

# Tidings

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## Fingers Crossed for 51 in 21

Planning is again underway for our 50 plus 1 Reunion after a Covid-induced hiatus. We hope everyone can join us in September, after getting your vaccine! (♪ "I'm not throwing away my shot!" ♪.)

I took a look at our Class Reunion website <https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> to see who posted their bio this year. (Sigh.)

Remember, you don't have to include all of the latest information on yourselves. We can catch up with that at the reunion. So, post your short bios or send them to **Tina Hudak** at [tinahudak@gmail.com](mailto:tinahudak@gmail.com) and she'll post them. *And* you can even keep it to under 150 words...

Meanwhile, catch up with **Mike Lynch**...

*Greetings from Southern California:*

*After leaving high school, I spent a year in college and then decided that I wanted to travel via a merchant ship. Things didn't work out, and combined with a low draft number, I ended up at sea with the US Navy. I spent 4 years in the Gulf of Tonkin and traveling throughout Southeast Asia, ultimately assisting with the evacuation of Saigon in 1975. After the Navy I completed a BS in Economics at Mt. St. Mary's, and then 2 years at the Bureau of Economic Analysis in DC. Afterward I completed a 3-year Master of Architect degree at Virginia Tech. Following graduation, I joined an investment group at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem. For the past 35 years I have worked for a variety of investment firms including family offices, private equity firms and REITs. In 2018 I retired from Black Creek Capital and joined a group of early-stage investors near my home. On the personal side, I married my wife, Beth, in 1989. We have 2 children: our son Aidan is 28 and works in NYC for a financial firm; our daughter Olivia is 26 and works for a startup company in Glendale, CA. Our family moved in 1998 from Maryland to La Canada, CA, a small mountain town on the northside of Los Angeles near Pasadena. Over the years I commuted to Chicago and Denver, always reluctant to give up the sunny California dream. In my spare time I play tennis, trail run in the mountains behind our home and travel with Beth. We have had the good fortune to spend many months in Scotland, France and Italy, and hope to continue traveling when COVID is a memory. Stay healthy and safe,  
Michael*

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## How many this time?

This month's edition contains the names of over 260 graduates from 75 different classes, including....1931-37, 1941, '43, '45, '47, 1951, '52, and 1955 thru 2016.

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## This month I either saw or heard from...

... Sr. Regina (Mary Catherine) Kropp, S.S.J. '52, Harry Mitchell '57, Anita Bianco Rothrock '59, Tom Seidenberger '66, Yogi Eddinger '67, John Nolan '67, Don Brugger '69, Andy Kametz '69, Bob Gangewere '69, Larry Gasda '69, Karen Cauley '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, MaryTee Lisowski Miller '71, (Rev) Jim Podlesny '71, Phil Demyan '72, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Amelia Mesko Upchurch '72, Barb Brugger Carrington '73, Regina Dye Dugan '76, Tom Vresics '81, Tracey Rothrock Campbell '83, Sherri Hines '85, JoDee Roebuck Geryak '86, Matt Kurtz '94, Janel Norris '95, Vanessa Kelchner '97, Liz Rossi Potechko '06

...and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Denny Andrew Karpy, Tony Bauer, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave Cech, Jim Connell, Lisa, Jocelyn Farrel Paulus, Bernie Gallagher, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Bernie Gillen, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff & Col, George & Betsy, Greg Ortwein, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Jeanie Redding Cunningham, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, and Carl**

... and from the school, Joe Henrich.

## Say a special prayer for Jocelyn Farrel Paulus's husband and for her mother who have passed away recently.

Daniel Paulus passed away on 01/12. Clare Farrel passed away on 01/19. Please remember Dan and **Joce's** three children, seven grandchildren, and **Joce's** three siblings in your prayers as well.

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## Educators' Honor Roll – An Update

Last month we recognized 184 Becahi graduates who serve(d) as educators during their careers. We knew names would be added, and welcome any and all additions. Thanks to messages from former grads and friends, we are able to add 35 more names to the Honor Roll. Please read and thank those who've helped our youth.

**Sr. Sally Dougherty, S.S.J.\* '43**

**Jeanne Kelly Kittle\* '57**  
**Anita Bianco Rothrock '59**

**April Portnova Kucsan '60\***  
**Rosemary Borso Nickischer '61**  
**Rick Haas '66**

**Mary Catherine Solek Tachovsky '66**  
**Harry Tachovsky '66**  
**Dan Alonzo '69**  
**Pat Carisio Seidenberger '69**  
**Larry Gasda '69**  
**Fran McGouldrick '69**  
**Michele Ruggeri Moore '69**

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Jean Redding Cunningham '70  
Dennis Fenton '72  
Lois Ormiston Kehoe '76  
Mary Ellen Golden Oroskey '79\*

Phillip Autrey '91  
Terri Stem Castagnoli '91  
Stacey Krause Schumacher '93

Lawrence Glueck '81  
Maria Kalata Sullivan '84  
Donna Moser '86  
Tammy Corcoran Steixner '87  
Peter Gillen '87  
Rich Heffernan '87  
Karen Braxmeier Aulisio '89

Katie Kurtz Payne '00  
Maura Lieberman Ohl '04  
Maddie Roxandich '05  
Nicole Erney Nagle '06  
Kaylee Garguilo '06  
Liz Rossi Potechko '06  
Lauren Baskin '07

\* Deceased

I'm certain more names will be added to this special group of people. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and accept my sincerest apologies. I'll honor your name in an upcoming *Tidings* – John O'Boyle '70

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## More on the Class of 1931

Last month's *Tidings* honored those who graduated 90 years ago...the Class of 1931. Since that time, one of the graduate's offspring, **Bernie Gillen '70**, sent me his mother's, **Frances Sweeney Gillen '31**, yearbook, called *The Brown and Gold*. What a treasure trove of information of life in the late 1920s early 1930s in Bethlehem!

It looked like I missed or misspelled the names of the following graduates...

**Patrick Considine\***  
**Rose "Honey" Devlin**  
**Thomas Kelley**  
**John Laux**  
**William Lewis**

**Theresa Maioriello Wallander\***  
**Daniel McFadden**  
**Rose McFadden Engel\***  
**Helen Reagan**  
**Isabel Reagan Sopko\***

\* Deceased

Here are a few more items of interest from the 1931 "yearbook":

1927-1928 (Freshman Year)

- Fr. McPeak was Rector of the high school
- Mr. George Jacobs joined the high school as head football coach
  - The team finished the season with 5 wins – 0 losses and 1 tie.

1928-1929 (Sophomore Year)

- Student Government was instituted; a Glee Club and the "Brown and Gold" Orchestra were organized

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1929-1930 (Junior Year)

- The class was sectioned into either the General or Commercial Departments
- Fr. Caine was named Rector of the high school;
- Mr. John Conti became Athletic Director and head football coach
- Mr. William Rohs became the Supervisor of Music

1930-31 (Senior Year)

- The Glee Club presented "A Christmas Carol" and a tableau of the Nativity in December
- A three-act comedy entitled "A Fight in the Dark" was presented in May

The 1930 football team, under Coach Mr. John Conti, consisted of 29 members, and finished the season with 4 wins and 6 losses. Practice was at Saucon Park. Home games were played at Liberty High School stadium *and* at St. Ursula's Field.

The boys' basketball team, under Coach John Conti, consisting of 10 members, and finished the season with 21 wins and 1 loss. (Due to an extensive schedule, "we" were obliged to refuse an invitation to compete in the Catholic Tournament in Pittsburgh.)

The girls' basketball team, under Coach John Conti, finished their season with 4 wins and 5 losses. Members of the team were **Marie Rogan '31, Marie Keating '31, Theresa Maioriello '31, Gertrude Burkhardt '31, Catherine Boyle '31, Eileen Hoffert '31, Marie Connors '31, Agnes Urban '32, Mary Hetzel '32, Mary Mandovich, Esther Showers '32, Mary McIntyre '33** and Mary Devlin.

Here are some examples of the Yearbook Patron ads:

Bethlehem Trust Company of Bethlehem...Broad at Main Street "A Good Corner To Bank On"  
O'Reilly's...Bethlehem's Greatest Store for Men and Boys...Third Street at New  
Hildenberger & Green, Inc. "Accidents are always possible, so why not insure with a good agency"  
Sanitary Fruit Market... "Here you can find just what you want without fuss and bother", 558 Broadway  
John Mroshinski Plumbing and Heating – 938 Itaska Street – Bell Phone 4412  
M.E. Kreidler's Sons - "If you have hard-to-fit feet, bring them to us".. 17 East Third Street  
Borda's Barber Shop – "It pays to look well...You have tried the rest, now try the best."

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## Congratulations George Harmanos

...on his 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Service as math teacher and as head tennis coach for both the boys' and girls' teams. (Don't you just "luv" how the years "add up?")

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## Eighty-Five Years Ago – The Class of 1936

Special thanks to **Jim Connell '70** who sent me a news-clipping from the Morning Call dated June 10, 1936 which listed the names of the 44 graduates (19 boys, 23 girls) from the 10<sup>th</sup> graduating class of the school. So here they are...

<b>Joseph Bertalon*</b>	<b>Stephen Maco</b>
<b>Joseph Bobal*</b>	<b>Mary Maloney</b>
<b>Joseph Bowe*</b>	<b>John McFadden</b>
<b>Margaret Brady Welch*</b>	<b>Catherine McGettigan Snyder*</b>
<b>Rose Byrne</b>	<b>Bernadette McGorry*</b>
<b>Rita Cannon*</b>	<b>Generosa McIntyre Thomas*</b>
<b>Rose Cascar</b>	<b>Roger McNamara*</b>
<b>Mary Conahan*</b>	<b>Rita McNerney*</b>
<b>Gertrude Connors Hetzel*</b>	<b>Joseph Murnin*</b>
<b>Beverly Cullen Stevens</b>	<b>Elizabeth O'Reilly Briody*</b>
<b>Leonard Domyan*</b>	<b>John O'Reilly*</b>
<b>Mary Doyle</b>	<b>Harry Perkins*</b>
<b>Thomas Drust*</b>	<b>Dorothy Quinn Bowe*</b>
<b>Edward Dugan*</b>	<b>Bernadette Rowe</b>
<b>John Gallagher</b>	<b>Joseph Sheehan*</b>
<b>Thomas Gallagher</b>	<b>Elizabeth Sladey Weiss*</b>
<b>Gertrude Hildenberger Connell*</b>	<b>Mary Sullivan Jennings*</b>
<b>Joseph Kelly</b>	<b>Elizabeth Summers Moyer*</b>
<b>Irene Kilgour Kissel*</b>	<b>Russell Trimble*</b>
<b>Blanche Kirk</b>	<b>John Urban</b>
<b>Kathleen Leary</b>	<b>Vincent Vanni*</b>
<b>Katherine Litzenberger Hundersmarck*</b>	<b>Rita Wehinger Kulhamer*</b>

\* Deceased

Here's what's in the article...

- **Joseph Bowe** was the Valedictorian; **Joseph Sheehan** wrote the Valedictory Address
- **Mary Conahan** was the Salutatorian; **Elizabeth Sladey Weiss** wrote the Salutatory Address, and had the highest average in the General Course of studies; **Elizabeth O'Reilly Briody** had the highest average in the Commercial Course of studies
- **Joseph Bertalon** was the Class Secretary

Here's what I've been able to discover about the class-members...

Seven served in the military:

Joseph Bertalon	U.S. Army (WW II)	Edward Dugan	U.S. Navy
Joseph Bobal	U.S. Navy	Joseph Murnin	U.S. Army (WW II)
Leonard Domyan	U.S. Navy (WW II)	Russ Trimble	U.S. Army (WW II)
Thomas Drust	U.S. Army (WW II)		

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(Sr.) Mary Conahan joined the Medical Missions Sisterhood

Five campus couples:

Joseph Bobal and Dorothy Quinn

Elizabeth O'Reilly and **Bernard Briody '37**

Gertrude Connors and **George Hetzel '34**

Russ Trimble and **Marie Curry '35**

Gertrude Hildenberger and **Francis Connell '37**

Seven class members had 19 children who were Becahi grads:

Gertrude Connors and George Hetzel '34 -> **Kathy '72** and **Tom '73**

Leonard Domyan -> **Mary Ann '67, Rich '71, Paul '73, Mark '76, Chris '77** and **Rosemary '84**

Edward Dugan -> **Sheila '68, Jim '70, Anne Marie '76** and the late **Peter '78**

Gertrude Hildenberger and Francis Connell '37 -> **Jim '70** and **Gene '71**

Irene Kilgour Kissel -> **Michael '58** and **Elizabeth '59**

Mary Sullivan Jennings -> **Jeff '70**

Russell Trimble and Marie Curry '35 -> **Jack '68** and **Rosemary '72**

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## Save the Date(s)... for now...

### Reunion News...

The alumni classes for years ending in "1" and "6" are (hopefully) beginning to plan their reunions. **Tom Vresics '81**, our Advancement Director and the office staff stand ready to help, and planners can contact him at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org). Tom is looking forward to working with every class, but especially the milestone classes whose celebrations are approaching quickly.

**Kay Fenerty Lynn '57**, writes that the **Class of '57** have reserved the Prime Steak House for their 64<sup>th</sup> Reunion luncheon on **September 29, 2021**.

**The Class of '69** is looking to the Fall of 2021 for what will now be their 52-year reunion. A date will probably not be locked until the Spring. - **Larry Gasda '69**

**The Class of '70 Golden Reunion** has been rescheduled for the weekend of **September 24-26, 2021**. Get ready for updates soon.

### Class of 1971

Will there be a Golden Reunion for you this year? Let me know and I'll try to help spread the word.

**Class of 1972's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** plans continue. What are your thoughts on ...

1. Date: September or October, **2022**
2. Interested in golf outing on Friday afternoon? (Yes or No)
3. Small social on Friday at local bar (6-9PM), with small plates and cash bar? (Y/N)

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4. Dinner and dancing on Saturday, place TBD? (Y/N)
5. Mass, coffee and donuts on Sunday at Becahi chapel (if available) and farewell? (Y/N)
6. Interested in serving on committee?

Please respond to **Sus Bartos '72** [sbartos54@yahoo.com](mailto:sbartos54@yahoo.com)

The **Class of 1985's** 36th class reunion is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at the Clubhouse Grill on Illick's Mill Rd. in Bethlehem. **Sherri Hines '85** is the contact... [artteacherscsp@gmail.com](mailto:artteacherscsp@gmail.com)

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## I also either saw, heard from, or read about:

**Merle Louise Letowt Simon '51**, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, is an actress, best known for appearing in four Stephen Sondheim musicals, most famously as "The Beggar Woman" in Sweeney Todd. - Wikipedia

**Anita Bianco Rothrock '59**, writes... *"I graduated from ...Cabrini College in 1963. I taught first grade at Central School in Bethlehem, was a substitute teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District and then taught third grade at Holy Infancy School for 20 years retiring in 2004."*

**Bob Gangewere '69**, writes *"...left Bethlehem and never returned (except periodic family visits) -Graduated Penn State in 73...-US Navy Helicopter Pilot 30-year career. Lived in CA, FL, VA, RI. Spent over 5 years at sea traveling around the world...-After Navy retirement embarked on second career as Facility Director for Dollar Tree Stores for nearly 10 years...- Currently fully retired (and loving every minute of it), living in VA, enjoying time with family."*

**JoDee (Jo-Marie) Roebuck Geryak '86** writes *"...Went to University of Scranton and then LCCC graduating as a physical therapist assistant...Worked for many years but have enjoyed staying home raising my three boys, 24 and twin 15-year-olds over the last 25 years. I spend my days now teaching fitness classes and seeing clients in their homes specializing in the senior population...Have been happily married and living in LA, CA for 27 years. My husband is a Director of Photography for TV and Film. Our oldest enjoyed PA, his mom's hometown, while at Lehigh University for his undergrad and graduate degrees."*

**Terri Stem Castagnoli '91**, who received a BA in Psychology, Clinical Counseling from Methodist College and an MEd in School Counseling from Kutztown University, is a School Counselor at Phillipsburg High School. <https://phs.pburghsd.net/>

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**Janel Norris '95**, writes *"I received my BS in International Affairs from Florida State University in 2000. I then received my commission as an Officer in the United States Navy, completing a combat tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I received my BSN from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2008 and MSN from Jacksonville University in 2020. I am currently the Patient Flow Coordinator at the Durham VA Medical Center in Durham, NC."*

**John Simone '96**, who received a BA from Centenary University and a JD from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, is the principal at the Law Office of John Simone, a general practice firm that focuses on structured negotiation, mediation, and conflict resolution, in Bethlehem.

**Teri Antolick-Richter '99**, who received a BS in Marketing and Management Information Technology, and who was inducted into the DeSales University Hall of Fame, is Manager of Scheduling and Events Planning at Lafayette College. -  
[scheduling.lafayette.edu](mailto:scheduling.lafayette.edu)

**Barbara Weed Kozo '00**, who received a BS in Accounting from DeSales University, is the Accounting Manager at Becahi.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Rossi Potechko '06** writes *"I teach 6th grade Social Studies at Commonwealth Charter Academy, the largest online public charter school in PA. CCA was a pioneer in online learning and has offered help to schools during the pandemic is how best to set up their online learning programs. I had previously taught for 4 years at St Elizabeth's in Whitehall, and also in NJ where I lived for 3 years after getting married. I'm currently back in PA and live just outside Tamaqua. I have a BA from Marywood University in History- Social Science- Secondary Education... and a Masters in Classroom Technology from Wilkes University."*

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## Escaping the Pandemic

**Reading...**Last month we listed some books read during the pandemic and asked for some recommendations from the alumni. Here is another recommendation... What's in your wallet nightstand?



***Where the Crawdads Sing***, by Delia Owens - **Denny Andrew Karpy, '70**

- An exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.

## Music... Worth Watching (and Listening to...)

I was going through my record collection to try to come up with a play list for our reunion and came across a documentary about Motown, and immediately knew that all the "Hi-Spot" alums would wanna hear and watch it. Check it out on Amazon.



***Standing in the Shadows of Motown***

- A documentary film that recounts the story of The Funk Brothers, the uncredited and largely unheralded studio musicians who were the house band that Berry Gordy hand-picked in 1959.
  - **Critics Consensus:** "A toe-tapping tribute to the band that gave Motown its sound."



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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
<b>Sr. Sally Dougherty, S.S.J.</b>	1943	01/11/2021	95
<b>Mary Ann Uhl Schrempp</b>	1956	01/10/2021	82
<b>April Portnova Kucsan</b>	1960	12/25/2021	78
<b>Mary Ellen Golden Oroskey</b>	1979	01/02/2021	59
<b>John Bringenberg*</b>	1985	03/12/2020	53
<b>Kimberly Dittimore Orth</b>	1985	01/09/2021	53
<b>Christopher Mackie</b>	1985	01/18/2021	53

\* I just read about his passing

## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **John Bringenberg '85**, son of the **Lucille Ortwein Bringenberg '55** and the late **Carl '52**, and brother of **Larry '84, Mark '87, Cathy '89**, Donna and Terese, on 03/12/20
- † Katherine "Kay" Bugger, mother of **William '68, Denise '72** and John on 01/14
- † Evelyn Cengeri, mother of **Bill '72, Rich '77, Kathleen '79** and Thomas, on 01/07
- † Michael Conway, father of **Kristen '02, Hillary '04** and **Courtney '06**, on 12/20
- † **Kim Dittimore '85**, mother of **Libby '12, Hannah '16**, Abigail and Madeline, daughter of **Katherine Serban Dittimore '63** and brother of **Eric '90**, on 01/09
- † **Sr. Sally Dougherty, S.S.J. '43**, sister of **Jimmy '52** and the late **Richard '47, Mary Dougherty Walsh '41**, and Dennis, on 01/11
- † Richard Drey, father of **Richard '92**, on 01/11
- † Mary Elliott, mother of **Katherine '98** and **Stephen '00**, on 01/25
- † Clare Farrel, mother of **Jocelyn '70**, on 01/19
- † **Mary Ellen Golden Oroskey '79**, sister of **Tom '80, John '87** and **Edward '87**, on 01/02
- † John Gorman, Jr., father of **Sean '99** and Corinne, on 01/04
- † Olga Hoysan, grandmother of **Christopher '99** and **Amanda '01**, on 01/01
- † Janet Kelly, mother of **Michael '75, Patricia '77**, and **Brian '82**, on 01/12
- † **Christopher Mackie '85**, brother of **Stephen '75, Tim '76** and **Mary Beth '77**, on 01/18
- † Daniel Paulus, husband of **Jocelyn Farrell Paulus '70**, on 01/12
- † J. Michael Schweder, son of the late **Mary Lyons Schweder '45**, and brother of **Anne '68, Stephanie '83**, and Libby, on 01/15
- † Pearl Sfredda, mother of **Greg '73**, on 01/10
- † Melissa Silvoy Harshman, daughter of **Andrew '60** and **Sandy (Majczan '61) Silvoy**, on 01/02
- † Mary Steager, mother of **Patricia Steager Bacak '67**, on 01/08. Mary was 99.
- † **Mary Ann Uhl Schrempp '56**, sister of **Jack '61** and Chuck, on 01/10
- † Goldie Vass, mother of **Jack '62**, on 01/26

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Please say a special prayer for our classmate and class president, **Ed Hartigan**, who passed away during the month of February.

(2/12/2016)

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## Sports

### Boys Basketball

Coach Scott McClary's 3<sup>rd</sup> Season (40-17)

As of 01/24: Won 3 – Lost 3

Next up: Uncertain...Covid-related incidents have limited the schedule to 12 regular season games, and scheduled games have been suspended pending a decision.

### Girls Basketball

Coach Jose Medina's 7<sup>th</sup> Season (157-23)

As of 01/24: Won 2 – Lost 4

Next up: Uncertain...Covid-related incidents have limited the schedule to 12 regular season games, and scheduled games have been suspended pending a decision.

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### Wrestling

Coach Jeff Karam's 13<sup>th</sup> Season (185-23)

As of 01/24: Won 2 – Lost 0

Next up: Uncertain...Covid-related incidents have limited the schedule to 12 regular season games, and scheduled games have been suspended pending a decision.

### Football

Athletic director **Chris Domyan '14** announced that Kyle Haas will be returning to Becahi as Head Football Coach. The Golden Hawks went 11-4 under Haas in 2016, winning the District 11 4A title and advancing to the state semifinals. Kyle replaces Joe Henrich who successfully led the team for nine seasons and had resigned late last year. Best wishes for Coach Haas and for Coach Henrich.

### Look What I Found...

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**Bernie Gillen '70** sent me his mother's, **Frances Sweeney Gillen '31**, yearbook, and lo and behold, there was a team that competed in 1930 season! That team, coached by John Conti finished the season with a 4-6 record. (I thought the last of the early years' seasons was 1929.) So, here's what I have for the all-time football record...

<b>56</b>	<b>Seasons... 1965 - 2020</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.635</b>
<b>635</b>	<b>Games</b>				

## Pre-1965 Seasons:

1926	John Rowe	2	3	1	0.333
1927	George Jacobs	5	0	1	0.833
1928	George Jacobs	5	2	0	0.714
1929	John Conti	2	7	1	0.200
1930	John Conti	4	6	0	0.400

<b>5</b>	<b>Seasons</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.462</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Games</b>				

All Years	All Time Games Played	Won	Lost	Tied	PCT.
<b>61</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.625</b>

I listed the coaches (above) during the 1926-1930 seasons.

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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 its alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it “BLinkedIn”). I found the following grads on LinkedIn last month:

**Michael Higgins '62**, who received a BS in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point and an MBA from Xavier University, is now retired after a career that included executive positions at AT&T, Lockheed Martin, Widepoint and Systems Integration, Inc. in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

**Michele Kollar Chisholm '64**, who received a BS in Sociology, Corrections from York College of Pennsylvania, is Facilities & Construction Manager at Enterprise Holdings Inc. in Rockville, MD.

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**Mary Ellen Free Spedding '65**, is a former Senior Administrative Assistant at Mack Trucks, Inc. in Allentown.

**Jack Lund '68**, who received a BA in Politics and Government from LaSalle University and an MEd in Community Leadership from Springfield College, is a Not-For-Profit Consultant and Executive Coach at jacklund.org in the greater Phoenix, AZ area.

**Audrey Moser Muthard '70**, is a Licensed Insurance Producer – Group Health Insurance, for ADP Insurance Agency, Inc. in Allentown.

**Joseph Mikitka '71**, who received a BS in Biology from Moravian College and an MS in Human Resources from the University of Scranton, is Health Facility Quality Examiner at the PA Department of Health, in Allentown.

**Mary Sinnott '72**, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, is Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Temple University.

**Eileen McNamara Lash '73**, who received a BA in Psychology and Geology from Kutztown University, is a Geological Consultant at GGL Consultants in Fredonia, NY.

**Michael Turzanski '74**, who studied at Kutztown University, is Director at EducationSuperHighway, the leading non-profit focused on upgrading the Internet access in every public-school classroom in America, in Burlingame, CA.

**Ellen Gilmartin Reczek '75**, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is now Retired! after a 22-year career as an Accountant at Computer Aid, Inc., leading business technology services firm in Allentown. – Congratulations, Ellen. - JOB

**Bill Yurko '76**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University and a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is President of Berkshire PowerTech Inc., a leader in the design, development, manufacture and remanufacture of power transmission systems for both military and commercial vehicles, in Lee, MA.

**Cindy Bicking '77**, who received a BS in Computer Science from DeSales University, is Solution Manger at Cerner Corporation, that “work at the intersection of health care and information technology to connect people and systems around the world”, in Malvern, PA.

**Jack DeMatos '78**, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, is the Manager/Owner of JEV Construction, LLC in Center Valley.

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**Mark Stephan '79**, who received a BS in Biology from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo, is the Senior Director, Field Reimbursement, East Region at Alkermes, a global biopharmaceutical company developing innovative medicines in the fields of neuroscience & oncology, in Sellersville, PA

**Tim Kline '80**, is a Project Manager at Alvin H. Butz, Inc., a company that pioneered the Construction Management concept in the Lehigh Valley since the mid-1800s, in Allentown.

**Katie Kamenar Wachnowsky '81**, is an Account Executive, Commercial Lines, at HHM Insurors in Coraopolis, PA. Katie has been in the insurance industry for 25+ years and at HHM Insurors for 17 years.

**Chris Kita '81**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Elmira College and a Master's degree in Biology Education from Kutztown University, is a Lean Coach at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

**Paul Mesko '82** is a Sales Specialist at Pella Windows / Gunton Corporation in Bethlehem.

**Brian Slusaw '83**, who studied at Mansfield University and Northampton Community College, is Regional Sales Manager at McKesson/Gulf South Medical, the oldest and largest healthcare company in the nation, serving more than 50% of U.S. hospitals and 20% of physicians, in Macungie.

**Maria Kalata Sullivan '84**, who received an MS in Speech Pathology and Audiology from East Stroudsburg University, is a Speech-Language Pathologist at Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 in Springtown, PA.

**Patrick Dundon '85**, a Bechhi Distinguished Graduate, who served in the U.S. Army Infantry and Special Forces for over 24 years, and who received a BA from Duquesne University and MA in International Relations from the University of San Diego, now serves in Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency.

**Gregory Young '86**, who received a BA in Architectural Design from the University of Pittsburgh, is President and Owner of Paul Davis Restoration of Allegheny County, in Pittsburgh.

**Peter Gillen '87**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Villanova University and a Master's Degree in Philosophy from Colorado State University, is Social Studies Curriculum Supervisor at Taunton High School in Fairhaven, MA.

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**Patrick Adams '88**, who received a BS in Biology from Moravian College, is a Senior Consultant at CGI, among the largest IT and business consulting services firms in the world, in Douglasville, PA.

**Karen Braxmeier Aulisio '89**, who received a BS in Elementary Education from east Stroudsburg University, is an Elementary School Principal in the Parkland School District.

**Amy Lichty Koorie '90**, who received a Bachelor of Education (BEd) from Kutztown University, served as a Corporate Trainer & Training Assistant at T-Mobile in Allentown.

**Marci Keiper Sporka '91**, who received a BS in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Kutztown University and later studied at Marywood University, is now a Travel Planner, Director and Independent Consultant for Thirty-One Gifts, one of America's fastest-growing direct-selling companies that is committed to helping women celebrate, encourage and reward themselves through running their own business, in Bethlehem.

**Carol Bedics Preston '92**, who received an MBA from LaSalle University, is Senior Manager, Affiliate Accounting & Reporting at Comcast in Philadelphia.

**Laura Herkalo '93**, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Penn State University, is Director Presales at VistaVu Solutions, that provides innovative business management software solutions to mid-market companies across North America, in Wilmington, DE.

**Jon Carpenter '94**, who received a BA in Policy Studies and an MBA in Strategy & Finance from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, is Executive Managing Director at Cushman & Wakefield in the greater Baltimore area.

**William Vanni '95**, a former Toys R Us Store Manager, is Store Manager at BevMo, the Number One Specialty Beverage Retailer on the West Coast, in Fair Oaks CA.

**Russell Valois '96**, who studied at Bucks County Community College and received a BS in Computer Animation from the Art Institute of Philadelphia, is a Freelancer at Lucid Graphix in Ottsville, PA.

**Allyson Pors-Boitz '97**, who studied Sociology at the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst and Advertising/Public Relations at Johnson and Wales University, is Executive Director at Community Options, Inc. in Allentown.

**Felix Galvan '98**, who received a BS in Criminal Justice from Moravian College, is a Dispatcher at Lehigh University's Police Department.

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**Jadrian Helms '99**, who received a BS in Finance and Accounting from DeSales University, is Client Services Business Development Associate at Experimental Pathology Laboratories (EPL) in the Washington DC-Baltimore area.

**Heather Ely Dulick '00**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Bloomsburg University, is Deputy Director at EDSI/PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley.

**Brian Meares '01**, who received a BS in Business Management from the University of Scranton and an MBA from Kutztown University, is Program Evaluation and Accreditation Manager at Kutztown University.

**Jeff Feist '02**, who received a BS in Computer Science from Moravian College and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Associate Director - Cloud Architect at Merck in Easton.

**Brian Cuvo '03**, who received a BA in History from St. Joseph's University and a MEd in Teacher Leadership from the University of Maryland College Park, is Assistant Principal at Whitehall Elementary School at Prince George's County Public Schools in Bowie, MD.

**Maura Lieberman Ohl '04**, who received a BA in Graphic Design and a Certificate of Education, Art, from Moravian College, is a Fine Arts Teacher at Allentown Central Catholic High School.

**Maddie Roxandich '05**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Language and Literature from DeSales University. A Master's Degree in Special Education from Lehigh University, and a Doctor of School Psychology (PsyD) from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is Special Education Teacher at the Council Rock School District.

**Michael Howard '06**, who received a BS in Secondary Education from Millersville University, is now Healthcare Liaison at Phoebe Services in Bethlehem.

**Julia Cerullo Schaffer '07**, who received a BA in Economics from the University of Miami, is an Account Consultant at Allegan, now a part of AbbVie, whose mission is to discover and deliver innovative medicines that solve serious health issues today and address the medical challenges of tomorrow, in Bethlehem.

**Steven Ferry '08**, who received a BS in Finance and Economics from Fordham University, is an MBA Candidate at MIT's Sloan School of Management in the greater Boston area.

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**Madison Burke '09**, who received a BS in Kinesiology: Movement Science and a DPT in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science from the University of Maryland Baltimore, is a Small Business Owner at Elevated Physical Therapy in Pasadena, CA.

**Ariana Caprio '10**, who received a BBA in Economics from Seton Hall University, is International Associate Brand Manager: LATAM Licensing | Tommy Hilfiger in the New York City Metropolitan Area.

**Daniel Cabrera '11**, who received a BS in Music Industry/Recording Technologies from York College of Pennsylvania, is Senior Technology Manager at Convene, a company that designs and services premium places to work, meet, and host inspiring events, in NYC.

**Christopher Blaszk** '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training from Penn State University and a Master's Degree in Recreation and Sport Management from the University of Arkansas, is an Assistant Athletic Trainer at the University of Georgia.

**Jessica Szilagyi '13**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Kutztown university, is a REALTOR® at Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Cassidon Realtor in Bethlehem.

**Mackenzie Bento '14**, who studied Finance at Penn State University, is a Senior Consultant at IBM in the greater NYC area.

**Alexander Vorsa '15**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences from the University of the Sciences, is now a Doctor of Physical Therapy Student at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.

**Elyse Cuttic '16**, who received a BS in Marketing and Sport Management from Rider University, is pursuing a MEd in Sport Performance and Leadership at Northern State University.

## Past BLinkedIns Now On-Line

Go back and view other BLinkedIn profiles from your class and others. Previous Tidings editions are kept on-line for one year. You can find the posts on the Becahi Website <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

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## From the Advancement Office

### **Alumni Question: Mount Rushmore of Becahi Teaching Greats**

As Presidents' Day approaches, who would you place on Becahi's Mount Rushmore of Teachers? Keep an eye out on Becahi's Social Media pages for your opportunity to nominate 4 of your favorite teachers.

### **PA Tax Credit Program**

This program offers you a 90% PA tax credit! Bethlehem Catholic has been able to offer students thousands of dollars in financial aid from donors who have directed their PA taxes to Becahi. This program offers you or your PA business the chance to make a transformational gift in your name that costs less than 10% of the entire donation. If you are interested in this program, email Tom Vresics at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org)

### **Annual Golden Gala (Virtual Event): Save the Date! Saturday, March 27th beginning at 6:00pm**

Annually, we host our largest single fundraiser benefiting the students of BECAHI. While COVID-19 keeps us apart, we are taking this year's event virtual with more opportunities to give and bid on something special! Through the support of numerous volunteers, local businesses, families, and the community at-large, together we are able to ensure the success and stability of our students and school community. So, go ahead – make a cocktail, grab some dinner, and join us online this June for the Golden Gala. For more information and to donate, contact Mrs. Connie Druckenmiller at [cdruckenmiller@becahi.org](mailto:cdruckenmiller@becahi.org) or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 323.

### **2020-2021 Annual Appeal Fund**

There is never an inopportune time to outwardly show our appreciation for our many blessings. And so, as we begin the new year, we ask you once again to support our Annual Appeal for the 2020-2021 school year. Especially this year, we have been faced with many challenges in the educational system. Please consider a gift of at least \$100 or more, if possible. However, your gift, in any amount, makes an impact on today's students. Thank you for your consideration. If you did not receive the 2020-2021 Annual Fund letter, please email [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org).

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## Giving Week Technology Fund

You are invited to help sustain and grow BECAHI's Technology programs! By being one of the 100 people to give \$100, you will bring us one step closer to our \$10,000 goal. You will also receive a limited-edition Bethlehem Catholic Christmas ornament. This year's funds were already used to buy one core router for \$5,000 and one new server for \$1,400. Future donations will be used to purchase 5 router switches that cost \$500 each.

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## Reflection

*“Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;  
Rather look to them with full hope, that as they arise,  
God, whose very own you are,  
will lead you safely through all things.*

*And when you cannot stand it,  
God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;  
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today  
will take care of you today and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering,  
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace  
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.”*

~ St. Francis de Sales

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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...

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

Sincerely,  
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