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July is Here (Already)

Class of 1970's Reunion Update

We sent out information for hotels to all those who indicated an interest in a hotel in their Survey responses. We have also secured rooms at 4 hotels at discounted prices and suggested that reservations should be made ASAP due to the crush of reservations for the Celtic Festival, Weddings and Lafayette Jr. class Parents Weekend. Invitations will be emailed after July 4th. The **Class of 1970's "Gold 'n One" Reunion** committee's goal is to have as many classmates as possible attend. If for some reason you missed the survey to gauge attendance, but will attend, just contact **George Kane** (610-421-6444 or gekanejr@gmail.com) so the committee can plan accordingly.

By the way, I listed those who responded to the survey (so far) and 72 indicated they were planning or thinking about attending... I put the list at the end of this newsletter. (I dare you to wait until you've read the whole newsletter before reading the names.)

This month I either saw or heard from...

... **Lou Schuster '54, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Yogi Eddinger '67, Rosemary Ripper Zambo '67, Larry Gasda '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Phil Demyan '72, Maria Spagnola '73, Sue Rehrig '76, Tom Vresics '81, Sherri Hines '85, Francesca Weber Marra '11**

... and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Maki, Celeste, Jim Connell, Lisa, Alice Finn Freeh, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Anne Gerber, Bernie Gillen, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Nanci Jeanne Lewis Fenselau, Phil Meguire, Greg Ortwein, Sue Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Sue Sikora O'Hare, Grace Soltis, Josephine, Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi**

Say a special prayer for ... Mary Jane Galle Spinner's mom, Pat Lyon's sister, Dan Miller's father, and Kathy Shanahan Baur's husband who passed away recently.

- † Jane Galle-Finger passed away on 06/28. Please also remember Mary Jane's sister **Tina '71** and her late brothers **Terry '67** and **Tim '69** in your prayers.
- † **Marie "Anita" Lyons Strunk-McGee '60**, who was also the mother of **Theresa Strunk '81, Patricia Strunk '84**, Jeff and Tracey, passed away 06/09.
- † Jacob Miller, who is also the father of **Diane '69** and **Ray '73**, passed away on 06/04.
- † Thomas Baur passed away on 05/27. Please also say prayers for their children Scott and Kelly.

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The Class of 1961's Virtual 60th Year Reunion...

In advance of their in-person reunion on September 18th

There were 136 members of the senior class, including 65 boys and 71 girls.

Father Daniel B. Powell, D.D. was the Rector of Holy Infancy parish

Father Joseph V. Sangmeister, J.C.D., LL.D. was Principal

Father John J. Nawn, A.B. was Vice-Principal and taught religion

Father Vincent I. Cronin, A.B., was the Athletic Director and taught religion and Latin

Teachers:

- ☪ Sister M. Agnes Consilii, S.S.J., taught religion, music and dramatics
- ☪ Sister M. Cordata, S.S.J., taught art, business education, science and Spanish
- ☪ Sister Irma Loreto, S.S.J., taught art and math
- ☪ Sister M. Louis Bertrand, S.S.J., taught math
- ☪ Sister M. Margaret Teresa, S.S.J., taught social studies
- ☪ Sister Marie Matthew, S.S.J., taught Latin and French
- ☪ Sister M. Michael Cecilia, S.S.J., taught commercial studies
- ☪ Sister Regina Pacis, S.S.J., taught English
- ☪ Sister M. Rita Xavier, S.S.J., taught science
- ☪ Sister M. St. Edmund, S.S.J., taught English and social studies
- ☪ Sister M. St. Winifred, S.S.J., taught English

- ☪ Mr. Joseph Saroka taught social studies
- ☪ Mr. Tony Sciarra was the custodian

The Senior Play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay", was performed in November, and followed the tradition of double casting the performers.

The musical comedy "Plain and Fancy", under the direction of Mr. Charles Kropp, was performed later in the year, and the Christmas pageant was traditionally held.

The Glee Club entertained the audience during intermission of the senior play and during the Christmas pageant. **Charles Terry** was president of the Glee Club.

The Student Association elected officers were... **James Monek**, President; **Sandra Majczan**, VP; and **Kenneth Dick**, Secretary

Michael Chaback was the editor and **Charles Terry** was the sports editor of the *Tidings*, and **Carolann Danko** was the editor of the Sceptre.

Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated in Holy Infancy Church in June.

Here is the virtual "roll-call" of graduates from the Class of '61...

Rose Adamcik Beach

Angeline Albarelli Dorshimer*

Carol Alcorn Hnat

Edward Angerman

Freddie Bambu*

Frances Gobs Detweiler

Timothy Goldsburly

Kathleen Gombosi Lippert

Beverly Green Shields

Mary Gresho Collins*

Veronica Oravec Moyer

Al Ortwein

Ken Ortwein

Ray Ortwein*

Steve Ortwein*

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Maryann Bauer Schwoyer
Thomas Bellew
Arthur Bollack*
Rosemary Borso Nickischer
Charles Boyer
Kathleen Boyle*
Edward Bucko
Mary Bucko
Joann Budzak Munsch*
Katherine Butryn Chicchi
Valerie Carpency Clark*
Barry Casey
Jere Casey
Michael Chaback
Richard Chaffier
Carol Cofenas Miller*
Helen Coyle Walker
Carolann Danko Catalogne
Roseanne Danko Ziegler
Marlene Danner Hein
Eleanor DeBellis Gawlik
Joseph DeFulvio*
Orlando Diaz
Kenneth Dick
Nancy Jean DiConcetto Kanuck
Joseph Donches*
James Duffy*
Stanley Duro
Barbara Dwyer Sullivan*
Mary Ann Dwyer Fenerty
Eloise Eberle Lanski
Joseph Egan*
John Evrard*
Ron Fertal
Marian Fisher Baker
Stephen Fistner*
Richard Foley
Madeline Gallagher Doyle
Louis Ganssle
Andrea Garza*
Joseph Geiter*^

Joseph Grund
Stephen Gubich
Steve Hanus
Honorine Higgins Segata*
Susan Horvath
Geraldine Jancosko Morykan
Dolores Julian Hnatow
Mary Kacar Shapple
Mary Kerecz Stackewich*
Joseph Kirsch
Francis Kontrovich Kenter
David Korpics
Francis Korpics
Frances Kotash Fekula
Patricia Kovacs Dwyer
Robert Kropp*
Patricia Kuharik Coan*
Margaret Kuprian Pantekoek*
Joseph Kuscan
Ann Marie Lapausky Gonsalves
William Lipsky
Nathalie Long Wehinger
Leo Lynch*
Maryann Maco McNeill
Eva Madl Wartenluft
Joann Mahoney White
Sandra Majczan Silvoy
John Mathious
John McGeehan
Patricia McNamara Oravec
Sandra Miller Henn
John Molnar
Mary Beth Monaghan Eckert*
James Monek*
John Moroney
Margaret Mraz Mahoney*
Wallace Narlesky*
Theresa Nishnik*
Mary Nolan Sek
Elizabeth O'Donnell Strickland

Paul Pavelko*
Nancy PENCHICK Berger*
Connie Pietkiewicz Svajko
Margaret Pinter McCarthy
Francine Prisque Long*
Frances Pulli Toth-Pfeiffer*
Donald Richardson*
Jean Rodgers Votral
Joan Schrei
George Sefranek
Louis Sefranek*
David Seglets
Stanley Sek
John Shupp*
William Sinko*
Virginia Sobota Sefranek*
Elizabeth Spisak Holland
Marie Sterlein
Lorraine Stofko Sugra
John Sweeney*
Alfredo Teles
Charles Terry III*
David Thoder
Marie Toth Contakes*
Sandra Toth Ender
Dorothy Trescak Folajtar
James G. Tulio
James M. Tulio*
John Uhl
Robert Ulshafer
Marie Vogel Adamcik
Dennis Votral
Maryann Washburn
Nancy Weaver Hallam*
George Yellak*
Francis Yuhask*
Judith Yurkanin Boyer*
Veronica Zahurak Dreisbach
Francis Zambo
Stella Zondlo Gasdaska*

^ Left school early to enlist in the service

*Deceased

Then after...

There were 21 persons (33% of the boys) who served in the military...

Jere Casey – U.S. Navy (Vietnam)
Joseph DeFulvio – U.S. Navy
Orlando Diaz – U.S. Army
Ken Dick – U.S. Army
Joseph Donchez – U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

Wallace Narlesky – National Guard
Al Ortwein – U.S. Army
Steve Ortwein – U.S. Navy
George Sefranek – U.S. Navy
Louis Sefranek – U.S. Air Force

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Ron Fertal – U.S. Navy Reserves (Vietnam)

Richard Foley – U.S. Navy

^ Joseph Geiter – U.S. Navy

Leo Lynch – (U.S. Army, Green

John Mathious - U.S. Marines

John McGeehan - (U.S. Army, Green Berets, Vietnam)

Stanley Sek – U.S. Air Force

Alfredo Teles – U.S. Air Force

David Thoder – U.S. Air Force

Frank Yuhas – U.S. Air Force (Vietnam)

George Yellak – U.S. Army

^ Left school early to enlist in the service...so I include Joe in the tribute.

There were ten “Campus couples”

Eleanor DeBellis and **William Gawlick '60**

Joseph DeFulvio and **Beverly Kronstein '60**

Mary Ann Dwyer and **Fran Fenerty '62**

Timothy Goldsbury and **Patricia Mickelson '65**

Sandy Majczan and **Andy Silvoy '60**

John Moroney and **Agnes McGowan '60**

Mary Nolan and Stanley Sek

Jean Rodgers and Dennis Votral

Ginny Sobota and Louis Sefranek

James G. Tulio and **Carole Silvester '60**

Seven members had a parent that graduated from Beca:

Robert Kropp's mom was **Eileen Hoffert '31**

Wallace Narlesky's father, **Wallace '38**

George Sefranek's father was **Andrew '38**

Louis Sefranek's father was **Louis '38**

John Shupp's mom was **Dolores Agrest '37**

Charles Terry III's mom was **Margaret Hildenberger '34**

Judith Yurkanin's dad was **Joseph '38**

Three members were parents of children who graduated from Beca:

Geri Jancosko Morykan > **Cheryl '83, Brian '85**

John Moroney and Agnes McGowan '60 > **Deborah '84, Daniel '85, James '92**

George Sefranek > **Mary '90, Joseph '94, John '97**

Charles Terry III was the first Becahi Band Director.

John McGeehan was inducted as a Distinguished Graduate in 2010.

A 60th reunion is planned for Saturday, September 18th, and will be hosted by **John** and **Gayle McGeehan's '61** at their residence in Bethlehem. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. **Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61** is the POC for this, or you can contact me for more information.

Alumni Cited this Month

This month's *Tidings* includes the names of over 375 graduates from 77 different classes including, 1931, 1934, 1936-38, 1941, 1943-48, 1951-55, 1957-58, 1960-2017

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Welcome Becahi Class of 2017

The circulation for this edition of the *Tidings* now includes, for the first time, members from the class of 2017. Many of the graduates continued their educational pursuits across scores of institutions. I have listed some of their accomplishments below, based on information I found on such sites as LinkedIn and the Morning Call. The class information is incomplete at best, and I hope to hear from the class as we move forward. Congratulations to the following on their achievements...

Kristina Abi-Daher, Temple University, BBA Management Information Science and Economics

Brooke Adams, Moravian College, BSN Nursing

Jason Ahing, Northampton Community College, AS Engineering

Amanda Andrews, Moravian College, BA English

Gabriella Angelone, Moravian College, BS Health Science

Matthew Arnold, The College of New Jersey, BS Business Management

Michael Barattini, Penn State University, BAsc Biology and Genetics

Alexis Baughman, University of Alabama, BA International Relations

David Caccese III, The College of William and Mary, BAsc Biology

Niko Camacho, American University, BBA Finance

Allison Carrig, Duquesne University, BBA Accounting

Madison Cobb, Widener University, Chemical Engineering

Erin Demczynszyn, DeSales University, BA Costume Design, History

David Donio, Jr., Moravian College, BA Political Science and Government

Megan Friend, University of Alabama, BA Creative Media and Creative Writing

Alexandra Gregory, Montclair State University, BS Business Administration

Jean-Anthony Guzman, Penn State University, BS Chemical Engineering

Ryan Hanlon, Temple University, BBA Accounting

Allison Hontz, Penn State University

Margaret Husek, Providence College, BA Psychology

Melissa Kacar, Northampton Community College, AA

Michael Karoly, University of Scranton, BS Accounting

Sasha Kish, Pace University, BBA Business Administration

Carly Kocher, Northampton Community College, AA Liberal Arts

Oleksandr Kolesnikov, DeSales University, BS Biology and Behavioral Neuroscience

Ivan Korpics, Mount St. Mary's University, BS Sports Management and Marketing

Lundon Lafci, Boston University, BS Public Relations, Advertising

Gabrielle Lapointe, Duquesne University, BS Accounting, Information System Management

Julia Laudone, West Chester University, BS Nutrition and Dietetics

Gabriel Lonardo, Moravian College, BS Health Science and Global Religions

Yiwei Lyu, Carnegie Mellon University, BS Computer Science

Madison Macknis, DeSales University, Nursing

Caroline Margle, University of Alabama, BS News Media and Psychology

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Kevin Michels, Boston College, BA Biology, Political Science
Matthew Oppenheimer, Montclair State University, BBA Marketing
Alexandria Ragsdale, Rutgers University, BS Psychology
Colin Redington, Virginia Technical University, BS Building Construction, Real Estate
Teresa Roeder, DeSales University, BA, MA Criminal Justice
Amelia Spina, Mesa Community College, AS Music Industry
Donovan Stuard, Widener University, BS Finance
Ashlinn Sweeney, University of Pittsburgh, BS Biomedical Engineering
Antonio Tavares, Moravian College, BA Economics
Austin Tucker, Penn State University, BS Information Sciences and Technology
Shawn Updike, Johnson & Wales University, BS Graphic Design
Alex Ward, University of Pittsburgh, BS Business Administration
Jaime Wehr, Loyola University, Maryland
PJ Weierbach, Moravian College, BA Accounting
Justine Wollman, Temple University, BFA Graphic Design
Jonathan Young, Penn State University, BS Hospitality Management

I'm certain there are more. Please feel free to contact me, a Becahi grad (1970) and former Becahi guidance counselor (1977-1980), or contact the Advancement Office, so we can recognize your achievement.

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

Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for September 10th at the Whitetail Golf Course, 2679 Klein Road, Bath. Registration begins at 7AM. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 8AM. Connie Druckenmiller is the school's Point of Contact. cdruckenmiller@becahi.org More information is listed in the Advancement Section of this newsletter.

Homecoming 2021 will include a football game on Friday, September 24th against Liberty. (The same evening as the Class of 70's Class Reunion. A lot of celebrities will be in town.) Other Homecoming plans are in process, and will be posted as they become set.

Reunion News...

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.

Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, writes that a 60th Class Reunion is planned for Saturday, September 18th, and will be hosted by **John** and Gayle **McGeehan's '61** at their residence in Bethlehem. More to come.

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The Class of '69 will be celebrating the 52nd Anniversary of their Graduation on Sunday, September 19th 2021, from 4:00 to 9:00 at Pavilion #1 in the Bethlehem Township Municipal Park at 2900 Farmersville Road. The reunion committee decided that an outdoor venue would offer the best chance to hold a reunion with the least amount of risk for everyone involved. More information and updates will be sent going forward. Members of the committee include: **Steph Berden Husser, Larry Gasda, Eileen Kacmar Strohl, Dorene Kortvely Darabaris, Jerry Kresge, Sue McCandless Pfeil, Fran McGouldrick, Chuck Ortwein, Mary Ann Seaman Nickles and Donna Soltysiak Kramer.**

The Class of '70 "Gold 'n One" Reunion is scheduled for Friday September 24th. Friday evening's party at the Steel Club will include Cocktail Hour w/ hors d'oeuvres, food stations, desserts, Cash Bar, a Chance Auction/Basket Raffle to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Donations of a basket, bottle of wine, restaurant gift certificate, etc. would be appreciated. (**Lisa, Jack Eckenrode, Anne Gerber, Paul Grube, Mickey Halbreiner, Tina Hudak, Betsy**, and **Kathy Ripper** have already offered to donate several baskets of goodies.) **Kathy Gaydos Bickert** kbic77@hotmail.com and **Betsy Vreeland Lavelle** betsyvalle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for this. BTW.... Becahi's 2021 Homecoming and the **Bethlehem Celtic Festival** are also scheduled for this weekend, so plan accordingly.

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, 32 persons have signed on. **Sue Bartos '72**, sbartos54@yahoo.com, is the Group's Administrator. Sign up on Facebook and get yourself involved...please?

Class of '76 - 45th Class Reunion

Date: Sunday August 15, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Meadows, Hellertown

Cost: \$40 – Cash Bar

Texas BBQ picnic: (Pork BBQ, Spare Ribs, Grilled Chicken, Mexican Rice w/ Chorizo Sausage, baked beans, corn on the cob, Rolls, salad, coleslaw & dessert)

Checks payable to: **Susan Lawrence**, 744 Barrymore Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18017
or Venmo Susan-Lawrence-79 Questions? Call:

Sue Lawrence 610-390-2134 **Sue Rehrig** 505-563-0614 **Jeff Sawyer** 703-963-5839

"We are really looking forward to seeing everyone! This is the last Sunday of Musikfest so people may want to continue the festivities at Musikfest and catch the fireworks."

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The **Class of 1985's 36th class reunion** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 6:00 pm – Close, at the Clubhouse Grill on Illick's Mill Rd. in Bethlehem. **Sherri Hines '85** is the contact... artteacherscsp@gmail.com

Class of 2011 – 10 Years!

Francesca Weber Marra '11 writes... *"Our 10-year reunion will be held at The Clubhouse Grille (400 Illick's Mill Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017) on Saturday, August 21st, from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. We will be under the pavilion. A "Backyard BBQ" selection of food will be available for \$25 per person. This cost includes dinner, tent rental fee, tax, and gratuity. The dinner provided will include salad, grilled hamburgers, BBQ chicken, potato salad, mac & cheese, and cookies. There will also be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages! We ask that you limit your party to yourself and one guest. Please RSVP directly to Francesca Marra by August 1st. Payment will be accepted by cash, check (I can DM you my address), or Venmo (@fancypantzfran)."*

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. Tom will provide you with our most current email list for your class.

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

Alice Finn Freeh '70, was honored with the 2021 Channel of Peace Award for Education at the inaugural fundraiser "Art with a Heart" at Bell Gate Farm in Coopersburg. Alice is a veteran educator who volunteered for many years as theater director at Beca. – Morning Call 5/29/21

Thomas Duff '72, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Management of Information Technology from DeSales University, retired in 2020 as an Assistant Director of Quality Assurance for Teva Pharmaceuticals where he worked for 33 years. In retirement he is currently the Director of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society. (Congratulations, Tom. The sky is the limit! – JOB)

Dan Roebuck '81, is a founding board member of the non-profit, A Channel of Peace, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to producing and supporting films and other multimedia projects and endeavors that provide insight into the advancement of family, faith in God, and the values of love, forgiveness, good works, and gratitude. info.achannelofpeace@gmail.com

Sibel Tasci Johnson '86, who received a BS in Biology from Muhlenberg College and a DMD from Tufts University School of Dentistry, has her dental practice at Germantown Smiles - Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, in Germantown, MD.

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Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
(Margaret) Sr. St. Urban O'Donnell, SSJ	1944	05/21/2021	94
Shirley Motiska Palenchar	1947	06/27/2021	91
Margaret "Peggy" Kapusi Marcin	1952	06/14/2021	
Marie "Anita" Lyons McGee	1960	06/09/2021	78
Carol Kalata Jacob	1964	05/31/2021	74
Patricia King Corby	1972	06/08/2021	67

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Thomas Baur, husband of **Kathleen Shanahan Baur '70**, passed away on 05/27.
- † Joseph Bobal, son of the late **James '36**, and brother of **Dorothy '66** and **James '71**, on 06/08
- † Daniel Fornaro, son of the late **Bernadine Wattman Fornaro '51**, on 05/10
- † Jane Galle-Finger, mother of **Mary Jane '70** and **Tina '71**, and the late **Terry '67** and **Tim '69 Galle**, on 06/28
- † Mary Grace Hinkle, mother of the late **Delbert "Del" '68**, and Dianne and Sharon, on 06/26
- † **Carol Kalata Jacob '64**, sister of **Nancy Kalata Penczak '62**, on 05/31
- † **Patricia King Corby '72**, sister of the late **Ron '67** and the late **Barbara King Dilliard '69**, on 06/08
- † **Marie "Anita" Lyons Strunk-McGee**, mother of **Theresa Strunk '81**, **Patricia Strunk '84**, Jeff and Tracey, and sister of **Patrick '70**, on 06/09
- † Jacob Miller, father of **Diane '69**, **Dan '70** and **Ray '73**, on 06/04.
- † **Shirley Motiska Palenchar '47**, mother of **Judy '68**, **Gary '69** and **Cindy '76**, and sister of the late **Lois Motiska Stefanik '51**, on 06/27
- † **Margaret (Sr. St. Urban) O'Donnell, S.S.J. '44**, sister of **Theresa O'Donnell Donchez '60**, **Kathleen '57**, **Michael '55**, and the late **Jack '41**, Urban, **James '48**, Anthony, Joseph, **Thomas '47**, (Rev.) **William '45**, **Francis '46**, Mary, **Patricia '52**, **Lucy '53** and **Marcella '43**, on 05/21
- † Rose Rentzheimer, mother of **Gail '68**, **Jean '73** and **Ann 77**, on 06/01

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

Mike A. Dougherty (7/24/09)
Alex Felker (7/2/12)
Dennis Kacmar (7/11/08)

Carol Koprivsek Williams (7/4/18)
Joe Makoski (7/17/16)
Dave Silberman (7/28/10)
Mike Slafkosky (7/24/87)

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Sports 2021 Season Final

Baseball

Coach **Matt Corsi '99** is completed his first season at the helm! ...and what a season! The team had a record of 16-9 after winning the District XI 4A Championship and then losing in the PIAA state tournament. A successful beginning, Matt. Well done, team.

Softball

Coach Rich Mazza's 19th season included his 300th win on May 4th vs. Pleasant Valley. The team finished the season with a record of 15-9, after winning the District XI 4A Championship and falling in the PIAA semifinal. A very positive season...the team improved from a 1-5 start, to 14-4 to close out the season.

1960-61 Basketball

The boys' basketball team, coached by Becahi Wall-of Fame member Paul Calvo, were the Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League champions. (The season was not completed at the time of the yearbook's printing, but the record was 22 wins and 5 losses at the time, and they were headed into the playoffs). The members of the boys' basketball team were...

Ed Angerman '61, John Moroney '61, Jack Vass '62, Joseph Martin '62, James Monek '61, John McGeehan '61, Ron Silvoy '62, George Yellak '61, Francis Fenerty '62, Francis Hercik '62, Barry Casey '61, James Jancosko '62, Ron Herczeg '63 (Mgr.), John Shupp '61 (Mgr.) and Richard Parente '64 (Mgr.)

The girls' basketball team, coached by John DiMeglio, had a record of 7 wins and 6 losses. Members of the team included:

Andrea Garza '61, Bernadette Monaghan '62, Jean Riley, Lorraine Stofko '61 (Mgr.), Elizabeth Weiss '62 (Mgr.), Elizabeth Schoenen '63, Roberta Lindenmuth '62, Dorothy Michael '63, Josephine Marth '62, Barbara Martinuzzi '62, Judith Foley '64 and Ann Marie Egan '63

Alumni Notables:

Joe Kovacs '07, qualified for the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team in the shot put on Friday June 19th by finishing second at the Olympic Trials at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon – Morning Call 6/20/21 - Congratulations and best of everything, Joe! - JOB

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

(Over 400 Grads profiled in 2021, to date)

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:

Tom Stefl '70, a Northampton Community College graduate, is now Retired and a Homefather at the Stefl home in Kempton! Tough job, right Tom? - JOB

Dennis Butler '71, a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, is now enjoying life as a Retired Mortgage Banker in Knoxville, TN. Way to go, DB! - JOB

Judith 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 now Retired as a Quality, QC & Regulatory Director at Pharm Ops, Inc. in Phillipsburg, NJ. Congratulations, Judy...next big milestone...your 50th next year. - JOB

Dan Damhosi '73, is a Senior Portfolio Specialist at Receivable Management Services (RMS), which provides debt recovery services to companies from a wide range of industries, in Bethlehem.

Ed Scheidler '74, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University, is Senior Corporate Structural Engineer at Intermountain Consumer Professional Engineers, Inc., in West Jordan, UT.

Thomas Reidy '75, who received a BA in Theatre & Speech from DeSales University, is A&D Specification Representative at Atlantic Plywood Corporation in New York, NY.

Joseph Vazquez '76, who received a BS in Criminal Justice from King's College, is a Detective in the Lehigh County Homicide Task Force in Allentown.

Jane Johnston Swan '77, who received a BA in English, Language Arts Education from DeSales University, K-12 Principal Certification from Cabrini College, and an MEd in Classroom Technology from Wilkes University, is CEO of Reach Cyber Charter School in Harrisburg.

Jim Vresics '78, who received a BS in Metallurgical & Materials Management from Lehigh University, is Director of ABS Global Operations at Alcoa Power & Propulsion.

Gina Zubia Bennett '79, who received a BA in Psychology from Gettysburg College, is a Realtor at BHHS Fox and Roach Relators in West Chester, PA.

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James Kozo '80, who studied Computer Science at the University of Maryland, is Director - Field Implementation Services at Bed Bath & Beyond in Finksburg, MD.

Whit Ramonat '81, who received a BA in History from Denison University, is Chairman at CarSense in the Detroit metropolitan area.

Thomas Uhl '82, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, is Vice President Nestle Waters Procurement in Stamford, CT.

John Niechwiadowicz '83, who received a BS in Computer Science from Lehigh University and an MBA from Penn State University, is the Owner at QLC, Inc., manufacturers of labeling equipment and accessories, in Schnecksville, PA.

Douglas Dorn '84, a graduate of Drexel University, is Engineering Manager at Air Products and Chemicals in Laurys Station, PA.

Erik Rander '85, who received a BA in Accounting and an MBA from Moravian College, is Director - Corporate Systems at PPL Corporation in Allentown.

Kelli Young-Dovi '86, who studied at Muhlenberg College and later received a BS in Interior Design from The Art Institutes, is the Principal of Young Design in Hainesport, NJ.

Jon Pinckney '87, who received a BA in Economics from Stanford University, is a Business Consultant at NGA Healthcare, that provides comprehensive management solutions to medical practices, in Tucson, AZ. Jon is also actively looking for a new opportunity.

Christopher Knoble '88, who received a BS in Nuclear Medical Technology from Cedar Crest College, is Lead Nuclear Technologist at the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Dan Chaffier '89, who received a BBA from DeSales University, is an Associate Director, Commercial Business Manager for Sandoz, a global leader in generic pharmaceuticals and biosimilars and a division of the Novartis Group in Bethlehem.

Kevin Vanic '90, who received a BS in Business Management from East Stroudsburg University, is part of Business Development in Commercial Mortgages for Apex Mortgage Corporation in the greater Philadelphia area.

Corey Hudak Roche '91, who received a BA and MEd in Psychology, Sports from Temple University, is Business Manager at Children's Developmental Program in Quakertown.

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Natalie McIlwain '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Logistics from Penn State University, is a Retail Supply Planner - Costco Sales Team at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati.

Chris Vargo '93, who studied at Moravian College, is a Fire Fighter for the City of Bethlehem.

Robert Svitilla '94, who received a Master's Degree in Mathematics from Villanova University, is a Physics and Mathematics Teacher and Professor at Saucon Valley School District and Northampton Community College.

Kristen Groblewski Thatcher '95, is an Administrator at the Montessori School of Franklin in Franklin, TN.

Jessica Lazurick Scharper '96, who received a BAsC in Business/Managerial Economics from East Stroudsburg University, is a Group Travel Consultant at Liberty Travel in Allentown.

Arthur Mattes '97, who received a BS in Computer Science from Elizabethtown College, is the Owner and Carpenter at AWM Carpentry, LLC in Treichlers, PA.

Melissa Almodovar '98, is an Early Childhood Development Manager at Community Services for Children, Inc., a private nonprofit organization in Allentown, Pa., that prepares young children and their families to succeed in learning and in life through innovative, comprehensive, leading-edge services.

Carrie Baker '99, who received both a BS and MS in Accounting from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is an Accountant at Piedmont Stone Center, PLLC, in Winston-Salem, NC.

Matthew Erney '00, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Moravian College, is Managing Partner at Election Services Online, the world's premier provider of comprehensive election services, in Bethlehem.

Charles Canally '01, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, is a Senior Manufacturing Engineer at Milton Roy, the world's leading manufacturer of controlled-volume metering pumps, in Ivyland, PA.

Dan Dazet '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Government from Bloomsburg University, is Irrigation Service Technician at Storrs Tractor Company in Somerville, NJ.

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Jennifer Scattene Harding '03, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management from Temple University and an MBA from Villanova University, is Director of Product Operations at Comcast in the greater Philadelphia area.

Christie Cech '04, who received an AS in Criminal Justice and Corrections from Northampton Community College and a BA in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University, is a Corrections Officer in Lehigh County and helps coaching the Bechahi Girls' Softball team.

Joseph Haymaker '05, who received a BA in Spanish and Economics from Lafayette College, an MA in Spanish Language and Literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a Master's Degree in Computer and Information Technology from the University of Pennsylvania, is a Technical Writer at Google in Seattle, Washington.

Christopher Triantafelov '06, who received a BS in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University, is a Trade Finance Analyst at Nestlé in Solon, OH.

Thomas Kolesnik III '07, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration-Accounting from West Virginia University, is an Accounts Payable Clerk at Eastern Telephone and Telecommunications Inc. in Bethlehem.

Ryan Anderson '08, who received an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Lehigh Carbon Community College and a BS in Pharmaceutical Marketing from DeSales University, is an Account Executive at Ally Auto Dealer Products & Services in Bethlehem.

Matthew Sonon '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from West Chester University, is Application and Cloud Account Sales Manager at Oracle in New York, NY.

Christa Irzinski Barata '10, who received a BS in Speech-Language Pathology from Bloomsburg University and an MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is a Medical Speech Language Pathologist at UC Health and at Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital in Fort Collins, CO.

Lindsay Doscher '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business, Digital marketing from Temple University, is Senior Project Manager at Movement Strategy, a social-led creative agency, in the New York City metropolitan area.

Kelsey Bruzgo '12, who received a BA in Political Science and Government from East Stroudsburg University, is a Paralegal at Duane Morris LLP in Philadelphia.

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Abigail Guman '13, who received a BEd in Psychology and Early Childhood Education from Moravian College, is an Academic Tutor at Moravian College.

Zach Surovy '14, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University and holds a CPA, is a Senior Auditor at EY in Allentown.

Matthew Chajnacki '15, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University, is a System Operator at PPL Corporation in Allentown.

Kweku Dawson-Amoah '16, who received a BS in Biology from DeSales University and currently pursuing a Master's Degree in International Business Management from Newcastle University, is seeking employment in Business Analysis or Project Management.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Big News! ~~Tidings~~ Exclusive! Becahi Annual Fund Announcement

Thank you to all who donated to our 2020-2021 Annual Fund that ended Wednesday at Midnight. Back in May, we reached our primary goal of \$78,000. We are happy to announce that we reached our secondary goal of \$90,000 on the final day of the fiscal year with the help of all those participating in our 30 Day *Sprint* to the Finish.

Golden Hawk Golf Classic

Once again, Bethlehem Catholic High School will hold our "Golden Hawk Golf Classic" on Friday, September 10, 2021 and we invite you to participate in this event as a sponsor, prize donor or golfer. The event will be held at Whitetail Golf Club, 2679 Klein Road, Bath. Registration begins at 7AM. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 8AM.

Each year we host approximately 144 golfers at our event. Past attendees have truly enjoyed the event and I'm sure we'll have another great outing this year. Proceeds from the tournament benefit Bethlehem Catholic Athletics. Funds raised from this event will be directed or used to assist in the purchase of new uniforms for Girls Soccer, Track, Baseball and New Golf bags for the Golf Team.

We ask that if you own a business or are affiliated with a company that supports education and athletics, you consider being a sponsor of our event. All sponsors will be recognized at the tournament via course, dining or facility signage, and posted on the BECAHI website. We also welcome donations of prizes, such as sporting goods, golf accessories, collectibles, event tickets and gift certificates. Sponsorship and advertising options are included with this letter. Treat your employees to a day on the links for their dedicated service! To register or sponsor the event, click on the following link <https://Becahigolf2021.givesmart.com>

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3rd Annual Golden Gala - March 2022

Becahi Needs You! We are looking for alumni interested in serving on our Gala Committee as Acquisition Team Members. These are the most important positions on the Gala committee because we cannot have a Gala Auction without prizes. Acquisition Team Members ask businesses, and friends with businesses, to donate auction items to our Gala. Examples include store gift cards, sporting, concert, and theatrical tickets, gift certificates for cars and landscaping services, as well as donating financial and legal services. The Gala committee meets regularly to promote and coordinate our primary fundraising event of the year that raised over \$90,000 for Bethlehem Catholic this past March. If you would like to serve in this role, please contact Connie Druckenmiller at cdruckenmiller@becahi.org or call her at (610) 866-0791 x. 323 today.

If you own a business and want to simply make a donation yourself, contact Connie Druckenmiller at 610-866-0971 x323 or via email at cdruckenmiller@becahi.org

Reflection

*“Keep smiling, keep shining
Knowing you can always count on me, for sure
That's what friends are for
For good times and bad times
I'll be on your side forever more
That's what friends are for...”*

– Burt Bacharach, Carole Bayer Sager

Class of 1970 Reunion Survey Results (to date)

Those planning or thinking about attending (seven names added in June) ...

Bobby Alpago
Tommy Altimare

Denny Andrew Karpy
Jackie Angelucci Ortwein
Jamie Angelucci Kyle
Marlene Anthony Howard

Tom Ardizzone
Joe Armatruda

Mike Audet
Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic
Tony Bauer
Dan Brady

Kathy Brady Haugh
Jim Brennan

Jeanne Bringenberg Cech

Jessie Daniels Greenawald
Lisa DeAngelis Hummell

Tom Demshock
Pat Dunn Andrews

Jack Eckenrode
Eileen Evans Colahan
Jerry Evans

Jim Fink
Sue Fischer Dever
Kathy Gaydos Bickert

Bernie Gallagher
Dan Gallagher

Anne Gerber
Bernie Gillen

Mayra Godin Focht

John O'Boyle

Pat O'Connor Altier

Greg Ortwein

Jim Perkins

Sue Peters Crawford

Eileen Quarry Fehr

Karen Raykos Fatzinger

Anne Redding Regar

Jeanie Redding Cunningham

Kathy Ripper Grasso

Tim Sabota

Tommy Sculley

Kathleen Shanahan Baur

Sue Sikora O'Hare

Grace Soltis

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Maki Brugger

Celeste Casciano Silvonek

Rick Cassidy

Dave Cech

Ann Collins Leffner

Anne Conahan

Jim Connell

Mike Cunningham

Paul Grube

Mick Halbreiner

Betsy Horvath Kane

George Kane

Corliss Kuzmin Reed

Joanne Lesko

Rick Lund

Pat Lynch

Audrey Moser Muthard

Diane Mroshinskie Repasch

Josephine Spagnola Ciocco

Gerry Sullivan

Linda Talbot Keefe

Carolyn Volpinari DeMasi

Betsy Vreeland Lavelle

Kara Weinhofer Pike

Chris Wright

Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi

Joe Zylwitis

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,

JohnnieO (John O'Boyle '70)

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