

# Tidings

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## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion News!

**Friday, September 18, 2020** is the date selected and the Steel Club has been booked for the banquet event! So now we are looking at activities to coincide with Becahi sporting activities for the fall of 2020. Ideally, we would like to include a home football game with a tented reception area and an event at the school to complement the buffet dinner with cash bar at the Steel Club on that Friday evening. This would enable classmates to pick and choose based on their schedule and budget, provide more than one event to mix and mingle, and give the out-of-towners more bang for their buck! We want to include as many grads as possible, so we are searching for around 60 classmates who've we been unable to locate by e-mail so far. We have a "search party" out looking to reconnect. (A list is posted at the end of this newsletter.)

Good news. I'm told by the Advancement Office that **we will most likely be invited to attend the June 2020 Baccalaureate mass as 50-Year Graduates**...more on that in a later newsletter.

Stay tuned for more.... The committee members are Lisa DeAngelis Hummell, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Bernie Gallagher, Anne Gerber, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tina Hudak, George Kane, Greg Ortwein, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Betsy Vreeland Lavelle, Mary Jane Bartos Sikonic, Debbie Weiss Perrett and me. Betsy Horvath Kane is leading the effort. Her number is 412-400-0240 or [elizabeth.j.kane@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.j.kane@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

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### Please Remember:

**Patty McGouldrick Donczec's dad and Greg Ortwein's sister who passed away recently.**

**Francis McGouldrick '48**, was the father of **Fran '69, Patty, Tom '72, Tim '74** and **Michelle '75**, and passed away on 3/30/19

**Patty Ortwein Donchez '75**, the wife of Joe, the mother of Trisha and Byron, and the sister of **Greg**, passed away on 4/27/19.

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### This month I heard from...

... **Fred and Ursula (Majczan) Augello '55, Nancy Fistner Verbonitz '59, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Al Ortwein '61, Paul Vasko '63, Yogi Eddinger '67, Pat Bellew Kottke '69, Fran Farris '69, Mary Ann May Hart '69, Sue McCandless Pfeil '69,**

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**Karen Cauley '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Angel Rivera '71, Georgine Sabolick Fontaine-Sago '72, Mary Frances Szulborski Leahy '72, Mike Shupp '77, Juan San Miguel '78, Joe Vargo '80, Christine Tanzosh Tiano '81 and Debbie DeSanto '85**

From our class, I either saw or heard from **Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Joe Armatruda, Mike Audet, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dan Brady, Rick Cassidy, Dave Cech, Lisa, Ed Delluva, Kathy Demyan Czap, Bill Doncsecz, Jim Fink, Bernie Gallagher, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Anne Gerber, Paul Grube, Trish Holly Zechman, George and Betsy (Horvath) Kane, Tina Hudak, Jeff Jennings, Rick Jordan, Mike Lynch, Pat O'Connor Altier, Greg Ortwein, Sue Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Josephine, Linda Talbot Keefe, Betsy Vreeland Lavelle and Sue Willey.**

**Rick Cassidy** gets the award (a holy card) for reading the newsletter from the greatest distance...Hong Kong, and **Juan San Miguel '78** receives the award (and warm wishes) for reading the newsletter from the greatest distance (within North America), Anchorage, Alaska. (BTW, Rick was just in Hong Kong on work-related activities.)

Thanks for your messages...they keep me motivated!

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## **I read that:**

Mike Grasso (**Kathy Ripper's hubby**) has surpassed over 1,500 high school games coached at Beca! (Game 1,500: Beca's baseball team beats Pocono Mountain West, 11-10 on 4/11/2019). Mike began coaching at Beca 44 years ago and includes 32 years as baseball coach, 21 years in soccer, along with girls' basketball and football. But probably the most enduring achievement he's attained is a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Congratulations, Mike!

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## **Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the members of the Class of 1967**

A "Class of 1967 Turns "70" Get-Together" will be held **October 5, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. Four persons have signed up so far. More details to follow...Anyone have any? You know, like where?

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## 60 Years of Wedded Bliss!!!

A reliable source told me that several members from the **Class of 1955** have or will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year. Congratulations to:

- ♥ **Fred Augello '55** and **Ursula Majczan Augello '55** of Dunwoody, Ga.
- ♥ **Bill Pcihoda '55** and **Pat Ryan Pcihoda '57** of Bethlehem
- ♥ **Jody Silvester '55** and Helen Johnson Silvester of Bethlehem
- ♥ **Joe Sterlein '55** and **Joanne Vanic Sterlein '56** of Windsor, Ct.

*“Our never-ending prayers of thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their persistence and mostly patience. We all survived to raise our families with the standards and life skills we were taught.” – Fred and Ursula '55*

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## To the Class of '59 – Save the Date!!!!

Come celebrate the 60th reunion with our Becahi classmates at a luncheon at the Steel Club in Hellertown, Pa. on Friday, October 4, 2019 from 1 to 4 pm. We will be sending a mailing out to all classmates sometime in June with more details.

**In the meantime**, six members from the **Class of 1959** are enjoying the 2nd Annual Alumni Cruise and are now sailing to Bermuda, returning Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. **Anita Bianco Rothrock, Kathleen Bowe Borner, Maryann Edwards Moyer, Regina Fenerty Escott, Nan Schweisgut Washo** and **Joan Willey Thirion** will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> a little earlier than everyone else.  
Bon voyage!

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## Parishes of the Seventies...

Over the last couple of months, we looked at the parishes in the 50s and 60s. Let's see what parishes we came from in the Seventies.

I have the names of 2,266 scholars who were listed as seniors in the 1970s. Here's the data and information that I found in the yearbooks:

- 2,247 seniors came from 28 parishes;
- 19 (<1%) seniors did not have a parish reference

The 28 parishes and the number of seniors from the Seventies were:

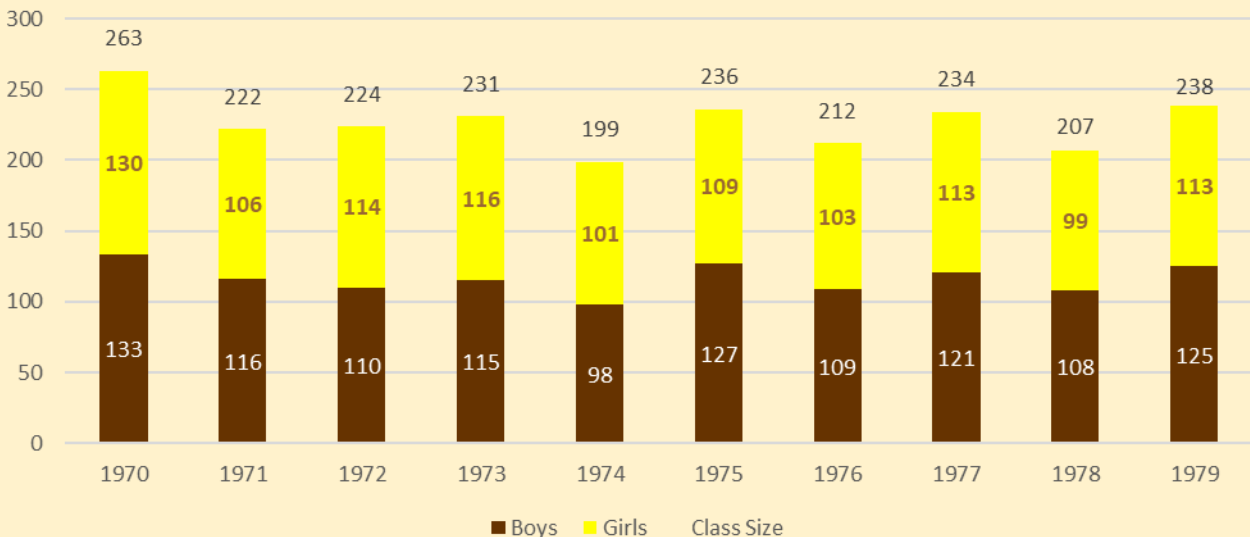
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Parish	Grads		Grads	Parish
Notre Dame	471		19	Our Lady of Pompeii
St. Anne	386		16	St. Stanislaus
SS. Simon and Jude	306		5	St. John the Baptist
St. Ursula	271		4	SS. Peter and Paul
Holy Ghost	139		3	St. Elizabeth
SS. Cyril and Methodius	135		3	St. Paul
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	108		2	Immaculate Conception
Holy Infancy	85		2	St. Francis of Assisi
St. Joseph	73		2	St. Isidore
St. John Capistrano	67		2	St. Josaphat
St. Theresa	45		1	Holy Family
Assumption B.V.M.	43		1	Our Lady Help of Christians
Holy Rosary	35		1	Our Lady of Hungary
Sacred Heart	21		1	St. Peter

## The Population Demographic Shift in the Seventies...more boys than girls

Of the 2,332 seniors from the 50s and 60s, a little over 62% (1,455) were girls. The 1970s changed that dynamic as a little over 51% (1,162) were boys! Our **Class, 1970**, was the first class since 1950 to have more boys than girls 133-130. Here's a graphic illustration of the decade:



By the way, the most popular boys' first names of the 70s were Michael (85), John (84) and Joseph and Thomas with 73 each. The top 3 most popular girls' first names were Mary (107), Kathleen (54) and Patricia (49).

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## Bernie Gallagher, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament 40 Years and Counting

July 29<sup>th</sup> of this year will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a Becahi summer tradition. Over 100 golfers will scramble off the tees to whack that little white ball, laugh and reminisce about the “good old days.” I asked Bernie (Jr.) to send me a blurb about the tournament and about the man it honors. Here’s part of what he wrote.

*Dear John,*

*Just want to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the 40th Anniversary of the Bernard J. Gallagher Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fund.*

*40 years ago, my family was devastated by the unexpected loss of our dad. The kindness, generosity, and support we received from Trinity Council 313 Knights of Columbus and the Bethlehem Catholic High School community was truly incredible and greatly appreciated by my entire family at such a difficult time in our lives.*

*Our mother, Margaret “Peg” Gallagher, found herself in a very difficult situation. Being a 52-year-old widow, a stay at home mom which was pretty normal back then, and 6 children to watch over.*

*At the time I had (2) siblings in grade school, (1) at Becahi, (1) in college and my brother Jim and I in the working world. Financially, it was very difficult time in our lives.*

*Bethlehem Catholic came to the rescue offering our mom a full-time position in the main office and she stayed there for many years until her retirement. What a blessing, because of the lifelong friendships she made with staff, administration, teachers, and students, during those years, especially her great friend, Bernie Stanz.*

*Within weeks of my dad’s passing, I was approached by Mr. Ed Lewis (**Nancy Jean’s ‘70 Dad**) from the Knights of Columbus. He informed me they wanted to name their golf tournament after my dad and wanted to establish a scholarship fund at BCHS to keep his memory alive. He asked if my siblings and I would run the tournament. We were honored to have an opportunity to keep our dad’s memory alive and here we are 40 years later still running the golf tournament, still giving an annual scholarship at BCHS and still making small donations to numerous other local charities.*

*John, my dad was truly an incredible man. He was a loving husband, a caring father and a great friend to many. He left BCHS during his junior year to fight in WWII and later the Korean Conflict. He was a 4th Degree Knight at Trinity Council and an active member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church. He was active in the BCHS Booster Club and for years could be found collecting tickets at BCHS football games. His 6 children all graduated from BCHS. **Jim ‘67** (deceased 1998), **Bernie Jr. ‘70**, **Bob ‘73**, **Mike ‘80**, **Kate ‘83**, and **Pat ‘84**.*

*Bethlehem Catholic High School alumni have been well represented over all these years at our tournament. Many are golfers, prize donators, and sponsors, which is critical in having a successful tournament.*

*Just a few Becahi related facts over the years.*

- *Our classmate, the late **Rick Kearney ‘70**, was the first champion.*
- ***Bernie Brown ‘81**, was the first recipient of our scholarship, and the scholarship recipients that followed Browne are some of the most amazing young men and women to ever walk the halls of BCHS.*
- ***Matt Sullivan ‘03 (Gerry’s ‘70 Son)** is the only scholarship recipient to come back and win the golf tournament.*
- *Mr. Jack Eckenrode (**Jack ‘70 Dad**) started a tradition 40 years ago with opening our awards banquet singing my dad’s favorite song, Danny Boy. Jack did this for 30 years until his passing and my brother Bob, has continued that tradition every year since.*

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- *Probably the most impressive BCHS fact is the Lawler Family, **Mike '68**, has had 4 generations of family members play in this tournament starting with Mike's dad who was a good friend of my dad and now includes Mike's sons and grandchildren.*
- *The Lawler and Eckenrode families have supported us from day one.*
- *Jack Cauley (**Karen's '71 Dad**) was a great friend of my dad's and had played in the 1st tournament, and at 88 years young still comes up from Florida to play. Our Ironman Award was established to Honor Jack for his support and dedication to our event and is awarded annually to a player with 25 years of participation.*

*In 2010 BCHS awarded me with the Fides et Scientia Award, an award I am incredibly proud of and will cherish forever.*

***This year's tournament will be held July 27, 2019 at Iron Lakes Country Club.***

*The entire Gallagher Family is so very appreciative of the support we have received over these past 4 decades in keeping our dad's memory alive.*

*My siblings and I haven't become great golfers over all these years so we didn't do all this for the love of the game, but I can assure you we did all this for the love of our dad.*

*On July 27th I know he will be proudly watching over all of us. - Bernie*

The 39 Scholarship Recipients to date have attended 20 different undergraduate institutions of higher education and some of them are featured in this newsletter.

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## **I also read that:**

**Phil Vooz '66**, who lives in Grass Valley, CA, is a self-taught artist. *"My earliest creative outlet, like many young people, was music. Over the years, I have also explored pen and ink, watercolors and photography. Recently retired, I have had more time to explore digital art."* He joined Fine Art America on August 24th, 2010.

**Tim Dutcher-Walls '69**, was appointed Vicar at St. David's Anglican Church, in beautiful Tsawwassen, a suburban, mostly residential community located on a peninsula in the southwestern corner of the City of Delta in British Columbia, Canada.

**Mark Bacak '71**, who received a BA in Government & Russian from Lehigh University and an MS in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh, works for the Social Security Administration.

**Kathy Magyar-Lutte '71**, Advanced Ballet Instructor at Willow Park Dance Academy in Bethlehem, began her dance training at the Marjorie B. Fink School of Ballet and continued to study with ballet master, Alexi Ramov. She became a member of the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley's Performing Company. Kathy received a BA in Dance from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia.



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**Dave Breiner '76**, who received a BA in Philosophy from Moravian College, an MS in Social Work from Marywood University, was ordained a priest in 1988. The Very Reverend David now serves as Vicar for Liturgy - Old Catholic Apostolic Church of the Americas, and is the Associate Pastor of the Cathedral Parish of St. Jude in Bethlehem.

**Mike Shupp '77**, who spent 27 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, earned a BA in History from the Virginia Military Institute and Master's Degrees in Business Management from Webster University and in Military Studies from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. He graduated from the School of Advanced Warfighting and numerous other military specialty schools. He was named an honorary graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 1989 for his dedicated service as a Company Officer in the Brigade of Midshipmen.

**Frances Feigl, MD '78**, the **Valedictorian** of her class, and who received an AB from Harvard College-Radcliffe College and an MD in Psychiatry from Thomas Jefferson University, is a child & adolescent psychiatry specialist in Somerdale, NJ.

**Bernie Brown '81**, was the first winner of the Bernie Gallagher Scholarship. A Becahi Alumni "Distinguished Graduate", Bernie earned his BS in Economics and was enshrined in the Wrestling Hall of Fame at Lehigh University. Bernie is the owner of B.F. Brown & Co. Inc., and he and his wife Melissa have seven children: **Amanda '04**, **Kelly '10**; **Bernard '12**; **Bryan '13**, **Alyssa '15**; **Brent '20** and **Kyleigh '21**.

**Chuck Bruno '81**, who received a BS in Finance from Villanova University and a JD from the Delaware Law School of Widener University, is a founding member of Pfeiffer Bruno, an established personal injury law firm located in Easton.

**Patrick Chiles, MD '81**, who received a BS in Chemistry, Biochemistry from the University of Scranton and an MD from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, is board-certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery and practices at Syracuse ENT Surgeons in upstate NY.

**M. Scott Hemphill '81**, who received his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest University, is Vice President and General Counsel for Afilias Ltd., known for specialized technology that makes Internet addresses more accessible and useful through a wide range of applications, including Internet domain registry services, Managed DNS and award-winning mobile Web services.

**Catherine Kaminski Barbella '81**, who received a BS in Accounting from King's College, is responsible for the coordination of all finance and accounting aspects at NAI Summit, a leading global commercial real estate brokerage firm.

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**Christopher Landry '86**, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Richmond and a PhD in Chemistry from Harvard University, is Professor and Chemistry Department Chair at the University of Vermont.

**John Zuk '90**, who was a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship recipient, and who received a BS from Kutztown University and a Masters Degree from DeSales University, is the Assistant Principal for Curriculum & Instruction at Hatboro-Horsham High School.

**Dan Kendra '95**, will be inducted into the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Football and College Hall of Fame on May 3rd at the Northampton Community Center. – Morning Call 4/16/19

**Kelly Sweeney, PA '05**, who received a BS and MS from DeSales University, is a Board-Certified Physician Assistant and is affiliated with St. Luke's University Hospital - Bethlehem Campus.

**Jennifer Villare '08**, who received both a BS and MS in Counseling from the University of Scranton, has been named the new Director of Penn Foundation's Camp Mariposa program. – Morning Call 4/14/19

**Alyssa Thorley '09**, who received a BS in Mathematics and Theology from the University of Scranton, entered the religious congregation of the Sisters of Charity, was received into the community on August 2017, is now Sister John Paul Thorley, and currently teaches at Morris Catholic High School in Denville, New Jersey.

**Justin Paz '19**, was named Morning Call's Boys Basketball Player of the Year

- Becahi boys' basketball all-time leading scorer with 1,903 points, including
  - 263 3-pointers...the most in EPC/Lehigh Valley Conference history

**Kyle Young '19**, was named to Morning Call's Boys Basketball first team

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## Congratulations to...

Jose Medina, Girls Basketball Team's Head Coach, was named Pennsylvania Sports Writers' Coach of the Year.

Boys Basketball Team (26-4) was named the Morning Call's Team of the Year.

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## Spring Sports Update...

### Boys Baseball

- Coach Mike Grasso's 32<sup>nd</sup> season (370-290)
  - The team is currently 8-8 through April 29<sup>th</sup>

### Girls Softball

- Coach Rich Mazza's 17<sup>th</sup> season (278-115)
  - The team is currently 7-8 through April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Boys Tennis

- Coach George Harmanos' 46<sup>th</sup> season as boys head coach
  - The team finished the season 6-11, through the District XI quarterfinals
  - Coach Harmanos' boys record is now 359-327

### Boys Lacrosse

- Coach Joe Assissi
  - The team is currently 0-11

### Boys Volleyball

- Coach Jeff Koch
  - The team is currently 7-6

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## The Angels for Alex are (still) coming!

A few months back we set out to help Alex Tucker, a Becahi junior who lost his father in 2010 and his mother to cancer last July, raise money to complete his education at Beca. (Tuition is \$10,200/year). I am pleased to report that **we have now received \$6,770 from multiple donors to date. THANK YOU!** If you have been thinking about helping out, now is your chance. Please know that each gift is important. No gift is too small, but a sacrificial gift is greatly appreciated and will compensate for those not in a position to donate at this time.

If you are willing to commit to a pledge with a one time or recurring payment, the Advancement Office notes that there are many ways you can donate to Alex Tucker's Bethlehem Catholic High Schools tuition and become an Angel Sponsor:

1. Call the Advancement Office and pay with a credit card. Call Tina Giordano at (610) 866-0791 ext. 321 and pay with a credit card. **Be sure to say that this is for Alex Tucker's Tuition.**

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2. Use this link to donate using our online form - all major credit cards are accepted. Click the link <https://becahi.org/advancement/> and then click on "Donate Today!". **Be sure to note in the "Tribute" field - Alex Tucker.**
3. Mail a check payable to "Bethlehem Catholic High School" to "Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017. **Be sure to note "Alex Tucker's Tuition" on the subject line.**
4. Or, stop by the Advancement Office at Bethlehem Catholic High School if you wish to pay with cash and say hello!

Below is a bit more information about Alex.

Alex Tucker is a second-semester junior at Bethlehem Catholic High School with three older siblings who also attended Beca. He has achieved Honors each quarter, was on the wrestling team and is described as respectful and conscientious with amazing potential. He works part time, loves sports in general and the Philly sports in particular. Alex's mother Mary passed away from brain cancer on July 23, 2018. She was predeceased by Alex's father, Brian Tucker, who passed away on May 2, 2010 at the age of 53. For a student who has lost both parents, the Bethlehem Catholic family and the spiritual strength that a Catholic Education offers provide stability and strength. Freshman Guidance Counselor, Kathy Henry, said, *"I watched Alex grow up while working at Notre Dame of Bethlehem School. Now at Becahi, I see what an awesome young man he has become. Alex is a humble, thoughtful, and kind person due to the love and guidance he received from his parents, Mary and Brian, and the influence of his brothers and sister. There are people in our lives who are more than friends. They are like family. Alex is that kind of person to our community. He is a special part of our Becahi family."*

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Francis McGouldrick	1948	3/30/19	88
Thomas Altenbach	1956	3/09/19	80
Patty Ortwein Donchez	1975	4/27/19	61
Emily Dubbs Eberhardt	1996	4/11/19	41

## Family and Friends Passing

Eva Baran-Derr, mother of **Maria '69** and **Christine '75**, stepmother of **Rosemary '67**, **Claudia '70**, and **Kathryn '75**, on 4/12/19

**Emily Dubbs Eberhardt '96**, sister of **Rachel '99** and **Nathaniel '03**, on 4/11/19

Margaret Dutko, mother of **Diane '68**, on 4/06/19

Julia Korpics Zavec, sister of **Rose '50**, on 4/14/19

Joseph Kravatz, father of **Dave '79**, **John '82** and Susan, on 4/06/19

**Francis McGouldrick '48**, father of **Fran '69**, **Patty '70**, **Tom '72**, **Tim '74** and **Michelle '75**, on 3/30/19

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**Patty Ortwein Donchez '75**, sister of **Greg '70**, on 4/27/19

Thomas Redding, father of Tom, **Debbie '67**, **Joan '73**, **Mike '74**, **Dave '76**, **Sally '80** and **Christopher '84** on 4/08/19

Barbara Tuscher, mother of **Tracy '84**, **Lesley '86**, **Suzanne '89** and **John '84**, on 4/22/19.

**Please remember our classmates who passed away in the month of May:**

**Mike Keefe** 5/09/17

**Dick Murray** 5/29/87

**Frank Tomaszewski** 5/01/93

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## “BLinkedIn” Profiles

LinkedIn is an online platform that people use to build social networks with other people who share similar personal or career interests, activities, backgrounds or real-life connections. Many of our classmates have profiles on LinkedIn that are viewed by and shared with the public. In future newsletters, some of those profiles of Becahi grads will be posted so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and her alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it “BLinkedIn”). I found the following grads on LinkedIn this year:

**Tom Kuzmick '71**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Moravian College and a JD from Temple University School of Law, is Chairman, Product Liability Dept. and Liability Catastrophic Injury Counsel (LCIC) at Rawle & Henderson LLP in Philadelphia.

**Fran Minarik '71**, who received a BA in English from Columbia University, is a Pianist, Musical Director, Conductor and Composer in the greater New York City area.

**Bob Coulter '72**, is an Air Traffic Control Specialist at Midwest ATC Services, Inc Marietta, Ohio.

**Judy Takacs-Airgood '72**, who received an AS in Medical Technology from NorthWest Community College and a BS in Medical Microbiology from the University of Wyoming, is the Quality Assurance Manager at Pharm-Ops, Inc. in the greater Lehigh Valley.

**Cynthia Barna Himpler '74**, who received an AAS in Nursing from Northampton Community College, a BSN from Gwynedd Mercy University and an MS as a Nurse Practitioner from Rutgers University, is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Bethlehem.

**Bernie Minarik '74**, who received a BA in English Communication/Secondary Education from Moravian College, is Managing Editor and Vice President at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch in the greater New York City area.

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**Larry Deiter '75**, who received a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is Vice President and general Manager at Connect-Tek, Inc., a provider of business communications technology, in Reading PA.

**Michelle Valentin Peterson '76**, who received a BA in Theater/Theater Arts Management from Moravian College and an MBA in Marketing from Lehigh University, is a Management Analyst on the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners in the Fort Pierce, FL area.

**Marek Szkudlapski '78**, who received a BS in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University, is Associate Director, Decision Support Center at Bristol-Myers Squibb in the greater New York City area.

**Joe Zaladonis, MD, PC '80**, who received a Bachelor's degree from Lehigh University and an MD from Drexel University College of Medicine, is in private practice in dermatology in Bethlehem.

**Karen Augello Casas, CFP®, IACCP®, '81**, who received a BA in Communications/Psychology from Moravian College, a Certified Financial Planner and Investment Advisor Certified Compliance Professional, is Director, Mutual Fund Compliance at Guardian Life in Bethlehem.

**Lisa Dusseault Bengston '81**, who received her BSN from the Catholic University of America, is a Health, Wellness and Fitness Professional in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area.

**Bob Hamrick '81**, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Scranton, is a Senior IT Specialist for IBM in the greater Harrisburg area.

**Regina Zvitkovitz Lilly '81**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Engineering and an MD from Penn State University, a Master's of Public Health in Health Care Organization and Policy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health, and a Certificate in Medical Writing and Editing from the University of Chicago, is now a Physician Medical Writer/Editor/Consultant in the greater Washington, DC.

**Ann DeLazaro '82**, who received a BA in Speech Communication/Psychology from West Chester University, is Vice-President of Client Solutions for TalentSmart, "the World's #1 Provider of Emotional Intelligence Services, such as On-Site Training, Workshops and Assessments, in the greater Philadelphia area.

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**George Fertal '82**, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, is Senior Manager at Pactiv, LLC, the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of food packaging and foodservice products, in the greater Atlanta area.

**Tom Fritz '82**, who was a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BA in Accounting/Business Management from Muhlenberg College is Test Manager at Benefitfocus, Inc. provides cloud-based benefits management platform for consumers, employers, insurance carriers, suppliers, and brokers in the United States. in Salvo, NC.

**Sharon Kessler Semler '82**, who received a Bachelors Degree from Temple University, is Regional Business Lead at Novocure Inc. in Orefield, PA.

**Betsy Kline '82**, who received a BA in Political Science, English, is Vice President, Business Development, Business Dining at ARAMARK in the greater New York City area.

**Suzanne Ronca '82**, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from Lehigh University and an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder, is Director, Managed Service Providers at Infoblox Inc., that provides secure cloud-managed network services, in Center Valley, PA.

**Anne Tabor-Morris '83**, who received a BS in Physics from Lehigh University and a PhD in Physics from the University of Notre Dame, is Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ.

**Steve Witmer '83**, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University and an MBA in Marketing from Georgia State University, is Director of Sales, Paper Packaging & Services at Greif, Inc. in Charlotte, NC.

**Lisa Costa Gosztonyi '84**, who is a recent graduate of the Healthcare Administrative Assistant program at Lehigh Carbon Community College, is a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA) in Bethlehem.

**Ronald T. Hersh Jr. D.M.D. '85**, who received a BS in Biology from Juniata College and a D.M.D. from the Temple University – Kornberg School of Dentistry, is the Owner of Advanced Prosthodontics in the Allentown area.

**Phil Thoden '85**, who received a BS from Georgetown University, is President of the Austin Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) in Austin, TX.

**Sue Varley Osborne '85**, who received a BS in Business from Duquesne University and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Managing Director at Northwest Investment Management in the greater New York City area.

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**Joe Shunk '86**, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University, is Executive Director, Group Technology at UBS in Zürich, Switzerland

**Tom Episcopio '87**, who received a BA in Biology from Lafayette College, and served in the U.S. Marines and U.S. Air Force reserves, is a Pilot at US Air Force Reserve in the Orange County, California area.

**Sheryl Silfies Ortiz '87**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Moravian College, is a Manager at Guardian Life, a Fortune 250 company and a leading provider of life, disability and other benefits for individuals, at the workplace and through government sponsored programs, in Carrollton, TX.

**Tom DeSanto '89**, who received both a BA in Communications & Marketing and a Masters in Theater Arts from Villanova University, is Regional Marketing Director of MoneyGuard for Lincoln Financial Group in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area.

**Martin Benzing '90**, who studied at the College of William and Mary and received a BA in Economics from Lock Have University, is Executive Vice President at Structural Services, Inc., a heavy highway construction subcontractor located in Bethlehem.

**Karen Mattes Anderko '91**, who received a BS in Biology, Education from Moravian College, and an MS in Human Biology from East Stroudsburg University, is an Assistant Professor, Biology at Northampton Community College

**Jason Roeder '93**, who was a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BA in Social Science Education from Moravian College and an MS in Education from Wilkes University, is a Teacher and Head Football Coach at Freedom High School.

**Mike Walters '95**, who received a BA in Business Administration from Moravian College, is an Associate Co -Broker at Keller Williams Real Estate - Northampton County, and has sold residential real estate for the past 13+ years including completion of over 200 transactions valued at \$34M+.

**Jennifer Coughlin Milner '95**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Moravian College and both an MBA and JD from Villanova University, is Vice President - Law at UGI International in France.

**John Fistner '96**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BA in Government & Law from Lafayette College and an MBA in Finance from Lehigh University, is CEO at AblePay Health in Bethlehem.



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**Brian Gregorek '97**, who received a BA in Economics and Business from Lafayette College, is Wealth Advisor at Buckingham Strategic Wealth in the greater St. Louis area.

**Bill Krebs '97**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BS in Health and Physical Education from East Stroudsburg University and a Master's Degree in Health and Wellness from the American College of Education, and who also served in the U.S. Navy, is now a Teacher at North Hunterdon/Voorhees Regional School District in Annandale, NJ.

**Chris Mitchell '98**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Fairfield University, and is a Certified Financial Planner and Advisor at the Vanguard Group in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Everett Minger '99**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Fairfield University, and is Manager at GMS Surgent CPAs & Advisors in Devon, PA.

**Patricia Nagy '00**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, and should receive a Master's Degree in Public Health from Benedictine University this year, is a Certified Pharmacy Technician with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in the Madison, WI area.

**Greg Mitchell '01**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BAsc in Computer Science and Business Administration from Kutztown University and an MBA from LaSalle University, is IT Portfolio and Service Operations Manager at Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia.

**Mark Borda '02**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, and who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University, is Senior Manager, Transaction Advisory Services at Pine Hill Group in Philadelphia.

**Matt Sullivan '03**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, and who received a BS in Accountancy from West Chester University, is a Senior Manager at Deloitte in Denver, CO.

**Pete Donchez '04**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, and who received a BS in Finance & accounting from Lehigh University, is an Investment Specialist at JP Morgan in the greater New York City area.

**Eric Yeager '06**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, and who received a Bachelors Degree in Finance from DeSales University, is a Client Relationship Associate at Vanguard in the Lehigh Valley area.

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**Mark Scattene '07**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, and who received a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAsc) in Kinesiology & Exercise Science from Bloomsburg University, is an Account Manager for Patient Care at Stryker, one of the world's leading medical technology companies, in the greater New York City area.

**Zachary Stein '07**, who received a BA in Business Administration from Moravian College, is Mid-Atlantic District Sales Manager at Hayward Industries, Inc. in Allentown, PA.

**Greg DeSarro '08**, who received both a BS in Business and an MBA from Eastern University, is Health Center Administrator at Presbyterian Senior Living in Lancaster, PA.

**Dave Zubia '08**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, who received a BA in Accounting & Economics from Moravian College, is in Global Compensation for Geller & Company in the greater New York City area

**Karoline Avard '09**, who received a BA in History from Rutgers University, is Christian Education Director at St. James Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg, NJ. Karoline is also an Associate Trainer at Panera Bread in Phillipsburg.

**Laura Baumann Cudwadie '09**, who received a BA in Communications with an emphasis on Public Relations from Susquehanna University, is Project Director at Adelphi Research Global, a global healthcare market insight consultancy, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Marc Baumann '09**, who studied Geology and Geo-Science at Dickinson College and received a Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development from Fordham University, is an Assistant Project Manager at Greek Development, a company that designs, develops, constructs and manages exceptional industrial buildings, in Morristown, NJ.

**Jon Merwine '10**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BS in Computer Science and Business and an MS in Computer Science from Lehigh University, is a Software Engineer at Goldman Sachs in the greater New York City area.

**Collin Casey '11**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BS in Secondary Education, General Science from Kutztown University and an MBA from DeSales University, is a District Sales Manager at Paychex in the greater Cincinnati, OH area.

**Matt Mayrosh '11**, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Test Engineer at Curtiss-Wright Corporation in the Allentown, PA area.

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**Bernie Brown II '12**, who received a BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering and an MEng in Mechanical Engineering – Technical Entrepreneurship from Lehigh University, is Co-Founder & CMO at Destination Mono, a Global B2B Marketplace for Distributors, Wholesalers, Retailers, and More!

**Julia Madison '14**, a Bernie Gallagher Scholarship winner, received a BS in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences from St. Joseph's University, is currently in her second year of Physical Therapy School at Jefferson University and is expected to graduate with a degree as Doctor in Physical Therapy in May 2020.

**Megan Tucker '14**, who received a BS in Information Science and Technology from Penn State University, is a Data Scientist at Northrop Grumman in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

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## **Cuba and the Caribbean! Start your plans for the Third Annual Alumni Cruise... A Reunion at Sea, perhaps?**

It's a perfect way to celebrate a class reunion next year, leaves February 17, 2020 for 8 days! Departure from Miami. More details are in the attached flyer or contact Angel Rivera Class of '71 for more information 484-241-1059.

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## **Reflection... May, the Month of Mary (BTW, there are over 475 Becahi graduates named Mary)**

- ♪ Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria.
- ♪ Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria.

- ♪ Triumph, all ye cherubim, Sing with us, ye seraphim,
- ♪ Heaven and earth resound the hymn:
- ♪ Salve, salve, salve Regina!

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## **And now...**

Despite every effort to prevent errors, sometimes they occur. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and/or the Advancement Office and accept my sincerest apologies, and...

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If you have any stories, comments, concerns, opinions, etc., that you'd like to share, please let us know.

Sincerely,  
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## Class of 1970 Missing Persons Report ...

Joe Bender	Kathy Gyorek	Graciela Ocampo
Karen Berg Hobbs	Dave Hartzell	Jeanne Reese
Paul Bolick	Cecelia Holotyak Fox	Lee Repsher Poff
Nancy Cacciatore Huber	Bob Iampietro	Roseann Righi Repasch
Nancy Carrington Behler	Nick Ierovante	Dave Salabsky
Jeff Cassano	Tom Kacar	Jim Santo
Nancy Casano Domyan	John Kovach	Liz Slafkosky Kerekes
Anthony Check	Ken Krizan	Tom Stefl
Sandy Check Cross	Maureen Lawrence	Peggy Steirer Mohouska
Jeff Christein	Mike Machain	Tom Sugalski
Joe Csencsits	Tom Maio	Steve Triber
Joan Danko Buchert	Nancy Majczan	Steve Vargo
Elizabeth Domyan Peters	Janet Martinez Lezoche	Joe Villeux
Mike W. Dougherty	Janice McCarthy Buczui	Mike Ver
Joe Eharth	Jane Meder Mignogno	Steve Watsula
Jocelyn Farrell	Phil Meguire	Karen Yatsko Hashimoto
Tom Farris	Mike Molchan	John Zelko
Mary Jane Galle Spinner	Mary Catherine Murphy	
	LoVerme	
Mayra Godin Focht	Mimi Nolan Wiber	