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Planning continues for our “**Gold ‘n One**” Reunion. We hope everyone can join us in September, after getting your vaccine! (♪ “I’m not throwing away my shot!” ♪.)

We’re gonna have Chance Auctions and Basket Raffles at the dinner at the Steel Club on Friday evening to benefit our Scholarship Fund. **Kathy Gaydos Bickert**

kbic77@hotmail.com and **Betsy Vreeland Lavelle** betsyvalle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for this. See Reunion Notes later in the newsletter.

I took a look at our Class Reunion website again <https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> to see who posted their bio this year. You guys are the best. Building up suspense and anticipation! (Triple 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, PPLLEEAASSEE post your short bios or send them to **Tina Hudak** at tinahudak@gmail.com and she'll post them. *And* you can even keep it to under 150 words...

Meanwhile, here are a few classmates for whom we don't have email addresses, are not sure of the current address, and hope someone reading this newsletter can help find these “missing children.” Maybe **Jack Eckenrode** knows someone who could “investigate”?

Joe Bender
Karen Berg Hobbs
Paul Bolick
Nancy Cacciatore Huber
Nancy Carrington
Jeff Cassano

Anthony Check
Sandy Check
Jeff Christein
Joe Csencsits
Joan Danko
Mike W. Dougherty
(“Blond-haired Mike”)

Jack Downing
Joe Eharth
Tom Farris
Mary Jane Galle Spinner
Dave Hartzell
Bob Iampietro

Over the next couple of months, we'll be putting out more names from our Missing Persons Report to herd all us *eats* hawks together. Questions? Reach out.

How many this time?

This month's edition contains the names of over 260 graduates from 70 different classes, including... 1938, 1941-43, 1946, 47, 49, 1951, 53-55, 57,58, 1960, 61, 63, and 1965 through 2018.

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...Harry and Priscilla (Farris) Mitchell '57, Bill Egan '58, Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60, Mary Kramer Fuehrer '65, Mary Jo Svirzovsky Leonardo '65, Tom Seidenberger '66, Yogi Edinger '67, Patrick Iampietro '67, Mike Long '67, Rosemary Ripper Zambo '67, Nancy Wasil Carr '67, Nancy Crouthamel '68, Andrea Sobieski Barch '68, Bob Baur '69, Pat Bellew Kottke '69, Tom Kozlowski '69, Ann Muller Godiksen '69, Sandy Ortwein Wetherhold '69, Jane Sinnott Klucsik '69, Jeff Andrews '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Debbie Hazler Smith '71, Greg Adams '72, Sue Bartos '72, Judith Takacs-Airgood '72, Mark Breiner '73, Barbara Brugger Carrington '73, Bill Fink '73, Mike Kelly '73, Larry Wasko '73, Chris Karabin '74, Kathy Horvath Richards '75, Dominic Santanasto '75, Steve Yob '75, Joe Brugger '76, Janie Wright Hagmann '76, John Guranich '77, Mary Ellen Zator Estes '77, Sally Kammetler '78, Regina Dugan '79, Greg Jaeger '79, Drew Karabin '79, Teri Kamenar Reza '81, Tom Vresics '81, Tricia Lynn McColl '87, Candace Klesh '05

... and from our class, I either saw or heard from Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Denny Andrew Karpy, Tom Ardizzone, Mike Audet, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Rosina, Celeste, Dave Cech, Jim Connell, Pat Dunne Andrews, Rosie Esparza, Bernie Gillen, Mick Halbreiner, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Pat Lynch, Pat O'Connor Altier, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Anne Redding Regar, Tommy Sculley, Grace Soltis, Josephine, Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe, Chris(t) Wright

... and from the school, Holly DeNofa, principal, Cristin Eick, Sue Lackman

Say a special prayer for ... Celeste Casciano Silvonek's mom who passed away last month.

Patricia D'Orsi Silvonek '38 passed away on 03/09 at the golden age of 100. Please also say a prayer for Celeste's brother, Anthony, and for Patricia's 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

The Class of 1941 "Reunion" Update

One of the benefits of honoring each class's significant milestone year is the occasional update to those who had been recognized. It's almost as if the reunion was held. People (families) get re-reconnected. Stories are told. Here's what I learned from the Class of 1941's "reunion" in last month's *Tidings*:

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Rich Haas '66 called to inform me that his parents, **Charles Haas '41** and **Virginia Kelly '41**, believe they are the oldest Becahi couple among the living.

Jim Connell '70 wrote that his aunt, the late **Sister Mary Francis Connell, O.S.U. '41**, served as a missionary in Alaska.

Pat Lynch '70, wrote that his dad, **Harry Lynch '41**, served in the U.S. Air Force during WW II, and that I missed one of his uncle **Bernie Lynch '41** children ...**Larry Lynch '67**, (who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.)

The Class of 1946 Virtual 75th Year Reunion

This was the 20th Graduating Class in school history. There were (only) 7 boys among the 47 graduates. I couldn't get my hands on a yearbook, so there are some goodies that I've certainly missed about the class and school's activities. In any event, read each name aloud to recognize their presence among us.

The forty-seven members are...

Theresa Adamcik Doria*

Ann Bednarik Kametz*

Richard Brady*

Rita Burke Donchez*

Rose Chrismer Sostak*

Charlotte Collins Sears

William Corby*

Patricia Cullen

Peg Dickert Weiss-Downing*

Leonard Donchez*

Generose Dwyer Carisio

Mary Fabian Sefcik*

Margaret Falatek*

Cecilia Fecko Garland

Elizabeth Folkman Feiertag*

Anna Fox Jennings

John Gulya*

Mary Hanley Maco

Virginia Hartigan Levin*

Jean Harvey Becker

Marianne Higgins Massa*

Lorraine Kisslan*

Dorothy Labdik Krazek

Rose LaBuda*

Pauline Laky Hinnerschietz*

Theresa Laky*

Elizabeth Librandi Monaghan

Elizabeth Maco*

Gloria Mahoney Hader

Margaret Marcin Flanagan*

Marie McDermott Rotondo*

Rosalie Messina Ronca*

Frances Mish Del Re*

Francis O'Donnell*

Virginia Poplawski Schrader

Josephine Prosperi Quarry

Louise Rucidlo Fisher

John Skelly*

Agnes Slaninka Calvo*

Elizabeth Smerko Gulya*

Rita Snell*

Louise Sorrentino Pribulka*

Bernadine Spisak Fleitas

Marian Strauch*

Rosemarie Tocci Morano

Margaret Ulincy Maher*

Alex Yelenics*

* Deceased

Five members served in the Military

Richard Brady > U.S. Air Force (Korea)

William Corby > U.S. Army (Korea)

Francis O'Donnell > U.S. Army

John Skelly > U.S. Army (WW II and Korea)

Alex Yelenics > U.S. Marines (Korea)

Sr. Patricia Cullen, S.S.J. joined the Sisters of St. Joseph and was an Educator

Richard Brady was an Educator.

Margaret Ulincy Maher was a Nurse.

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Eight members were parents to 20 future Becahi grads, including 4 from our class.

Theresa Adamcik Doria > **Kathleen '68**
Ann Bednarik Kametz > **Bernie '69**
Peg Dickert Weiss > **Debbie '70, James '74, Peggy '78**
Generose Dwyer Carisio > **Patricia '69, Susan '73, Maria '81**
Jean Harvey Becker > **Eston '69, Jeannine '70**
Pauline Laky Hinnerschiet > **Deb '68, Harry '70, Nancy '72, Tom '76**
Josephine Prospero Quarry > **Bob '67, Colleen '70**
Agnes Slaninka Calvo > **Paula '69, Jane '71, Tina '73, Lisa '79**
FYI... Agnes married Paul Calvo, Becahi's Wall of Fame Basketball Coach

There were three "Campus Couples":

Rita Burke and Leonard Donchez
Peg Dickert Weiss-Downing and **James Downing '42**
John Gulya and Elizabeth Smerko

I didn't have access to a 1946 yearbook, if there is one available, so I may have missed a graduate's name. I look forward to any updates anyone can provide.

Next Month...

The Class of 1951's Virtual 70th Reunion.

Got any good stories? (...that you wanna share?)

The Graduate, the Sister, and the President

Ann Muller Godiksen '69, wrote "... there's a Becahi connection to our current president. My second cousin, [the late] Sister Lawrence Joseph, SSJ, (**Kathleen Murphy '42**), taught Joe Biden in elementary school in Wilmington. She would frequently say that she knew he would grow up to be someone very important. I know he wrote to her and she cherished his letters...unsure how often he would do this."

Mount Rushmore of Becahi Teaching Greats And Our Educators Honor Roll

The responses are heart-warming and varied, as expected. (I've only received 3 responses from those grads after 1980, so I figure they're waiting for this month to send in their choices.) Meanwhile 53 alums from 19 different classes have provided 111 recommendations for 51 teachers.

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Do you realize that there have been over 420 teachers that have guided us over the years? ...and that includes (at least) 126 Sisters of St. Joseph, 43 priests, 20 Brothers of the Holy Cross and 275 lay persons. Here are the alumni recommendations, in alphabetical order, that I've received so far...

Teacher Nominated	Alum Nominator	Class
Fr. John Basinski	Nancy Crouthamel	'68
Fr. Ron Bocian	Teri Kamenar Reza	'81
Ray Boris	Bill Rowe	'11
Bob Bukvics	Bernie Gillen	'70
Bob Bukvics	Mark Breiner	'73
Bob Bukvics	Mike Kelly	'73
Bob Bukvics	Tricia Lynn McColl	'87
Br. Austin Byrnes, C.S.C.	Tom Ardizzone	'70
Br. Austin Byrnes, C.S.C.	Mike Audet	'70
Br. Austin Byrnes, C.S.C.	Chris Wright	'70
Fr. Ed Coleman	Mark Breiner	'73
Fr. Ed Coleman	Chris Karabin	'76
Cormac Courtney	Tom Seidenberger	'66
Fr. Vincent Cronin	Bill Egan	'58
Fr. Vincent Cronin	Mary Kramer Fuehrer	'65
Fr. Vincent Cronin	Tom Seidenberger	'66
Richard Culver	Dave Cech	'70
Richard Culver	Bill Rowe	'11
Richard Culver	Mike Kelly	'73
Richard Culver	Larry Wasko	'73
Richard Culver	Teri Kamenar Reza	'81
Br. Robert D'Amato, C.S.C.	Tom Kozlowski	'69
Br. Robert D'Amato, C.S.C.	George Kane	'70
Peter DeFilippis	Mike Kelly	'73
Peter DeFilippis	Dominic Santanasto	'75
Peter DeFilippis	Mary Ellen Zator Estes	'77
Peter DeFilippis	Drew Karabin	'79
Deb DeSanto	Sally Kammetler	'78
Br. John Joseph Donnelly, C.S.C	Yogi Eddinger	'67
Patrick Duddy	Tom Seidenberger	'66
Patrick Duddy	Nancy Wasil Carr	'67
Marie Dugan	Betsy Horvath Kane	'70
Mary Ann Fonzone	Deborah Horvath Kost	'74
Mike Grasso	Sally Kammetler	'78
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Br. Ellis Greene, C.S.C.	Dave Cech	'70
John Grob	Deborah Horvath Kost	'74
John Grob	Chris Karabin	'76
John Grob	Jane Wright Hagmann	'76
George Harmanos	Jeff Andrews	'71
George Harmanos	Steve Yob	'75
George Harmanos	Chris Karabin	'76
George Harmanos	John Guranich	'77
George Harmanos	Mary Ellen Zator Estes	'77
George Harmanos	Sally Kammetler	'78
George Harmanos	Tricia Lynn McColl	'87
Paulette Hydusik	Deborah Horvath Kost	'74
Tony Iasiello	Patrick Iampietro	'67
Tony Iasiello	Bill Rowe	'11
Tony Iasiello	Sally Kammetler	'78
Tony Iasiello	Teri Kamenar Reza	'81
George Kelly	Mark Breiner	'73
George Kelly	Dominic Santanasto	'75
George Kelly	Dave Redding	'76
Fr. Richard Kelly	Dominic Santanasto	'75
Susan Krempasky	Kathleen Connell Willner	'79
Patricia Murphy	Mary Ellen Zator Estes	'77
Patricia Murphy	Drew Karabin	'79
Anissa Nassry	Nancy Crouthamel	'68
Anissa Nassry	Andrea Sobieski Barch	'68
Anissa Nassry	Pat Bellew Kottke	'69
Anissa Nassry	Jane Sinnott Klucsik	'69
Anissa Nassry	Denny Andrew Karpy	'70
Anissa Nassry	Rosina Bierbaum	'70
Anissa Nassry	Pat Dunne Andrews	'70
Anissa Nassry	Pat O'Connor Altier	'70
Anissa Nassry	Grace Soltis	'70
Anissa Nassry	Debbie Hazler Smith	'71
Anissa Nassry	Sue Bartos	'72
Anissa Nassry	Chris Karabin	'76
Anissa Nassry	Teri Kamenar Reza	'81
Carolyn Peoples	Tricia Lynn McColl	'87
Br. James Roth, C.S.C.	Patrick Iampietro	'67
Sally Ryan	John Guranich	'77
Dave Sabo	Dave Redding	'76
Fr. Louis Solcia	Drew Karabin	'79

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Barbara Spugnardi	Pat Bellew Kottke	'69
Joseph Szczepanski	Greg Adams	'72
Joseph Szczepanski	Dave Redding	'76
Kathleen Wagner	Betsy Horvath Kane	'70
Sr. Agnes Josephine	Nancy Wasil Carr	'67
Sr. Agnes Josephine	Tom Seidenberger	'66
Sr. Alma Rose Schlosser	Kathleen Connell Willner	'79
Sr. Anita David	Bill Fink	'73
Sr. Catharine Immaculate	Bernie Gillen	'70
Sr. Catharine Immaculate	Mark Breiner	'73
Sr. Catharine Immaculate	Barbara Brugger Carrington	'73
Sr. Catharine Immaculate	Pat Bellew Kottke	'69
Sr. Irma Loreto	Harry Mitchell	'57
Sr. Irma Loreto	Bill Egan	'58
Sr. Irma Loreto	Pat Dunne Andrews	'70
Sr. Irma Loreto	Tricia Lynn McColl	'87
Sr. Irma Loreto	Priscilla Farris Mitchell	'57
Sr. Marie Brigid	Sandy Ortwein Wetherhold	'69
Sr. Marie Brigid	Pat O'Connor Altier	'70
Sr. Marie Brigid	Nancy Crouthamel	'68
Sr. Marie Matthew	Pat Bellew Kottke	'69
Sr. Marie Matthew	Nancy Wasil Carr	'67
Sr. Michael Cecelia	Bill Egan	'58
Sr. Miriam Carmelita	Mary Ellen Zator Estes	'77
Sr. Regina Pacis	Nancy Wasil Carr	'67
Sr. Rita William	Dominic Santanasto	'75
Sr. Rita Xavier	Mary Jo Svirzovsky Leonardo	'65
Sr. Rose Andrew	Dorothy Keating Steltzer	'60
Sr. Rose Charlotte	Mary Kramer Fuehrer	'65
Sr. Rosemarie Lorenz	Kathleen Connell Willner	'79
Sr. William Theresa	Tom Seidenberger	'66
Sr. William Theresa	Nancy Crouthamel	'68
Sr. William Theresa	Andrea Sobieski Barch	'68
Sr. William Theresa	Pat Bellew Kottke	'69
Sr. William Theresa	Anne Redding Regar	'70

Here are some of the comments sent in...

Mary Jo Svirzovsky Leonardo '65, wrote...*I recommend Sister Rita Xavier. She taught biology and I loved her classes and labs. By far, she was the best teacher I ever had, and that includes professors in college. She outdid them all. I talk about her very often. She had a major impact in my life.*

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Bill Egan '58, wrote... *The longer you're out of school, the greater your appreciation of those who taught you years ago. My nominations are Father Vincent Cronin, Sister Irma Loretto and Sister Michael Cecilia. As an aside, shortly before she passed, I went to the Mother House to visit Sister Michael. When I asked for her, the reply I got was: Oh, you mean Mickey Sneakers. Wow! Not what I expected. Also, when my boys (Bill '86 & Mike '88) were at Becahi, I had a chance to reconnect with Sister Irma. She would tell them how great I was in high school then sneak a glance at me and wink. Payback!*

Tom Seidenberger '66, wrote... *My senior year was special...we had Father [Francis] Sullivan...a very different perspective on life and religion who replaced Father Cronin who was the heart and soul of Becahi.*

Also was the first year for Bucky, Mac, Dick Culver and Tony I. One of the funniest times I had at Beca was when Bucky called for Dan Dougherty '66 and me.... made us come after school and told us...it was Mr. Bukvics now...geez...we grew up playing ball with him at Yosko [Park]...Beca basketball was one big family then...Dan and I laughed and laughed until he negotiated 'Coach'....and we said in unison...yeah Coach Bucky. But we behaved in public! And that was the Becahi way!

Nancy Wasil Carr '67, wrote... *Sister Agnes Josephine who taught me chemistry opened the world of science to me. I already loved Biology taught by Mr. Duddy who also taught a special after-school Biology class. Both teachers prepared me well for Nursing School and Microbiology, Pharmacology, Anatomy and Physiology at St Luke's and later college at Wilkes. My interest in Science has opened my mind to rational thought and investigation and a life-long fascination with scientific research and discoveries in Medicine, Astronomy, Biology and diverse fields of science. I will always be grateful for their excellence, enthusiasm and expectation that I could and would succeed. As I write this I remember, "Pancho", Sister Regina Paris, who demanded I expand my vocabulary and learn to express myself in writing; and Sister Marie Matthew who taught me French and Latin and asked me "Where do you see yourself in five years?"*

Grace Soltis '70, wrote... *My vote goes to Anissa Nassry! She loved biology and taught it with contagious enthusiasm while she connected with her students. She was an exemplary educator and wonderful human being all around.*

Greg Adams '72, wrote... *I'd like to nominate Joe Szczepanski. He was our Spanish teacher, loved us and brought a zest to the language and class by singing Spanish songs every week. I didn't realize at the time the ordeal he had gone through during the Bataan Death March and 3 and 1/2 years as a prisoner of the Japanese. Makes me appreciate more as I look back, the enthusiasm and encouragement he brought to us every class in spite of having to deal with those memories.*

What do you think? Don't miss out on the opportunity to recognize someone who has made a difference in your development. Send me your choices and keep an eye on Becahi's Social Media pages. I'm looking forward to hearing more from the decades of the Eighties though the Tens...

The goal is to announce the findings on National Teacher Appreciation Day, May 5th.

The latest Educator Honor Roll will be posted at that time. (It's grown to over 250.) Let me know if you or someone you know would like to be included.

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The Play's the Thing

Second in a continuing series on Theater lore at Becahi

The FREDDY© Awards

The FREDDY© Awards recognize and reward exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theater in high schools in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania, and Warren County, New Jersey, since 2003.

Between 2003 and 2019, Becahi's Theater Family have garnered 58 nominations and 8 Award winners across 17 performances. (There were no awards in 2020). The Award winners were...

- 👉 2006 Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer
Beth Ryan '07, *The King and I*
- 👉 2009 Best Leading Actress
Brittani Doyen '09, role of the Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- 👉 2011 Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer
Nicholas Acampora '12, role of Arthur Kipps in *Half A Sixpence*
- 👉 2012 Best Leading Actor
Nicholas Acampora '12, role of Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*
- 👉 2014 Outstanding Performance by a Female Ensemble Member
Madelyn Dundon '16, role of Mae in *The Pajama Game*
- 👉 2016 Outstanding Solo Vocal Performance
Madelyn Dundon '16, Song: "One Hundred Easy Ways to Lose A Man", from *Wonderful Time*
- 👉 2017 Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer
Gabrielle Acampora '18, role of Dream Laurey from *Oklahoma!*
Outstanding Solo Vocal Performance
Liam Nixon '17, Song: "Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'", from *Oklahoma!*

Anyone got a story to share?

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. Tom is looking forward to working with every class, but especially the milestone classes whose celebrations are approaching quickly.

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Kay Fenerty Lynn '57, writes that the **Class of '57** have reserved the Prime Steak House for their 64th 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 Gold 'n One Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of **September 24-26, 2021**. Friday evening the 24th, the party at the Steel Club will include a Chance Auction/Basket Raffle at to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Donations of a basket, bottle of wine, restaurant gift certificate, etc. would be appreciated. (**Micky Halbreiner** has already offered to donate a couple baskets of cheer.) Other events are pending. Stay tuned. BTW.... The **Bethlehem Celtic Festival** is also scheduled for this weekend, so plan accordingly. (They must have seen our plans, and wanted to take advantage of the surge.)

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 50th Reunion

Planning continues. Looks like **September, 2022** will be the magical month. A Facebook Group page entitled "Becahi class of 1972" was set up on March 10th, and so far, 26 persons (out of 207 living souls) have signed on. **Sue Bartos '72**, sbartos54@yahoo.com, is the Group's Administrator. Sign up on Facebook and get yourself involved...please.

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

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

Bob Baur '69 wrote "...Been keeping up with all your updates on my classmates and enjoy reading all of it. I married Kathy Antoccia while a senior at Lehigh, (she was in the Becahi class of 1970, but left after freshman year), received a BS in Metallurgical Engineering from Lehigh, moved to Cincinnati Ohio area to work for General Electric Aircraft, early on, received an MS in Metallurgical Engineering from University of Cincinnati, retired after 41 years and am presently enjoying refreshing our home. We have 4 children, all grown and graduated from college, and 6 grandchildren, all nearby, so grandparent duties are constant. Still living in the Midwest, but still visiting some family in Bethlehem. We will be trying to get to the reunion this September, barring any increase in pandemic status."

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Kathy Brady Haugh '70, is a former Health Unit Coordinator at Brigham and Women's Hospital & the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. – Facebook

Rick Buckanin '71, who majored in Chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh and in Organic Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is now retired after a career as a Chemist at 3M in Ann Arbor, MI. (Brother Robert would be proud.)

Bill Vidonya '72, is the Food & Beverage Manager at the Northampton County Country Club in Easton. (A potential reunion venue?)

John E. Brady '80, who attended Penn State University, lives in NYC with his wife, actress Sue Brady and son, Donovan. He has done over a hundred TV and radio commercials, spent ten years in "The Lion King" on Broadway and in "Newsies" on Broadway. – en.mm52.com/star/john_e_brady/index.html

Emily Nomeir '04, who received a BS in Finance from the University of Delaware, is a Principal and the Head of Hamilton Lane's Taft-Hartley Services Team, where she is responsible for all aspects of client relations for the firm's Taft-Hartley clients. Hamilton Lane is an alternative investment management firm providing innovative private markets services to sophisticated investors around the world headquartered in Bala Cynwyd.

Kaylee Garguilo '06, who received an MS in Education from Wilkes University, is a Special Education (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade) at Executive Education Academy Charter School.

Monique Woodard '11, who earned her BA from Wilkes University, with a dual major in Integrative Media and Theatre, and an MS in Digital Media at Drexel University, is currently a PhD student in the Educational Leadership and Learning Technologies program at Drexel University with a STEM concentration.

Hayley Burke '12, who received a BS in Interior Design from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, joined Bernardon, a full-service architecture, interior design and landscape architecture firm in Wilmington, DE, as an Interior Designer.

Emma Gehringer '15, who received a BS in Biochemistry from Mount Saint Mary's University, is now a student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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Escaping the Pandemic

Reading... Here are more suggestions... What's on your nightstand?

- 📖 *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah
 - A powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them.
- 📖 *The Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett
 - Set in 12th-century England, the narrative concerns the building of a cathedral in the fictional town of Kingsbridge. The ambitions of three men merge, conflict and collide through 40 years of social and political upheaval as internal church politics affect the progress of the cathedral and the fortunes of the protagonists.

Watching and Listening...

- 🎬 *David Foster: Off the Record*, on Netflix
 - From child prodigy to iconic music producer, multi-Grammy Award-winner David Foster shares the stories behind his success with rare footage and interviews with his collaborators.
- 🎬 *Dolly Parton: Here I Am*, on Netflix
 - Dolly Parton leads a moving, musical journey in this documentary that details the people and places who have helped shape her iconic career.
- 🎵 *Old Friends*, by Mary McCaslin
 - "Remember old friends, we made along the way.
The gifts they gave that stay with us every day."
- 🎵 *Been Around a Long Time*, Delbert McClintock & Glen Clark
 - "I ain't old, but I been around a long time."

Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Patricia D'Orsi Casciano	1938	03/09/2021	100
Martin Adams	1949	02/25/2021	90
Rosemary Ortwein	1951	02/19/2021	87
Jane Peffer Warncke	1951	02/24/2021	87
Jim Link	1960	03/17/2021	78
Laura Merkel	1998	03/20/2021	

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Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Martin Adams '49**, husband of **Rita Fagan Adams '49**, on 02/25
- † Ferdinand Brenner, father of **Susanne '76, Joe '79** and **Mike '80**, on 03/23
- † Katherine "Kay" Bugger, mother of **William '68, Denise '72** and **John '84**, on 01/14 (Corrected)
- † Joseph Cecala, brother of **Mary Lou '71** and **Theodore '74**, on 03/14
- † Charles Connors, father of **Kerri '88, Jodi '91** and **Christopher '00**, on 03/08
- † **Patricia D'Orsi Casciano '38**, mother of **Celeste '70**, on 03/09
- † Olimpio Fernandes, father of **Debra '75, Susan '79** and **Michele '84**, on 03/24
- † Billy Fink, brother of **Jim '73, Dave '76** and **Robert '80**, on 02/26
- † Robert Holzer, husband of the late **Dorothy Kalman Holzer '55** and father of **Judith '80**, on 03/11
- † Edward Kyle, husband of the late **Lucy Bender Kyle '54**, on 03/16
- † **Laura Merkel '98**, sister of **Melissa '00, Brian '01, Dan '09** and Kevin, on 03/20
- † **Rosemary Ortwein '51**, sister of **Lucille Ortwein Bringenberg '55**, and the late **Margaret Ortwein Sawyer '43, Sr. Catherine Ortwein, S.S.J. '47**, and **Barbara Ortwein Gallucci '53**, on 02/19
- † Kathleen Master, mother of **John '86**, on 03/05
- † Rev. Scott Pilarz, SJ, beloved 24th and 27th President of the University of Scranton, died on 03/10 of complications related to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).
 - Scores of Becahi graduates attended and graduated from "the U," including me, my wife, and two of my daughters.
- † James Riss, father of **Kimberly '87**, on 03/22
- † Joann Silfies, mother of the late **Brenda Silfies Roland '68**, on 03/03
- † Theresa Thoder, mother of **David '61**, on 03/01

Please say a special prayer for our classmates who passed away during the month of April...

Greg Darabaris (4/13/11), **Claudia Derr Benner** (4/18/14), **Jack Gallagher** (4/07/09)

Sports Winter Wrap-up

Boys Basketball

District XI 4A Runner-up

Season Final Team Record: 12-5

👉 Coach Scott McClary's three-season record: 52-22

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Girls Basketball

District XI 5A Champions

- 👉 12th District Title, fifth in a row, eighth in last nine seasons

PIAA Tournament

- 👉 Moved up in Class to 5A
- 👉 Lost in Quarterfinal Round

Season Final Team Record: 9-8

- 👉 The team lost its first 4 games, then won 9 of the next 12
- 👉 “Wait until next year!”
- 👉 Coach Jose Medina’s seven-season record: 166-31

Wrestling

Team Record: 3-1

Covid-19 shortened regular season

PIAA 3A Team Tournament

Lost in Quarterfinals

District XI Team Tournament – (Second Place Finish)

10 Individuals Advanced to PA Northeast Regionals:

PA Northeast Regionals – First Place Team

9 Individuals Advanced to PA East Super Regional

PA East Super Regionals

7 Individuals Advanced to PA State Championships

PIAA Individual Championships

1 State Champion, Tyler Kasak (Soph)

Coach Jeff Karam (at least) one State Champion in each of last 10 seasons

Wt.	Wrestler	District XI	NE Regional	Super Regional	States' Medals
106	Charles Pavis	3 rd			
113	Cael McIntyre	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	6 th
120	Dante Frinzi	1 st	1 st	1 st	4 th
126	Tyler Kasak	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
132	Matt Mayer	1 st	1 st	2 nd	6 th
138	Andrew Harmon	1 st	1 st	2 nd	7 th
145	Trey Miletics	3 rd	3 rd		
152	Evan Gleason	1 st	1 st	1 st	5 th
160	Landon Muth	2 nd	2 nd	4 th	8 th
189	Anthony DeRosa	3 rd	4 th		

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Notable Alumni Athletes...

Ben Tannous '01, a graduate of Elizabethtown College, has stepped down as Head Coach of Southern Lehigh's boys' basketball team after 8 seasons. Ben posted a record of 125-65 and won two Colonial League championships and a District XI crown. – Morning Call 3/26/21

Mikey Labriola '17, finished 3rd in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Tournament on March 20th. Mikey finished his University of Nebraska's season at 17-2, and his finish gives Becahi an All-American alum for the seventh year in succession. – Morning Call 3/21/21

Rachel Tanczos '17, a member of the University of Notre Dame's track team, finished 2nd in the weight throw at the NCAA Division I Indoor Track Championships in Fayette, NC, on March 11-13. – Morning Call 3/26/21

SHHHHHHHHH....

Surprise Day to Honor Coach Mike Grasso

Tuesday, April 20th; Ceremony at 3:30pm on the Becahi Baseball Field before the Varsity game against Nazareth.

Please contact Connie Druckenmiller to RSVP
610 866-0791 ex 323 of cdruckenmiller@becahi.org

“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:

Doug Gifford '69, who received a BA in Government from Lehigh University and a JD from Temple University's James E. Beasley School of Law, is a Partner at Clemens, Nulty & Gifford Law Firm in Souderton.

Kathy Bukics Stanley '70, is a Perinatal Nurse Educator at Hospital and Online in Manasquan, NJ.

Melanie Ulans '71, a DeSales University graduate, is a Realtor at A R Ulans Realty in Allentown.

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Susan Bukics Majczan '72, who received graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, is an RN at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem.

Mark Breiner '73, who received an Associate's Degree in Broadcast Journalism from Williamsport Community College, is Supervisor - Document Control Services - PPL Susquehanna LLC in Allentown and at the Susquehanna Plant in Berwick, PA.

Terence Burke '74, who received a BA in Philosophy from Hamilton College and a JD from the University of Chicago Law School, is Assistant General Counsel at First Solar, Inc. in Houston, TX.

Jack Kristofik '75, who received a BA in Marketing from Villanova University / Eckerd College, is Business Development Representative at Acadia Healthcare in Joppa, MD.

Mary Lou Benz Johansen '76's Valedictorian, who received a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics and a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Lehigh University, is Principal Technical Writer at MathWorks in greater Boston.

Rich Cengeri '77, who received a BS in Management from the University of Dayton and an MS in Sports Management from St. Thomas University, is the former Vermont Edition Producer/Announcer at Vermont Public Radio in Colchester, VT.

Mike Balik '78, who studied Management - Information Technology at Bloomsburg University, is Head of US Operations Technology at HelloFresh in the greater New York City area.

Bernie Bellew Elchin '79, is Senior Vice-President of Corporate Operations at *Convergent*, an innovative Voice, Data & Video Integration Provider & Consulting Resource headquartered in the Lehigh Valley.

Tim Bentley '80, who studied at the Maine Maritime Academy, is the Director of Facilities at The Standard Hotel, known for its taste-making clientele, pioneering design, and unrelenting un-Standard-ness, in Miami Beach, FL.

Joseph Blasko '81, with a Certified Green Belt in Lean/Six Sigma from the Management and Strategy Institute, is Production Supervisor at Victaulic, the leading producer of mechanical pipe joining solutions, in Easton.

Scott Brown '82, who studied Economics at East Stroudsburg University, is a Financial Advisor at SR Brown Financial Services in Alburtis, PA.

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(Rev.) Joseph Barth '83, who received a BS in Theology from United Wesleyan College, an AS in Business Administration from Northampton Community College, a MDiv in Theology from Drew University and a Doctor of Ministry from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, is an Ordained Clergyman, Minister/Pastor at the United Methodist Church in Dagsboro, DE.

Kristen Brodt Van Arsdale '84, who received an AS in Business Administration and a BS in Aeronautical Science from Hawthorne College, is a Real Estate Consultant for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Arizona Properties in Gilbert, AZ.

Antoinette Blasko Altemose '85, who studied Secretarial Science at Northampton Community College, is the Office Manager at Bob Altemose Trucking in Bath, PA.

Shawn Meder '86, who received an AAS in Communication and Media Studies from Northampton Community College, is President/Owner of PA Fire Recovery Service, LLC in Macungie.

Tricia Lynn McColl '87, who received a BA in Accounting from Catholic University, is a Project Manager at Crayola in Easton.

Robert Sicinski '88, who received a BS in Business Administration from Penn State University and an MBA from North Carolina University – Wilmington, is Manager of Demand and Inventory Planning at CertainTeed Corporation/Saint-Gobain in Allentown.

Elizabeth Lisha Mulreaney Stofanek '89, who received a BS in Business Management from St. Joseph's University, is Director, Activation Manager Team at Hearst Magazines in Center Valley.

Jeffrey Gasda '90, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Bloomsburg University, is a High School Science Teacher at Hawaii Technology Academy in Haleiwa, HI. (Aloha, Jeff!)

TerryAnn Peters Steidinger '91, who studied at Northampton Community College and received a Certificate in Human Resources Management and Services from Villanova University, is the Office Manager at Cohen, Feeley, Altemose & Rambo, P.C., Bethlehem.

Edward Tabor '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Kutztown University and a MA in English Literature from Lehigh University, began his teaching career in the Allentown Diocese over twenty years ago and now teaches English at Becahi.

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Kathleen Glosan '93, who studied at *the* Ohio State University, is Production Manager at Cartoon Books in Columbus, OH.

Whitney Neidert Allen '94, who received a BS in Equine Studies from Centenary University and an MS in Sports Management from the University of Kentucky, is Managing Director of Sponsorship and Advertising at United States Hunter Jumper Association in Lexington, KY.

Jennifer Bachman '95, who received a BS in Accounting and an MBA from DeSales University, is Assistant Global Controller at kgb_, the world's largest independent provider of directory assistance and enhanced information services, located in the greater NYC area.

Kristy Christian '96, who received a BA in Speech Communications and Psychology from Penn State University and a Certification in Spiritual Direction as well as a Master's Degree in Theological Studies from Moravian Theological Seminary, is a Spiritual Director, Spiritual Teacher in Private Practice, and Associate Chaplain at the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Jeremy Getz '96, whose undergraduate work was at Lehigh University, is Senior Director, Risk Distribution and Credit for Freddie Mac in New York, New York.

Kenneth Nansteel '96, whose undergraduate studies were at Penn State University, is the Owner, Kenneth F. Nansteel 3rd Tile and Remodeling in Hellertown.

Michael Hitcho '97, who served in the U.S. Army National Guard, is the Owner of Hitcho Insurance Agency, that specializes in the senior insurance market, helping seniors and Medicare eligible individuals find the right insurance solution, in Orefield, PA.

Meredith Bogunovich Castellucci '98, is Business Development Manager at Hanlon, a company that delivers smart strategies, powerful creativity, award-winning campaigns, and customer experiences that solve businesses challenges, create brand value and grow market share, in Kulpville, PA.

Scott Baur '99, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Millersville University, is Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis at PNC Equipment Finance in Horsham, PA.

Jill Bauerlein Boland '00, who received a BA in English from Elizabethtown College, is Senior Analyst, HR Systems at Ricoh USA, Inc. in Malvern, PA.

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Amy Grossman '00, who received a Registered Nurse Diploma from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, is a Registered Nurse Case Manager for Aetna in Bethlehem.

Dana Brotzman '01, who received a Certificate in Cosmetology from Empire Beauty School and an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies from Northampton Community College, is Stylist/Manager/Supervisor at Supercuts and a Receptionist/Cashier at the Outten Automotive Group in the Lehigh Valley.

Monica Nansteel Heiserman '01, who received an Associate's Degree in Child Psychology from Northampton Community College, is currently the Manager of Zales Jewelers in Center Valley.

Patrick Bedics '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Media Studies at North Carolina State University, is Strategic Account Sales Executive at Best Line Equipment, the premier equipment rental, sales, service and parts provider serving Pennsylvania and the seven surrounding states.

Ryan Yeakel '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Penn State University and MBA and MSIS from DeSales University, is a Senior IT Business Systems Analyst at Lehigh Hanson, supplying cement, aggregates, ready mixed concrete, asphalt and other building materials to markets throughout North America, in Allentown.

Jason Cruz '03, who received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Project and Supply Chain Management from Penn State University, is Manager II at J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Lauren Neveling Rouleau, '03's Valedictorian, who received a BA in Biochemistry from Mount Holyoke College and an MD/PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology from Thomas Jefferson University, is a Resident Physician at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Chelsea Truppi '04, who received a BA in Communications and Media Studies and a Master's Degree in Clinical/Medical Social Work from the University of New England, is Director of Admissions at Phoebe Richland Health Care Center in Richlandtown, PA.

Matt Tannous '04, who received a BBA in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College, is Plant Engineer at Weyerbacher Brewing Company in Easton.

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Rachel Althouse '05, who received a BS in Finance and Middle Eastern Studies from Pace University's Lubin School of Business, is the Front Desk Lead at Best Western International in New York City.

Tim Murphy '05, a Moravian College graduate, is Lead Teacher at Centennial School of Lehigh University in Bethlehem.

Anthony Markovic '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from DeSales University, is an Accountant at Cross Properties, a real estate investment and development company headquartered in Philadelphia, PA.

Quinn Schaffer '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Miami, is Financial Advisor at 1847Financial in Bethlehem.

Marissa Hess '07, who received a BS in Biology and an MS in Forensic Science and Technology from Duquesne University, is Lead Laboratory Analyst at Interpace Diagnostics, a leader in enabling personalized medicine, in Pittsburgh, PA.

Elizabeth Ryan '07, who received a BS and Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Scranton is a Physical Therapist at BeneFIT Physical Therapy in the New York City metropolitan area.

Owen Divers '08, who received a BS in Elementary Education from Penn State University, is an Elementary School Teacher at Saucon Valley School District.

Ben Eichman '08, who received a BS in Finance from the University of Delaware, is a Financial Advisor at Oaktree Advisors in Bethlehem.

Oren Buie '09, who received a BS in Finance and Marketing from LaSalle University, is New Business Manager at AXA Financial in Charlotte, NC.

Stephanie Grow '09, has received a BS in Professional Studies from Misericordia University and a Master's Degree in Exercise Science from East Stroudsburg University.

Marc Blasko '10, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Kutztown University, is a Senior Accountant at Herbein + Company, Inc., a leading regional certified public accounting and consulting firm, in Reading, PA.

Nicole Dennis '10, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Lebanon Valley College, is a Physical Therapist at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, a nationally recognized physical rehabilitation provider in Allentown.

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Alex Sobkow '11, who received a BS in Accounting from West Chester University and an MS in Accounting from Villanova University, is a Senior Accountant at Turn5, Inc., an e-commerce business specializing in the aftermarket auto parts industry, in Paoli, PA.

Christopher Terefinko '11, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Maryland, College Park, is Senior Software Engineer at Google in New York, New York.

Kelsey Corrado '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion merchandising from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Production Assistant at PRIIA Cosmetics in Bethlehem.

Robert Leeson '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Catholic University of America, and a JD and MBA from Villanova University, is Associate Attorney at Baker & Hostetler LLP in Philadelphia.

Rachel Abbott '13, who received a BBA and AS of Equine Studies from Delaware Valley University, is a Receptionist at North Penn Mazda in Colmar, PA.

Jenna McGarr '13, who received a BS in Hospitality Administration/Management from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is a Registered Dental Assistant at the Upper Perk Family Dental in Pennsburg, PA.

Shang Chen '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Supply Chain Management from Indiana university, Bloomington, and an MS in Logistics, Materials and Supply Chain Management from Washington University in St. Louis – Olin Business School, is a Labor Planner at Amazon in Nashville, TN.

Julia Silvestri '14 who received a BS and MS in Social Work from Monmouth University is Call Center Coordinator at Family Service Association of Bucks County in Quakertown.

Krista Capra-Big '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion Merchandising from Jefferson (nee Philadelphia) University, is a Keyholder at Michael Kors in Bethlehem.

Nicholas DiBenedetto '15, who received a BBA in Business Management and an MBA from Saint Bonaventure University, is Sales Operations Business Partner Specialist at SAP in the greater Philadelphia area.

Sabrina Sarli '16, who received a BA in International Relations from Boston University, is an Administrative Assistant at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston.

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Julian Spigner '16, who received a BA in Government and Law from Lafayette College, is Management Trainee at Cintas in Easton.

From Tom Vresics '81, Director of Becahi's Advancement Office

The Advancement Team of Connie, Tina and I wish you and your families a happy and blessed Easter! May the Easter Season renew our hope that we will share in Christ's resurrection and be reunited with all our loved ones who have passed. Until that time, God the Father has blessed us with one another. In that light, please stay connected with your fellow Becahi alumni, discuss how to make your upcoming class reunions energizing and memorable. Please contact the Advancement Team for ideas on how to get your class reunion started if you haven't already. Finally, visit the Bethlehem Catholic Web Page. On the brown header ribbon click on the following tabs: Alumni, Advancement and Support Becahi as well as the Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter symbols on the far-right side of the brown header ribbon.

2021 Golden Gala Re-Cap

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2nd Annual Golden Gala such a big success from Becahi's Advancement Team of Connie, Tina, and Tom. You all helped us reach beyond our Emotional Appeal goal of \$25,000 to purchase a Becahi van with a partial wrap. This virtual format allows Bethlehem Catholic Alumni to attend our Golden Gala from all over the country.

2020 - 2021 Annual Appeal Second Letter

If you missed our Golden Gala, your next opportunity to help the newest generation of Golden Hawks is to respond to our Spring Annual Appeal Letter. This letter authored by Tom Donchez, our Board of Directors President, will be arriving in your mailboxes this week. 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 and is greatly appreciated. Know that we love you all and pray for your intentions each day. Thank you for your consideration. If you did not receive the 2020-2021 Annual Fund letter, please email Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org. Please give the amount that makes you feel good. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

PA Tax Credit Program Supporting Becahi

Consider becoming a part of Becahi's EITC program. If you pay more than \$3,500 in PA State Taxes, you can direct 90% of the taxes you are already paying to Bethlehem Catholic. You can make a large transformational gift with little out of pocket costs. The next sign-up period ends in late May. Please contact Tom Vresics '81, at tvresics@becahi.org as soon as possible if interested.

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Reflection

One of my “faves” at Easter.

♪ Alleluia, alleluia!
♪ Let the holy anthem rise,
♪ and the choirs of heaven chant it
♪ in the temple of the skies.
♪ Let the mountains skip with gladness
♪ and the joyful valleys ring,
♪ with hosannas in the highest
♪ to our Savior and our King.

♪ Alleluia, alleluia!
♪ Like the sun from out the wave,
♪ he has risen up in triumph
♪ from the darkness of the grave,
♪ he, the splendor of the nations,
♪ he, the lamp of endless day;
♪ he, the very Lord of glory,
♪ who is risen up today.

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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