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A Golden Hawk with (another) Silver Medal

Joe Kovacs '07, finished second to world record holder and fellow American Ryan Crouser in the August 4th men's shot-put final at the 2020 Olympics at Olympic Stadium in Tokyo.

Kovacs, a two-time world champion and 2016 silver medalist in Rio, had a top throw of 22.65 meters (74.31 feet). It came on the fourth of his six throws in the finals. The Penn State graduate and Ohio resident, coached by his wife Ashley, was the 2019 world championship. – MC 08/05/21

Class of 1970's Reunion Update

As of yesterday, we had 53 classmates and 32 guests who've made their reservations for the evening's festivities at the Steel Club on September 24th. (See the listing at the end of this newsletter.) We extended the date for reservations to September 15th.

Due to the recent surge in Covid cases and hospitalizations, and for the safety of all our classmates, parents, children and grandchildren, we require that those who attend the reunion are vaccinated. In addition, we will be following the then-current CDC, state, local and facility guidelines as well.

This month I either saw or heard from...

... Lou Schuster '54, Al Ortwein '61, Carol Cooke Fertal '66, Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66, Terry Ford '67, Larry Gasda '69, Joan Kirk Watson '69, Fr. Jim Podlesny '71, Dan Roth '71, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Ann Knipe MacLaughlin '73, Rich Wiktor '77, Tom Vresics '81, Dave Kacsur '86, Valerie Venezia Singley '90, Matt Kurtz '94, Francesca Weber Marra '11, Regan Downey '17

... and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Marlene Anthony Howard, Mike Audet, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Dan Brady, Maki, Celeste, Rick Cassidy, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Mike and Jean (Redding) Cunningham, Lisa, Sue Fischer Dever, Alice Finn Freeh, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Corliss Kuzmin Reed, Rick Lund, Pam Nile, Greg Ortwein, Sue Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tim Sabota, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe**

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The Class of 1971's Virtual 50th Year Reunion...

Fr. John Rusek was the principal.

Sr. Eugene Joseph, S.S.J. was the vice-principal.

This was the final year the school was co-institutional... "boys on one side; girls on the other." The faculty and staff consisted of 31 lay teachers (17m, 14w), 15 Sisters of St. Joseph, 9 Brothers of the Holy Cross and 5 priests. There were approximately 880 students enrolled at that time.

- The Student Council Officers were: **Frank Csrenko** (President), **Kathy McCool** (VP), **Greg Benz** (Treasurer), **May Ann McIntyre** (Secretary)
- The Senior Class Officers were: **Paul Wilson** (President), **Karen Walls** (VP), **Mike Ressler** (Treasurer), and **Jan Pakulski** (Secretary)
- **Betsy Talian** and **Fran Minarik** were co-Editors of the Sceptre.
- **Sally Thomas** and **Jack Soltis** were co-Editors of the Tidings.
- The Band Officers were: **Marifrances Mixon** (President), **Vince Doddy** (VP), **Terry Wagner** (Treasurer) and **Gloria Alves** (Secretary). **Nonna Wagner** was Drill Team Captain.
- **Patti Hesener** was Homecoming Queen.
- **Andre Charron** starred as Tevye, in Fiddler on the Roof, directed by Sr. Catharine Immaculate, S.S.J.
- The prom was an "Evening in Venice"

In Sports Highlights:

- The girls' basketball team were the East Penn League Champions (See Sports Section)
- The wrestling team won the Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Championship – Becahi's 4th State Title
 - Individual Champions were:
 - **Pat Sculley '73, Marty Lynn, Jimmy Gaydos, Billy Kametz, Dennis Fenton '72, and Jack Sculley '72**
- The girls' tennis team competed for the first time.
 - The pioneers were:
 - **Mary Donaghue, Terry Wellner '72, Sue Voros '72, Barb Bednarik, Marianne Schnalzer, Karen Walls** and Roni Jubinsky

This was the 45th graduating class from Beca and the 10th largest, with 117 boys and 105 girls.

Paul Wilson was Valedictorian **Sonia Montalvo** was Salutatorian

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Jeff Andrews
Cindy Andrucci Kacar
Betsy Antalics Hansgen
George Anthony
Ed Antolick
Mark Bacak
David Bailey
Joseph Balog
Jimmy Bartholomew
Mike Becker
Barbara Bednarik Berger
Tim Bellew
Pat Benevides
Greg Benz
Rita Blum Koller
Jim Bobal
Roseann Bonser Fenstermaker
Edward Boyko
Dennis Brogan
Ellen Brown Felker
Mike Brown
Claire Brugger Walls
Rick Buckanin
Giles Burns
Dennis Butler
Gary Cacciatore
Tom Cahill
Jane Calvo
Stephanie Campanella Tomko*
Kathleen Carrodo Shellhammer
Pete Catalogna
Karen Cauley
Joe Cavote
Marylouise Cecala Konya
Roseanne Cech Borowski*
Bill Cech
Andre Charron*
William Check
Christine Chiles Garvey
Andy Cichelli
Gene Connell
Kevin Connors
Francis "Skip" Csrenko*

Debbie Cunningham Haaf
Joe Daday
Christine Dalton McCarthy
William Danek
Ida DeAngelis Vasily
Lenore DeFilippo DeAngelis
John DeRaimondo
Donna Derwinski Burkert
Kathy DiDonato Schuemann
Vince Doddy
Marie Doherty Hunsicker
Eileen Dolak
Richard Domyan
Mary Donaghue Kilker*
Karen Donchetz Schurtz
Mary Donchez Wilson
Maureen Donchez Krasnai
Patrick Donchez
Frank Doocey*
Marie Dowling
Beverly Dugas Lenner
Thomas "Casey" Eddinger
Beverly Falkenbach Reczek
Nancy Farris Tucker
John Fechisin
Virginia "Ginger" Ferrarro Andrews*
Nancy Fielding Mikitka
Joseph Fink*
Jim Fiorentino
James Fleck
Jeffrey Fondl*
Stephen Gal
Jim Gallagher
Lawrence Gallagher
Christina "Tina" Galle
John Garbarini*
Joseph Garvey
Jim Gaydos*
Pete Gerra
William Gould
Michael Gower
Tom Griffin
Michael Haas
Bobby Halbreiner
Judith Halleman Malitsch

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Larry Hartigan*
Debbie Hazler Smith
Diane Hazler Bean*
Mary Hendricks
Patti Hesener Hartney
Tina Holko Berg-Bolt*
John Horvath*
Michael Horwath
Nick Iampietro
Eugen Iasiello
Billy Kametz
James King
Thomas Kovacs
Bruce Kovatch
Carol Kozo Reinert
Mike Kozo*
Kevin Kraft
Mark Kreider
Bob Krenos*
Claire Kresge Hartnett
Bruce "Rocky" Krokus
Tom Kuzmick
Patrick Langton
Janet Lansek Morton
Tony Liberto
Tom Lichtenwalner
Mary T Lisowski Miller
Maureen "Reenie" Long
Nancy Luther
Judy Lux Griffis
Anne Lynch Bernier*
Lou Lynch
Marty Lynn
Cindy Madack
Kathy Magyar Lutte
George Maurer
Elizabeth McCafferty
Kathy McCool Ressler
Ray McFadden
Anne McGlade Reitz
Mary Ann McIntyre Angelo
Nancy Meder
Nancy Merwarth Smith
Janice Meterko Racosky*
Anne Metzger Anderson
Arlene Metzger Hassick*

Joseph Mikitka
Francis Minarik
Thomas Minarik*
Kathryn Mitchell Seufert
Marifrances Mixon Siddons
Sonia Montalvo Varra
Barbara Mueller Brown
Patricia Murphy Walmer
Theresa Nemchik
Joseph Ocampo
Mary O'Donnell Dubbs
Teresa Ortwein
Eileen Oswald McIntosh
Jan Pakulski Connell
Billy Patterson
Gale Persa Lombardi
Dave Petfield
Joan Petfield Sinnitz
Tim Petko*
Dave Petrilla*
Marie Phillip Mingora
Jim Podlesny
Stephen Posivak
Patricia Potocky Mika
Cynthia Price
Bonnie Rasich Budura
Stephen Raykos
Jim Reczek
Richard Redding
Mike Ressler
Alicia Rivera
Angel Rivera
Patrick Rogan
Stan Rostkowski
Daniel Roth
Anne Rouse Schulman
Livia Rudakewicz Hillmyer
Mike Ruggeri
Mike Saliba
Patricia Sawitz
Marianne Schnalzer Yasso
Mary Schneider Lazorik
Joyce Schoenberger Nemeth
Mary Ann Sculley Leavitt
Anita Seaman Barrick
Greg Semanick
Rosie Shamenek

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Bill Sharkan

Kathy Sinnott D'Alessandro

Steve Skomitz*

Martha "Muffy" Smith McCormack

Patricia Smith Desh

Jack Soltis

Bruce Spevak

Billy Steirer

Glenn Steltz

John Stofanek

Lorianne Strohm Tarsi*

John Swiderski

Joe Szczepanski

John Svetecz

Donna Takach Kidulic*

Betsy Talian

Mike Tallarico

Sally Thomas Howard

Dave Tich

Frank Tomko*

Anna Marie Toth Labar

Eileen Toth Edris

Melanie Ulans

Steve Vasko*

Lee Venanzi Sebastianelli

Lynn Volpinari Simms

Stephanie Voros Sellers

Ron Votrol

Karen Walls White

Eileen Ward

Paul Wilson

Jim Wright

Gerry Yasso*

George Yundt

Patricia Zelko

Alane Zulli

Debbie Zweifel Miller

* Deceased

Thirty-Seven members had a parent or were a parent of a Becahi alum...

Jim Bartholomew > **James '96, Matt '99, Drew '02**

Jim Bobal > **Joseph '36**

Ellen Brown Felker > **Brad '98, Erica '99**

Gary Cacciatore > **Margaret Baca '47**

Jane Calvo > **Agnes Slaninka '46**

Kathleen Carrodo Shellhammer > **Agnes Reilly '43**

Gene Connell > **Francis '37, Gertrude Hildenberger '36, Owen '95**

Christine Dalton McCarthy > **Michael '47**

Rich Domyan > **Leonard '36**

Mary Donchez Wilson > **Leonard '46, Rita Burke '46**

Casey Eddinger > **Len '34, Margaret Egan '34**

Jeff Fondl* > **Lorraine McFadden '48**

Michael Gower > **Mary Tachovsky '38**

Tom Griffin > **Margaret Toth '47**

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

Jane Harris Swiderski > **Mary Concilio '40**

Billy Kametz > **Rosemary Trimble '41**

Thomas Kovacs > **Marie Hagerty '45**

Judy Lux Griffis > **John '32**

Anne Lynch Bernier* > **Lucy Hildenberger '40, Harry '41; Lindsey '04, Shane '08**

Kathy McCool Ressler > **Joseph '31**

Ray McFadden > **Raymond '47**

Ann Metzger Anderson > **Grace McNally '38, Joseph '38**

Arlene Metzger Hassick* > **Grace McNally '38, Joseph '38**

Thomas Minarik* > **Mary Harvilla '44**

Mary O'Donnell Dubbs > **Jack '41**

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Theresa Ortwein > **Thomas '48**
Eileen Oswald McIntosh > **Ursula Miller '45**
Janice Pakulski Connell > **Owen '95**
David Petrilla > **Anna Oravec '31**
Anita Seaman Barrick > **Margaret Ammend '39**
Greg Semanick > **Veronica Godovin '41**
James Shannon > **Mary Posivak '44**
Bill Sharkan > **Marcella O'Donnell '43**
Donna Takach Kidulic* > **Mike '95, Brian '97, Rebecca '99, Jill '03**
Michael Tallarico > **Joseph '47**
Stephanie Voros Sellers > **Theresa Miklos '45**

There were sixteen were "Campus Couples" ...

Jeff Andrews and Patty Dunn '70	Nancy Fielding and Joe Mikitka
Jim Bartholomew and Regina Rea	Jane Harris and John Swiderski
Dennis Brogan and Monica MacLean '72	Kathy McCool and Mike Ressler
Ellen Brown and Alex Felker '70*	Janice Meterko and Rich Racosky '69
Stephanie Campanella* and Frank Tomko*	Marie Phillip and Tom Mingora '70
Gene Connell and Jan Pakulski	Mary Schneider and Tom Lazorik '69
Mary Donchez and Paul Wilson	Donna Takach* and Mike Kidulic '69
Beverly Falkenbach and Jim Reczek	Dave Tich and Karen Verba '72

Twenty members were/are health care providers...

Sally Adams Landis	Stephen Gal	Kathryn Mitchell Seufert
Edward Boyko	Tina Galle Martin	Theresa Ortwein
Jane Calvo	Tom Griffin	Bonnie Rasich Budura
Roseanne Cech Borowski*	Janet Lansek Morton	Patricia Sawitz
Andy Cichelli	Maureen Long	Lorianne Strohm Tarsi*
Debbie Cunningham Haaf	Anne Lynch Bernier*	Betsy Talian
Joe Daday		Ron Votral

Eleven members served in the military...

Dennis Butler	U.S. Merchant Marines	Steve Skomitz*	U.S. Navy (Vietnam)
Jane Calvo	U.S. Air Force	Glenn Steltz	U.S. Air Force
Rich Domyan	U.S. Navy	Joe Szczepanski	U.S. Navy
Lewis Lynch	U.S. Air Force	John Szvetecz	U.S. Air Force
Tim Petko*	U.S. Army	Dave Tich	U.S. Air Force
Angel Rivera	U.S. Army		

Seven members were/are educators...

Gloria Alves Peck	Sr. Eileen Dolak, S.S.J.	Eileen Toth Edris
Andy Cichelli	Nancy Fielding Mikitka	Stephanie Voros Sellers
	Joseph Mikitka	

Four members practice(d) at the bar, i.e., lawyers...

Kevin Connors	Jim Fiorentino	Tom Kuzmick	Paul Wilson
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Three members served our Lord...

Sr. Eileen Dolak, S.S.J.

Rev. T. Kevin Kraft

Rev. James Podlesny

Forty-three members were profiled in *Tidings* over the past three years. Check out the Bethlehem Catholic High School website, under the Alumni tab for back issues.

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 (475) and classes (70) for this edition...

Names and Classes Mentioned in September Issue

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
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4	2	2	1	1	10	1	2	2	1			
5		3			4	2	3	2	1			
6	3	3		2	3	3	3	2	1			
7		1		1	2	3	1	2	2	4		Classes
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BTW, **2,380** graduates have been cited in *Tidings* so far this year alone. A treasure trove of networking opportunities. See if you can find your classmates listed in this edition... and go on the Becahi website under the Alumni tab for past issues of *Tidings*.

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

September 10th – Becahi Annual Golf Classic

September 18th – Class of '61 – 60th Class Reunion, McGeehan Residence

September 19th – Class of '69 – 52nd Class Reunion, Pavilion #1 in Bethlehem Twp Municipal Park

September 23rd – “Pig and Swig” Picnic and Bonfire, School Grounds

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September 24th – Homecoming Football Game, BASD Stadium
September 24th – Class of '70 – 51st Class Reunion, Steel Club
September 25th – Class of '89, '90 and '91 – 32nd, 31st and 30th Class Reunion, Steel PUB
September 29th – Class of '57 – 64th Class Reunion, Prime Steak House
October 9th – Class of 2011's 10-year Class Reunion, Clubhouse Grille
October 23rd – Class of 1986's 35-year reunion, Adagio Restaurant
November 24th – Class of 1985's 36th-year reunion, Clubhouse Grille
March 2022 – 3rd Annual Golden Gala
September 17, 2022 – Class of '72 – 50th Class Reunion, Steel Club

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.

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's 51st Reunion** is scheduled for Friday September 24th. Friday evening's party at the Steel Club will include a Cocktail Hour w/ hors d'oeuvres, food stations, desserts, Cash Bar, Chance Auction/Basket Raffle and a 50/50 to benefit our Scholarship Fund. **Kathy Gaydos Bickert** kbic77@hotmail.com and **Betsy Vreeland Lavelle** betyslavelle@yahoo.com are the go-to persons for the goodies.

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➤ **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?

➤ 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... arteacherscsp@gmail.com

➤ The **Class of 1986's 35th class reunion** is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd at Adagio restaurant (formerly The Lantern) on 530 Pembroke Rd, Bethlehem) starting 6 PM. Cash Bar. \$20 fee at door for Hors d'oeuvres /Soda /Coffee. We are on Facebook (Bethlehem Catholic Class of 1986) as well. – John Pavis

➤ **Classes of 1989, 1990 & 1991 – UPDATE: SPREAD THE WORD!**

The **Class of 1990** would like to extend an invitation to the classes of **1989** and **1991** to celebrate their 30th year class reunion.

"Pre-reunion festivities": Friday September 24th, Beca vs. Liberty homecoming game at BASD stadium.

Reunion: Saturday Sept 25th, 3-6pm at the Steel Pub on 320 E First St. Bethlehem. Following our private party, we can move to the public bar area and enjoy the band or travel to other Bethlehem bars/restaurants in the area.

\$28/pp includes: apps/dinner/munchies, soft drinks. CASH BAR.

Please pay in advance!

Venmo: @valerie-singley (**Valerie Venezia Singley '90**)

PayPal: rvsings@ptd.net

➤ **Class of 2011 – 10 Years!**

Francesca Weber Marra '11 writes... "The date for our **10-year reunion** is **changed to Saturday, October 9th**, and will be held at The Clubhouse Grille (400 Illick's Mill Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017) 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 will provide you with our most current email list for your class.

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

Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, writes to ~~warn~~ inform her classmates that *“I have moved back home to Bethlehem after a stint in the Army Medical Corps and 45 years in Ohio. My husband passed away three years ago this September. My children and grandchildren are scattered, so here I am... home to reunite with my high school friends, make new ones, and torment my siblings. lol.”*

Jane Holahan '74, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Literature from Moravian College, an MEd in Educational Leadership from Barry University, and her EdD in Educational Leadership from George Washington University, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand. She then started her educational career as a high school language arts teacher in North Miami Beach Senior High, tailoring lessons for both remedial and honors students. Jane now serves as Executive Director of the Weingarten Learning Resources Center at the University of Pennsylvania. –
almanac.upenn.edu – 09/24/19

Scott Pianowski '76, who received an AAS in Automotive Technology from Lehigh Carbon Community College, is a Welder Fabricator at High Performance Vehicle Engineering Inc. in Easton. - FB

Neal Walker '88, who received a BA in Biology from Lehigh University, an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and a DO from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, is the President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director at Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly-traded dermatological drug development company, in Wayne, PA. – aclaristx.com

Meg Evans Gartley '90, who received a BA from DeSales University, is Assistant to the Costume Shop Manager & First Hand at Muhlenberg College's Theatre & Dance Department. Meg has more than 20 years-experience working at Muhlenberg as a costume designer, shop manager, stage manager, stitcher and carpenter.

Florencia Dayan, '17's Class Valedictorian, received a BS in Civil Engineering from George Washington University's School of Engineering and Applied Science, and was awarded the Martin Mahler Prize, a gift for one who submits the best reports on tests in the materials laboratories class, with preference given to prestressed concrete tests. –
seas commencement.gwu.edu

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
John Coleman	1964	08/12/2021	75
Rose Ann Stull Ruth	1966	08/24/2021	72
Stephanie Campanella Tomko	1971	08/25/2021	67
Tina Holko Berg-Boldt*	1971	03/20/2020	
George Koma*	1973	04/06/2021	65

* I just heard of their passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † A. Lee Baker, husband of **Patricia Tallarico '74**, and father of **Joshua '02** and Katelyn, on 08/22
- † **Stephanie Campanella Tomko '71**, wife of the late **Frank Tomko '71**, and sister of **Donna Campanella DeMatos '78**, on 08/25
- † **John Coleman '64**, father of **Christine '90**, on 08/12
- † Dave Crenko, husband of **Jean Rentzheimer Crenko '73**, and father of **Gail '00**, **Elizabeth '02**, **Wayne '06**, and Melissa, on 07/29
- † **Tina Holko Berg-Boldt '71**, sister of **Joseph '75**, Teresa, and the late **John '74**, on 03/20/20.
- † James Husovsky, son of the late **Geraldine Barron Husovsky '48**, brother of **Rich '72**, and **John '78**, and uncle to **Marty '98**, **Mia '01**, and **Jenna '08**, on 08/10
- † Ann Kline, mother of **Tim '80** and **Betsy '82**, on 08/01
- † Elizabeth Kotash, mother of **Ron '75**, **Jeff '77**, the late **David '80** and **Walter '86**, and sister of **Eleanor DeBellis Gawlik '61**, on 08/19
- † John Nehilla, son of **Lorraine Zamadics Nehilla '63**, on 07/30
- † Christopher Pucci, husband of the late **Stephanie Miner Pucci '91**, on 08/24
- † MaryAnn Ruggeri, mother of **Michele '69**, **Mike '71**, **Joseph '74** and **Tony '82** on 08/17
- † Robert Schneckner, father of **Jim '75**, Robert, Barbara and John, on 08/01
- † **Rose Ann Stull Ruth '66**, sister of the late (Dr.) **Robert Stull '63**, and aunt to **Kristen '89** and **Megan '96**, on 08/24
- † Margaret Weierbach, mother of **Colleen '67**, on 08/14
- † Lambros Michael Zumas, father of **Vivian '93** and **Michael '99**, on 08/08
- † Patricia Zurick, aunt of **Brandon '02** and **Hayley '05**, on 08/24

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

Patty Coyle Metzger

(09/18/13)

Leigh Doling Leming

(09/20/06)

Steff Long

(09/16/18)

Rosemary Medve Vassa

(09/29/11)

Mike Tocci

(09/24/19)

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1971 Girls Basketball Team East Penn League Champions Heidi Hydusik, Coach

The yearbook wrote that the team finished the season with a record of 10 wins and 3 losses. (I suspect there were more games than reported in the yearbook.)
Team members were...

**Anne "Biddy" Sinnott '72, Patti Hesener '71, Margie Grube '74,
Marianne Schnalzer '71, Kathy Kelly '73, Kathy Zweifel, Patty Wagner '74,
Anita Antolick '73, Lynn Cunningham '74, Patty Cunningham '73,
Mary Sinnott '72, Nancy Hinerschietz '72, Nancy Campbell '74, Heidi Chiles '73,
Karen Strobl '72, Kim Adams, Cindy Walls '74, and Marita Soltis**

Rebecca Fuehrer '17, was recently honored as a Graduating (BS Psychology) Scholar-Athlete at Penn State University – Lehigh Valley. She has been a member of the women's volleyball program for two seasons and the women's basketball program for one season. She was on the Dean's List and named to the PSUAC All-Academic team every semester while attending PSU-LV. She will be pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology at Immaculata University in the fall. – lehighvalley.psu.edu

2021 Golden Hawk Golf Classic Friday, September 10th Is Sold Out Once Again.

Thank you to everyone who registered to play in this year's Golf Classic supporting Bethlehem Catholic Athletics. We also like to thank our many sponsors, especially those who made their sponsorship a 100% pure donation for our student-athletes. Proceeds from the Golf Tournament 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. If you would like to make a similar donation for any amount, please use the following link: <https://Becahigolf2021.givesmart.com>. Just go to the bottom of the "Buy Tickets" page and enter your contribution under "Donations." Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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.

Homecoming Pig-n-Swig Thursday, September 23rd at 6 PM with Becahi's Bonfire Following at 7:30 PM

Make your plans now to attend the Homecoming Game on Friday, September 24th, and other Homecoming events with your friends and family. Our “Pig and Swig” Social is set for Thursday, September 23, at 6 PM followed by our spirited Bonfire around 7:30 PM. The cost of the event, which includes a Becahi Mug and a Pulled Pork Dinner catered by Point Phillips. You can register right here online using this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/PigNSwigRegistration>. If you prefer to use the mail then simply print out, complete, and mail-in our Pig-n-Swig Flyer before September 16th using this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/nlw>

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

(Over 500 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:

Pete Walsh '70, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Tufts University, an MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, is Chief Emerging Technology Engineer at ESPN.

Eileen Ward '71, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Lehigh University and an MBA from the Olin Business School of Washington University in St. Louis, is the Director of Accounting at the Nielsen Company, a leading global data and analytics company that provides a holistic and objective understanding of the media industry, in Allentown.

Susan Voros Williams '72, who received a BA in Elementary & Early Childhood education from Cedar Crest College and an MEd in Early Education Administration from Temple University, is an Early Care & Education Consultant in Bethlehem.

Jack Ferry '73, a Moravian College graduate, is Executive Director and Program Administrator at Worcester County Developmental Center in Snow Hill, MD.

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Maryann Buckanin Verrillo '74, who received a BA in Journalism and History from Syracuse University, was Senior Manager, Public Relations at the American College of Radiology in Reston, VA.

Paula Brady Haurie '75, who received a BA in Healthcare Management from Ottawa University, is now Retired after 34 years in Healthcare Leadership positions at Inova Health Systems in the Springfield VA area, and sits as Executive Board Secretary at Traditions of America at Hanover Condominium Association in Bethlehem.

Carolyn Unger Goodman '76, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University, is Services Sales and Consulting at IT Infrastructure Services, Finance and Industrial Account in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Carol Dancho O'Neill '77, who received a Bachelor's Degree in the Arts and Sciences from Penn State University, serves in Special Education at the Monroe Woodbury Central School District in Monroe, NY.

Mario Aleixo '78, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Geology, Earth Science from West Virginia University, is a General Partner at Sew Perfect Windows, LLC, offering residential and commercial design services, concentrating on custom window treatments, such as draperies, shades, blinds, shutters and other home décor items in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

Chad Wilkins '79, who received a BA in Political Science and Government from Lehigh University, is EVP of Webster Bank and President of HSA Bank in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Isabel Cerqueira Culbertson '80, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Long Term Care Administration and Nursing from York College of Pennsylvania, is a Utilization Management RN at WellSpan Health in Lancaster County.

Daniel Christy '81, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from New Hampshire College, is Vice President of Business Development at CYAN SKY Copier Technologies in Allentown.

Edward Kelleher '82, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Notre Dame, an MA in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, and a JD from Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, is a Shareholder and Business Attorney at Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon, in Portland, Maine

Robert Palenchar '83, an Alvernia University graduate, is Director, Financial Controller, at Sanofi Pharmaceuticals in Nazareth.

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Barbara Malloy Kearns, '84's Co-Valedictorian, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Scranton and an MBA from St. Joseph's University, is an Experienced Business Systems Analyst with over 10 years of service in Project Management / Business Processes at Pfizer (formerly Wyeth) Pharmaceuticals in Quakertown.

Christopher Shunk '85, who received a BS in Information Technology from Bloomsburg University, is Former VP Information Technology at Verizon Wireless in Easton.

Karl Hartmann-Hansen '86, who received a BS in Hospitality Management from Penn State University and served in the U.S. Marine Corps for over eight years, is now the Owner of Dimension Three, architectural illustration, and Partner in Elegance in Lighting, providing high end decorative & custom lighting solutions to the Building Industry, in Newport Beach, CA.

Rene Godbolt '87, who received a BS from Boston College and an MEd from Lehigh University, is a Special Education Teacher in the Bensalem Township School District.

Scott Altieri '88, is a Vice President with JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle), a world leader in real estate services. Scott specializes in industrial sales and leasing in the Pinellas County, FL market.

Roberta Bukvics Moir '89, who received a BS in Retail/Fashion Merchandising from Marywood University, is a Multi-Store General Manager at Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th in the greater Philadelphia area.

Scott Klapac '90, who received a BS in Exercise and Sport Science from Penn State University and an MS in Exercise Physiology from West Chester University, is AGM in Sales at Savvas Learning Co., an organization that carries on a longstanding tradition of innovation and leadership by providing the highest-quality content spanning all K-12 grade levels, in Downingtown, PA.

Andrea Aragon Gosz '91, who received a BA in Organizational Development from the University of Michigan, is a Senior Client Partner, Financial Services at Korn Ferry, a global organizational consulting firm, in the greater Chicago area.

Vincent Clervi '92, who studied Theatre and Dance at Westminster College, is Senior Designer, Advanced Innovation at Nike, Inc. in Portland, OR.

Scott Hough '93, who received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from DeSales University, is Principal/Owner at Select Protective Services LLC in Bethlehem.

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Keith Walker '94, is a Firefighter for the City of Bethlehem.

Annie Radakovits '95, who received a BS in Accounting from King's College, is a Tax Clerk for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in Catasauqua.

Dev Kapoor '96, who received a BS from Drexel University's LeBow College of Business, a MS in Accounting and Finance from Lehigh University, and an MBA from Columbia University's Business School, is a Strategy and Finance Executive at Georgia-Pacific LLC in Atlanta.

Mike Derr '97, who received a BS in Business Management from Colby Sawyer College and a BS in Civil Engineering from Drexel university, is Vice President at Geo-Technology Associates, Inc. (GTA) in Quakertown.

Sarah Gomes '98, who received a BS in Electronic Media/Journalism from Kutztown University and a Masters in Clinical and Counseling Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, is a Licensed Professional Counselor at Healing Path Psychology, LLC in Bethlehem.

Michael Alogna '99, who received a BS in Elementary Education from Moravian College, an MEd in Educational Leadership and Administration as well as an EdD in Urban Educational and Leadership from East Stroudsburg university, is a Principal in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Meredith Minger '00, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, is Subdivision Manager, International Division, at Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc. in Pittsburgh.

Lindsey Kramer-Nesci '01, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the Catholic University of America, Senior Human Resources Generalist at Kolmac Outpatient Recovery Centers in Washington, DC.

Jason Saliba '02, who received a BS in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics from the University of Maryland and a PhD in Molecular and Human Genetics from the Baylor College of Medicine, is Senior Scientist at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO.

Jeffrey Deegan '03, who received a BS in Landscape Contracting from Penn State University, is Operations Technician at Phoenix Forge Group in Allentown.

Michael Grella '04, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from American Military University, and served in the U.S. Army, is Dock Supervisor at Old Dominion Freight Line in Bethlehem.

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Eva Kimmerly '05, who received a BSBA in Marketing from Penn State University, is a Product Generalist for Lutron Electronics, meaning she is currently responsible for product and portfolio management across all channels of Lutron's shading business - Residential and Commercial, from mid-market to luxury, in Coopersburg.

Michalyn Millen Mooney '06, who received a BA in Psychology and Public relations from Penn State University, is a Licensed Sales Professional at Parks, an independent real estate brokerage in Tennessee and Florida.

Collin McTague '07, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from King's College, is Senior Environmental, Health & Safety Specialist at Johnson & Johnson in Lancaster.

Amy Dvorscak Krupa '08, who received a BS in Nursing from DeSales University, is an RN at the Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown.

Danica Finelli '09, who received an AA in Liberal Arts from Raritan Valley Community College and a BA in Communication and Media Studies from Caldwell University, is an Account Group Supervisor at Havas Health & You in Boonton, NJ.

Daniel Hudy '10, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Software Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology, is Senior Software Engineer at Optimizely & Owner of Hudy Games in Batavia, NY.

Alex Keller '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from DeSales University, is an Analytical Chemist at Particle Sciences, A Lubrizol Company in Allentown.

Aaron Morekin '12, who studied Business Administration at Lehigh Carbon Community College and received a BSBA in Finance from Kutztown university, is Senior Fund Accountant at SEI in Whitehall.

Samuel Demyan '13, who received a BA in Accounting from Moravian College, is Audi Brand Specialist and Finance Manager at the Ciocca Dealership in Allentown.

Carolyn Brooks '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management from Temple University's Fox School of Business, is a Human Resources Operations Analyst at Saint-Gobain North America in Malvern, PA.

Ryan Johnson '15, who graduated from Lebanon Valley College with studies in Early Childhood and Special Education, is a Special Education Teacher at Lebanon School District in Annville Township, PA.

Julie Glemser '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Immaculata University, is an Administrative Assistant at LTS Homes in East Stroudsburg.

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Regan Downey '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in History from Alvernia University, is the Advancement Director for Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bethlehem and is also an Assistant Filed Hockey Coach at Beca.

Christopher Walakovits '17, is an Undergraduate Research Assistant at Penn State University where he is a senior Chemical Engineering student with an intended graduation date of December, 2021.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Welcome Sarah Lumi to the Becahi Advancement Team

Earlier in August, Sarah took over for Connie Druckenmiller as our new Events Coordinator. The Bethlehem Catholic Family and especially Tom, Tina, and Sarah from the Advancement Team are grateful to Connie for all she has contributed over the years and the relationships she has cultivated for Becahi through her witty humor and expertise. We wish Connie well in all her new endeavors. If you need information about upcoming Becahi Advancement Events or wish to volunteer, email Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org or call her at (610) 866-0971 x.323.

The Smartest Way to Give to Becahi:

PA Tax Credit Program / Transformational Gifts - Little Out-of-Pocket Cost.

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.

Reflection

A prayer for recovery... Covid, weather, Afghanistan, each other...

*God grant me the **Serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, **Courage** to change the things I can, and the **Wisdom** to know the difference.*

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Class of 1970's 51st Reunion Guest List

As of August 30th, the growing list of 85 revelers includes 53 grads and their guests, like...

Tommy Sculley and Bonnie
George and Betsy (Horvath) Kane
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 Evans
JohnnieO and Maureen
Carolyn Volpinari DeMasi
Eileen Evans Colahan and Paul
Rosie Esparza
Mayra Godin Focht and Rick
Pat O'Connor Altier and Mark
Josephine Spagnola Ciocco and Andrew
Lisa DeAngelis Hummell
Mike Audet and Jane
Rick Jordan and Lisa
Dave Hartzell and Betsy
Kathy Gaydos Bickert
Tom Metzger and Diane Schrier
Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi
Marie Marucci Good
Tim Sabota and Kate

Karen Raykos Fatzinger and Rick
Pat Dunn Andrews and **Jeff '71**
Celeste Casciano Silvonek and Tom
Tony Bauer and Sue
Joe Zylwitis and Jenifer
Bill and Patty (McGouldrick) Doncsecz
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
Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech
Corliss Kuzmin Reed
Rick Cassidy
Mary Jane Bartos and **Sue Bartos '72**
Dan Gallagher and Nancy
Anne Gerber
Dan Brady and Debra
Anne Redding Regar and Ralph
Ann Collins Leffner and Len
Kathy Brady Haugh and Greg
Bob Alpago and Nancy
Maki Brugger Polefka
Nancy Carrington Behler

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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