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August

“2020” Summer Olympics - Tokyo Watch Party for Joe Kovacs ‘07

Join the Golden Hawk Family as we cheer Joe towards the Gold Medal in Shot-Put at the Clubhouse Grill in Bethlehem, owned by **Brett Biggs '99**, on Wednesday, August 4th, starting at 8 PM.

The Men's Shot-Put Final starts on Wednesday Night at 10:05 pm, but you will want to get there early around 8 PM to get a good seat. Don't miss this historical moment for the Becahi Family!

Class of 1970's Reunion Update

Invitations for the 51st Reunion at The Steel Club on September 24th were sent to 177 classmates earlier in July. In addition, a number (47) of postcards were sent to those whose email addresses are not known. It was asked to RSVP by August 27. As of July 30th, 25 classmates and 23 of their guests have sent in their paid reservation. The list of those who responded is posted at the end of the newsletter. (The “boys” have a slight lead (3) over the “girls”, which is consistent with the class demographic of 133 boys and 130 girls.) Let's keep up the momentum.

This month I either saw or heard from...

... **Gus Concilio '47, Francis Peters '59, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Rich Parente '64, Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66, Tom Seidenberger '66, Yogi Eddinger '67, Bill Miller '67, John Andris '69, Rita Bolecz '69, Patty Carisio Seidenberger '69, Larry Gasda '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Angel Rivera '71, Phil Demyan '72, Bruce Edelman '72, Maria Spagnola '73, Mary Von Leer Pany '75, Tom Vresics '81**

... and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Tony Bauer, Celeste, Janice Cawley Kupiszewski, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Kathy Demyan Czap, Sue Fischer Dever, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Mick Halbreiner, Jeff and Col, Rick Jordan, George and Betsy, Joanne Lesko, Michael Lynch, Pat Lynch, Linda Pembleton Diehl, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe**

... and from the school, Tina Giordano, Marie Raisner

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The Class of 1966's Virtual 55th Year Reunion...

1966 Class Notes

Back Then:

This was the 1st Class to complete a full year in the "new" school on Dewberry Avenue

At the time, this was the fourth largest class of graduates, behind 1960 (146), 1961 (136), and 1958 (114).

There were 111 Seniors, of which 14 (~13%) were children of a Becahi graduate...

Dorothy Bobal Krize > **Joseph '36**

Maureen Bragg* > **June Rodgers '44**

Karen Calvo Sweeney > **Anne Baca '44**

Joseph Cassano > **Catherine Muniz '34**

Frances Demyan > **Michael '34**

Mary Beth Fistner Burkhardt > **Mary Evrard '39**

Catherine Flecksteiner > **John J. '43**

Rick Haas > **Charles '41, Virginia Kelly '41**

Martin Lynch > **Lucy Hildenberger '40, Harry '41**

Sara Nonnemaker Markovich > **Margaret Maquillon '31**

Thomas Petrilla > **Anna Oravec '31**

Maryanne Reybitz DiGiacinto > **Claire Baur '40**

Tom Seidenberger > **Mary Dugan '41**

Philip Vooz > **Margaret Reisteter '39**

Father Francis Zavodny was the principal, then...

Father John Elias was appointed acting Principal in January following Fr. Zavodny's appointment as pastor of St. John the Baptist parish in Allentown in January 1966

Mother Joseph Bernard, S.S.J. was the vice-principal.

Faculty, Staff and Support included: 4 priests, 17 Sisters of St. Joseph, 14 women, 15 men; the Holy Cross Brothers were introduced... Brothers Austin Byrnes, John Joseph Donnelly, Etienne Cooper were the first 3... (Brother Etienne Cooper, C.S.C. was to succeed Fr. Elias as principal)

1st Installation of Student Council:

John Zondlo, President

Kathleen Doherty, Secretary

Donna Pinter, Vice-President

Joe Leary, Treasurer

1st School band formed - **Charles Terry '61** is 1st Band Director

Christmas Assembly performance

School Play: "Our Girls" performance

Musical: "The King and I" with **Tom Coyle '67** and **Linda Scribner** in the leading roles

Sno-Ball Dance in gym

Junior-Senior Prom in gym "Breath of Spring"

Mary Catherine Solek was the Valedictorian.

Robert Ernhoffer was the Salutatorian.

The members of the Class included the following scholars...

Anne Altenbach Marucci

Mary Ann Anthony Kondash

Mary Ellen Bauer Lang

Edward Fertal

Marilyn Fisher Check*

Mary Beth Fistner Burkhardt

Jane Nastasee Hardin

Sara Nonnemaker Markovich

Patricia Panko Stowe

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Mary Ellen Bittenbender
Dorothy Bobal Krize
Eugenia Boksan Brinkos
Maureen Bragg*
Robert Brennan
Leonard Browne
Donna Brush Hawk*
Robert Byrne
Karen Calvo Sweeney
Suzanne Carpeny Majczan
Sharon Casey Crouse
Timothy Casey
Joseph Cassano
Judy Cavanaugh Gery
Mary Ann Cech
Mary Elizabeth Cimino Reed
Carol Cooke Fertal
Sandra Csala Falatek
Terrence Csrenko
Joan Cunningham Gruber
Michael Leo Cunningham
Michael Thomas Cunningham
Linda Danner Trively
Susan Davis
Frances Demyan
Rita Demyan Falcone
Kathleen Doherty
Anita Dominquez Michaylira
Judith Donoso Kauker
Dan Dougherty*
Kathleen Dunn Haas
Robert Ernhoffer
Theresa Evrad

Catherine Flecksteiner
Lorraine Folajtar Donchez
Tim Foley
Margaret Ford Starr
Paul Gangewere*
Sandra Gebhardt Minnich
Susan Gimpert Borso
Ronald Gonsalves*
Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec
Richard Haas
Ken Haldeman
Helen Higgins Tone
Louis Horwath*
Susan Horwath
Joseph Huber
Larry Iampietro
Louise Ivanitch Nagle
John Jancsarics
Roseann Karc Ozdinec
Stanley Klepeis
Cecelia Koscan Barndt
Marilyn Kolar
Irene Kostelnick Degesio
Ellen Lapausky Katrick*
Joseph Leary
Martin Lynch
Kristen Maco Ingle
Patricia Marshaleck Summer
James Marucci
Philip McGlade
Jim McKenzie*
Joseph Motko
Marie Moyer Musser
Dale Mulkern

Joan Perkins Grider
Thomas Petrilla
Donna Pinter Goserud
Kathleen Reilly
John Reisteter
Allen Repasch
Maryanne Reybitz DiGiancinto*
Linda Rohal
Joanna Rotondo Goosley-Rice
Carmen Ruiz
Michael Sabolick
Diane Samley
Linda Scribner Paskin
Jane Sefranek Stolz*
Martin Seglets*
Tom Seidenberger
Patricia Shannon
Michael Silvoy
Mary Catherine Solek
Dolores Stefanik DeOre
Sandra Stellato
Carol Stofko Brown
Rose Ann Stull Ruth
Ronald Sule
Janet Suranofsky Petresky
H. Patrick Sweeney
Harry Tachovsky
Joanne Timko Dias*
Roseann Tratnyek Szayko
Philip Vooz
George Willey
Martin Zaleskas
John Zondlo
Gisele Zsilavetz

* Deceased

"Campus Couples":

Anne Altenbach and James Marucci
Leonard Browne and **Helen Duh '64**
Karen Calvo and Pat Sweeney
Suzanne Carpeny and **Charles Majczan '65**
Carol Cooke and Edward Fertal

Kathleen Dunn and Rick Haas
Susan Gimpert and **George Borso '63***
Louis Horwath and **Jane Sullivan '69**
Tom Seidenberger and **Pat Carisio '69**
Mary Catherine Solek and Harry Tachovsky

Veterans:

Paul Gangewere*
U.S. Air Force, Vietnam

Ronald Gonsalves*
U.S. Army, Vietnam

Louis Horwath*
U.S. Marines, Vietnam

Jim McKenzie*
U.S. Army, Vietnam

Health Care Professionals:

Sharon Casey Crouse
Sandra Csala Falatek

Joan Cunningham Gruber
Frances Demyan
Catherine Flecksteiner

Irene Kostelnick Degeiso
Kristen Maco Ingle

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Jane Sefranek Stolz*

Tom Seidenberger
Mary Catherine Solek Tachovsky
Harry Tachovsky
John Zondlo

Parent(s) of a Becahi graduate...

Mary Ellen Bauer Lang > **Catherine '90, Charles '98, Christopher '00**

Gina Boksan Brinkos > **Tracy '92**

Kathleen Dunn and Rick Haas > **Kim '93, Rich '96, Gregg '99**

Mary Beth Fistner Burkhardt > **Melanie '90, Thomas '91**

Ron Gonsalves > **Michael '91, Amy '94**

Ellen Lapausky Katrick > **Stephanie '97**

Joe Leary > **Joseph '88**

Say a special prayer for ... Nancy Cacciatore-Huber's mom, Dave Cech's sister, and Kathy Demyan Czap's brother, who passed away recently.

Margaret Baca Cacciatore '47, passed away on July 2nd. Please also remember in your prayers, Nancy's siblings **Mark '68, Gary '71, Rick '72, Sally '77** and **Tony '82**. Say a prayer for Marge's sisters **Ann Baca Calvo '44** and the late **Mary Baca Danko '38**, too.

Roseanne Cech Borowski '71, passed away on July 26th. Please also remember to say a prayer for Dave's brother **Ted Kelleher '82**.

Gino Demyan '62, passed away on July 18th. Please also remember in your prayers, Kathy's siblings, **Michael '56, Frances '66, and Phil '72**. Gino was also the son of the late **Michael Demyan '34**.

Do You Want to Be the Next Becahi PA Announcer at Becahi Home Football Games?

In the tradition of Bill McCoach and Fred Rice, you could be the next voice of the Golden Hawks? If you are interested, please contact Chris Domyan by email at cdomyan@becahi.org

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Alumni Cited this Month

Each month, I try to include as many classes and alumni as I can in order to keep this newsletter as relevant as possible for the entire alumni community. If your class is missing from the newsletter this month, let me know what to include, and I'll gladly share the news. Meanwhile, here's a matrix of names (329) and classes (72) for this edition...

Names and Classes Mentioned in August Issue

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
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1		1	4		4	7	6	3	1	2		
2					1	5	4	2	1	1		
3			2		1	3	1	2	2	1		
4		2	3		3	1	3	2	1	1		
5					1	2	2	3	1	1		
6		1	1	1	111	4	1	2	1	1		
7			2	1	2	3	2	3	2	25		Classes
8			1	1		2	1	2	3	1		72
9			2		2	8	2	1	4	1		Grads
	0	7	15	4	133	72	24	28	13	33	0	329

BTW, over 2,100 graduates have been cited in *Tidings* so far this year alone. See if you can find your classmates listed in this edition...

Class of 2021, the 95th Graduation, Join the Alumni Family

Congratulations to the 151 scholars who now join the Becahi alumni family, whose numbers now reaches over 13,610 (give or take a few).

Their post-graduation destinations will take them to 85 institutions of higher learning, the military, employment, and places yet to be decided. We wish them all the best, and will keep them in our prayers as they move forward to make a positive impact on our society. How exciting for them!

We'll report their progress from time-to-time in their (our) newsletter, *Tidings*.

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2021 Fides et Scientia Award Recipient Named: Ann Ruth, Becahi Educator 1978-2019

Bethlehem Catholic High School's Fides et Scientia Award was established in 1995 and is presented annually to a person or persons who have given at least 10 years of dedicated service to the BECAHI community. Recipients of this award are those who live their lives in a manner that exemplifies Christian values, dedication, loyalty, and service to BECAHI. This year's award recipient is Ann M. Ruth.



"For forty years, Ann quietly modeled how to help all the students entrusted to one's care by fulfilling her many roles promptly, diligently, and lovingly. Ann's special legacy is making Bethlehem Catholic better each day while staying behind the scenes and out of the limelight. Her impact is not what makes the newspapers or the record books. Rather Ann's impact is quietly evidenced in the improvement in our students becoming the best version of themselves due to their time with Ann." –

Excerpt from Holly DeNofa, Becahi Principal

Congratulations and Thank You, Ann!

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

August 4th – Watch Party for Olympian Joe Kovacs '07

August 15th – Class of '76 – 45th Class Reunion

August 21st – Class of '11 – 10th Year Class Reunion

September 10th – Becahi Annual Golf Classic

September 18th – Class of '61 – 60th Class Reunion

September 19th – Class of '69 – 52nd Class Reunion

September 23rd – "Pig and Swig" Picnic and Bonfire

September 24th – Homecoming Football Game

September 24th – Class of '70 – 51st Class Reunion

September 29th – Class of '57 – 64th Class Reunion

March 2022 – 3rd Annual Golden Gala

September 17, 2022 – Class of '72 – 50th Class Reunion

Golden Hawk 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.

Annual Homecoming "Pig & Swig" will be on Thursday, September 23rd, at 6:00 pm and held in Becahi's Courtyard. Soon we will send out an email will be sent with info and an RSVP form. The cost of the event is \$10 and includes a Becahi souvenir. Our Homecoming Bonfire will take place on Becahi Softball Field around 7:30 pm.

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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 Anniversary Class Reunion is planned for Saturday, September 18th, and will be hosted by **John** and Gayle **McGeehan '61** at their residence in Bethlehem. More to come.

The Class of '69 will be celebrating the 52nd Anniversary of their Graduation on Sunday September 19th from 4:00 to 9:00 at Pavilion #1 in Bethlehem Township Municipal Park on Farmersville Rd. between Freemansburg Ave. and William Penn Highway. The cost is \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. If you have any questions, please contact **Larry Gasda** at becahi69reunion@gmail.com for more information.

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, Celeste, 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** betsylavelle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for this.

Class of 1972's 50th Reunion

September 17, 2022 will be magical date for the Golden Reunion and the venue will be at the Steel Club. More to follow. A Facebook Group page entitled "Becahi class of 1972" was set up. **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

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

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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:

Linda Scribner Paskin '66, is the Director of Major Gifts at The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. – relationshipsscience.com

Bill Miller '67, a U.S. Navy veteran, has retired from the Federal Government after 30 years, and is now an ordained minister and currently a Hospice Chaplain in Lusby, MD.

Marifrances Mixon Siddons '71, who received a BA in Music from Moravian College, is the Principal at The Studio of Marifrances Siddons in Bethlehem. Marifrances conducts training in piano / organ / trumpet / ensemble. Lessons are for all levels and ages. She is skilled in all genres of music; and specializes in helping students prepare for collegiate and competition auditions. – studio-of-marifrances-siddons.com

Pablo Batista '81, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, and Latin jazz percussionist, ... *"has developed a reputation as one of most versatile and hardworking players in Latin jazz, modern jazz, and in R&B and funk circles. He has racked up a number of Gold and Platinum records performing and collaborating with the likes of Patty Labelle, Phyllis Hyman, Gerald Levert, Kirk Franklin, and Jeffrey Osbourne."* – jazzphiladelphia.org 1/13/21

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Patrick Chiles '81, who received his BS in Chemistry and Biochemistry from the University of Scranton, and his MD from Jefferson Medical College, is an ENT Surgeon in the Syracuse, NY area. – syrentsurgeons.com

Mary Frances Dundon Hart '84, with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rosemont College, is an "Intermediate" Cook on the Cook, Eat, Share website, *the world's largest kitchen*, out of San Carlos, CA. - <https://cookeatshare.com/chefs/>

Catherine Lang Reese '90, who received a BSN from DeSales University, is the Director of Nursing at Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth. – The Heritage, Summer, 2018, Morningstar Living

JoAnn Green Fuhrer '95, who received a BS in Social Work from Millersville University, is a Staff Development Specialist at the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, in York, PA. – FB

Amy Pena '98, who received a BS in Biology from the University of Scranton and an MSPAS in Physician Assistant Studies from DeSales University, is a Certified Physician Assistant at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Recent College News

Dorothy Brill '17, Forensic Psychology, Syracuse University
Trevon Burton '17, BS Electrical Engineering, Penn State University
Jordan Catrombon '17, Environmental Studies, Biology, Towson University
Amy Demczynszyn '17, Nursing and NROTC, Norwich University
Regan Downey '17, BA History and Theology, Alvernia College
Katie Rose Dwyre '17, Public Relations, Penn State University
Madison Ensley '17, BS Biology, Wilkes University
Paige Faasumalie '17, BS Neuroscience, Lafayette College
Jaylene Fernandez '17, BS Human Resources Management, Penn State University
Brielle Fiore '17, BS Family and Child Sciences, Florida State University
Alexandra Herring '17, Criminal Justice, DeSales University
Hesshanth Jeyaranghan '17, BS Accounting, University of Pittsburgh
Olivia Keller '17, BASc Neuroscience, Muhlenberg College
Peiyu Cindy Lu '17, BS Business Management, Northeastern University
Maeret Meehan '17, Communication Design, Advertising, Kutztown University
Oluchukwu Onuoha '17, AS Business Administration, ASA College
Anthony Parise '17, Hospitality Management, Penn State University
Adam Parkansky '17, BS Marketing, Temple University
Kiera Peterson '17, Business Administration, Ithaca College
Rebekah Recchio '17, BA Communication, North Carolina State University
Nathan Santoro '17, BS Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University
Jake Smedley '17, Risk Management, Temple University
Kevin Somdat '17, BSBA Accounting, Kutztown University
Hope Wolbach '17, BS Psychology, Cedar Crest College

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Generose Dwyer Carisio	1946	07/11/2021	93
Margaret Baca Cacciatore	1947	07/02/2021	93
Patricia Vogel Paulson	1959	07/11/2021	79
Eugene "Gino" Demyan	1962	07/18/2021	76
Paul Miller*	1977	05/15/2021	62
Kathleen Kirk	1979	07/25/2021	59
Adam Halteman	2003	07/07/2021	36

* I just heard of his passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Kim Caroline Brong, wife of **Timothy '81**, on 07/17
- † **Margaret Baca Cacciatore '47**, mother of **Mark '68, Nancy '70, Gary '71, Ricky '72, Sally '77** and **Tony '82**, and the sister of **Ann Baca Calvo '44** and the late **Mary Baca Danko '38**, on 07/02
- † **Gino Demyan '62**, son of the late **Michael '34**, and brother of **Michael '56, Frances '66, Kathy '70, and Phil '72**, on 07/18
- † **Generose Dwyer Carisio '46**, mother of **Patty '69, Susan '73, Maria '81**, and Justin, and sister of **Patricia Dwyer Bogar '48**, the late **Mary Dwyer Thomas '43**, and **Barbara Dwyer Sullivan '61**, on 07/11
- † **Adam Halteman '03**, son of **Jane Letowt Halteman '64** and brother of **Rebecca '95**, on 07/07
- † Eugene Iasiello, father of **Dolores '68, LaMae '69, Gene '71**, Toni, Brian, Michelle and Alice, on 07/06
- † **Kathleen Kirk '79**, daughter of the late **William Kirk '44**, and sister of **Joan '69** and Thomas, on 07/25
- † **Paul Miller '77**, brother of **Bill '67, Scott '80**, Rita and Jeff, on 05/15
- † Catherine Monek, mother of **Susan '69**, on 07/23 (She was 102, God Bless her.)
- † Elizabeth Raring, mother of **Elissa '82, Carolyn '84, and Susan '87**, on 07/15
- † Linda Young, mother of **Emily '97** and **Ellen '99**, on 07/06

Please say a special prayer for our classmate, **Margaret Szvetecz**, who passed away during the month of August.

8/15/2017

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Sports Highlight

Joe Kovacs '07, a two-time world champion (2015 and '19) and a two-time Olympian, who won the silver medal in the shot put at the 2016 Olympics, is contending in the shot-put competition in Tokyo.

Don't forget the Watch Party for Joe at the Clubhouse Grille in Bethlehem on August 4th beginning at 8:00pm.

Golden Hawk Golf Classic

Friday, September 10, 2021

You're invited to participate in this event as a sponsor, prize donor, or golfer. To register or sponsor the event, click on the following link <https://Becahigolf2021.givesmart.com>. The event will be held at Whitetail Golf Club, 2679 Klein Road, Bath. Registration begins at 7 AM. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 8 AM.

Last year the event filled up with 144 golfers two weeks before the event, so do not delay getting your foursome together. 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. 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.

Homecoming Game

Friday, September 24, Becahi vs. Liberty at 7 PM. Make your plans now to attend the Homecoming Game and associated events with your friends and family. The "**Pig and Swig**" Social is set for Thursday, September 23, at 6 PM followed by our spirited Bonfire around 8 PM.

Class of 1966 Flashback

1st football team in 35 years - Jim McConlogue, Coach – Record: 4 wins – 4 losses;
First Victory (2nd game): Becahi 32, Salisbury 6

Boys' Basketball Coached by Paul Calvo – Record 12 wins – 11 losses

Dan Dougherty surpasses the 1,000-point mark; and is now 11th All-Time Scorer with 1,180 points.

Harry Tachovsky is a Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Wrestling Champion.

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

(Over 450 Grads profiled in 2021, year-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:

Sharon Casey Crouse '66, who received an RN at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, and a BSN and MSN at the University of Florida, is a Nurse Practitioner at VA Medical Center in Melbourne, FL.

Mike Cunningham '66, who studied at Penn State University, is now Retired from AT&T, in Locust Grove, VA.

Chris Ransel '70, an East Stroudsburg University graduate, is an RN at St. Luke's Health in East Stroudsburg.

Jeanne Reese '70, who received an AAS in Child Care Education from Northampton Community College, is Education Coordinator at Volunteers of America Children's Center in Bethlehem.

Debbie Cunningham Haaf '71, who received a BS in Physical Therapy from Boston University, is a Physical Therapist at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Charles Hudak '72, who received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Computer Science from Moravian College is Commercial Project Manager at Speedy Floor Removal, LLC in Keystone Heights, FL.

Charles Zellner '73, who received an AA in Business Administration from Lehigh Carbon Community College and a BS in Management from Kutztown University, is a Stower/Coach at Amazon in Emmaus.

Robert Cressman '74, a Moravian College graduate, is a Banking Professional and Commercial Loan Manager at Fleetwood Bank in Blandon, PA.

Mark Heimbach '75, who received a BA in Criminal Justice and Corrections from King's College, is now Retired as Northampton County's DUI Program Director. – Congratulations, Mark! - JOB

Eric Kane '76, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University and a Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is a Partner in the Lehigh Valley Family Practice Associates in Bethlehem.

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Rich Wiktor '77, who received an AAS in Drafting and Design Technology from Northampton Community College, works in Electrical Design at Air Products in Allentown.

Joyce Danko McAllister '78, a Penn State University graduate in Microbiology and Immunology, who received a Master's degree in Medical Microbiology and Bacteriology from the Medical College of Pennsylvania, is a Product Offering Compliance Manager for Quest Diagnostics in Collegeville, PA.

Tom Marchak '79, who received a BASc in Marketing from the University of Scranton, is Vice President, Global | RCSS Accounts at Ryerson, a services company that processes and distributes metals, with operations in the United States, Mexico, Canada and China, in Columbus, MS.

Diane Begany Brown '80, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BS in Biology from the University of Scranton and an MD from Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine, is practicing at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Physician Group.

Ann Oberholzer Coffey '81, a Marywood University graduate, is the Principal at Regina Angelorum Academy in Haverford Township, PA.

Michael Zaladonis '82, who received a BS/BA in Finance, Accounting, Economics from Lehigh University and an MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, is Sales Manager/Global Enterprise Relationship Manager for Bloomberg in the greater New York City metropolitan area.

Elizabeth Turnbach '83, who studied Business and Commerce at Kutztown University, is an Experienced Professional in Compliance and Operations Management, with over 26 years at JP Morgan Chase & Co. in the greater New York City area.

Joe Vidonya '84, is a Standards and Quality Coordinator of Continuous Improvement at Reeb® is one of the largest distributors of custom Millwork products on the east coast, in Bethlehem.

Leslie Young '85, who studied at Bloomsburg University, is the Owner of IE Imagevolution, a full-service design firm specializing in marketing, graphic design, web design, and copywriting, in Bethlehem.

Michelle Chubbuck Cawley '86, who received a BSN from DeSales University, an MSN from Drexel University, and working on a PhD at Duquesne University's School of Nursing, is BSN Program Director, Nursing Faculty at Eastern University in Malvern, PA.

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Michael Toczek '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Loyola University, Maryland, is a Certified EFL Teacher with experience teaching all ages and levels, in Copertino, Italy.

Bob Zeller '88, who received a BS in Chemistry from West Chester University, is a Broker Associate with RE/MAX Southern Shores in Murrells Inlet, SC.

John Zavec '89, who received a BA in Chemistry from Temple University, is a Chemist at Air Products in Laurys Station, PA.

Jeff Gross '90's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Rochester Polytechnic Institute and completes MSEE class requirements at Rochester Institute of Technology, is Principal Software Systems Engineer at MITRE, a not-for-profit organization that works in the public interest across federal, state and local governments, as well as industry and academia, in the greater Boston area.

Ashley Landis '91, who received a BS in Therapeutic Recreation/Recreational Therapy from York College of Pennsylvania, is Director of Quality Management at Lehigh Valley Adult Services in Easton.

David Iannetta '92's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management, is Senior Director, Professional Marketing at Oyster Point Pharma, biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of first-in-class pharmaceutical therapies to treat eye diseases, in the Boston area.

Jen Bartos Roeder '93, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BA in Biology from Lehigh University, a BSMA in Physical Therapy from Thomas Jefferson University, and an MBA in Health Care Administration from DeSales University, is Administrator, Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, Physiatry and Spine at the Lehigh Valley Physician Group.

Dana Lucente Reaser '94, who received a BS in Criminal Justice from Kutztown University and a Specialized Accounting Certificate from Northampton Community College, is an Accounts Payable/Receivable Specialist at Quaker Color, a Specialty Chemical Company servicing the global coatings industry through its highly efficient manufacturing capabilities and innovative technology, in Quakertown.

Mike Strechay '95, who received a BS in Business Administration from Rider University and an MBA from Kutztown University, is a Claims Director at the Farmers Insurance Group in Collegetown, PA.

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Nicholas Tylenda '96, who studied Business Management and Computer Science at Northampton Community College and received a BS in Business Administration from King's College, is Payment Systems Security Expert and Merchant Advocate at Innovative Control Systems Inc., a global leader in car wash management technology in Wind Gap, PA.

Andrea Carpency Janicki '97, is a Project Group Manager at the Almac Group, an established contract development and manufacturing organization providing an extensive range of integrated services across the drug development lifecycle to the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors globally, in Collegeville, PA

Gennaro Marchese '98, who received an Associate's Degree in Specialized Electronics Technology from Lincoln Technical Institute and a BS in Information Systems from Albright College, is an ITS Industrial Affairs Domain Analyst / Digital Site Deploy Lead at Sanofi Pasteur in Swiftwater, PA.

Nina Latassa '99, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Speech Communication and Rhetoric from Hofstra University, is an Adjunct Instructor and Academic Advisor at Northampton Community College.

Matt Jacob-Mitos '00, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering & Applied Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MS in Electrical Engineering from University of California-Santa Barbara, is President, Innovative III-V Solutions in Santa Barbara, CA.

John Dieser '01, who received a BS in Finance and an MBA from Villanova University, is Founder/CEO at ProdHealth, a digital health wellness platform that aims to disrupt the \$0.30-\$0.50 of every healthcare dollar that is spent on chronic care management, in Easton.

Joseph Goldfeder '02, who received a BS in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University, is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) Vice President at Valley National Financial Advisors in Bethlehem.

Mary Lucente '03, who received a BA in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh, General Manager at FoodFirst Global Restaurants, the parent company of Brio Italian Mediterranean and Bravo Cucina Italiana, in Whitehall.

Casey Herstich '04, who received a BA in Communication from LaSalle University, is Regional Sales Manager at NATIONAL TOBACCO COMPANY, L.P., in Horsham, PA.

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Matthew Heckenberger '05, who received a BS in Pre-Medical Studies at Kutztown University and a DDS in Dentistry from Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry, is a Doctor of Dental Medicine at Bethlehem Family Dental PC.

Alex Osipower '06, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lafayette College, is a Systems Engineer at Snyder's-Lance, Inc. in Charlotte, NC.

Chris Lewis '07, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. Joseph's University, is a Mortgage Loan Originator at Finance of America Mortgage in Bethlehem.

Christina Meissner '08, who received a BS in Communications from San Diego State-California State University, is a Model at Sports + Lifestyle Unlimited, which represents authentic and credible sports/fitness talent and commercial lifestyle models representing an active, healthy lifestyle, in San Diego.

Elise Esposito McCollum '09, who received a BA in Behavioral Neuroscience and a MEng in Healthcare Systems Engineering from Lehigh University, and a DDS from Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine, is now a Dentist.

Alyssa Horn '10, who received a BFA in Interior Design from the Savannah College of Art and Design, is an Interior Designer at Perkins and Will, whose goal is to design places that make a positive difference in the world, in Durham, NC.

Bekah Eichelberger '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre from the George Washington University, is Associate Director at Aperio Philanthropy, which exists to enable nonprofits to realize their fundraising potential so their missions can thrive, headquartered in Brooklyn.

Nicholas Acampora '12, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, is a Senior Engineer at Williams International, a privately-owned company that develops and manufactures jet engines for both military and commercial aircraft applications, in Pontiac, MI.

Manuel Colon '13, who received a BS in Biology from Penn State University, is a Medical Student at Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine.

Chris Bianco '14, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, is a Product Development Engineer for Trane Technologies in Houston, TX.

Colby Faasumalie '15, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Economics from West Chester University, is a JD Candidate at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, and an Associate Tax Intern at Grant Thornton LLP in Philadelphia.

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Sean Ryder '16, who received a BS in Economics from Clemson University, is a Business Analyst Intern with Telos Corporation at their headquarters in Ashburn, VA.

Gabriella Duffy '17, who received a BA in International Relations and Affairs from Virginia Tech, is Executive / Research Assistant at American Defense International in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

3rd Annual Golden Gala: March 2022 Acquisitions Committee Members Needed

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. 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. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, August 11th at 7 PM at Becahi. Zoom links are provided for all meetings for those who can't be physically present. If you would like to serve in this role, please contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org or call him at (610) 866-0791 x. 331. If you own a business and want to simply make a donation yourself, contact Tom as well using the info just above.

Becahi PA Tax Credit Program Make a Transformational Gift for Little Out of Pocket Costs

Would you like to give your PA State Tax Dollars to Bethlehem Catholic instead of the government? If you pay at least \$3,500 on line 12 of your PA State Taxes then you can now participate. A 2-year commitment yields a 90% tax break. So, a \$350 donation provides BECAHI with \$3500! Complete the attached Joinder Form by using the link below: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ou4aasc4ztg57ai/Becahi%20CPSF%20-%20Fall%202021.pdf?dl=0> and then email it as soon as you are able to Tom Vresics (tvresics@becahi.org). This is a very popular program and forms are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check with your accountant (they love the program) and complete the form to participate.

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A Request from Tim McGorry and George Harmanos for Clothes/Toiletries for the Needy before August 12th

Tim and George, former Fides et Scientia award recipients and respected teachers and coaches at Beca, are collecting clothes for S.T.A.R. of Bethlehem UCC Church. The men and women there are in need of the following items: Gently worn men's khaki type shorts and t-shirts as well as women's shorts and summer tops plus all kinds of toiletries. These donations can be dropped out in the Main Office at Bethlehem Catholic Mondays through Thursdays for either Tim or George to pick up.

Reflection

In keeping with Musikfest, the Christmas City, and with the state of the nation today, I chose the following for us to read, to then listen and watch on You Tube, then sing...
Jamie Cullum – "It's Christmas"

- ♪ First of December and here comes the songs
- ♪ I look at you, and think, "What could go wrong?"
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas
- ♪ So why can't we all just get along?

- ♪ Let's make it happen, let's make amends
- ♪ He won't fill your stocking if we can't be friends
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas
- ♪ So why can't we all just get along?

- ♪ Everybody's crowded round the Christmas tree
- ♪ Digging out the best of themselves
- ♪ Shove your petty differences right up the chimney, please
- ♪ At least until the drums are at the twelfth

- ♪ D'you hear the choir singing?
- ♪ The bells don't stop ringing
- ♪ You can stop your crying, come on
- ♪ Let's make some new memories

- ♪ Well, of course, there'll be laughter and tears
- ♪ Bring me all of the colours and leave them right here
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas
- ♪ Yeah, it's Christmas
- ♪ Why can't we all just get along?

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♪ We can do it, ya know
♪ We can
♪ Come on

♪ D'you hear the choir singing?
♪ The sleigh bells don't stop ringing
♪ You can your stop the crying, come on
♪ Let's make some news memories

♪ Well, of course, there'll be laughter and tears
♪ Bring me all of the colours and leave them right here
♪ 'Cause it's Christmas
♪ Yeah, it's Christmas
♪ Why can't we all just get along?

♪ Why can't we all just get along?

- "It's Christmas" by Jamie Cullum, from *The Pianoman at Christmas*
- Watch and listen on You Tube - Jamie Cullum – It's Christmas

Class of 1970's 51st Reunion Guest List

The reservations are *pouring* in. As of July 30th, the list of revelers includes...

Tommy Sculley and Bonnie
George and Betsy
Kathy Ripper Grasso and Mike
Denny Andrew and Ray
Chris Wright and Becky Troth
Sue Fischer Dever
Pat and Stephanie (Kocsan) Lynch
Sue Peters Crawford
GI Jerry
JohnnieO and Maureen
Carolyn Volpinari DeMasi
Eileen Evans Colahan and Paul

Karen Raykos Fatzinger and Rick
Patricia Dunn Andrews and Jeff '71
Celeste Casciano Silvonek and Tom
Tony Bauer and Sue
Joe Zylwitis and Jenifer
Bill and Patty (McGouldrick) Donsecz
Jack Eckenrode and Linda
Paul Grube and Lori
Mick Halbreiner with Bob '71 and Bonnie **Halbreiner**
Tommy Altimare and Peg
Jimmy and (Regina Dye '76) Dugan

And now...

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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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