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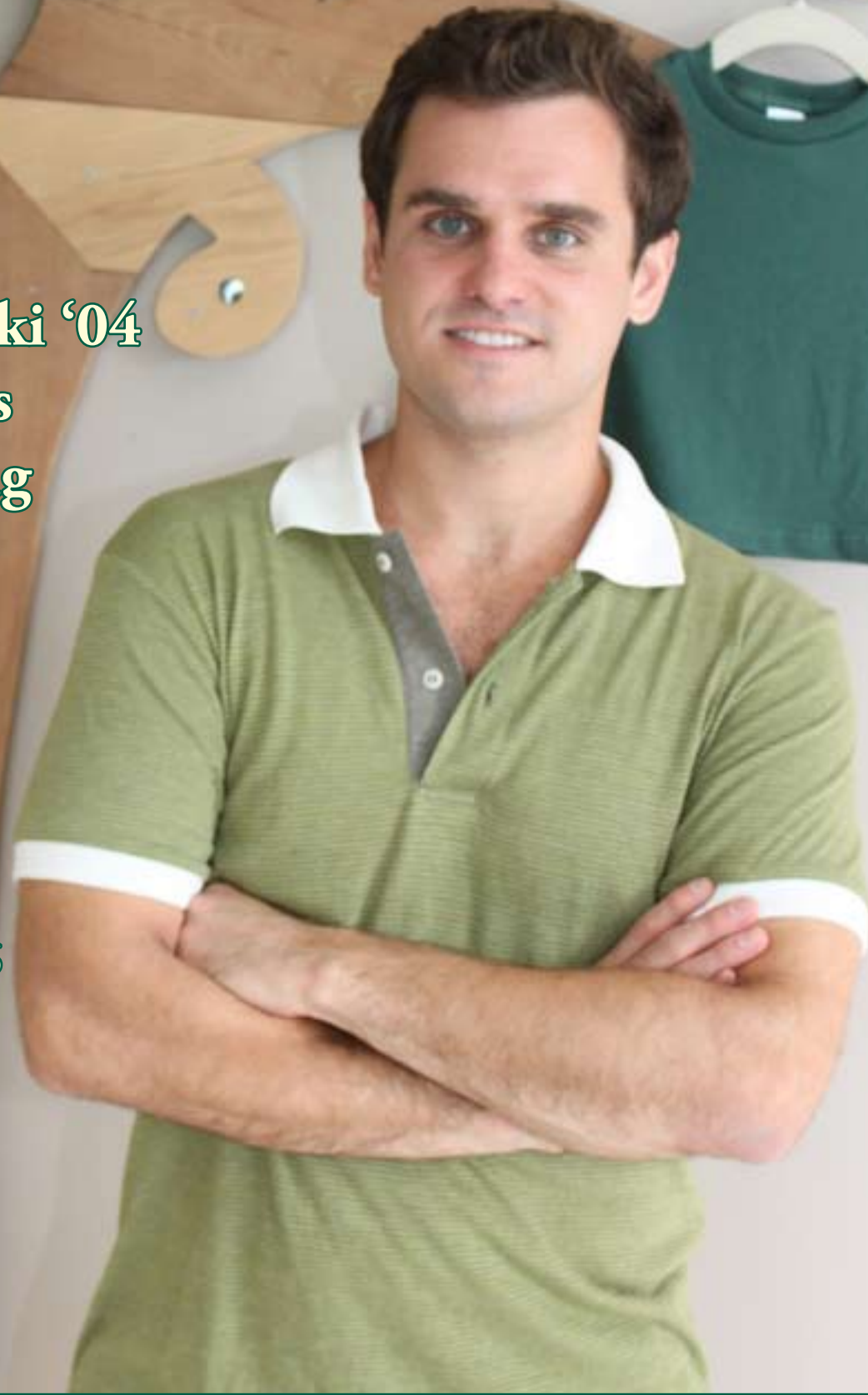
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Hello Fellow Notre Dame Alums,

We have established the ***Jim Mandl '66 Memorial Scholarship Award***. Information on how to apply for the 2014 award will be released in December. We are in the process of notifying the 2013 winner.

As I mentioned in the last edition of the Leprechaun, when my dad was ill, he dictated an article to me. He wanted it to be printed in the summer edition. We held it back because, at the time, it looked to us like he had a chance at recovery. We wanted him to be able to revise what he wrote. When he did not recover from his surgery, we, as a family, decided we would still print his article. However, we also decided that a few items needed to end up on the editing room floor. What you are about to read below is about 90% of what my dad said on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - a week prior to entering Henry Ford Hospital for his surgery.

Thank you,

***Jim Mandl '90***

***President, Notre Dame Alumni Association***

## A Final Word From Your V.P.

Hello Fellow Notre Dame Alums,

While I had been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments for pancreatic cancer, my son, ***Jim (Mandl '90)***, has been spending Tuesday nights with me while his mother, my wife, teaches a French class at a church in Saint Clair Shores. I never really felt like I needed a baby sitter, but I'm glad he is here those nights because I like hanging out with him. I told him I wanted to write something before my surgery for the next edition of the Leprechaun. My surgery is in a few days. He told me he felt it wouldn't get done unless it got done tonight while he was here. He knows me pretty well. Jim offered to type the article while I spoke.

I would like to thank everyone who sent notes, cards, and prayers when Jim announced that I was ill. He forwarded the e-mails that you sent. I was overwhelmed by the response and especially touched by those who wrote, sent a card, or sent an e-mail who hadn't even met me personally. I apologize if I was unable to write back to you prior to entering Henry Ford Hospital on April 10th for surgery. Once I recuperate, I intend to write everyone back in a timely manner. Something that really means a lot to me is the basketball I received as a gift from the participants of the alumni basketball tournament. They all signed their names and graduation years on a basketball and gave it to me at this year's tournament. I want to thank them for that again.

When Jim and I converted the Friends of Notre Dame into the Notre Dame Alumni Association after the school closed in June of 2005, it was something we were going to do together. There are two things that mean the world to me - my family and Notre Dame High School. This gave me an opportunity to do something fun with my son that involved Notre Dame - our alma mater. And it has been fun. My son once asked me why I felt it was important to visit the funeral home when we hear of an alumnus dying. I explained to him that there is a bond that Notre Dame provided for us that cannot be duplicated - anywhere. It's pretty silly to even try to duplicate it. I consider every Notre Dame grad to be my brother and when your brother dies, you go to pay your respects and support the family.

My surgery is in a few days. I've been very anxious. I'll admit it - I'm scared. I have never trusted doctors. Just about everyone I have ever known who found out they were sick was dead within a matter of months. Knowing you are sick and having the treatments seems worse to me than not knowing. Now that I have been through chemotherapy and radiation and have cancer constantly on my mind, I feel that way even more. No matter what I am doing, I can't stop thinking about having cancer. Chemo is over and I'm just starting to feel good right now, but I haven't really felt great since before Thanksgiving. Now I'm going to have a major surgery with a very long recuperation period and there is no guarantee that it will be successful in removing the tumor. At least that's what the surgeon told us. He said I wouldn't feel good again for a few months, too. As nervous as I am about this, I trust the surgeon for some reason. I really don't know why.

I mentioned that family is very important to me. Notre Dame is my extended family. ***John McCabe '63, Dave Curcuru '69, Bob Bowen '66*** and many others are like family to me. Then there is the Just family - ***Ed Just's '66*** family is as close to family as you can get for me. I was an only child. Eddie - Butch as we call him - has 12 brothers and sisters. Since we grew up a few houses from each other, I have always been the 14th kid in the Just family. They are all important to me, but *my* family is most important to me. My wife, Marge, my daughter, Melissa, my son, Jimmy, my son-in-law, Jason, my granddaughter, Natalie, and my grandson Matthew. Matthew was named after my dad who passed away in 1983. I miss him. He didn't get to see the Tigers win the World Series in 1984. Now I worry that I won't see the Tigers win this year. Did I mention the Tigers yet? I love them too, but not like I love my family. I think they might win the World Series this year - the Tigers, not my family. Hopefully I'll be around to see it. My cousin ***Rob Pazdro*** graduated in 1970 from Notre Dame. His mother, my Aunt Betty, is 90. She is my mother's sister. I feel like I'm rambling... Anyway, I love my family. That is the point.

No matter what happens to me, my hope is that my son will continue with the Notre Dame stuff. And by stuff, I mean alumni association. I know it will be difficult for him. He doesn't deal well with loss and ND may be a constant reminder for him. My hope is that he remembers how I wanted him to be a Notre Dame man, like the rest of us, and that it was fun doing this together. Eventually, I won't be around, but I'm hoping to at least be here long enough to attend my 50th class reunion. I have attended a few 50 year reunions for other classes as a representative of the alumni association and have been looking forward to planning and going to mine. If I'm not around, I'd like for my son to take my place. I don't really have any specific ideas for planning, but it would be nice for him to be included.

Thank you,

***Jim Mandl '66***

***Vice President, Notre Dame Alumni Association***



***The late Jim Mandl '66.***

## Interview with Ricky Winowiecki '04

**Ricky Winowiecki '04** is a young entrepreneur. He has fresh, new ideas that are making his apparel company one of the fastest growing in the country. He started his first company when he was just a freshman at the University of Michigan - a T-shirt company that contributed to the 'save Notre Dame' movement. As a senior, he won a 40-man pizza eating contest. The prize? Free Domino's pizza for all of his friends. Today, he makes the world a better place, one T-shirt at a time.

### How did you end up getting into the apparel business?

When I was a freshman in college, my friend from Notre Dame, **Derrick Johnson**, was best friends with a guy from DeLaSalle named Jerry Kozak. He needed somebody to create a web site for his t-shirt business. He planned to run it out of his dorm room. Derrick introduced us and we did a very low technology, sort of broke version of the web site we have now. We called it T-shirt Hole. We ran that through college at the University of Michigan. It all started with the T-shirt Hole and, really, and we did not want to go and get real jobs.

### How did that develop into the Ann Arbor T-Shirt Company?

Jerry graduated in four years. It took me five. During my last year of college, Jerry was having a hard time finding a job that he was going to be happy with. So we analyzed the numbers from our T-shirt Hole company and we saw that there was potential in some of our sales schemes. Jerry was working at a summer camp for inner city Detroit entrepreneurs and that sort of lit the fire under him to get our company started again.

### Was there a specific thing he learned or experienced at that camp that really lit the fire?

One of the other guys who worked the camp was a guy who became filthy rich selling bootlegged Air Force Ones in Detroit. The guy knew he could get them made in China and Jerry heard him tell his story and thought that, if you have an idea, all you have to do is do it. So, in 2008, we put together a business plan and started looking for investors. We were successful in finding investors, but our first iteration of the company didn't work.

### What went wrong?

We were running it out of an apartment. We

didn't know how to sell it or market it right. We were planning to market it all through Facebook, but Facebook changed their rules in 2008, so our marketing ideas could no longer work. We didn't know anything, really. I spent that year finishing school and Jerry took on a part-time job. As soon as we were both done and at it full time, we got our first warehouse and got a new screen printer. Since then, our custom business took off and our retail side is now massive.

### How did the investors help and how did you find them?

We did a few rounds of investors. In our first round, we had a half-dozen or so. They ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000. We ended up raising about \$17,000 with the first round. The first round was mostly connections through Jerry.

My own uncle didn't invest because he didn't think

it was a good idea. My mom didn't have the money at the time, but she did invest in the second round.

### Can you explain how that process worked?

We sold bonds to them. In the first round, we had to meet with them, talk with them, sell them on our business plan. We had some people who believed in it. We got raked through the coals on interest a bit. Our biggest investor had a 35% interest rate. We met and begged, but after a month-and-a-half, we had \$17,000 from investors and we were able to finance a new machine which was \$23,000. As far as the bonds go, we created promissory notes that said we were going to pay the investor back. Those were handled through a lawyer. We didn't sell a stake in the company, so nobody actually owns the Ann Arbor T-Shirt Company except for Jerry and myself.

### Were you able to raise more money in your second round?

Yes. This time, we didn't have to meet with anyone. The business plan that we had at that point spoke for itself. In this round we ended up with \$37,000. There were a couple Notre Dame connections in that round. Derrick Johnson '04 and Phil Tomazewski '04 - his dad was a big investor in the second round. We sold bonds again and didn't have to give up any ownership stake.

### Why not approach a bank for a larger loan to get everything you needed all at once?

We always took a buy and grow, buy and grow approach rather than take on investment and try to catch up. Rather than take a massive amount of money from a bank, we took this sort of, cookie jar growth concept. We'd have money and we'd buy things and then we'd have more money and we'd buy things. We've never taken out a loan or a dime from investors that we haven't repaid. In fact, we've never missed a payment with this approach.

### Let's revisit your marketing and growth strategy. You said earlier that you failed, at first, because you didn't know how to market properly. What changed?

We figured out that there is a massive niche audience and devised a plan to reach that niche audience, which is contradictory and doesn't make sense because massive market and niche audience are two different things. But, our idea was that there are a lot of people who have niche interests around the world. We wanted to reach them. If you can efficiently create products that cater to these niches, you don't have to have a mass appeal. But when these people who are into niches see the products, they are very likely to buy them. People have an intimate connection with what ever hobby, or niche, they are into. A niche audience has more desire to purchase and it is also less expensive to market to them. It is cheaper for us to market to amateur photographers than it is to market to, say, baseball fans, for example.

### So is that how you became the official apparel supplier for Starkid?

Yes. Starkid... that niche is musical theater, sort of like Glee. They were college kids who did a Harry Potter musical. That struck a chord with Harry Potter fans and musical



Partners **Ricky Winowiecki '04** and **Jerry Kozak** *DLS*.

theater fans in general. There are a lot of high school and college kids who are really into musical theater and things like that. There isn't a lot out there in this area for high school and college kids. This was a market that nobody realized was there and we've been able to grow with StarKid by catering to their fan base. And the StarKid fan base is rabid. They've given us continued growth in our retail operation.

### **Has the relationship with StarKid led to other connections?**

Yes. We are the official apparel supplier for Darren Chris, who is now an actor on *Glee*, another guy who is a gluten free cook-book writer, and a young adult novel writer. In 2011, StarKid did their first national tour. That's how we got into concert touring. I go out on the road with them and manage their merchandise booths. We also do this for Darren Chris. He is Blaine Anderson on *Glee*, but he also just signed a record deal with Columbia Records. He doesn't have an album yet, but he's working on it. This all helped us with getting more acknowledgement from the StarKid audience. We also manage merchandise for Theo Katzman and Charlene Kaye. Prior to all of this, we were managing merchandise for Monty Pittman. He is Madonna's and Adam Lambert's touring guitarist. We have these random business relationships, but most of it was driven by StarKid.

### **What plans do you have in case the StarKid thing fizzles out?**

In 2012 we realized we rely so heavily on StarKid that our goal became diversification of our retail operation. We re-approached the niche concept. Our pilot for that is a line of state flag t-shirts. We launched them on Amazon and eBay and it turns out that people are looking for shirts like this. For example, there is a huge demand for Colorado shirts. If you ever know anyone who moves to Colorado, they don't shut up about Colorado - how great the weather is, how pretty it is, how great the beer is, etc. My sister moved to Denver and she hasn't shut up about it since. There isn't a state that has more pride over their state logo than Colorado. California is close, but Colorado is number one. These shirts were on the state level and then we moved to a geographic level. We started making shirts that have city names on them. Our most popular shirt says: "Another beautiful day in (insert city name here.)" If people search for Warren, Michigan t-shirts, up comes our t-shirt. Our pricepoint

is lower than the custom shirt web sites because the processing is different. We also have zip and area code t-shirts. Those sell very well. We do airport codes - DTW, LAX, etc. We adapt the area and airport codes to common logos like the RUN DMC log... RUN 313.

### **How does that work when you modify a well known logo?**

If RUN DMC were to come to us and say



**Ricky Winowiecki '04 running the merchandise booth on the Darren Chris tour in May of 2013.**

we are blurring the lines between their official brand and our design, then we'd have to cease and desist. That's the first step - you take it down and life goes on. Sometimes we're asked for payment. You write a check and life goes on. A lot of the time, that's what happens - you pay or you stop selling.

### **So this has happened?**

Oh, yeah! Our first cease and desist letter came from Chuck Norris. Yep, THE Chuck Norris. We were in college. We framed that letter and display it proudly. We have also gotten a letter from the Heisman Trust for having a Denard Robinson for Heisman shirt. We got one from Psy (Gangnam Style) that was written in all caps in Comic Sans font. One of my favorites is the Ernie Harwell one. After he died, we did a shirt and planned to donate a portion of the proceeds to the Ernie Harwell foundation. When we sent them the first check, they responded with a cease and desist letter.

### **Have you ever ignored a cease and desist letter?**

Yes. These two jack asses from New Jersey decided to trademark flip cup. Flip cup existed way before they trademarked it. You can't just do that. Like I can't go out and trademark hockey - it's been around forever. Flip cup is

the same thing. SO they sent us a cease and desist letter. We responded with a letter telling them how funny we thought they were and that we totally got the humor in a couple of guys trademarking a girls game.

### **What is your biggest selling product?**

Our biggest selling product is the 'Another beautiful day' line. Our highest selling single product is a t-shirt that says 'keep calm, it's going to be totally awesome.' That comes from the most popular StarKids song. You see keep calm shirts everywhere. They sell really well. It seems like everyone has a stupid keep calm shirt. Our biggest selling non-shirt item has been the sunglasses. They have the StarKids logo on them and come in every color under the sun. The StarKids fans buy every color. We change the logo every year and make limited edition ones.

### **Who are your biggest clients?**

Our biggest custom client is a military base in Kandahar, Afganastan. We bid on that, won the bid and Jerry established a good relationship with them. We have weeks where we're mailing out as many as six orders to Kandahar. Our biggest retail client is still StarKid.

### **Are you supplying to schools at all?**

We don't win those types of government jobs because we aren't the lowest bidder. We can't be since we aren't a high volume shop. We do, however, do a lot of charter and private schools. We used to do all of Divine Child's student council shirts. We seem to win bids where establishing a quality relationship and not having the lowest price is important. We do a ton of work for Eastern Michigan University. We also do a lot of work for 300 of the University of Michigan's departments.

### **Do you have any ND guys working for you?**

Yes. Nate Kurple works for us. I was the class president at Notre Dame. Nate was the class vice president. Nate and I worked on chariots and other random building projects for homecoming, Irish week, and other projects back in high school. When we moved into our new office, we needed someone who could build furniture and shelving. I called Nate and asked if he could tackle this for us. He ended up building the furniture for us. Then we needed someone to go to Florida with us for a Harry Potter convention with StarKids. Nate did so well at selling merchandise and we were in the market

for a salesperson, we hired him. He did really well at that and now he is our vice president of production. Another Notre Dame guy that finds himself here a lot is **Bernie Michael '03**. He has helped write and produce our YouTube video that we will be releasing soon. He has also brought a lot of toys around for the lounge at the office. He is also sort of a freelance consultant for us. He hangs around and we bounce ideas off each other. He's very creative minded and we get a lot of great ideas from him.

**You make all of the ND alumni apparel to order and then donate 100% of the funds back to us. Can you explain why you decided to do that?**

Back in 2005, the T-shirt Hole was already established. When they announced on March 16th that Notre Dame was going to close, I remember going back to the school and attending the assembly or

informational rally in the gym. I talked to Jerry and he was on board with helping us design and sell save Notre Dame T-shirts. We



**Nate Kurple '04 - the Ann Arbor T-Shirt Company's Vice President of operations.**

ended up selling a few thousand shirts and wrote a rather large check to Notre Dame as a contribution to the efforts to save the school. Obviously it didn't work. I did that at that

point because I really felt Notre Dame shaped who I am today. What's interesting are the parallels between Notre Dame and DeLaSalle that Jerry and I have discovered. There are also a lot of differences. I valued it then, and as I continue to grow up, I realize that the experiences I had, good and bad ones, at Notre Dame, shaped who I am today. We support the ND alumni store because and branding that keeps that spirit and tradition alive... it's good to see and be a part of. I know you and your dad put money into the Friends of Notre Dame so I decided we didn't need to make money on the sales of ND alumni apparel. We've grown to the point where I'm not going to be chintzy, I'm going to remember where I came from, and I'm going to help you guys keep some of that ND tradition alive. So it was really a no-brainer for me. I don't think I'd be where I am without that. In fact, I know I wouldn't be where I am without the opportunities I had at Notre Dame. ✨

FROM THE MACOMB DAILY

## Canoe / Kayak Race Named for Marrocco '66

Canoeists and kayakers from Michigan, adjoining states and Canada paddled through downtown Mt. Clemens in June in a waterway event that is dubbed the first of its kind on the Clinton River in more than two decades. The race is named for **Anthony V. Marrocco '66**.

Nearly 100 racers participated in the inaugural Anthony V. Marrocco's Clinton River Canoe Classic on June 2, paddling off across the river from the Mt. Clemens Art Fair and Food Truck Rally. "This is a first-class event that will continue to showcase the natural resources we have right here in our own backyard," said Marrocco, the Macomb County Public Works commissioner for whom the race is named. "I believe the race will bring a greater awareness to our local rivers and lakes and create interest in Macomb County's waterways as an alternative that's close to home."

Marrocco gave \$10,000 of his own money to the race, said Richard Sulaka Jr., deputy public works commissioner. And his office, in addition to overseeing drain and sewer systems, is supposed to be a steward of the water and has hosted several river cleanups each year, Sulaka said. "We've had a dramatic improvement in the water quality that allowed us to put on this event," he said.

The event also fits with County Executive Mark Hackel's Blue Economy initiative, which champions clean water, tourism, recreation and economic development along area waterways including the river and Lake St. Clair.

The Michigan Canoe Racing Association sanctioned the event, which includes three professional canoe races and a 3.6-mile amateur kayak race at noon that is open to the public. The professional races included a pair of two-person expert events (the elite race is 15.2 miles; the professional race is 10.5 miles) and a one-person expert event that is 14.9 miles, according to a release.

Cash prizes were offered for the canoe races. The total purse was more than \$10,000. The prize for the kayak race is bragging rights.

Popular spots to watch the races were along the east and west banks of the river in downtown Mt. Clemens, at Shadyside Park in Mt. Clemens and at George George Park in Clinton Township.

Entry fees for the two-person expert races were \$20 per team if preregistered; \$40 on race day. The fee for the one-person expert class was \$10 if preregistered; \$15 on race day. There was no entry fee for the kayak race. For more information, please visit [www.clintonrivercanoeclassic.weebly.com](http://www.clintonrivercanoeclassic.weebly.com). ✨



**Anthony V. Marrocco '66**

## Congratulations are in Order..



**Congratulations to Jeff Urbas '90!** Jeff opened a franchise of Firehouse Subs on Monday July 15, 2013 in Rochester Hills, Michigan. The restaurant is located at 1480 N. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307. Hours are 10am - 10pm, Monday through Sunday.

**Congratulations to Doug Weight '89!** A four-time NHL all-star, Doug will be inducted into the United States Hockey Hall of Fame.



**Congratulations to Jessica and Jeff Bruss '99!** On August 8, 2013 at 2:04 pm, they welcomed 7 pound, 12 ounce Jackson Gregory Bruss into the world.



**Congratulations to James Shoats '06!** He still rocks his save Notre Dame t-shirt! He was wearing it at the Stars and Stripes Festival in June at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights when he was selling drinks.



**Congratulations to Brian Barker '92!** After coaching hockey at De La Salle, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, and Dearborn Divine Child, Brian was hired as head hockey coach at Notre Dame Preparatory in Pontiac.



**Congratulations to George Leon '90!** George got engaged to Ambir Comparato on Sunday, July 14, 2013!



### FROM THE ROCHESTER - ROCHESTER HILLS PATCH

## Plotzke '89 Suspects Coyotes Are Killing Deer in Yard

**Tom Plotzke '89** of Rochester Hills was letting his dog outside at about 1 a.m. on Aug. 8 at his home near Old Perch and Walton when he heard a commotion outside. "I assumed it was a deer or something in the back yard and as (my dog) was finishing, there was this nasty, bone-chilling scream that came from the darkness," Plotzke said. "I didn't know what it was."

Plotzke said he noticed the silhouette of a deer in the distance. "It was still alive and just standing there," he said. "I tried to shoo it out of the yard and it wouldn't go."

When Plotzke let his dog out the next morning, it returned to the house covered in blood from its paw to halfway up its front legs. A trail of blood outside ran from his back patio through the yard and alongside his tree house, where it led to a dead deer.

Plotzke said he saw the deer had a fractured back leg and assumed it had been hit by a car. After notifying the city, he called a wildlife removal company to have the carcass removed. The man who came out to remove the carcass told Plotzke the deer had been taken down by coyotes and, given the 125-150-pound stature and relative good health of the doe, it would have taken about 4-6 coyotes to overcome the deer.

"Chills ran up my spine because we've got kids and animals in the area and this deer, it was a decent-sized deer and a lot faster and probably a lot stronger than anything we have around our house," he said.

Tim Payne from the Wildlife Division of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources said that while coyotes often are associated with the wilderness of northern Michigan, coyotes can thrive in urban and suburban areas, including Rochester Hills. While Payne said coyotes pose little risk to humans, pets and livestock can be susceptible to coyote attacks. A pack of coyotes, however, can overcome a larger animal.

"I have a yellow lab," Plotzke said. "The wildlife specialist said not much would stand a chance if this is a

pack of coyotes."

Plotzke said he is no longer allowing the dog out alone at night, instead he is accompanying his pet outdoors, in case the coyotes return. Michigan's laws allow coyotes to be killed if they pose a problem. However, such problems can be rare. "We want people to live with wildlife and enjoy coyotes," Payne said. "Most of the time they are not a problem."

Plotzke said he doesn't necessarily want to eradicate the coyotes, but wanted to make the community aware so they can be prepared for unwanted coyote visits. "I get that they're part of the food chain and I'm not in favor of ridding Rochester Hills of coyotes," he said. "It's a little unnerving that there might be a pack of them pretty close to the house and if they don't eat for a while they might start looking for other things." 🐾



**Tom Plotzke '89**

## We Heard From...

### **Paul Perzyk - Class of 2000**

Hey ND alum, I just wanted to give a quick update. I am settling into my new life in Miami, FL and wondering if there are any ND alum down in South Florida.

### **Michelle Bargowski Petropoulos**

My brother was in a play at Notre Dame, around 1975. The Music Man. Anyone have any idea if a copy of this play still exists or how I could find a copy? Would be a great Christmas gift.

### **Walter Bazylewicz (Son of the coach)**

"Even cooler than the record hops was the high school I went to, Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. It was legendary for its dances..... This one priest, Father Bryson, was a natural promoter so they assigned him the job. He started out doing just like every other school, teen dances. But his teen dances, because of the bigger facility, turned into concerts. He got the Supremes and the Temptations, Shadows of Knight, Bob Seger. People came from all over the Metro area, from west side and the burbs because of the acts that played there." Tom Morwatts, from the book Detroit Rock City...

### **William Lucas - Class of 1973**

Hello from Shady Cove, OR. If in the area, visiting Crater Lake, give me a heads up and we will see if we can set up a welcome.

### **Jack Panek**

I am searching for Roger Kepler '60. He was from Shelby Township. We were in the Army together from 1961 - 1963. Any help is much appreciated.

### **Daniel Lesosky - Class of 1993**

What you do is truly appreciated and amazing.

### **Fr. Ron DesRosiers**

Many thanks for this issue. I particularly appreciated the ND Jazz Band download. What a great sound, eh! Sometime earlier (the late 60's, I believe) Larry had also recorded the ND Marching Band. Do you have access to that album as well? If yes, is it downloadable? Again, my thanks, Jim.

### **Patti Turczynski**

I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great guy. Treasure the memories always.

### **Fr. Mike Petroski - Class of 1965**

The scholarship for your dad is a welcome sight! Count me in to support the scholarship fund. I will send a contribution shortly. God bless you and your family.

### **Eddie Zmich - Class of 1992**

I just wanted to pass along a special prayer and offer my condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. I was only able to meet your dad one time – the day we all met at the good 'ole HWND to see what Chandler Park Academy has done with the school. Awesome guy indeed and a ton of school spirit! Glad I was able to meet such an enthusiastic person who loved life so! Losing someone is obviously never easy but the belief that someone's spirit never goes away and will stay with you always, through life's many decisions and shortfalls, is some level of comfort and I hope you can find that soon, if not already! His spirit lives in those halls, and on those grounds, and in the hearts of you and your family and friends!

### **Chuck Tourangeau - Class of 1968**

Thanks for all you do!

### **Ed Maloney - Class of 1964**

I am writing to inform you that in April, 2013, after 43 years of coaching football, I stepped down as the head coach at Dundee High School. No, I am not fading into the sunset... this will allow me to concentrate more on my position as head lacrosse coach at Siena Heights University. I have forwarded the press release about our team which finished with a 12 -3 record and at #23 in the country in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association. With our program growing, recruiting was taking more and more of my time, which meant that football was being neglected. So in fairness to both programs, I stepped down from football.

### **Jim Saylor - Class of 1977**

So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Keep up the great work. As difficult as it may be, it is worth it.

### **Eric Stine - Class of 1990**

Please know there are many, "Loyal Sons" who appreciate what you and your dad did for the Spirit of the Fightin' Irish.

### **Mike Olex - Class of 1969**

My condolences to you and your family on the death of your father. Not living in the area, I was unable to come to the funeral home but was there in spirit. I was saddened to learn that Jim lost his fight with cancer. Although I never met your father, since I was a few years behind him at Notre Dame, I felt that I came to know him through the newsletter. I very much appreciated the work that you and he did to keep the alumni tied together and the school spirit alive. My sincere sympathy during this difficult time.

### **Bro. Leonard Haley, SM**

My sympathy on the loss of your father, I will remember him in the Marist Community Prayers and the Community Mass here in Waltham.

### **Andrew Tokarz - Class of 1989**

Jim, Thanks for sharing your story and for you and your dad's efforts over the years. Best wishes for your family!

### **Mike Toutant - Class of 1962**

Sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Although I did not know him, I appreciate all that he did for the N.D.A.A. It sounds like he was a great guy and that you and he had a great father/son relationship. Best wishes during these difficult times

### **Jim Forkin - Class of 1998**

My deepest sympathy for your and your family's loss. What the both of you have done together for our real alumni group will continue to serve as a great legacy and memory of your dad. I wish you the best during this difficult time.

### **Frank and Mary Ellen Servitto (parents of Matt '83)**

We are so sorry to hear that your Dad died. We have been reading the wonderful ND news you have been sending all these years and feel that you and your Dad are friends of ours. You are a most fortunate son to have had such a beautiful relationship with your Dad all these years. Am sure he will be part of you always.

### **Tom Plotzke - Class of 1989**

What a fitting tribute to your father. You've honored his legacy with the man you are, a true ND man.



## Caretti '71 Cleared of Child Neglect Accusations

A state investigation revealed no substantiated child neglect by Macomb County judge **Richard Caretti '71** who allowed his two minor daughters to ride in a car driven by his allegedly drunk girlfriend.

Child Protective Services investigated Caretti for his role in an alleged drunken driving incident in January which resulted in a classification that shows "a preponderance of evidence of child abuse or neglect is not found," according to sources who did not want to be identified.

Meanwhile, in the related criminal case, Caretti's girlfriend, Brenda Conway, has appealed a district court judge's refusal to toss out evidence that could dismiss the charge of drunken driving with minor children for which she was arrested after driving Caretti's children home from a wedding reception and registering a blood/alcohol level reportedly nearly twice the legal limit.

The CPS report, completed within 30 days of the incident, was not made public, but its contents were learned by The Macomb Daily.

The report says, "This appears to be an isolated incident," according to a source.

"The father has been pro-active in seeking out services and participating in services in the protection of his children from harm," the report says.

Caretti's statement in the report is consistent with his public comments in the days following the Jan. 13-14 incident. He told The Macomb Daily he did not realize Brenda Conway, 50, of Troy, may have been drunk, did not notice erratic driving as claimed by one of his daughters, and was not drunk himself, saying he consumed "two or three drinks" over seven hours at the reception. He said Brenda Conway drove because it was her vehicle.

Caretti, days after the arrest, called his ex-wife "very vindictive" in her allegations and "very inaccurate" in her description of the events of that night.

Caretti and Lori Conway both declined to comment. The couple divorced in 2011 and has shared joint legal custody of the children. Caretti, who resides in Fraser, was appointed judge in 2002 and was elected in 2004 and 2010.

The incident began the night of Jan. 13 when Caret-

ti's 12-year-old daughter called her mother — Caretti's exwife — Lori Conway (no blood relation to Brenda Conway), from a Macomb Township banquet hall and said she was afraid to ride with Brenda Conway because she was allegedly drunk. A short time later, Caretti's other daughter, 15 years old, sent a text message to Lori Conway claiming that Brenda Conway was driving erratically.

Lori Conway called police, who arrested Brenda Conway after she parked in front of Lori Conway's home. Brenda Conway registered .15 percent and .16 percent.

In April, Judge Debra Nance of 46th District Court in Southfield denied Brenda Conway's motion to remove some or all of the evidence against her. Brenda Conway appealed May 3 to Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac.

In the appeal, Brenda Conway's attorney argues that Police Officer Stephen Thompson violated her Fourth Amendment right against illegal search and seizure when he turned a "welfare check" into a criminal investigation.

"A welfare check from a criminal investigation," attorney Jeffrey Abood said. In her opinion, Judge Nance supported the officer's actions, saying, "The only way to properly conduct the 'welfare check' and determine whether the minors had been in jeopardy was to immediately interview the driver regarding the allegation of possible

intoxication."

Abood says in the appeal application that Nance wrongly "intermeddles" the welfare check and criminal probe. Abood also argues that Thompson did not have probable cause to arrest Conway because the three sobriety tests he performed are not recognized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the one legitimate test was performed incorrectly.

In addition, he contends that Thompson failed to observe Conway for the required 15 minutes before performing a preliminary Breathalyzer test. He only observed her for 11 minutes, and didn't watch her the entire time, he says.

Abood said he requested oral arguments. A representative of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office did not respond to an interview request. 🐾



**Judge Richard Caretti '71**

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## Writer, Dueweke '76, to Perform September 6, 2013



For the first time in Detroit, Center Galleries presents an exhibition of drawings, watercolors and prints by the legendary 20th century avant-garde composer and writer John Cage (1912-1992). Celebrating what would be his 101st Birthday, this project includes the exhibition of works installed based on a "Cagean" chance-derived score which will randomly alter the installation on a regular basis. In addition, Cage scholar Laura Kuhn will come to CCS as part of the Woodward Lecture Series (September 26) and conduct a workshop on chance operations for students at Signal-Return Press in Eastern Market. The opening reception on Friday, September 6th will be a Birthday Party for John, featuring a Cage-inspired performance by Detroit performance writer **Stephen Dueweke '76**, and macrobiotic delights to satisfy your zen-sweet-tooth. The exhibition runs September 6 - October 19, 2013. 🐾

# Two Former ND Priests Retire

## Sajdak and DesRosiers Retire From Madonna University

Friendly. Passionate. Faithful. Influential. Funny. Engaging. Excited. Charismatic. Understanding. These words describe two of Madonna University's faculty in the Religious Studies department, who retired at the end of the spring 2013 semester. These faculty members are **Fr. Ron DesRosiers** and **Fr. John Sajdak**. They were both professors in the Religious Studies or Philosophy departments.

Fr. Ron DesRosiers, professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, started at Madonna in September of 1990 after teaching at Notre Dame High School. "Fr. Sajdak, who was teaching here at Madonna, saw an opening, when the fellow who was supposed to teach philosophy had to withdraw," said Fr. Ron. "He contacted me and said 'How'd you like to teach at Madonna?'"

Fr. Ron said the requirements shocked him a little bit, when he found out that three philosophy classes and two business ethics classes needed to be taught weekly and that each class lasted for three hours. "I thought, 'Wow, this is going to exhaust me,'" said Fr. Ron. "Remember, my high school classes were 45 minutes. Now, I consider 45 minutes warming up! But I said yes, and I never looked back with regret. Never. 'I'm going to miss, not just the classroom, but the liturgy here on campus,'" said Fr. Ron.

Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, President of Madonna University, said the University appreciated the application of his scholarly knowledge over the past 23 years. "Fr. Ron has brought a deep understanding of the philosophical underpinnings of religion, in particular, of the Catholic faith," said Sr. Rose Marie. "[H]e is a teacher in the best sense of the word, full of enthusiasm for his teaching material as well as a burning love for his students whom he teaches with unmitigated energy. Father Ron is a deeply spiritual person who inspires all those who come to his liturgies," said Sr. Rose Marie. "He is often sought out as the celebrant of various Masses here at Madonna, because he is so inspiring."

Fr. John Sajdak, Chairperson of Religious Studies, Pastoral Ministry and Philosophy, said he has seen Madonna evolve in the past 18 years he has taught here. "The student body here, especially when I first started, was all adults. There were hardly any traditional-aged students," said Fr. Sajdak.

Fr. Sajdak said these adults were people who wanted to finish their degree without taking time for the "college experience." He told a story about how once, in the midst of a philosophy class during which he was trying to emphasize the practice of taking time to think critically about concepts, one gentleman told him, "Father, I don't have time to think." Fr. Sajdak chuckled while relating the story.

Fr. Sajdak started at Madonna in 1987, taught for 11 years and then left to serve as principal of Notre Dame High School for several years. He then returned about seven years later to take over the position of chairperson from Sr. Ann Stamm. "I like the challenge of the variety," said Fr. Sajdak. "I'm somebody that needs a lot of variety in my life and every class is different."

Dr. Kathleen O'Dowd, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said Fr. Sajdak filled the post as chairperson admirably. "He's been something of a pioneer in online teaching at Madonna," said O'Dowd. "[He teaches] courses to students in Dubai and Haiti as well as in metro Detroit, and [is] taking steps to make it possible to earn a Pastoral Ministry or RST degree completely online."

With different preaching and teaching styles, they left their mark in different ways. Their retirements mark an end of an era. In talking to Madonna University community members, it becomes obvious that Fr. Ron and Fr. Sajdak made an impact during their time there. As the final semester of teaching at Madonna wound down for the priests, students and faculty share the best stories and memories.

Countless students feel they benefited from the priests' guidance and example in class. Jacob Pike, a senior studying Graphic Design said that his classes with Fr. Ron and Fr. Sajdak kept him engaged. "[Fr. Sajdak] gets you to read one perspective of a teaching and shows the other along with incorporating their beliefs into a modern day society," said Pike. "And [Fr. Ron] really gets into his work and you can see that he cares and believes in what he teaches instead of [just] going through the motions."

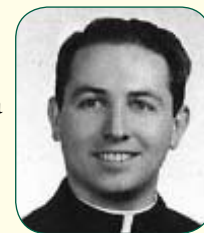
Katherine Luber, a senior studying Spanish and Communication Studies heard stories of Fr. Ron before she ever took his class. "Someone told me that during one lecture in their course, he stood on the table while he was lecturing in order to make some point," said Luber. "That's stuck with me forever because I think that it's pretty funny and also kind of representative of his distinctive teaching style."

And whether online, or on-campus, students received a quality education. Kate Dekoski, a senior studying Pastoral Ministry and Hospice and Palliative Care, took classes from both Fr. Ron and Fr. Sajdak. "I took a couple of online classes with [Fr. Sajdak] and the amount of knowledge I gained was astonishing. I hate to say this but his classes were very easy, but because it was easy I learned a lot and maybe they were easy because they covered things I was interested in."

Madonna alumni remember their experiences as well. "My favorite moment with Fr. Ron occurred at the height of a heated discussion in philosophy class," said Merry Herdell, 2005 graduate from the Journalism program. "I had been ranting vehemently when he stopped me in mid-sentence by saying, 'Silence, woman.' I immediately replied, 'Yes, man.'"

Rachael Kethe graduated in 2011 from the College of Education, majoring in English, and reminisced about the impression left on her even after the class with Fr. Ron was over. "I remember walking the halls a few years after I took his class and overhearing the same lesson I sat through my first day in his class. He was standing by the window with his arms spread wide, and he spoke softly, 'What's it all about?' This is how he always starts this class, and I loved feeling like walking in and sitting through the lesson all over again."

O'Dowd says even from a faculty perspective, their departure will leave a hole in the community. "I don't know if the Marists only admit priest candidates with a deeply humorous outlook on life or if we just got lucky," said O'Dowd. "An Arts & Humanities faculty party without the Merry Marists would be unthinkable dull. In fact it's painful to anticipate future celebrations without them. Their departure will definitely mark the end of an era." ❀



**Fr. Ron DesRosiers**



**Fr. John Sajdak**

## Father of 5 Killed in Motorcycle Accident Remembered as Great Guy

Patrick William Wisniewski, brother of *Harry Wisniewski '90*, served his country as an Air Force Reservist and his community as a reserve officer with the New Baltimore Police Department.

He was about to rechannel his energy and expertise toward working with high school students as a school resources officer at Anchor Bay High School. But on Sunday, June 2, 2013, the 33-year-old father of five, died when the motorcycle he was riding collided with another vehicle at 21 Mile Road and Jefferson. The driver of the other vehicle was driving with a suspended license and likely faces a felony charge, police said.

“(Wisniewski) was a great guy,” said Tim Wiley, New Baltimore police chief. “It’s a huge loss. It’s hitting hard in this community and with this family.”

U.S. Air Force Active Guard Reserve, Wisniewski, a staff sergeant, worked with the 127th Security Forces Squadron at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Township. He was on his way home after working his normal shift, base officials said.

“Our thoughts and prayers right now are with the family of Staff Sgt. Wisniewski,” said Col. Michael Thomas, 127th Wing commander at Selfridge. “The death of such a young man, who had found his calling in service to our nation, is a terrible loss. Our Security Forces Squadron is a tight family, and this loss is beyond painful.”

Thomas ordered the U.S. flag to be flown at half-staff at Selfridge on Monday in honor of Staff Sgt. Wisniewski. Wisniewski also served as a reserve police officer for the city of New Baltimore the past two years.

Because of his law enforcement background, Wiley thought Wisniewski the perfect candidate for a new school resources officer for the New Baltimore department made possible by a federal grant. The chief expected Wisniewski to be hired full time in August. “He was so excited about this,” Wiley said. “He was like a kid the night before Christmas.”

When Wiley announced to the department the choice of Wisniewski for the school officer role, nary a voice of protest was uttered, the chief said. “We (officers) don’t always agree on everything,” Wiley said. “But (Wisniewski’s appointment) was accepted on every level of the department. For him to be that widely accepted ... what a testament to him.”

The accident occurred in Chesterfield Township and that department is conducting the investigation. Sgt. Deron Myers said preliminary information indicated Wisniewski was driving his motorcycle north on Jefferson when a 2008 Chevy Impala traveling south turned left into his path, resulting in a collision.

Both drivers were transported to McLaren Macomb hospital in Mount Clemens, where Wisniewski was pronounced dead. Wisniewski was wearing a motorcycle helmet, Myers said. The driver of the Impala, a 64-year-old man from Chesterfield Township, was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Investigators have determined the Chesterfield Township man, whom police have not yet identified, had had his license suspended. Under Michigan law, a person operating a vehicle with a suspended license could be charged with a 15-year felony for causing a death. Myers said police “anticipate” bringing charges against the driver, but the investigation is ongoing.

Wisniewski is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and five children.

Through Michigan’s Thin Blue Line, a fund has been established to assist Wisniewski’s family. Donations may be made via the following means:

- Dropped off at any PNC Bank branch, Attention: TBL/FBO Wisniewski Family
- New Baltimore Police Department, Attention: TBL/FBO Wisniewski Family, 37885 Green St., New Baltimore, MI 48047
- Thin Blue Line, Attention: TBL/FBO Wisniewski Family, P.O. Box 415, Howell, MI 48844



**Patrick Wisniewski, brother of Harry Wisniewski '90.**

## Upcoming Reunions

### Class of 1963 - 50 Years

September 14 and 15, 2013. Dinner on Sept. 14 at Sterling Inn, Sterling Heights, Mich. On Sept. 15, 10 a.m. Mass at Old St. Mary in Greektown, Detroit, followed by a Detroit Tigers game. Contacts: John McCabe, (586) 822-5153; Don Herman, (586) 781-0220.

### Class of 1973 - 40 Years

Friday June 21:  
Afternoon golf scramble & 19th hole meet & greet.  
Saturday June 22:  
Evening dinner dance  
Sunday June 23:  
Detroit Tigers game  
Frank Coppola at (586) 295-9375 or taxmanfj@yahoo.

### Class of 1989 - 25 Years

Reunion is in the early planning stages for a TBA date in 2014. Reunion committee in formation. If you would like to help, contact:  
Gregory Simon at gsimon@ndpma.org or  
Frank Castronova at fcastronova@ndpma.org.

### Class of 1978 - 35 Years

Reunion is in the early planning stages.  
Contact: Ron Yanik, ronald0812@aol.com

### 1989 Class A State Championship Baseball Team 25 Years

Sunday, September 15. 10 a.m. mass at Old St. Mary's downtown, followed by a Detroit Tigers Game at 1:00 p.m. Contact Eric Stanczak '89 at (248) 251-3856 or stanczak@stanfordalumni.org; or Coach John McCabe '63 at (586) 822-5153 or rnjenwmu@aol.com.

### Class of 1965 - 50 Years

The committee is looking for up-to-date e-mail addresses and contact information.

Reunion Committee:  
Dennis Berger  
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### Class of 1983

30-year reunion tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Rochester Mills Beer Co., downtown Rochester, MI. Contact Mark Gaynor at mgaynordds@comcast.net.

### Class of 1986

Will be planning a 30-year reunion for 2016.

Reunion Committee:  
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### Class of 1993 - 20 Years

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# In Memoriam

## **Mandl, Jim - Class of 1966**

Age 65, of Clinton Township passed away Sunday, June 2, 2013 due to complications from cancer surgery. He was born March 31, 1948 in Grosse Pointe Farms. Jim was a retired real estate appraiser having worked for NBD. He was a member of Holy Innocents Catholic Church in Roseville, where he was a member of the Ushers Club and was a past president of the H.I. Men's Club. He coached track, soccer and softball. He was a very proud blood donor, having donated nearly 11 gallons in his life. Jim was a wrestling historian and contributor to many wrestling websites and blogs. He was an avid fan and season ticket holder of the Detroit Tigers. He was a 1971 graduate of Wayne State University. He graduated in 1966 from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, where he continued to volunteer at events and fund raisers until 2005 when the school closed. He was one of only six N.D. Emerald Award recipients - an award given for distinguished service to the school. He was vice president of the Friends of Notre Dame - the Notre Dame High School Alumni Association, keeping the spirit of the Fighting Irish alive since 2005. He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Marge", children Jim and Melissa (Jason) Mase, grandchildren Natalie and Matthew, his dear Aunt Betty Pazdro, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Memorials appreciated to The Friends of Notre Dame High School who will be awarding a yearly scholarship in his name.



## **Recchia, Frank - Class of 1973**

Age 57, of Rochester Hills, passed away June 15, 2013. Frank retired from Ford Motor in 2007 after twenty eight years of service and currently was the Vice-President of Information Security for Comerica Bank. Beloved father of Jacqueline Recchia and Michael Recchia. Dearest son of Germena and the late Onorio Recchia. Brother of Chiara Recchia and Grace Sellers. Loving uncle of John and Andrew Sellers. Frank is also survived by his loving cousins, friends and his Special Friend, Angela Muir.



## **Haney, Timothy - Class of 1974**

Age 57, passed away on June 7, 2013. He was born December 15, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved husband of Patty. Dear father of Emily (James) Christian, John and Thomas. Loving brother of **Chris '77** (Wendy) Haney, Mary Beth (Don) Barth and Lee Haney. Loving son of the late Larry and Betsy Haney. Loving brother-in-law of Mary (Jim) Spangenberg. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

## **Witkowski, Carlton - Class of 1959**

Age 71, of Macomb Township, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2013. Carlton was born on July 31, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan. Beloved husband of Joyce. Loving father of Rhonda (Geoffrey) Bunce and Brian (Meghan) Witkowski. Dear grandfather of Maddison, Kurtis, Brayden, Sydney, and Kaitlyn. Dear brother of Ruthanne (Anthony) Kudela. Predeceased by his brother Vincent Witkowski.

## **Boren, Michael - Class of 1980**

Age 51, Passed away May 5, 2013 in NYC. Beloved husband of Cheryl for 30 years. Proud father of Todd (Haeley Boomer) and Adam (Kelli). Dearest son of William & Carol. Dear brother of Terri (David) Kalenauskas. Dear son in-law of Stan & Sandy Materna and Pete & Liz Michael. Dear brother in-law of Laurie (Jim) Moody, Bill (Lisa) Materna, Brett (Debbie) Michael and Courtney Michael. Dear uncle of Kurt, Eric (Megan), Tyler, Olivia, Tim (Rene), Brianna & Tres. "He was truly loved and will be sadly missed by all who knew him." Co-owner of Merifield Machinery Solutions.



## **Kaiser, Anthony - Class of 1972**

Age 59, passed away April 24, 2013. Beloved husband of Debra. Loving father of Anthony, Kevin, Michael and the late Christopher. Dear brother of Rick (Barb), Paul (Dorothy), David, Ann (Robert) Travnikar and the late John. Dear son of the late Richard and Elizabeth.

## **Sobczak, Michael - Class of 1960**

Age 71, passed away April 20, 2013. Beloved husband of Marjorie. Dear brother of Christine (Gerald) Maiorano. Proud uncle of Stephanie (Jason) Carpenter. Also remembered by his great-nephews Jake and Matty.

## **Lambertz, Joseph - Class of 1963**





Age 69, died Sunday, April 14, 2013 at Maria Parham Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Viola Castle Lambertz. Mr. Lambertz moved to North Carolina after his retirement from the Chrysler Auto Plant where he worked as a Pipe Fitter for forty three years. He attended Norlina Baptist Church. Mr. Lambertz is survived by his wife, Frances Lambertz of Norlina; Three Children: Christian Lambertz of VA Beach, VA, Julie Lambertz of Norlina, NC and Joe Lambertz of Norlina, NC; One Brother: Herman Lambertz of Indiana; Two sisters: Cathy Dysarz of Shelby Township, Mich. And Rose Lambertz of Kalamazoo, Mich; Six Grandchildren: Zachary, Alexis, Daren, Fox, Veronica and Varian.

# Extended Family

Joseph Ferrari, father of **Joseph Ferrari '65 and Stephen Ferrari '70** passed away August, 7, 2013.  
Fred W. Sudy, father of **Brian Sudy '79 and Kevin Sudy '81** passed away August, 3, 2013.  
Marilyn Quigly, mother of **Dennis Quigly '79** passed away July 16, 2013.  
**Harold "Hal" Rice**, father of **David Rice '81**. Mr. Rice taught at Notre Dame for many years. Passed away July 14, 2013.  
Mary Vago, mother of **Paul Vago '66 and David Vago '69, and Grandmother of Scott Vago '98** passed away July 14, 2013.  
Stanley Formanczyk, father of **Rodney Formanczyk '67** passed away July 13, 2013.  
Kay Schanz, mother of **George Schanz '73** passed away July 10, 2013.  
Vincenza Iafrate, mother of **Dominic Iafrate '69** passed away July 10, 2013.  
Frank Guerra, father of **Joseph Guerra '83 and Frank Guerra '85** passed away July 9, 2013.  
Mary Etta Bannigan, mother of **Thomas Bannigan '73** passed away July 5, 2013.  
Robert Janks, father of **Gregory Janks '69** passed away June 30, 2013.  
Casper Laudicina, father of **Robert Laudicina '67** passed away July 1, 2013.  
John Swatowski, father of **John Swatowski '91 and Robert Swatowski '96** passed away June 28, 2013.  
Mary L. Kent, mother of **Joe Kent '76 and Rick Kent '78** passed away June 22, 2013.  
Leonard Brillati, brother of the late **Salvatore Brillati '59, Santo Brillati '61, and Thomas Brillati '70** passed away June 20, 2013.  
Agnes Flannery, mother of **Michael Flannery '72, Timothy Flannery '73, and Kevin Flannery '75** passed away June 17, 2013.  
Patricia Fraser, mother of **Donald Fraser '84 and James Fraser '89** passed away June 16, 2013.  
Catherine LaRiviere, mother of **Paul LaRiviere '68** passed away June 8, 2013.  
Philip Simon, father of **Gregory Simon '89, Richard Simon '85 and Uncle of Elias Khalil '88** passed away June 6, 2013.  
Helen Brisson, mother of **Fr. Robert Brisson '70 and Thomas Brisson '77** passed away June 6, 2013.  
Georgette Abood, grandmother of **Jason Abood '02 and Brian Abood '04** passed away June 6, 2013.  
Carmine F. DeMichele, father of **Gerard DeMichele '79 and Damon DeMichele '83** passed away June 6, 2013.  
Marco Soave, father of **Francis Soave '79** passed away June 4, 2013.  
John Dalzotto, grandfather of **John Dalzotto '96 and Jeffrey Dalzotto '00** passed away June 4, 2013.  
Patrick Wisniewski, brother of **Harry Wisniewski '90** passed away June 2, 2013.  
David Nienaltowski, brother of **Gary Nienaltowski '75** passed away May 26, 2013.  
Dante Marchione, father of **Ernesto Marchione '69** passed away May 26, 2013.  
Joan Bzdok, mother of **Michael Bzdok '63** passed away May 26, 2013.  
John Sulick, father of **Douglas Sulick '71 and Duane Sulick '74** passed away May 24, 2013.  
Joseph Randa, father of **Jeffrey Randa '81** passed away May 23, 2013.  
Gerald Cattaneo, father of **David Cattaneo '80 and Jeffrey Cattaneo '84** passed away May 16, 2013.  
Mary Louise Massana, mother-in-law of **Douglas DeCoster '65** passed away May 14, 2013.  
Jane Horlacher, wife of **John Horlacher '62** passed away May 14, 2013.  
Raymond Fuhrman, father of **Raymond Fuhrman '76** passed away May 13, 2013.  
Joan Nagel, mother-in-law of **John Sloan '73** passed away May 9, 2013.  
Henry White, father of **James White '75 and Charles White '76** passed away April 23, 2013.  
Audrey Springer, mother of **David Springer '78** passed away April 23, 2013.  
Muriel Onei, mother of the late **George Onei '67** passed away April 20, 2013.  
Litizia Valentine, mother of **Thomas Valentine '81** passed away April 12, 2013.  
Violet Carnegie, mother of **James Carnegie '67** passed away April 8, 2013.  
Joann Hurley, mother of **David Hurley '83** passed away April 6, 2013.  
Betty Weiss, mother of **Robert Weiss '63** passed away April 2, 2013.  
Connie Gola, mother of **Thomas Gola '73** passed away April 1, 2013.  
Mary Jo Ufford, mother of **Michael Ufford '78** passed away on March 19, 2013.  
Lawrence Weinert, brother of **William Weinert '61** passed away on March 19, 2013.  
Merry Kaski, wife of **William Joy '62** passed away on March 19, 2013.  
John Wroblewski, uncle of **Nino DiPilla '79, Alfred Wroblewski '83 and John Wroblewski '96** passed away on March 19, 2013.  
Anna Palleschi, mother of **Anthony Palleschi '77 and Joseph Palleschi '84** passed away on March 23, 2013.  
Phyllis Edwards, mother of **Dave Edwards '80** passed away on March 24, 2013.  
Mariette Van Hoet, mother of **David Van Hoet '78 and Gerald Van Hoet '84** passed away on March 25, 2013.  
Virginia Lang, mother of **Deacon Michael Lang '67** passed away on March 25, 2013.  
Frank Gruca, father of **Eugene Gruca '60 and Paul Gruca '68** passed away on March 27, 2013.  
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