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Baumgart '84 Opens Cigar-Friendly Stray Cat Lounge

Many Eastside hipsters were dismayed when Robusto's Martini Lounge in Grosse Pointe Woods closed for good in 2012 after 12 years of slinging upscale drinks, food and music. But now Jackie and **Scott Baumgart '84** — the husband-and-wife team who created Robusto's — have taken the concept to the next level with a new relaxation spot — Stray Cat Lounge, a luxurious cigar-friendly martini bar in Clinton Township.

"We are here for the hip, upscale crowd who enjoy music, a fine cigar and a tremendous selection of high quality beer, bourbon and scotches in a lounge atmosphere," Scott Baumgart said.

Stray Cat is one of fewer than 100 lounges in Michigan that is licensed to carry cigars, which are becoming increasingly popular with young women, the team said. Their target audience is hipsters and professionals in the 25-to-55 age group. They also have a carry-out beer and wine license.



Jackie and Scott Baumgart '84

In September, the Baumgarts took over the former 18th Street Rib House, tucked inside of a strip mall on Garfield at 18 Mile Road. They have been working since then on a total overhaul of the 5,000-square-foot property. The result is a sleek, dark and inviting place that contains three seating areas, including a bar with high-top tables and two sections containing leather couches and African mahogany tables and chairs. The floor is a butterscotch-tone epoxy, and the walls contain a series of copper-colored texture panels and paintings. There are nine high-definition TV monitors for sports viewing.

"We've had a number of private parties already and the reaction has been 'Wow — this is very swanky and sexy,'" Jackie Baumgart said. "We've worked hard to make a nice place for couples out on a date or girlfriends getting together or the after-work crowd

who want to enjoy themselves in a nice atmosphere."

Chef John Fleming, a former U.S. Marine with 20 years of culinary experience, has crafted a menu of small plates in a flameless kitchen that uses induction heat for cooking. The menu is heavy on gourmet appetizers such as blackened steak bites with honey Champagne mustard, bruschetta with black bean salsa, spinach dip with artichoke and baked brie, along with pizza, sandwiches, pasta and salads.

At the bar, there is a 20-tap beer selection with the majority being Michigan-made craft beverages, along with a wide selection of bourbon, scotch, signature martinis and 30 wine choices. Stray Cat carries an extensive array of cigars and personal humidors available for rent. Don't be afraid of the smoke — the place has a high-tech filtration and purification system that continually circulates fresh air.

As a nod to their past, the Baumgarts kept a pair of hand-painted "Parking for Robusto's" signs on the back wall.

For music, expect some of the area's best-known classic rock, funk and R&B acts. Their sound system allows the music to be toned down in sections beyond the dance floor to allow patrons to converse.

A grand opening celebration is planned for April 11-12. Stray Cat Lounge is at 40813 Garfield Road, Clinton Township.

Hours are 3:30 p.m.-midnight Monday-Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m.-midnight Sunday. For more information, visit TheStrayCatLounge.com or call 586-741-8544.

2nd Annual Bill Jennison '03 Fundraiser

Notre Dame High School lost **Bill Jennison '03** suddenly on March 26, 2012. In his memory, a fundraiser is being held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at St. Isaac Jogues Church hall in St. Clair Shores. There will be 50-50 raffles, prize raffles, silent auction, live auction, music, food, cash bar, pierogi dinners, and good times.

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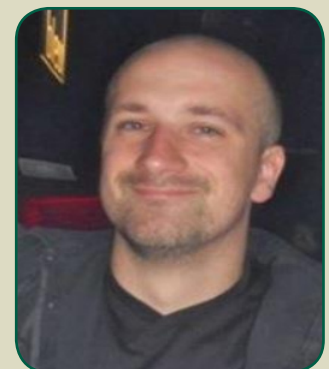
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TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

ADMISSION:
\$20.00 IN ADVANCE; \$25 @ THE DOOR

All proceeds will be donated to the St. Isaac Jogues Football team and other charities.

If you have any questions regarding the event or would like to make a donation toward the event, please contact **Lee Dyer '03** at leepdyerjr@aol.com.



Bill Jennison '03

For Jenkins '97, Resale is a Family Affair

With the popularity of reality TV shows that focus on used items and their value - Pawn Stars, Hard Core Pawn, Storage Wars - the resale business is gaining in popularity in America. For **Tom Jenkins '97** and his family the resale business in metro Detroit is their living. For the past ten years, *Second Glance Resale Shop* has been enjoying steady growth due to their unique approach to the business.

How did you get started in the resale business?

We actually bought this business back in 2004 when I was the branch manager of the Chase Bank on Kelly Road at 7 ½ Mile in Harper Woods.

So it was an existing business?

Yes. The little resale shop on the same block as my branch was for sale. My wife had shopped there and she was familiar with it. She was working for her father at the time. We looked into it, thought it would be a good idea to buy it and we both worked at getting it going. She was there everyday managing the store and it just slowly grew over time.

Is that when you started to expand?

Yes. When the sandwich shop next door moved out, we expanded into that space. Then we expanded into two more store fronts.

You have since moved from that location. How long were you at the first location?

We moved from there in December of 2012.

What prompted the move?

We were broken into three or four times in the few months before the move. The last straw was when we were robbed at gun-point. It just wasn't worth it to us to risk our lives and the lives of our employees, most of whom happen to be family members. Anyone who works with us who isn't family becomes like family and we just don't want to see anyone get hurt. And nobody was hurt in this particular incident, thank god. Everyone was fine.

Did you just close down one day or did you make a transition to one of your new locations?

We just closed the doors after that and began looking for a new location. A few months later, we opened the locations in St. Clair Shores on Harper north of 13 Mile. However, we had already been open a few months at the location on 9 Mile when the robbery happened.

So your employees still had a place to work?

Yes, and like I said, our employees are either family or are like family to us. We always want to look out for them.

Let's revisit the purchasing of the resale business that was for sale. How did you go about that?

We paid cash for the original place. It wasn't much - less than \$10,000. We didn't own the building or anything, we were just paying for the business itself. We used our savings to make that purchase.

How was business when you bought it?

The place was a traditional resale shop when we bought it. My wife worked really hard at freshening it up and having it neat and clean all the time with nice displays. She also started being selective about the merchandise we'd take in. Our sales kept growing and growing and that's when we expanded into contracts to sell store closeouts, retail returns, and liquidations. It really took off from there.

How do you get the merchandise that's new?

I can't say too much about it, but we found ways to get contracts with some national retailers to purchase pallets of returns of over stocked merchandise at discounted prices. We started selling returns and liquidations and decided to start an eBay store as well. We're actually at the point where we buy merchandise by the truckload and have a warehouse to store it in.

Do you ever run out of room?

There aren't a lot of resale shops who have the space that we do, but we do run out of room at times. When we started running out of room, we looked for ways to sell pallets or truckloads of merchandise to buyers out of state. We have large and small buyers that purchase excess merchandise from us on a regular basis.

How did you locate buyers like that?

My wife and I are always searching the internet and looking for ways to improve



Melissa and Tom Jenkins '97

Was your intent to close in Harper Woods anyway or did you intend all along to keep that location and have multiple locations?

We intended to keep that location and expand to a few other locations. The Harper Woods location had a lot of neighborhood traffic and was still very busy even after we opened on 9 Mile. We were going to keep it open, but not after what happened.

our business. We've found buyers through forums and connections that she's made over the years and from general cold calling and emailing that I conducted to other resale shops and wholesale suppliers.

How has this helped the business?

The retail closeouts have brought a lot of excitement to our stores with the variety of products we offer, the low prices, and the fact that new merchandise hits the floor daily. It also added new revenue with Ebay and wholesale sales. We were doing really well prior to this, but it added a whole new dimension to the store and really helped sales take off.

How does the consignment side of the business work?

We pay cash for kids items and we consign women's and household items. We take items in for sixty days. If the item sells, we split the money 50-50 with the owner of the merchandise. If the item doesn't sell, the owner has the option to come pick the item up, but almost all of them elect to have us donate their unsold items to charity. We use computerized tracking so all the customer has to do is come in and see what sold and we give them their money on the spot.

Give me some examples of what you sell.

We'll sell anything, within reason, that we know is profitable. Our bread and butter, so to speak, is children's clothing and toys and women's items. We also do a lot in sales with electronics, household items, and furniture as well. Some things we get in such large quantities, that we store the pallets for a few days and ship them out to one of our buyers around the country. We wholesale make-up and kids clothing out of state because we get such good deals and are able to buy such large quantities.

You mentioned your eBay store. What percentage of your business is done on the internet?

I'd say it's around 20% right now. Some items we buy specifically for the eBay store and some are purchased with the retail floor in mind.

What do you think the future of the resale business holds for you?

Expansion. We're looking at opening another store in the coming months. I should know this week if we're approved. An-

other factor is the help. As long as we can continue to have great employees who work hard and are dedicated to us, we'd like to reward them with expansion. We're currently looking at Grosse Pointe and three other locations, but we'll wait and see. We've got the store opening down to a science. I feel like we could open one per year right now.

Over the last ten years in business, what kind of turnover of employees have you had?

60-70% stay with us for over a year, and several for over five years. If an employee isn't going to work out, we can tell quickly and they don't last more than two months or so. We have some employees who have been with us as long as nine years. As we grow, we've tried to make sure the employees get taken care of with growth in their pay and benefits.



Tom Jenkins '97 by the sign for his store on 9 Mile near Kelly.

What type of benefits do you currently provide?

We give the employees personal time off, paid holidays, and have a matching IRA plan. We match their contributions up to 3 or 4% depending on how long they've been with us. My ultimate goal is to add health care soon and have a full benefits package that is better than most large companies.

How many people do you employ?

We have between 20 and 25.

What has been the key to your success?

A lot of Notre Dame guys own their own businesses so I think they would agree that you never turn it off. You take breaks, but you never turn it off. You always have to be looking for ways to improve your business. We use the internet and network to come up with ways to get better - new suppliers, new buyers, new merchandise, new ideas. We don't shut it off when we lock the doors

at night. My wife is on-line in the evenings constantly looking for new ideas and doing research. Also, this really isn't a job for us. We are passionate about the business, so it's fun to do what we do. Another key to our success is that we're a very community based company. We've tried to provide a service to the public that we would want as consumers. We treat our customers fairly and in some cases, they've become our friends.

Who are your customers?

We have women of all ages and more and more men are shopping with us. We have some people who know they can find such good deals with us that they come in three or four days per week to see what new items we've got on the floor since we add new items on a daily basis.

How is it having your spouse as a business partner?

Most of the time it's fine because we are doing other things. I'm more in charge of the back end of the business and she's more in charge of the retail floor. But, we have our moments. I'd say 80% of the time it's just fine - a lot of fun actually. It has actually worked out really well as far as family goes. Since we both work together, we never miss anything the kids are involved in - games, recitals, etc. If we need to go or come in late, we have that all worked out. We have a lot of flexibility.

What is the toughest part of the business?

Training employees to price our merchandise is the toughest part. It's not easy to find people who are skilled enough to do that. We have to train them and it's not that easy. They need to know what's new and what's used and know the brands and know how to price items competitively and for profit. It's tough to not use personal judgements on items too. We need items in the store that will be in demand and sell. So you need to be able to set aside your likes and dislikes and focus on the fact that we're running a business and need it to be profitable.

Resale shops fail often. Is that the reason for that?

I think it is. A lot of resale shops worry too much about having cool and hip items on their floor for sale rather than focusing on your main goal as a business owner which is to make money. You have to think about what your market wants and provide that to them.

Do you get a lot of envy statements from people, like about being lucky to have your own business?

At times. People think we can work whatever hours we want and take as much time off and we'll just be rolling in money. It really doesn't work that way. We live this business day and night. We don't work bad hours, we like what we do, it's stressful at times, and we seldom have to work a Sunday, but we do put in a lot of hours behind the scenes that people don't see.

Tom Jenkins '97 currently has two locations of Second Glance to serve you.

You can also visit their web site at www.secondglanceresale.com

Visit their eBay store: <http://stores.ebay.com/Second-Glance-Resale-Shop>

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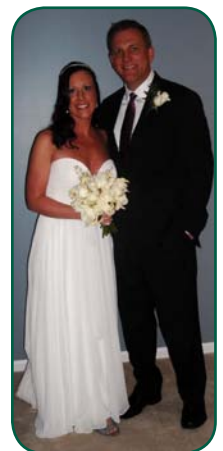
Congratulations to Brian Jones '96! He is the new Chief Operating Officer for Select Specialty Hospital in Grosse Pointe, MI.



Congratulations to Steve Rago '83! He and Rachel Roszczewski were married on January 24, 2015.



Congratulations to Patrick Fabian '01. He was inducted into the Knights of Malta as the youngest member in the United States. The induction ceremony took place on November 15, 2013, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. Patrick was selected based on his service to the church and community.



*It's ok to blow your own horn! We'd love to hear from you! Send us a note to let us know what you're up to:
Jim Mandl '90 jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com*

Moroz '76 Turns Junk Into Furniture

The old adage - one man's junk is another man's treasure - has to be expanded when it comes to **David Moroz '76**. He finds artistic value and treasure in old barns, broken-down furniture and pretty much anything that someone else might tote to the curb on garbage night.

The Davisburg resident has made a living creating artistic furniture out of old barn wood, abandoned doors and pretty much anything else people might get rid of. But it all started with his sister's request more than two decades ago. "My sister asked if I could make her a birdhouse," Moroz said. "I had really no experience with tools and didn't grow up looking over my dad's shoulder. His approach to repair was duct tape and the Yellow Pages."

So Moroz took on the project and got lost in the process. "That particular Sunday afternoon, I just transported myself to a different place creatively and tapped into something I didn't know existed," he said. "We live on five acres and I had always loved rustic style furniture design. I had access to all kinds of logs and material so I kind of started cobbling them together as chairs and tables."

Moroz's backup plan was to use the furniture as firewood if it didn't work. In the end, nothing was burned for heating. But, he did keep his new hobby to himself. Born and raised in Detroit, the Oakland University grad (Bachelor's and Master's), worked in his chosen educational field of counseling for many years before a short detour into the entertainment genre managing comedians, including **Dave Coulier '77**. When at home he would work out his stress by continuing to build furniture for himself and friends. He couldn't hide his talent from his wife, Carolyn.

"About a year and a half ago, my furniture business became my full-time job," Moroz said. "With the encouragement of my wife to bring what I was doing to the public. Because I had been doing this just as a means to manage stress for about 20 years."

About that time he found out about the Rust Belt Market in Ferndale in the old Gap Store site. The massive space became a store front for local artists to sell their wares each weekend. Chris Best and his wife, Tiffany, opened the site three years ago and now have more than 50 artists.

"We took a look at his furniture and decided it was pretty awesome stuff," Best said. "He belonged and his product was really fitting for what we are trying to do."

In July of 2012, Moroz joined the Rust Belt Market. "Immediately, the general public responded extremely well to what I was making. From the day I walked in there I began to get custom orders. It just exploded and it was a real gift to be able to turn this love and this passion into a new business and be able to spend all of my time creating these pieces."

His early pieces were created from reclaimed barn wood. "I loved the character of 200-year old wood. Then I started seeing things that were being thrown away or cast off or that people didn't want and I saw the potential in using those things as furniture parts," he said.

Old doors, pool table legs, a coke crate and more became repurposed and refinished into artistic pieces that also serve as functional furniture. "I just started doing it because that stuff was available," he said. "I've used World War II gas cans as legs to a coffee table. Sometimes I'll get things and think that at some point they'll be useful and I'll hold onto them."

And he strives to put the function into each piece so much that he doesn't want customers using tablecloths or even coasters to cover up the beauty and feel of each piece.

"There's an art into the refinishing process. I use Marine Spar Varnish — what they use on boats. I tell the customers that it is so durable and moisture-resistant that I don't want them to have to use coasters," he said. "If you are paying the money and appreciate this 200-year old barn wood, then you don't want to cover it up with a tablecloth or even a place mat."

Moroz can put up to 20 coats of the special varnish on the wood. "It is very thirsty," He said. The end product may last another 200 years as well.

His work can be found at the Rust Belt Market in Ferndale each weekend at Nine Mile and Woodard (rustbeltmarket.com) and in Romeo at The Frontier Town Arts and Crafts Mall. You can also find him on the internet at: www.davidmorozart.com.



Dave Moroz '76 in his custom furniture workshop.



Frederick '98 Releases Single with His Band ~ The Singles

If you need a rock 'n' roll release, here's the perfect song - Inamorata, a track from Los Angeles-based band The Singles. The duo, which formed in Detroit, pulls from some of the best bands of the 70's to create a glam garage sound all its own.

As drummer Nicky Veltman said, she's quite happy with the T. Rex sound on this track. "We were looking to add a new song to our live show, and Vince had this batch of demos that he gave me for a listen. I remembered hearing Inamorata and thinking it reminded me of T. Rex, and I loved that. It's funny, because several of those demos are now part of our show and part of (the new) record, but I distinctly remember that song as the one that really struck me at the time" she said.

Singer/guitarist **Vince Frederick '98** reveals a little more about their influences. "You can definitely hear some T. Rex and glam in the track. Marc Bolan has been part of our musical influence since we were kids. And in listening to the new record, you'll definitely hear bits from all over the rock 'n' roll spectrum: the Rolling Stones, The Cars, Buzzcocks, Roy Orbison, The Zombies and countless others," said Fredrick. The Singles' new album, *Look How Fast a Heart Can Break*, arrives in April. Learn more at thesingles.us.



The Singles featuring Vince Frederick '98

Vicari '77 Returns Restaurants Back to Andiamo Brand

Goodbye upscale steak house, welcome back Andiamo. Eighteen months after several Andiamo Italia restaurants in suburban Detroit were converted to Italian steak houses, Andiamo founder and CEO **Joe Vicari '77** has decided to return to the menu and title that made the Andiamo Restaurant Company one of the largest and best known eateries in southeastern Michigan.

Beginning in February, the restaurants in Clarkston, Grosse Pointe, Livonia, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights will be known as Andiamo Trattorias, while the other locations in Bloomfield Township, Dearborn and Warren will be called Andiamo, with a return to the company's core dishes.

Vicari on Wednesday said he decided to make the move away from the steak house concept due to customer outrage over its a la carte concept. He said the change was made to keep the business evolving, but company officials soon realized how strong the original brand is.

"The real mistake we made here was not having an inclusive menu with the steak house from the beginning," Vicari said.

"People who came here in the past were used to receiving a side of pasta and a salad or soup. Under the steak house concept, we were charging for those items and our customers were not happy with that."

Andiamo officials in 2013 met with a marketing firm in a move aimed at freshening up the Andiamo brand. The consultants found steak was the top selling item on the menu, so they urged a move in that direction. But the name change to Joe Vicari's Andiamo Italian Steak house and the new a la carte menu did not sit well with the company's customer base.

Later focus groups underscored how the loyal customers wanted their old Andiamo back. "We were surprised at how strong the Andiamo brand is," Vicari said. "The bottom line is, we listened to our customers because they made us what we are."

He estimated the cost of the changeover for signs, advertising and menus will be about \$250,000.



The original Andiamo Italia on 14 Mile Road in Warren.

The move comes as Andiamo celebrates its 25th anniversary. All of the restaurants will have "chef's choice" appetizers and entrees. Each eatery will have about 17 new menu items.

For more information, visit www.andiamoitalia.com 🍷

Nashville Loves Dave Muczinski '90... aka David Shelby

About five years ago, *Dave Muczinski '90*, also known as David Shelby, learned a valuable lesson: If you want to be a country singer, you better get real friendly with Nashville.

So it's no great surprise that after spending a year in Music City during 2009-2010, the Clinton Township native — who actually holds a degree in jazz and contemporary media from Wayne State University — is enjoying some country love these days. "Moonshine," the single from Shelby's album "Rust Belt Country" is getting airplay and getting him noticed.

"It's the farthest I've ever gotten, so it feels great," says Shelby, who splits his time between Nashville and Detroit. "It really seemed to help that I was getting more involved down in Nashville. The move really got the ball rolling; I got a production deal, publishing, and people started listening."

Some of the feedback, however, was surprising. "The overall feeling from industry and label people was they liked (the music), but being that I was a Yankee, as they put it, from Detroit, they wanted to hear more of that kind of sound in my music," Shelby says. "So I came back here and hooked up with a couple writers, and the songs are a little more Detroit rock than Nashville polish. I tried to go for the grittiness of my hometown more."

"And when I took it back down (to Nashville), they said, 'This is something we can work with.'"

Country wasn't Shelby's first musical stop.

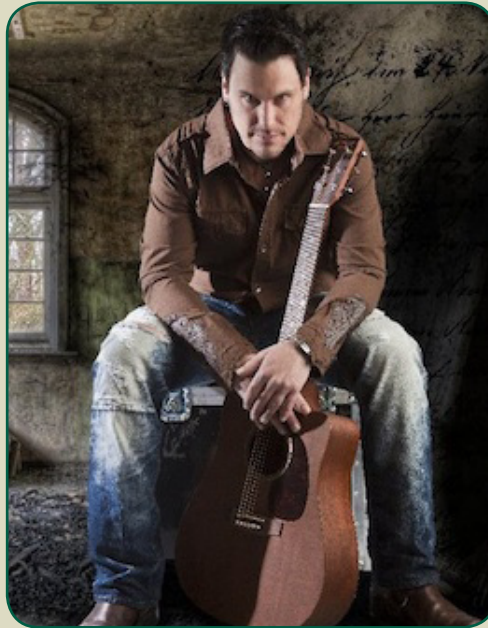
Of Polish and Russian heritage, he first learned accordion, and jazz training on trumpet led to a tenure with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, as well as occasional gigs with Motown artists and other oldies acts, including the Wolfman Jack Fabulous 50's Tour. But country music was always a fascination, and after seeing Garth Brooks at The Palace of Auburn Hills in 2003, he was hooked.

"I guess I just fell into that genre because I've always loved it," Shelby explains. "My parents were big country music fans. It was always on the radio at the house. I always loved the storytelling and the writing."

"Even when I was touring as a trumpet player I would always have a guitar in my room at night, writing song after song. I knew someday I was going to make a push for something greater than just being a sideman, and country wound up being that vehicle."

Shelby plans to continue working "Rust Belt Country" but also get some new material under his belt. He hit the studio to record three new songs in January, and Alabama's Teddy Gentry is among those he's considering to use as producer for future projects.

"We want to make a push towards the big boys, the big charts and the monitored radio panel and all of that," Shelby says. "One thing I've learned is you have to let go of what your expectations are and what you think Nashville wants and just be yourself and let the chips fall where they may." 🍷



Dave Muczinski '90 aka David Shelby

2014 Alumni Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to the Class of 2003 - champions of the 2014 alumni basketball tournament!



Three time champions - the class of 2003.

We Get Questions... or “FAQs”

When and why did the Friends of Notre Dame High School form?

The Friends of Notre Dame High School formed in the spring of 2005 as a vehicle to try to save Notre Dame High School from closing.

Who formed the Friends of Notre Dame High School?

The Friends of Notre Dame High School was formed by a group of dedicated students, parents, teachers, administrators and alumni, in an effort to save Notre Dame High School from being closed.

When and why did the Friends of Notre Dame become the Notre Dame Alumni Association?

The Friends of Notre Dame High School became the Notre Dame Alumni Association in June of 2005. At the time of Notre Dame’s closing, discussions took place between the parent’s club, the administration of ND, the Marist’s and the alumni who were involved in the ‘Save Notre Dame’ effort. It was decided unanimously by all of these parties that an effort needed to be made to keep the Notre Dame family intact. After a few meetings, a vote was taken. That unanimous vote decided that the Friends of Notre Dame should and would become the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

Who decided who would run the Notre Dame Alumni Association?

After it was decided that the Friends of Notre Dame would be transformed into the Notre Dame Alumni Association, a meeting took place to decide the way in which it would be run. Those in attendance at this meeting included members of the parent’s club, members of the administration of ND, a Marist representative, and a handful of alumni who were dedicated to the ‘Save Notre Dame’ effort. Ideas were discussed in ‘round table’ fashion. After a call for nominations was made, a vote was then taken to decide who would lead the Notre Dame Alumni Association. That vote resulted in Jim Mandl ‘90 being elected to run the alumni association along with his father, Jim Mandl ‘66.

Who decided the manner in which the Notre Dame Alumni Association would be run?

After Jim Mandl ‘90 was elected as President of the Friends of Notre Dame High School, he met with members of the

parent’s club, members of the administration of ND, a Marist representative, and a handful of alumni who were dedicated to the ‘Save Notre Dame’ effort. At this meeting, Jim Mandl ‘90 committed to preserve the history and legacy of Notre Dame and to continue the traditions of the Notre Dame Alumni Association indefinitely. He gave his word that he would lead the Notre Dame Alumni Association until he could no longer do it. All parties involved in the meeting agreed to allow Jim Mandl ‘90 to lead the Notre Dame Alumni Association for an indefinite term. At this time, all email addresses and the ND alumni database were turned over to Mandl ‘90.

Why did Notre Dame High School close?

While it is true that declining enrollment, financial problems, and the shifting demographics of the east side Catholic population contributed to ND’s demise, there are other factors that could not be controlled that contributed. The number one additional factor was the desire to see it close by a contingency of Marists, who were no longer involved with Notre Dame.

What’s the story behind the “new Notre Dame?”

There is no “new” Notre Dame. There is a school in Pontiac that opened in 1994, nearly 11 years before Notre Dame closed, with a similar name, similar colors, similar fight song, and similar philosophy as Notre Dame. But, “new?” No. Since late 2007, this school has been trying to convince Notre Dame graduates that they are the new Notre Dame.

Why didn’t Notre Dame close in 1994 when Notre Dame Preparatory opened?

Notre Dame didn’t close in 1994 because that was never the original plan.

What happened with Notre Dame between 1994 and 2005?

In 1994, when the school in Pontiac opened, many of Notre Dame’s long-time and well respected teachers were courted to teach in Pontiac by the founders of that school. While Notre Dame was still a fine educational institution, due to this pilfering of the faculty, within two years, Notre Dame was left a shell of its former self. In 1997, a Marist who ended his involvement with Notre Dame in 1994, approached the Archdiocese of Detroit and asked that Notre Dame be closed. This Marist was reminded that closing

Notre Dame was not a part of the original plan when the AOD allowed the Marists to open a school in Pontiac. Also in 1997, Notre Dame needed funds for desperately needed building and parking lot improvements. When they approached the AOD regarding a loan, a deal was struck to sell the Harper Woods property and building to the AOD. This infusion of cash permitted Notre Dame to renovate and remain open for the foreseeable future. The Marists first began discussing closing Notre Dame in 2000 when they no longer had the financial resources to operate both schools. Debt was accumulating and they could no longer afford to keep Notre Dame and the school in Pontiac open. Although the AOD owned the Harper Woods property, they were not interested in helping to keep Notre Dame afloat financially with additional loans. The AOD, and the Catholic Church in general, were having their own financial difficulties at the time. Then, in 2005, the enrollment of Notre Dame dropped to 295 students and the administration at Notre Dame began working with the alumni and parents on a plan to move Notre Dame to more viable location in Macomb County. On the same day that the alumni and parents were to have their final meeting to finalize the plans to move the school, the AOD announced they would be closing Notre Dame.

Why didn’t the Notre Dame alumni association get moved out to Pontiac in 2005 when Notre Dame closed?

All parties involved in these meetings regarding the Notre Dame Alumni Association, including a Marist representative from Boston, agreed that the Notre Dame High School Alumni Association should function independently and not be merged with the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School.

Why did some memorabilia, uniforms, and equipment from Notre Dame end up at the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School?

In 1997 the Marist’s sold Notre Dame and the property to the Archdiocese of Detroit. Between 2005 and 2007, many Archdiocesan schools were given the opportunity to rummage through Notre Dame once it was closed. A lot of items ended up in catholic grade schools and catholic high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Some items were sent di-

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rectly to the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School because, in 1994, that school was established with similar colors and a similar name as Notre Dame High School. These items could be put to use by this school, so they were sent to Pontiac rather than to a dumpster. We also know that representatives from the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School went through Notre Dame, twice, looking for items they could use after the closing. The Archdiocese of Detroit controlled all of this.

How did the Friends of Notre Dame end up with so much of the memorabilia, uniforms, yearbooks, etc. from Notre Dame?

Prior to the closing, the Friends of Notre Dame was given permission to remove many items from the school. Among them were the letters from the front of the school, the cross from the front of the school, two (2) complete sets of yearbooks, all of the clothing from the school store, ND cookbooks, team uniforms including football jerseys, banners, and other items. Once all other catholic schools, including the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School, had a chance to go through Notre Dame, we went back into Notre Dame to salvage more items on five (5) separate occasions. At this point, everything that was left behind by the other schools was deemed “junk” and was destined for a landfill. We rescued all of the school’s trophies, over 1,000 yearbooks, the Wall of Fame photos, class photos from the library, and various other items.

What’s the connection between Notre Dame alumni and Notre Dame Preparatory?

After seeing how successfully the Notre Dame alumni association was functioning as an independent entity, in 2007, a representative from that school attended our annual basketball tournament and announced to the participants that Notre Dame Preparatory was going to be the new home of the Notre Dame alumni. A small percentage of Notre Dame alumni identified with and chose to make the school in Pontiac their new home. However, for the overwhelming majority of Notre Dame alumni, there is no connection or feeling of connection to the school in Pontiac at all.

How did the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School get my e-mail address / mailing address?

They did not get them from us. There are two possible ways that we can hypothesize how they acquired your contact information. 1) In 2009, we did the Notre Dame High School alumni directory project. They may have gone through a copy of that directory and recreated the ND alumni database or 2) The Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School hired a few people who were on staff at ND when it closed. At least one of these people is known to have had a copy of the ND alumni database. It is possible that this person turned the ND alumni database over to the administration at the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School.

Why won’t the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory school leave me alone?

They will. All you have to do is ask them and they will remove you from their records.

Why haven’t you attempted to work with the Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory school?

Since 2005, we have successfully functioned without the involvement of a school. We don’t see any beneficial reason to work with them now or in the future.

Who designed, created, and maintains the Friends of Notre Dame Website?

The Friends of Notre Dame Website was created by Ricky Winowiecki ’04 and Randy Walters ’05 with input from Jim Mandl ’90 and other alumni. It is administered primarily by Randy Walters ’05 and Jim Mandl ’90.

How long do you (Jim Mandl ’90) plan to preside over the Friends of Notre Dame?

Jim Mandl’s ’90 original plan was to preside over the Friends of Notre Dame for a period of five (5) years. At that time he was going to reflect and decide to either step down or recommit to presiding over the Notre Dame Alumni Association. At the five (5) year mark, Jim Mandl ’90 decided to commit to presiding over the Notre Dame Alumni Association indefinitely. Jim Mandl ’90 is committed to preserving the history and legacy of Notre Dame and to continuing the traditions of the Notre Dame Alumni Association indefinitely.

Are there costs involved in running the Notre Dame Alumni Association? If so, what are they?

Yes. As with any organization, it does take money in order to function. A list of items we pay for each year is as follows: Our website, our website hosting our email program, our on-line store, paypal fees, office supplies, memorabilia storage, postage, shipping supplies, and mileage.

What do you do with the funds that are generated via donations, events, and sales from items in the on-line store?

First, the Friends of Notre Dame is a not-for-profit 501c7 organization. We do not seek to personally profit in any way, shape, or form in presiding over the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Regarding money, from day one, we committed to the following philosophy: never ask the alumni for a penny unless we are giving them something of value in return. We continue to live by that philosophy. Second, each year, we seek out worthy causes and donate funds. Whether it be a charity, a scholarship, an athletic team, or directly to someone in need, after we cover our expenses, left-over monies are always donated. Since 2005, we have been able to donate well over \$5,000 to various causes.

What services do you provide to ND alumni?

Some of the services we provide:

- Reunion planning support
- Four to seven issues of The Leprechaun annually
- Monthly e-mail newsletters
- An open invitation to participate in events including:
 - Alumni basketball tournament
 - Golf outing
 - Alumni database management
 - Yearbook archive and storage
 - Alumni web site administration
 - ND Facebook administration
 - ND memorabilia archive & storage

What do you expect of the ND alumni ?

We don’t *expect* anything. However, it is our hope that ND alumni will speak positively about the Friends of Notre Dame, take pride in our accomplishments since 2005, keep your contact information up-to-date and support our motto of *Keeping the spirit of the Fightin’ Irish alive since 2005!*

Weight '89 Inducted Into USA Hall Of Fame

Doug Weight '89 recalled his father putting him on skates at the age of 2 because he could barely walk due to a childhood condition that relegated him to wearing braces on his legs. "He started putting me on the ice to strengthen them at the suggestion from a doctor," he said.

Weight said it wasn't a pretty sight at the rink in St. Clair Shores. "I looked like Forrest Gump," he joked. Four decades later, Weight was inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Stanley Cup champion, three-time Olympian and four-time NHL All-Star was inducted Monday night at the Motor City Casino — in the city where he grew up. "It's ironic," the Detroiter said. "Pretty special."

Weight was honored along with former teammate Bill Guerin, a two-time Stanley Cup champion, three-time Olympian and four-time All-Star.

"It's very special, three different NHL teams and nine teams in all," Weight said about the number of times he teamed up with Guerin. "It's a pretty incredible run together. "It's icing on the cake to go in with Billy."

Weight and Guerin's wives and children have become friends over the years, going on vacations together and sharing holidays as families. "It couldn't have worked out any better," Guerin said.

Weight had a long and successful NHL career that spanned 19 seasons and took him to six different teams in 1,238 career games. He had the best years of his career in Edmonton, posting a career-high 104 points in 1995-96 with the Oilers. In total he finished with 1,033 points throughout his career with 278 goals and 755 assists. He finished his career with the Islanders, wearing the captain's C on his chest. Weight won a Stanley Cup in his career in 2005-06 with the Canes and represented the USA numerous times, including three times in the Olympics. He is now an assistant coach for the New York Islanders.

Carolina Hurricanes owner Peter Karmanos, former college coach Ron Mason and Cindy Curley, one of the pioneers in women's hockey, also were inducted.

USA Today Hockey Writer Kevin Allen was also given the Lester Patrick Trophy for outstanding service to hockey in the U.S. at the event.

Weight and Guerin began their friendship before they were in the NHL and grew closer while playing together for the Edmonton Oilers, St. Louis Blues and New York Islanders. They also teamed up to play for their country on more than once occasion, including the 2002 Winter Olympics when they helped the Americans take the silver medal.

Guerin hoisted Cups in 1995 with the New Jersey Devils and in 2009 with the Pittsburgh Penguins. The native of Massachusetts had 429 and 856 points in his career that started during the same season as Weight and ended one year earlier. Guerin is a player development coach for the Penguins.

Karmanos fell in love with hockey when his children began playing the sport, but laments that a lot of kids can't afford to play the game. He said ice cost about \$40 an hour when his children were growing up and now costs \$300 for the same period of time. Sticks and skates, he said, also are much more expensive.

"One of the things that holds us back as a sport is it costs too much," Karmanos said. "We're pricing a lot of people out of the game." Mason led Michigan State and Lake Superior State to national titles and also coached at Bowling Green. He also was an athletic director for the Spartans.

"This isn't something you dream about," he said. "If you've put a lot of years in, like I did, as a player and a coach and of course AD, it's nice to be rewarded at the end of it."

Curley had a record 23 points in the International Ice Hockey Federation's first world championship for women in 1990. 🏒



Doug Weight '89 (4th from left)

Notre Dame Alumni Association On-Line Store

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Verska '63 Helps Little Known QB Land Scholarship to Rutgers

Coach **Paul Verska '63** is baffled by an element of recruiting that has become more common in the past few years. Last year, Verska had one of the best quarterbacks in the Midwest, maybe the country, in Shane Morris, who is now at Michigan. His backup was Giovanni Rescigno, and Rescigno played well when Morris was out with mononucleosis.

His first start was against Detroit Catholic Central. Rescigno threw for 260 yards and rushed for 130 and DeLaSalle lost, 31-30. But few outside the DeLaSalle community viewed Rescigno's play at quarterback seriously. He had been a receiver, and a good one. But despite his solid play and his size -- Rescigno was 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds at this time -- recruiters stayed away.

Rescigno also played basketball, and because of this, didn't attend any football camps where recruits often get noticed. "Recruiting is making kids one-sport athletes," Verska said. "How can you make those four-star camps when you're playing other sports? Gio quit basketball this season so he could get bigger and stronger for football. Everyone wants you. They want you to come to their camps. The pressure keeps mounting."

Rescigno started all 10 games this past season and led DeLaSalle to the Division 1 playoffs. Statistically he had a good season, throwing for more than 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns, and rushing for 488 and four TD. Certainly those are not eye-popping numbers, but watching DeLaSalle play, Rescigno's ability and value to his team was clear.

In DeLaSalle's 26-24 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice, which would go on to win the Division 2 title, some who saw that game said Rescigno was the best player on the field. But the only schools that recruited Rescigno hard were Saginaw Valley State and Wayne State. Most of the Division I schools were silent. Some that did take notice offered Rescigno preferred walk-on status.

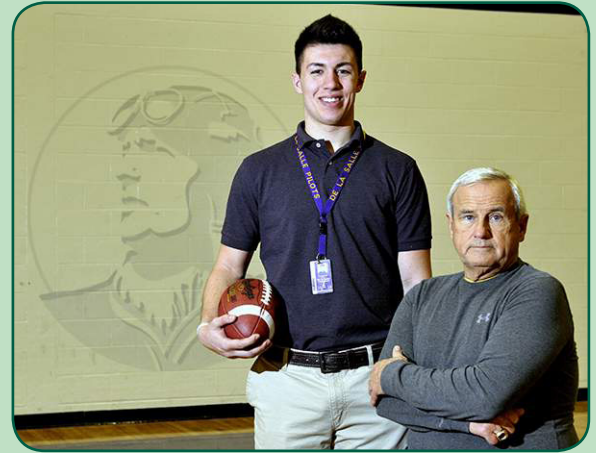
Frustration began to take a toll on Rescigno. He kept asking himself, "What do I have to do? What film do coaches have to see for them to take notice?"

Verska kept sending film to schools and his persistence finally paid off - he caught a break with Rutgers. Rutgers assistant coach Sam Williams made a home visit and that set the ball rolling for Rescigno. Rutgers offered an official visit. On Jan. 25, Rescigno and his parents flew to New Jersey. But the deal wasn't done yet. There was some competition for that scholarship.

"They brought in another quarterback," Rescigno said. "There was definitely some pressure. I was lucky. I didn't even work out for them. The coaches watched film of me before I got there. And some of the staff didn't even know about me."

Rutgers offered Rescigno a scholarship and he quickly accepted.

Rescigno can thank Verska for never giving up on a player he's certain will make it at the next level. "Ben Roethlisberger only played one year at quarterback in high school," Verska said. "Gio's just like him. He's 6-4 and 239 pounds now; he's a good athlete. I've had a number of coaches come and tell me now they recruited the wrong guy." 🐾



Rescigno and coach Paul Verska '63

Wujek Hosts Fundraising Event

Former Notre Dame student and Celebrity stylist **Johnny Wujek**, originally from St. Clair Shores, hosted a fundraiser event at Tender in Birmingham on Thursday, April 4 — all for a good cause.

According to the Internet Movie Data Base IMDb, he has styled celebrities such as Katy Perry and has been featured on America's Next Top Model. "I'm doing a little cameo at the store, where shoppers can come in (and get styling tips)," Wujek said.

The fundraiser benefited the Ruth Ellis Center in Highland Park, a youth social services agency that serves the needs of runaway, homeless and at-risk youth.

"Ten-percent of proceeds from the sales benefit the charity," Wujek said.

The event was filmed by Wujek's production crew for his digital series "S.O.S. Stylist on Set." In the series, Wujek helps people find their fashion voice through encouragement and positive thinking. "I do these (events) in LA and New York to just build awareness about different things I'm passionate about," he said. "I've been wanting to get involved with things in Detroit ... It's good to be home and I'm just excited to be here." 🐾



Johnny Wujek and Katy Perry

40 Wall of Fame Photos Still in Our Storage Facility

We have been storing the wall of fame photos in our storage facility for the past nine years. We have distributed over 100 of them, but still have 40 left. We would like to get them to you. If you see your name listed below, please contact us to make arrangements to get your wall of fame photo. We can deliver them if you are close to Sterling Heights, MI or we can ship them. Shipping cost is \$9.

Email jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com

ND GRAD	YOG	CONDITION
Don Kolke	1958	Good
Joe Przybycki	1964	Good
Mike Boccia	1965	Fair
Brett Nowak	1965	Good
Chris Hacias	1965	Fair
John Kraft	1965	Good
Rick Wenner	1967	Good
Marty Hacias	1969	Good
Tim Flannery	1973	No Frame
Kevin Flannery	1975	No Frame
Brian Monfils	1975	No Frame
Tom Bentley	1975	Good
Jim Romeo	1975	Good
Tom Gadawski	1976	Good
Marco Caporuccio	1978	Good
Garry Bass	1980	Fair
Kevin Patterson	1980	Good
Craig Mitchell	1981	Good
Jim Forsgren	1981	Good
Walt Dixon	1981	Good
Chris Gust	1982	Fair
Andy Nanasi	1983	Good
Greg Placidi	1983	Good
Jim Zazula	1984	Good
Paul Seibert	1986	Good
Joe Trombley	1987	Good
Eric Taylor	1989	Good
DezJuan Reynolds	1990	Good
Matt Ziolkowski	1990	Good
Mark Staples, Jr.	1991	Good
Steve Jansen	1992	Good
Pat Brandimore, Jr.	1993	Good
Anthony Vitale	1994	Good
Preston Brandimore	1995	Poor
Phil Ruggerio	1995	Good
Jason Stuecher	1996	Good
Jason Selleke	1996	Good
Jason Stoicevich	1997	Good
James Fields II	2001	Good
Adam Fujuita	2001	Good

Koch '75 Inducted Into Candy Hall of Fame

On March 26, 1957, in Detroit, **Michael L. Koch '75** was born to Margaret and Harold.

In 1973, Mike responded to a newspaper advertisement for a part-time Post-Production Cleaner at Morley Candy Makers in East Detroit. After graduation, he returned to the company as an Intern candy maker, and after completing the RCI's Gus Pulakos International Candy School at Gannon University in 1980, he became Morley's head candy maker. He held that position for the next 15 years.

Mike also has served Morley as its Maintenance Supervisor, Quality Control Director, Warehouse Manager, Director of R&D and Vice-President of Manufacturing. In 2008, he became part Owner of the company. Under his leadership, the company became ISO certified and SQF Level 2 certified -- Mike holds a HACCP Manager certification from NSF International.

He was the company's Employee of the Year in 1995, and in 2012, he was recognized by the RCI with its President's Award.

Mike met Ann Marie Sadlowski, who worked at Morley's, and they married in 1979. Together they raised Sara, Michael Jr. and Matthew.



Mike Koch '75

He serves on the Boards of Directors of the RCI and the NCA, is a past president of the RCI, a member of the AACT and has been a frequent speaker at RCI and AACT conferences.

For more than 15 years, Mike has been a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, earning the Spark Plug Award from the Boy Scouts of America for his efforts. He also coaches Little League, chairs the Saint Clair Shores, MI, Goodfellows and the local American Cancer Society Relay for Life and is active in the advocacy program ACS Can. He has volunteered with the Lake Shore Public Schools for more than 25 years, serving on the superintendent's advisory committee and as president of the athletic boosters.

"It's important for people to get involved," Mike said. "We strengthen the industry when we work together for its betterment." 🐾

Jim Mandl '66 Memorial Scholarship Award

The Jim Mandl '66 Memorial Scholarship Award was established in 2013 by the Friends of Notre Dame High School, Inc. It is dedicated to the memory of Jim Mandl '66, who dedicated countless years of service to the men of Notre Dame. Jim Mandl '66 was one of only six men of Notre Dame to receive the prestigious Emerald Award for service to the school.

The Jim Mandl '66 Memorial Scholarship Award was established for the sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters of graduates of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Michigan, who wish to attend a catholic school. He passed away June 2, 2013 at the age of 65.

Criteria:

1. Student **must** be the son, daughter, grandson, and granddaughter of a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, Michigan. (This will be verified).
2. Student **must** be currently enrolled in a Catholic school or **must** already be accepted to attend a Catholic school.
3. The Catholic school **does not** have to be within the state of Michigan.
4. The Jim Mandl '66 Memorial Scholarship Award **will not** be based on financial need.
5. **All** required aspects of the application **must** be included in order to be considered.
6. Application **must** be received by the deadline in order to be considered.
7. Award will be a minimum of \$100. Funds will be generated from donations and Notre Dame High School Alumni Events.
8. Checks **will not** be issued directly to the student or family. Checks will be issued to the Catholic school in the student's name.

Application Deadline:

All submissions must be scanned and sent electronically via email to Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com. The completed application and all accompanying material must be received on or before June 14, 2014 at 11:59pm.



Jim Mand '66 Memorial Scholarship Award Application

A valid, complete application form should include the following:

- Completed application form (Below, with no blanks left unfilled)
- Completed typed essay (No more than 3,000 characters)
- Completed hand written rough draft of the essay.
- One 4" x 6" color photograph of the applicant

General Information

Applicant First Name: _____ Applicant Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to NDHS Graduate _____ Graduation Year from NDHS _____

School Award Check Will Be Sent To: _____

Address of School: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Signatures

By signing this form, I confirm the following:

1. I confirm that the accompanying essay is my own work.
2. I confirm that the information listed above is accurate and truthful.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Name Printed: _____

Jim Mand '66 Memorial Scholarship Award Application

The Essay

Topic: Why I want to attend a Catholic school.

(If you already attend a Catholic school, write about what it means to you and some of your experiences in school.)

Please Type Essay Below. Limited to 3,000 characters including spaces.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1959 - 55 Years

A 55-Year reunion planning committee is forming. The event will take place in 2014. Volunteers are needed to work with the committee.

Please contact **Ron Kolito '59** at kolito@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1974 - 40 Years

Reunion planning committee is forming for a 2014 reunion event. Volunteers needed to join the committee. Please contact Carlo Vitale at carlo.vitale@comcast.net.

Class of 1964 - 50 Years

A 50-year reunion planning committee is forming. Volunteers are needed.

Please contact **Paul Perse '64** at pperse@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping.

Class of 1978 - 35 Years

Reunion is in the early planning stages.

Contact: **Ron Yanik '78** at ronald0812@aol.com

Class of 1984 - 30 Years

Reunion for 2014 is in the early planning stages.

Reunion committee contacts:

Todd Grzelewski: tsg663@aol.com

Paul Gaynor: prgaynor05@yahoo.com

Andy Guest: aguest@ndpma.org

Class of 1965 - 50 Years

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

Reunion Committee:

Dennis Berger '65

dennisaberger@aol.com

(909) 223-4483

Class of 1986

Will be planning a 30-year reunion for 2016.

Reunion Committee:

John Kaminski '86 jkaminski1700@yahoo.com

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Dan O'Brien '86 (248) 840-8391

dobrien734@comcast.net

Paul Arnone '86 paul.c.arnone@gm.com

Stephen Schultz '86 stephen2000_fl@yahoo.com

Jonathan Zaidan '86 jkmzc@sbcglobal.net

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 '73 at (586) 295-9375 or taxmanfj@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989 - 25 Years

Reunion is planned for May 17, 2014, at Park Bar in Detroit. Please contact Greg Simon to receive an invitation: gsimon@ndpma.org or 248-373-2171, ext. 5.

Volunteers are needed for reunion planning for the following classes:

Class of 1958, 55-year

Class of 1988, 25-year

Class of 1999, 15-year

Class of 1968, 45-year

Class of 1994, 20-year

Class of 2003, 10-year

Class of 1969, 45-year

Class of 1998, 15-year

Class of 2004, 10-year

Class of 1979, 35-year

Please contact Jim Mandl '90 to get the process started.

jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com



In Memoriam

Michael Zalewski - Class of 1992

Aug. 30, 1974 - Nov. 18, 2013, 39, died with his wife by his side at the University of Michigan Health System on November 18, 2013, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Mike was born in Detroit on August 30, 1974, to Michaeline (Mickey) and Thomas Zalewski. On July 28, 2001, he married Melanie Kleyps at Sacred Heart Church in Mount Pleasant. In 1992, he graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, then attended Oakland University from 1992 to 1995 and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1997. He worked as a planning/zoning administrator for Isabella County for nine years. Mike was an avid sports fan who loved to watch CMU football, along with the Detroit Lions, Red Wings, and Tigers. He enjoyed golfing, tailgating with friends, and wrangling their two cats, Barley and Lily. Mike also liked working on projects around the house and was actively creating a list of things he was looking forward to doing once he returned home. He was preceded in death by his father in 2012. He is survived by his wife, Melanie; his mother, Michaeline; his brother, David; sister, Kelly (Michael) Boyce; his nieces and nephews, Henry, Hannah, Hayley, Owen, and Charlie; and family and friends. Donations in Mike's honor may be made to The V Foundation for Cancer Research, www.jimmyv.org the organization inspired by basketball coach Jim Valvano. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the church or through www.rowleyfuneralhome.com "Honoring Traditions, Respecting Change"



Charles Marinelli - Class of 1968

Age 63, passed away December 12, 2013. Beloved husband of Rozann for 40 years. Loving father of Amanda (Nick) Cavacini and Danielle (Marco) Improta. Proud grandfather of Dominic, Gianna, and Antonella. Brother of Gigi (Andy) Bader, Liz (Ermanno) Lazzari and the late Vince Marinelli. Dear son of Josephine and the late Louis Marinelli. Son-in-law of Marino and the late Doris Terenzi. Brother-in-law of Dave (Penny) Terenzi and Mike (Heidi) Terenzi. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Member of Bariscianotti Club, past president of IACC, Board of trustee member of Beaumont Hospital, Macomb Dental Association and Warren Lions Club.



Tim McEvoy - Class of 1964

Age 67, of Algonac, passed away on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center-Battle Creek. He was the son of John & Margaret (Freeman) McEvoy. He was born on August 30, 1946 in Detroit. Brother of Thomas McEvoy '59 and Charles McEvoy '62.

Norbert E. Nowicki - Class of 1959

Passed away October 14, 2013. Brother of Robert Nowicki '67, Brother-in-law of Ronald Steffens '60, and uncle of Ronald Stephens '95.

Michael Foley - Class of 1958

Passed away on February 24, 2014 at the Age of 73. Graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1958, and Ferris State University in 1965. Member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Owner and operator of Friar Tuck's Diet Delite restaurants from 1975 to 1990. He is survived by his wife, two sons, four grandsons, five brothers, and three sisters. Family suggests memorial tributes to curesearch.org.



Lindsay Kachel - Class of 1978

Born on June 15, 1960 and passed away on Monday, December 23, 2013. Lindsay was a resident of Harrison Township, Michigan. Brother of Allan Kachel '72, David Kachel '75.

Robert Orrico - Class of 1974

Age 57, passed away December 16, 2013. Loving son of Mary and the late Robert. Dear brother of Frank '76, Kathleen, and Michael '81. Proud uncle of Isabelle, Elizabeth, and Laura Orrico. Graduate of Notre Dame High School. Received degrees from EMU and University of Detroit with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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