are on the rise. Innovations such as laminated windshields, collapsible steering wheels, more effective restraint systems, and more crashworthy vehicle architecture have greatly improved the survivability of these crashes.

Low fatality statistics tell only half of the story. Figures that are less often reported are the millions of non-fatal crashes that raise the annual estimate comprehensive price tag of MVC to more than \$346-billion. The majority of these occur at speed changes under 15 mph according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Three million of these crashes result in whiplash-type injuries, according to the Spine Research Institute of San Diego, contributing about \$43-billion - 12% - to this huge comprehensive cost. This is one motivation behind the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety- [www.iihs.org](http://www.iihs.org) - practice of evaluating and ranking the relative safety of cars with regard to

whiplash protection. Without a decent rating in this category, the car, SUV, or truck will not earn the Institute's Top Safety



**Joseph Lupo '61**

Pick award.

So why the high cost of whiplash injuries? Because nearly half of the victims require prolonged treatment and suffer long-term symptoms. Many suffer mild traumatic brain injuries as well. About 10% of the victims become disabled. And most physicians simply do not have the specialized training to provide the most effective treatment.

**Dr. Joseph Lupo '61** has been certified by the Spine Research Institute of San Diego as an expert in this very specialized area of science. It requires insight into the physics of the actual crash mechanics and occupant kinematics - or motions resulting from crash - as well as all of the latest diagnostic methods and treatment approaches. For the past 15 years, the institute has been conferring this level of certification to only 100 physicians each year.

Community health and wellness is very important at Lupo Chiropractic of Roseville. Every 2nd Tuesday, they invite community members to join them for a complimentary dinner at a designated local restaurant to learn about taking a proactive approach to ensure health that lasts a lifetime. For more information, please visit Lupo Chiropractic in Roseville or visit [www.lupo chiropractic.com](http://www.lupo chiropractic.com).

Source: *Macomb Daily*

# Three-in-a-Row For Mandl '90

Designing an airplane may not seem like your typical high school assignment, but that was exactly the task 32 teams of students throughout Michigan were faced with during the third annual Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) aviation design competition.

The winning team from the Warren Consolidated Schools Career Preparation Center (CPC) was announced March 1 by Ralph Coppola, director of the Real World Design Challenge, and senior director of Government and Strategic Education Programs for PTC.

Six students in the pre-engineering and computer-aided design class at the CPC were honored as the winners of the third annual competition. "The announcement came a week later than scheduled due to the amount of entries this year," said **Jim Mandl '90**, pre-engineering and CAD instructor at the CPC. "So to say the least, the students were waiting with eager anticipation and I think they'd say the wait was worth it."

The state competition ran from early November to mid-February and required plenty of research. Students Jeremy Kostusyk and Brad Lang coordinated the entire project by first communicating with mentors in other states and then delegating assignments to their teammates. "The goal of the challenge, which was designed by the aviation industry, was to design an efficient, low-carbon-emission, environmentally friendly Light Sport Aircraft," said Kostusyk. "It had to be capable of carrying two passengers 200 miles in less than two hours, at a cruise altitude of 1,000 feet above ground level."

The team, Top Gun Aviation, met their design goals as they defeated 31 other schools in the state to win the title. "The judges liked their overall plane design and the way they presented it in their 120-page design report," Mandl said. "The RWDC is as true to a real-world simulation as any competition out there. I just made it slightly more real by imposing strict deadlines with a catch -- any work not turned in by the deadline could not be submitted in their design notebook."

A project like this provides students with evidence as to the role math and science play in the real world. "We really learned how important our math and science classes really are in completing this challenge," said Megann Wallace, the team's mathematician. "We used a program called MathCAD to create our wing geometry and then again to complete the final calculations to solve the challenge."

"The team created 100 different wing designs and tested them with analysis software," said Jordan Enck, the team's test engineer. "They gave us a program called Flo.EFD to test the airplane's flightworthiness. The program is basically a virtual wind tunnel."

Based on the results of wing testing, they made changes to optimize their best design and then re-tested it. "The goal was to minimize drag and stress on the wing, while providing the maximum amount of lift," Enck said.

The students in Mandl's class said they are excited about the pre-engineering and CAD program because it prepares them for life after high school. "There is a high demand right now for engineers and designers in the Detroit area," said Brannon Eatmon, a senior member of the

team. "Nationally, in automotive, aerospace, medical and alternative energy, there is a dire need for young talent."

"There aren't enough young people in engineering schools to meet the upcoming demand, and we get a head start by taking this class," said Jackson Solomon, a junior member of the team.

Jeremy Kostusyk said he felt confident his team would win the state competition. However, he admitted

that confidence can only carry you so far. "Teamwork, strategy, research to gain knowledge of the subject matter and good leadership is what put our team over the top," Kostusyk said. "We are lucky to have the opportunities that CPC provides for us."

"These students are very skilled," Mandl said. "They were very confident they were going to win, but that's because of the quality of work they completed."

The challenge required many extra hours outside of the classroom in order to be completed. Mandl called, texted and e-mailed the students at all hours of the day to make sure they were doing their work and to offer support. "He stayed up past his bedtime," joked Brad Lang. "He was available whenever we needed him -- as late as midnight or as early as 5 a.m. On weekends, too. I guess it would be safe to say that all of those calls, texts, e-mails and extra meetings really paid off."

"I'm very proud of them," Mandl said. "The students did an outstanding job and they are excited for their trip to Washington, D.C., and for the chance to compete for the national title."

The students will now prepare to go to Washington, D.C., April 20-23, to compete in the national competition. They will give a 20-minute presentation before a panel of blue ribbon judges from the aviation industry. The RWDC is sponsored by NASA, the U.S. Department of Energy and Parametric Technology Corporation. The goal of the challenge is to strengthen students in science, technology, engineering and math.



**Jim Mandl '90**

Source: *Advisor Source & Macomb Daily*

## We Heard From...

### **John Yezback - Class of 1998**

Thank you so much for sharing the wonderful news about our son's birth. God Bless!

### **Mark Place - Class of 1965**

Thank you, again Mr. and Mr. Mandl for a very informative and interesting issue of the Leprechaun. Very much appreciated.

### **Victor Marrocco - Class of 1962**

I graduated from ND in 1962. I am a member of Assumption Grotto church in Detroit. We are trying to make contact with all the alumni from Grotto elementary. As you know many of the Grotto boys went on to Notre Dame for high school. We are trying to contact them and invite them to a dinner of all alumni of grotto. If you went to Grotto or know someone who did, please contact me. Thank you. vmarrocco@kohp.com

### **Chris Henness - Class of 1989**

I want to thank you and your father for again running a terrific alumni basketball tournament. Mike Karschnia '89 and I were talking about how lucky we were to attend such a special high school with a great group of guys. I bet there are not many high schools that have such a good turn-out of alum to participate in an event like this - especially for being closed for years!!!! Anyway, it was great seeing you and thanks again for all your efforts. Keep up the good work!

### **Sean Moran - Class of 1989**

Thank you for getting us all together again! I truly enjoy seeing everyone! The Mandl's do a great job!

### **Mike Sugameli - Class of 1967**

I ran across Jim Belloli on a cruise ship. He mentioned the fine job you are doing and suggested that I get on your list. I graduated from NDHS in 1967 with Jim and 273 others. Please send the periodic news letters. Thanks.

### **Glenn Radzik - Class of 1969**

Hello Everybody. Just wanted you to know your dad dropped off the plaques today. He wouldn't take any money but said I could donate on the 'friendsofnotredame' web site which I have done. Again, I can't thank you enough for helping me get these treasured plaques for Gary's family and mine. Keep the Irish fire burning and God bless you and your family. Thank you all for keeping the memories of our great school alive. Go Irish! Take care.

### **Frank Ward - Class of 1963**

Thank you for all your efforts. Much appreciate reading the news.

### **John Monigold - DLS Alumni Director**

You and your staff do a nice job on this publication.

### **Scott Titus - Class of 1989**

Appreciate all the work on the web site - it is awesome! Would like to get back in touch with old classmates and just see what is going on. Thanks!

### **Dave Poroch - Class of 1987**

I really enjoy getting the newsletter. You and your team do a great job - appreciate all your efforts. After more than 20 years with Deloitte, I am leaving the firm. In January, I started with the Southern Company, one of the country's largest electricity generators. Again, thank you for all you are doing.

### **Tim Bradley - Class of 1997**

Thanks for all you do for the ND family and for helping us all stay connected - your efforts are appreciated and valued more than words can describe.

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*Coming in April... Limited Edition NDHS Bricks!*



## Fightin' Irish News

### *Congratulations to Rich Adamo '89!*

Rich and his wife, Sandra, recently had a set of twins. Michael and Dominic Adamo were born on March 14, 2012.



### *Congratulations to Jeff Pageau '92!*

This past summer, Jeff was one of 12 French teachers from North Carolina selected to participate in a prestigious Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The project took him to Senegal, a francophone country located in West Africa. During the month-long cultural study, we filmed a series of documentaries on a variety of socio-cultural topics that are currently being shown at the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts on the campus of Appalachian State University.



### *Congratulations to Stephen Kucló '03!*

On July 30, 2011 in Las Vegas Nevada, 690 amateur bodybuilders gathered to compete in the NPC USA Bodybuilding Championships. One man walked away with the title of 2011 Mr. USA - ND's own Stephen Kucló. Stephen also won his International Federation of Body Building and Fitness (IFBB) card and is now considered a professional body builder.



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### **Edward J. Desantis - Class of 1964**

Age 65, passed away March 19, 2012. Beloved son of Josephine and the late Sam. Dear brother of Domenic and Gary (Karen). Dear uncle of Jack, Jodi, Matthew, Emily and Tyler. Great-uncle of Charley and Julia. Edward was born, the second of three children, of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore (Sam) and Josephine DeSantis, in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated Assumption Grotto Elementary School, Notre Dame High School and attended Wayne State University. Edward joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific and the Vietnam conflict. He was a promising photographer until he was struck down by a cerebral accident in 1976. His father predeceased him in 1992. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Josephine DeSantis, formerly of Sterling Heights, Michigan, now of Monroe, North Carolina, two brothers, Dr. Domenic DeSantis and Mr. Gary DeSantis of Monroe, North Carolina. In addition, he is survived by two nieces and nephews; Jack DeSantis of New York City and Jodi DeSantis Ramos of Burbank, California; Matthew DeSantis of Charlotte, North Carolina, Emily DeSantis of Grand Rapids, Michigan and two grandnieces, Charley and Julia Ramos of Burbank, California. He led a quiet, graceful and calm life. Memories shared at [www.bcfn.com](http://www.bcfn.com)



### **Michael John Ryan - Class of 1967**

Born July 1, 1949, age 62, passed away suddenly on February 26, 2012. Son of the late Joseph P. and Bernice Ryan. Loving husband of Christine, father of Mick (Merideth) and Katie (Nick) Peterkin. Brother of Patrick (Sherry), JoAnne Ryan, Lois (Blake) Poorman and Joseph P. Ryan, Jr. Leaves behind two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Share memories at [www.CulleysMeadowWood.com](http://www.CulleysMeadowWood.com)



### **Michael James Simek - Class of 1967**

Passed away February 27, 2012 after a valiant and courageous battle with cancer. He was born on December 18, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Olga (Hearn), the second youngest of six children. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods in 1967. He married his high school sweetheart Suzanne (Orlando) in 1968 and was married for 33 years until her battle with cancer ended in 2001. Michael followed in his father's footsteps, and began a career with Chrysler which spanned over four decades of loyal service, culminating with his retirement as a quality control specialist in 2007. He was very proud of the fact that between him, his father, and his son Jeffrey, the Simek family had over 100 years of heritage with Chrysler. He was the loving father of three children, Jeffrey, Michael, and Elizabeth, and the doting grandfather to many grandchildren. Michael found the second love of his life in Nancy (Gianformaggio), who he married in 2007 and who cared for him until his death. He and his wife moved to southern Florida in 2009, where they enjoyed warmer weather, traveling and dancing. Michael adored his family and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with them. His sons fondly recall him as their T-ball coach, his daughter as her number one fan, his wife Nancy as a wonderful dance partner, and his sisters and brother as a loyal and dependable brother. He was kind to all, was quick to offer words of encouragement, and had a wonderful (and goofy) sense of humor. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Suzanne, his parents, one brother and one sister. He is survived by his wife Nancy, sons Jeffery and Michael (Jamie), daughter Elizabeth (Jake) Brant, many loving grandchildren, sisters Margaret (Dennis) Harper and Judy (Lawrence) Takalo, and brother William. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation is made in his memory to Treasure Coast Hospice in St. Lucie, Florida at 877-684-0420.



### **William "Wild Bill" Jennison - Class of 2003**

Passed away suddenly on March 26, 2012 at the age of 27. He was born June 1, 1984 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Wild Bill was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Lake Shore Council. He was a 2003 Graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. He was currently employed as a supervisor at Costco in Roseville. He was also very proud of his Polish Heritage. Wild Bill was a special guy and touched the lives of so many, he will truly be missed by everyone who knew him. Beloved son of Judy and the late Paul Jennison. Dear brother of Larry (Erica) Jennison. Proud and loving uncle of Mazen and Henry Jennison. Dear nephew of Lee Ross, Karen (Donnie) Riely, Freeman (Teri) Jennison, Pat (John) Kilby and Greg (Mary Jane) Kolodziejki. Special godson of Christine Napieraj and Marion Kawa. He is also survived by many loving cousins and special friends.



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Helen Peters, mother of **Richard Peters '65** and **Michael Peters '67** passed away on February 26, 2012.

Harvey J. Cowan. Father of **Dennis Cowan '74** and **John Cowan '79** passed away on February 28, 2012.

John Balok. Father of **Joseph Balok '65** passed away on March 8, 2012.

June R. Albrecht. Mother of **Richard Albrecht '66** and grandmother of **Mike Albrecht '84** passed away on March 8, 2012.

Marion Tyler, mother of **Timothy Tyler '65** and the late **Kenneth Tyler '62** passed away on March 11, 2012.

Lawrence Schimeck, father of the late **Lawrence Schimeck '60** passed away on March 13, 2012.

Rita Sobczynski, grandmother of **Justin Sobczynski '02** passed away on March 13, 2012.

Jessie Gerula, mother of **Robert Gerula '74** passed away on March 15, 2012.

# Upcoming Reunions

## Class of 1962

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## Class of 1963

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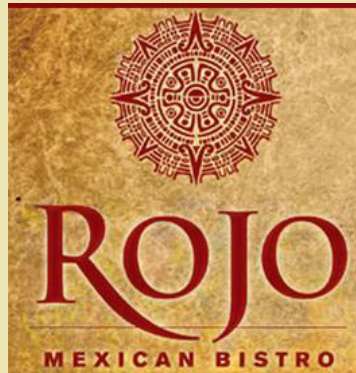


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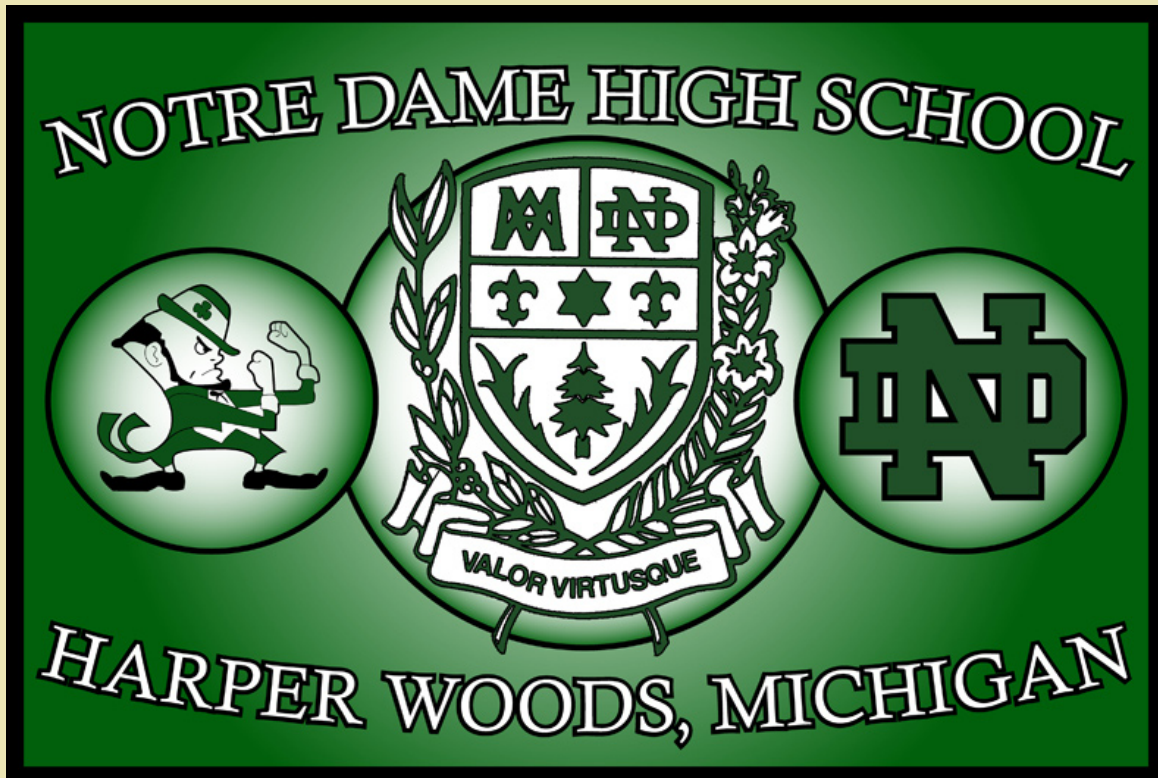
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