

Tidings

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Class of 1970 – Saturday in the Park

The reunion committee has had fun getting together, and has set some parameters for the upcoming '70 turns '70 day-long event, Saturday, September 17, 2022, 11am till dusk, rain or shine. A picnic-meal will be included; drinks are BYOB. Cost is in the neighborhood of \$25-30, and **there will be cake!** A survey of interest will be coming to your inbox shortly so be on the lookout. While you are waiting, visit the class website and add your bio to the list. <http://www.1970classreunion.blogspot.com/>. ...And remember, U are needed to make the REUNION a success.

Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus.
More info to come.

Please Remember in your prayers our classmates Kenny Weierbach, Linda Kuplen Neimeister's dad, and Linda Pembleton Diehl's mom, who've passed away last month.

- † Kenny, a U.S. Navy veteran, passed away on June 7th. Please also say a prayer for his wife, Judy, and for his sisters, **Susan '69, Patricia '81** and his late sister, Judith.
- † Frank Kuplen passed away on June 25th. Please also say a prayer for Linda's brother Frank.
- † Rosemary Pembleton passed away on June 27th. Please also say a prayer for Linda's siblings, **Glen '89, Terry, the late Ralph '74** and Donald.

This month I either read about, saw, or spoke with...

... Mary Moroney Marzec '51, Sr. Regina Chassar '53, **Harry Mitchell '57**, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Dolores Durako Gecsek '64, Mary Kramer Fuehrer '65, **Mary Ann Antalics Hoyt '67, Yogi Eddinger '67**, Larry Gasda '69, Karen Cauley '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, MaryTee Lisowski Miller '71, Jan Pakulski Connell '71, Stephanie Voros Sellers '71, **Sue Bartos '72**, John Fiorentino '73, Dave Tachovsky '73, Tom Vresics '81, John Eder '83, **Bill Bamper '92**, Jen Kish-Russ '93, Betsy Fox-Guy '94

And, I either read about, saw, or spoke with my classmates...

...Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Maki, Dave Cech, Lisa, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Mayra Godin Focht, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Greg Ortwein, Susan Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Josephine, and Carl

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Reunion Years Ending in “2” and “7”

This year, 2022, is the time to acknowledge those alumni who celebrate their reunions, whether virtually or in person, in the five-year increments of “2” and “7”. Each month through October, **Tidings** will identify those graduates from the following classes...

- ✓ January – **Class of 1927, 95th Year**
- ✓ March – **Class of 1937, 85th**
- ✓ May – **Class of 1947, 75th**
- ✓ July – **Class of 1957, 65th**
- February – **Class of 1932, 90th**
- April – **Class of 1942, 80th**
- June – **Class of 1952, 70th**

Coming soon:

August – **Class of 1962, 60th** September – **Class of 1967, 55th** October – **Class of 1972, 50th**

Alumni Cited this Month

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 326 grads from 71 classes for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of “2” and/or “7”.

Names Mentioned in July Issue

Decades >	20s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending											
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2	1	1		6	5	2	3	3			
3		1	1	4	2	2	2	1			
4	1		1	1	3	1	1	1			
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6		1		1	2	1	1	1			
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65 Years Ago... A "Virtual" Reunion The Class of 1957 - 31st Annual Commencement

There were five hundred twenty-eight students enrolled at Beca during the 1956-1957 school year...174 boys and 354 girls. (*"Two girls for every boy."* – Jan and Dean)

This was the largest graduating class (106) to this point in the school's 31-year history, and they came from 14 different parishes. Members of the class who graduated on June 7th 1957 included....

Anita Albert Shorey
Thomas Altemus
Dorothy Ammend Radzelovage
Celine Anthony Sell
Anna Bakonyi Ford
Joseph D. Balik*
Barbara Baran Reichard*
Stephen Bartos
Joan Bednarik Kaleycik*
Mary Ann Bowe Rich*
Robert Boyle*
John Bresnahan
Anna Marie Burda Musser*
Mary Burkhardt Masi*
Patricia Burkhardt
Elizabeth "Betty" Burkit Bohl*
Rosemarie Buttillo Murphy
Thomas Carroll*
Dolores Castellucci Kislow
Patricia Chapo Vander Wiele*
(Sr.) Elaine Cullen, S.S.J.
Patricia Dancs Unguren
Dolores DeBellis Smith
Dorothea Deegan Sewald
Barbara Demyan Kosa
Carla DeNardo Kostelnik
Margaret Devlin
Cletus Dick
John Dobrota
Robert Doncsecz
Valeria Dozer
Patricia Drust Zeiner
Mary Jane Dugan Figuli
(Sr. Andrew) Cecilia Durner, IHM
John W. "Jack" Egan*
John Eustis

Edith Evancho Kmetz
Michael Falco*
Priscilla Farris Mitchell
Kathryn "Kay" Fenerty Lynn

Barbara Floyd Lindenmuth
Patricia Free Albright*
Richard Fuisz
Robert Gramlich*
Joseph Robert Henick
Mary Ann R. Horvath Host
Mary Johnson Boyle
Andrea Kalata Barna
Joseph Kametz
Joanne Kavas Coonahan
Jeanne Kelly Kittle*
Ann Kervin Maloney*
Jacqueline Kohlmier Jonigian
Michael Kostelnik*
Robert Kotash*
Joan Kulanko Yasenchok*
Joan Libricz Wickes
Sandra Lindenmuth
Margaret Loprete
Carol Malone Oroskey
Thomas Maloney*
Theresa McGee
John McGowan
Harry Mitchell
Mary Mitchell Brunner

Loretta Novak
Kathleen O'Donnell
Helen Oravec Facchiano*
Frances Orban
Joseph Oroskey*

Catherine Ortwein McShane
Johanna Ozakuski Jacoby
Joseph Panik
Margaret Pereda
Christina Piltman Williams
Elizabeth Pittner Wonsidler
Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt
Elizabeth Polak Mingora*
Josephine Polak Berry
Michael Polansky
Susanne Posivak
Marie Pursell Carroll
James Quinn
Lovella Raub Lind
Mary Louise Repsher Koons
Patricia Ryan Pcihoda
Roberta Schultz Haskell
Joseph Saurina
Rita Segletes Stauffer
Josephine Sersen Barkis
Robert Shinko
James Shunk
Michael Simons*
Kathryn Slafkosky
(Br.) Michael Smith, C.S.C.*
(Sr.) Loretta Soltis, MSMBT
Carol Stiffinella Maiatico
Mary Sweeney*
Joseph Tratnyek
Helen Tulio Bold
Dolores Vargo Marks
Margaret Velas
Frances Velekei Rapp
Joseph Zajacek
George Zick
Imelda Zsilavetz

* Deceased

James Quinn was Valedictorian and Jeanne Kelly was Salutatorian
Harry Mitchell was President of the Class and Ann Kervin was Vice-President

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The Senior Play was "It's a Great Life" and the Spring Musical was a double-casted "Oklahoma"
Mary Purcell and Carla DeNardo were Co-Editors of Tidings
Joan Kulanko was Editor and Joan Libricz Associate Editor of the Sceptre

The Class is getting ready for their in-person **65th Reunion** on September 28th at the Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem... I wonder if they'll talk about...

- The cast parties at Polansky's Farm
 - The incident of the grey mercury convertible almost flipping
 - The "making out" in the animal feed cribs
- The incident of the "peep" which got loose in "the Chief's class"
- The time reaching 100MPH on the Wyandotte hill in John McGowan's car
- The trip to Philly in Fr. Nawn's car
- The post prom dinner at Benetz restaurant
- The frequent trips to "Band Stand"
- The basketball team almost getting killed during a trip to Pittsburgh in a snowstorm. The bus crossed over the median on the turnpike.
- The Hoagie bus smell after our trips to St John's (Manayunk), St Matt's (Archbishop Kennedy), St. Stans (Lansdale Catholic), and St. Patrick's (Bishop Kenrick)
- The trips to the Blue Anchor and the Royal restaurants for nourishment after a "tough day at school"

Check out the Sports Section for interesting stories about the class athletics.

Here are a few other items I found over the years...

There were 8 "Campus Couples":

Mary Ann Bowe and **Junie Rich '51**
Thomas and Marie (Pursell) Carroll
Michael and Carla (DeNardo) Kostelnik
John and **Gloria (Gretzinger '58) Dobrota**

Harry and Priscilla (Farris) Mitchell
Joe and Carol (Malone) Oroskey
Joanne Polaha and **Harry Siegfeldt '56**
Patricia Ryan and **Bill Pcihoda '55**

There were 9 members who had 14 children who graduated from Becahi:

Celine Anthony Sell > **John '80**
Joseph D. Balik > **Lisa '85, Joseph '85**
Betty Burkit Bohl > **Shawn '79**
Rosemarie Buttillo Murphy > **Debbie '77, Tom '79**
Jack Egan > **Chris '77, Matt '80, John '84**

Kay Fenerty Lynn > **Tricia '87**
Ann Kervin Maloney > **Thomas '82, Patrice '86**
Thomas Maloney > **Thomas '82, Patrice '86**
Roberta Schultz Haskell > **Scott '80**

There were 14 Veterans who served our country:

Joseph Balik > U.S. Army
Stephen Bartos > U.S. Air Force
Robert Boyle > U.S. Army
John Bresnahan > U.S. Navy
Thomas Carroll > U.S. Air Force
Michael Falco > U.S. Army & U.S. Air Force
Richard Fuisz > U.S. Navy

Joseph Henick > U.S. Navy
Joseph Kametz > U.S. Navy
Michael Kostelnik > U.S. Air Force
Harry Mitchell > U.S. Navy
Joseph Panik > U.S. Air Force
Robert Shinko > U.S. Army
Michael Simons > U.S. Air Force

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There were 9 Health Care Professionals:

Celine Anthony Sell, Nursing
Anna Bakonyi Ford, Nursing
Patricia Burkhardt, Nursing
John Dobrota, Doctor of Medicine
Richard Fuisz, Doctor of Medicine

Michael Kostelnick, Doctor of Medicine
Joan Libricz Wickes, Nursing
Loretta Novak, Nursing
Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt, Nursing

There were 4 graduates who served a higher power:

(Sr.) Elaine Cullen, S.S.J.
(Sr. Andrew) Cecilia Durner, IHM

(Br.) Michael Smith, C.S.C.
(Sr.) Loretta Soltis, MSMBT
(Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Trinity)

Thomas Maloney, Esq., served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Harry Mitchell was inducted as a Becahi Distinguished Graduate in 2022

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

2022

July 15th – Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament, Whitetail Golf Course
Proceeds benefit Becahi's Football Program

September 9th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic, Whitetail Golf Course
Proceeds benefit Becahi's Athletic Programs

September 16th – Class of '72 **Golf Outing** at Bethlehem Muni

September 17th – Class of '70's **70th Birthday Picnic in the Park** (Emmaus Community Park)

September 17th – Class of '72's – **50th Year Reunion**, Steel Club

September 22nd – Homecoming 2022 "Pig & Swig", Becahi Courtyard

September 23rd – Homecoming Game vs. Emmaus, Bethlehem School District Stadium

September 24th – Class of '77's – **45th Year Reunion**, Clubhouse Grille

September 28th – Class of '57's – **65th Year Reunion**, Prime Restaurant, Bethlehem

October 22nd – Class of '92's **30th Year Reunion**, Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center

November 25th – Class of '82's – **40th Year Reunion**, Hotel Bethlehem

2023

September 30th – Class of 78's 40th Reunion, Steel Club

Reunion News...

- **Class of 1957's 65th Reunion**.... The Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem for the "**Class of '57's** 65th reunion is booked! The date is September 28th....12-4pm. Contact **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57** for details.
- **Class of 1970's 70th Birthday Party** in the Park. Two pavilions and plenty of surrounding parking means there is room for everyone in the tree covered venue of Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus. More info to come.

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➤ **Class of 1972's 50th Reunion**

“Attention Class of '72!!! Our 50th Reunion is quickly approaching and we need to get your responses in as soon as possible so we can have an accurate number to help us plan accordingly. Please note the date is September 17, 2033 from 6-10pm at The Steel Club in Hellertown. There will be a cash bar, buffet, music by DJ Joe Tocci. We will have many items to raffle as well. Please encourage classmates you may see or know to come and support our gala. Don't forget our Meet and Greet at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course Pavilion on Friday, September 16th starting at 5pm after the Golf Match. Any questions, direct them to **Sue Bartos** at sbartos54@yahoo.com. Please help us make this a memorable event as it is a memorable time in our lives. A special thanks to all those that have given donations, baskets or gift cards to help this cause.”

➤ **Class of 1977's 45th Reunion**

Jane Metzger '77 wrote to say that September 24th is the date for the 45th Year reunion at the Clubhouse Grille in Bethlehem from 5:00pm to 8:00pm...stay tuned!

➤ **Class of 1978's 45th Reunion**

Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45th Reunion. The date is 9/30/2023... venue will be The Steel Club. No other details yet. The class has a Facebook page titled – Becahi Class of '78, on which **Sally Kammetler '78** is the administrator... sallykamm@gmail.com

➤ **Class of 1982's 40th Reunion** at Hotel Bethlehem –

The Class of '82 is having their 40th Class Reunion at the Hotel Bethlehem, on Friday, November 25th, from 6 PM till 10 PM. The total cost of the reunion has been underwritten by **Michael Solomon '82**. In lieu of paying for the reunion ticket, Michael asks that class members make a donation to the Becahi Fund. Invitations are already in the mail. If you don't get your invitation by July 1st, send your mailing address to **Mary Hudak Whitehead '82**, at mderwhitehead@aol.com.

➤ **Class of 1992's 30th Reunion**

“...will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 7 pm until 11 pm at the Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 300 Gateway Dr, Bethlehem, PA. Please make sure your contact information is up to date by contacting **Bill Bamber '92**, cell # (209) 210-7524, e-mail b1lladelphia@verizon.net. Classmates will be receiving their invitations very soon, thank you!”

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Alumni Briefs:

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

Mary Ann Antalics Hoyt '67, writes that she retired from hospital nursing in 2010 and has since published two collections of humorous essays and is working on a third: *In Heaven There's No Money, No Stuff—and No Porta-Potties (coping With Life's Aggravations by Finding the Funny)*; and, *Hashtags and Zoom Bewilder This Boomer (Finding the Funny While Aging)*. To learn more about Mary Ann, check out: maryannahoyt.com

Greg Solderitch '72, is a Retired Bethlehem City Police Captain. – thebethlehemgadfly.com

Cathy Toth De Troia '72 is a Tax Preparer at Burlingham & Harris PA, located in Asheville NC. - ptindirectory.com

Debra Torok, '72, Ph.D., is an adjunct professor at Moravian University where she teaches courses in music theory, technology, history, and performance. Her writing courses and senior seminars have been on the topic of music of political protest and she began teaching Artists as Activists for the art department in 2011. Torok is a recording artist, pianist, composer, and conductor. Her recordings are heard internationally and are available on iTunes. Two of her compositions were written for a 2005 Amnesty International tribute to human rights, one of her musicals was featured at the 2009 Philadelphia Fringe Festival, and a commissioned composition was premiered at the Valley Forge National Historical Park in 2015. She has made a number of appearances on PBS. She was music consultant and participated in the concept development for the PBS documentary *Make a Joyful Noise*, narrated by Charles Osgood. Torok taught at New York University and Lehigh University. She is the current musical director of the Pennsylvania Flute Choir and a charter member of Artists for Amnesty International. – moravian.edu/education/education-faculty

John Fiorentino '73 writes that he is “*retiring after 34 years of teaching high school math and 52 seasons of coaching (mostly basketball).*” John taught math at University City High School in San Diego. Enjoy the next chapter, John! - JOB

John Zaub '81, is a Real Estate Appraiser for JMZ Appraisals LLC, providing residential real estate valuations for retail and wholesale lenders, builders, and individuals throughout Maricopa and Pinal Counties in Arizona. – jmzappraisals.com

Ellen Hlavinka Byler '84, is currently an Office Supervisor of the Easton and Stroudsburg locations of St. Luke's Oral Surgery Center. – stlukesoms.com

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Matthew Kuna '12 was ordained a Priest on June 4 by Bishop Alfred Schlert at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown. Before commencing his studies for the Priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, he graduated from Kutztown University with a bachelor of science degree in education. – AD Times, June 7, 2022

Class of 1970 Becahi Fund Donors - \$70 for '70

Don't Be Afraid to Mark Your Birthday with a Class of 1970. We welcome members of the Becahi Class of '70 with July birthdays to join their classmates with birthdays in prior months by sending in a "\$70 for '70" Donation. The birthday gift is now well over \$1,000! Please join the celebrants below. Happy Birthday and Thank You to ...

Tony Bauer

Jim Connell

Jessie Daniels Greenawald

Gl Jerry Evans

Susan Fischer Dever

Bernie Gallagher

Dan Gallagher

Kathy Gaydos Bickert

Mayra Godin Focht

Joan Greenfield

Jack Klucsik

Corliss Kuzmin Reed

Susan Reing Spaar

Kathy Shanahan Baur

John Andris '69H (Honorary '70)

If you are not from the class of '70 but would like to respond to Jim's challenge and donate at least the amount of your year of Graduation to the Becahi Fund, just be sure to write "\$70 for '70" in the memo of the check and we will post your name in the *Tidings* like above.

Welcome to the Class of 2018 to *Tidings*

This is the first edition of *Tidings* being sent to the Class of '18. I will include some of their stories of achievement in subsequent newsletters. For example, I found some interesting accomplishments from LinkedIn and other Merit Pages on-line for the following...

Recent Graduations (more to come in future editions)

Gabrielle Acampora > University of Notre Dame, BS Environmental Science

Lauren Achey > Temple University, BS Public Health

Jianna Alcantra > DeSales University, BS Sport and Exercise Science

Julia Ardolino > Fordham University, BS

Angelanette Arrubla > DeSales University, BS Early Childhood Education

Dhaniella Babelonia > Duquesne University, BS Biology

Carson Badamo > Marist College, BS, MA Finance

Madison Baillie > Moravian University, BS Psychology

Omar Bañuelos > Bloomsburg University, BS Accounting

Brandon Bartholomew > Millersville University, BS Sport Medicine

Sarah Baumann > Penn State University, BS Health Care Administration

Gabriela Beraun Sanabria > Northampton Community College, AS Biological Sciences

Matthew Bisko > Millersville University, BS Financial Economics

Olivia Borges > University of Scranton, BS Biology

Gabrielle Burk > Northampton Community College, AA

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Rosemary Kelly Gentilcore	1942	06/16/2022	97
Dorothy Tallarico O'Boyle	1955	05/25/2022	85
Kenneth Weierbach	1970	06/07/2022	69

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Frank Blatnik, father of **Frank III '02** and grandfather of **Tyler '20**, on 06/02
- † **Rosemary Kelly Gentilcore '42**, mother of **Vincent '63** and Peggy, on 06/16
- † Billy Kametz, Jr. son of **Bill Kametz '71** and grandson of the late **Rosemary Trimble Kametz '41**, on 06/10
- † Frances Kidulic, mother of **Mike '69**, mother-in-law of the late **Donna Takach Kidulic '71**, and grandmother of **Mike '95, Brian '97, Rebecca '99** and **Jill '03**, on 05/28
- † Dorothy Kozo, mother of **Karen '73** and the late **Mike '71**, on 05/30
- † Frank Kuplen, father of **Linda '70** and Frank, on 06/25
- † Anne McCandless, mother of **Susan '69, Anne '75, Thomas** and the late Gerald, on 06/15
- † Joseph Mies, son of the late **Loretta Lucas Mies '29**, brother of **Margaret Mies Harris '58**, and father of **Daniel '98** and **Joseph '98**, on 06/09
- † Rosemary Pembleton, mother of **Linda '70, Glen '89, Terry**, the late **Ralph '74** and Donald, on 06/27
- † Alfred Stangl, Sr., father of **Dennis '75, Alfred '77, Ron '82, Rita '85** and Michael, on 06/12
- † **Dorothy Tallarico O'Boyle '55**, sister of **Robert '52**, the late **Joseph '47**, and the late **Virginia (Sr. Rose Concetta), S.S.J. '49**
- † **Ken Weierbach '70**, brother of **Susan '69, Patricia '81** and the late Judith, on 06/07
- † Robert Woytusik, husband of **Eleanor Carpency Woytusik '55**, on 06/12

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

Mike Dougherty (07/24/09)

Alex Felker (07/02/12)

Dennis Kacmar (07/11/08)

Carol Koprivsek Williams (07/04/18)

Joe Makoski (07/17/16)

Dave Silbermann (07/28/10)

Mike Slafkosky (07/25/87)

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Spring Sports Wrap-up and Highlights

Softball – Rich Mazza, Head Coach (19th Season) 8 Wins in 2022
Dave King, Interim Head Coach: 11 Wins – 5 Losses

Team's 2022 Record: 19 Wins – 5 Losses after PIAA Quarterfinal 2-1 loss to Villa Joseph Marie Academy

Alumni Sports History – 1957

There were only 3 interscholastic sports at Beca in 1957...
Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Baseball

Boys Basketball Highlights – Record: 27 Wins – 3 Losses
Coach, Paul Calvo (Becahi Wall of Fame Member)

The incredible achievements of the team included defeating Allentown Central Catholic, the 1957 PCIAA A Champion; defeating Fountain Hill High School 3 times, the 1957 PIAA Class C State Champion; outscoring their opponents by an average of 20 points/game; and losing in the PCIAA Eastern PA finals, by 2 points, to eventual State Champion St. Vincent's High School.

Team members included: Seniors, **Jack Egan, John McGowan, Jim Shunk, John Dobrota, Harry Mitchell, Joe Zajacek, Rich Fuisz, and Tom Maloney**, Manager. Underclassmen were **Russ Kembel '58, Paul Koch '58, Charles Donches '58, Joe Carpency '58, Andy Kulanko '59, Robert Csaszar '59, Gus Garscar '59, Walt Bankowski '59, Bob Bukvics '60, Al Mucksavage '60**, and **James Conahan '44**, Manager, Ted Racz and Pete Gillen.

Girls Basketball Highlights – Record: 12 Wins – 1 LOSS (Source: 1957 Sceptre)
Coach, Margaret Chubbuck

The only loss of the season came at the hands of Allentown Central Catholic by 3 points. Beca defeated ACCHS later that season by 32 points. They averaged 58 points/game and outscored their opponents by an average of 14 pts/gm.

Members of the squad included: **Jean Bayak '60, Patricia Bolash '58, Patricia Burkhardt '57, Mary Ann Chassar '58, Elaine Cullen '57, Dorothy Donchez '59, Andrea Kalata '57, Carol Malone '57, Joanne Meilinger '58, Mary Mitchell '57, Joanne Morganello '58, Joanne Polaha '57, Sallie Russ '60, Cecilia Talian '59, Maryann Velekei '57, Rita Willey '58, Grace Kocsan '58**, Manager, **Regina Quinn '58**, Manager

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Baseball Highlights – Record: 5 Wins – 8 Losses (Source: 1957 Sceptre)
Coach, Ted Martz

Five members of the team batted over .300 per the Bethlehem Globe Times; the average score differential was 2 runs...

Members of the team included: **Harry Mitchell '57, Paul Koch '58, Gus Garscar '59, John Dobrota '57, Charles Donches '58, James Shunk '57, John Sek '59, Walter Bankowski '59, Stephen Malitski '58, Cletus Dick '57, Richard Kolesky '58, Jack Rodgers '60, Bob Bukvics '60, Joel Chanitz '59, John Bresnahan '57, Nicholas Sabler, Charles Wightman '59, Patrick Gillen, Robert Hercik '60, Al Mucksavage '60, Tom Chrismer '60, Philip Coyle '58, William Dwyer '60**

- Globe-Times, 1957 Sceptre

1957 Cheerleaders

Members of the squad who supported all three sports included: **Patricia Ryan '57, Mary Johnson '57, Catherine Ortwein '57, Mary Sweeney '57, Ann Louise Kervin '57, Mary Jane Dugan '57, Margaret Napravnik '58**

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... > 640 grads “profiled” in 2022. Read past Tidings issues

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”).

Here's what I found this month...

Tom Altemus '57, a graduate of the University of Scranton, is the “Boss” at TCU Construction in Columbia City, IN.

Patricia Burkhardt '57, who received a Nursing Diploma from Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, a BSN from the Saint Louis University School of Nursing, an MPH, Master of Public Health, and a DrPH, a Doctor of Public Health, in Maternal & Child Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, is now a Retired Midwifery Educator and Women's Health Care Advocate. She was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Carla DeNardo Kostelnik '57, a former Co-Editor of *Tidings*, who received a BA in Mathematics from Carlow University, is a “Shepherd”, a Manager and Chief Laborer, of a self-owned farm, raising sheep and food production for local charity pantry, in Newton, NJ.

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Frank Mitman '72, who received a BA in Journalism, Photo Journalism and English from Moravian University, is the owner and key photographer for his business; Frank Mitman - Digital Photographic Imaging in Allentown. Frank is also the Vice President of the Parkland Education Foundation.

Charles Wagner '72, who received a BA from Xavier University and an MBA from Governors State University, is Assistant VP at Citi in Park Forest, IL.

Thomas Hickey '73, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, is "Happily Retired" in Allentown. He now splits his time between making furniture in his woodshop and aggravating fish on the many creeks here in Pennsylvania.

Monica Donchez '74, who received a BSN from Misericordia University, is a Staff RN at Aaron in Bethlehem.

Paul Garbarini '75, has Retired as VP, Product Research & Development, at Hamilton Medical Inc. USA, in Raleigh, NC.

John Kelleher '76 is an Assembly Technician at OEM Group, LLC in Mertztown, PA.

Lauren Tumminello Thomas '77, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Swarthmore College, is a Freelance Writer, Editor and Graphic Designer in Boston. Some of her clients include Novartis, StayWell Custom Communications; Harvard University Semitic Museum; Haley's Antiques & Publishing; Ars Libri, Ltd.

Mary Ellen Zator Estes '77, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, completed her BSN, MSN, and Nurse Practitioner degrees at the University of Virginia. She has been a critical care nurse and has served on the faculty at the University of Virginia and Marymount University. Mary Ellen is the author of many publications including a health assessment textbook. She is board-certified as a family nurse practitioner in Fairfax, VA.

Kevin Culligan '78, a Becahi Wall-of-Fame Member, is the Director of Facilities at Becahi.

Edward Feege '79, is a Senior Maritime Intelligence Analyst at Gryphon Technologies LC. Ed graduated from the US Naval Academy and received an MA in National Security Studies at Georgetown University as an MBA from George Mason University.

Craig Kocsis '80, is a Systems Engineer at NASCO, a healthcare technology company, in York County, PA.

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Regina Zvitkovitz Lilly '81, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Engineering and an MD from Penn State University, and a MPH in Health Care Organization and Policy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's School of Public Health, is a Board-Certified Physician for Internal Medicine and Nephrology, Medical Expert, Medical Writer/Editor at Signify Health in Dallas, TX

Robert Culligan '82, is Administrative Manager at Mohawk Industries in Bakersfield, CA.

Maryann Cusimano Love '82, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BA in International Relations from St. Joseph's University, an MA in International Relations from the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University, is a New York Times Bestselling Children's Author, and a tenured professor at The Catholic University of America.

Benjamin Franco '83, who received a BASc in Marketing from Penn State University, is Director of Sales at Ally, a leading digital financial services company and a top 25 U.S. financial holding company, in Saratoga Springs, NY

Michael Horvath '84, who studied at Moravian University, is Regional Sales Manager at Edwards Business Systems, one of the largest independent office equipment companies in North America, in Bethlehem.

Mike Hercik '85, an East Stroudsburg University graduate, is a Guidance Counselor in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Greg Ragni '86, who studied History and Communications at Dickinson College and Lehigh University, is Managing Member of Wayward Sun Enterprises, searching for opportunities to create value for society through innovative entrepreneurial endeavors, in Bethlehem.

James Deegan '87, who received a BASc in Biology from Moravian University, an MS in Educational Leadership from Delaware Valley University, and a Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from Lehigh University, is Principal Saucon Valley Middle School.

Tricia Seybold Harr '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, English from Temple University, is Project Manager at Bell & McCoy Companies, a manufacturers' representative for the electrical industry, in Houston, TX.

Brian Capuano '88, a retired police officer, is a Realtor at NetWorth Realty USA in Las Vegas, NV.

Brad Dobrowolski '89, is Safety Manager at Integrity Staffing Solutions in Bethlehem.

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Mike Kozerski '90, is a Manager at Ungerer, a company in the fragrance and flavor business, in New Cumberland, PA.

Amy Grbavac Starner '91, who received a BSBA in Marketing from Bloomsburg University, is Senior Director Sales Enablement for Automation Anywhere, on a mission to democratize automation and create a better future for everyone, liberating people from mundane, repetitive tasks, and allowing them more time to use their intellect and creativity, in Hudson, MA.

Stacy Huertas '92, who received a BS in Business Logistics from Penn State University, is Installation project Manager at GEOTAB, the world's #1 telematics provider, committed to advancing technology, empowering businesses and making the roads safer, in Norristown, PA.

Denise Kane Lund '92, who received a BA in Psychology from the College of the Holy Cross and an MBA in Marketing from Boston College's Carroll School of Management, is Research VP, at IDC, the premier global provider of market intelligence, advisory services, and events for the information technology, telecommunications, and consumer technology markets, in Needham, MA.

Todd Bateman '93, is Field Service Supervisor at CentiMark Corporation, the world's largest commercial roofing contractor, in Bethlehem.

Betsy Fox-Guy '94, who received a BS in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, is Regional Sales Manager at Arcules, a Canon company, providing intuitive cloud-based video surveillance, access control, and analytics, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Cara Cinquino Ramirez '95, who received an Associate's Degree from Northampton Community College, is Integrated Marketing Manager at Verizon Wireless in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Brian Fry '96, who received a BS in Accounting from DeSales University, is a CPA and Senior Accountant at BUCKNO LISICKY & COMPANY in Bethlehem.

Nicholas Michael '97, who received an Associates degree in Business Administration from Lehigh Carbon Community College and a BSBA in Marketing from Kutztown University, is Director of Corporate Partnerships at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem.

Tim Muething '97, who received a BAsC in Math and Statistics from the University of Notre Dame, is an Analyst for the United States Department of Defense in Odenton, MD.

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Ricky Gower '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Moravian University, is Vice President/Retail Area Leader at Truist Bank, in Allentown.

Rosa Fernandes '99, who received a BA in Accounting and Spanish from Moravian University and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Finance Manager (FP&A) & Business Controller - Industrial Gases South (US South & Latin America), in Bethlehem.

Jonathan Peters '00, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and an MBA from the University of Florida, is Director of Project Development at The Haskell Company in Jacksonville, FL.

John Novatnack '01, who received a BS and MS in Computer Science from Drexel University, is Senior Engineering Manager – Learning & Education at Google in New York City.

Laura Stedenfeld '02, who received a BFA in Architecture from the Parsons School of Design – The New School, is the Founding Principal at Omnes, a multi-faceted design studio practicing in landscape architecture, urban design, planning, and art, in Easton.

Matt Tomkowski '02, who studied Marketing at Kutztown University, is Regional Manager at KB Sales Manufacture Rep Agency in the metro NY/NJ area.

Adam Nystrom '03, who received a BA in Sociology, a BA in English and an MA in English/Professional and Digital Media Writing from East Stroudsburg University, is Senior Lead Interviews Editor for Static Media, an internet publishing company, in Indian Trail, NC.

Kristina Donchez '04, who received an AAS in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management from Penn State University, is Senior Director of Human Resources at TILT Holdings, a combination of leading cannabis companies that deliver products and services to cannabis businesses, in the Lehigh Valley.

Ryan Lynch '05, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training from Temple University and a Master's Degree in Athletic Training from East Stroudsburg University, is Assistant Director of Sports Medicine Lehigh University.

Michael Bishop '06, who received a BA in Accounting from Moravian University and a JD from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, is a Partner at Thomas, Thomas & Hafer, LLP in Hampton, NJ.

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Michael Kropf '07, who received a BA in Digital Art and new Media from Penn State University and an AAS in marketing from Northampton Community College, is a Marketing representative for GEICO's Local Office: Lehigh Valley, in Whitehall.

Emily Mulicka '07, who received a BA in Communications from DeSales University, is Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant for the NCR Corporation in Atlanta, GA.

Dave Irzinski '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Health Information Management from Temple University and a Master's Degree in Sport Management from California State University, Long Beach, is an Account Consultant, Retina, at Allergan, an AbbVie Company, in Philadelphia.

Hunter Gallagher '09, who received a BA in Philosophy from Catholic University, a Master of Theological Studies from Loyola University of Maryland, and a JD from Catholic University's Columbus School of Law, is a Law Clerk at the Maryland Judiciary in the metropolitan Washington area.

Rachel Baldassare Burton '10, who received a BS in Business Administration from East Stroudsburg University, is Senior District Manager at ADP in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Brittany Foran '11, who studied at DeSales University, is a Cashier at Target in Phillipsburg, NJ.

Stephen Stoddard '12, who studied at Moravian University and received an MA in Urban and Environmental Planning from Arizona State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is Assistant Project Environmental Planner at SWCA Environmental Consultants in Phoenix, AZ.

Gian Turco '12, who studied at Texas Christian University's M.J. Neeley School of Business, is Senior Associate at CI Capital Partners in New York, NY.

Justin Santanasto '13, who received a BS in Public Accounting from Fordham University and an MS in Accounting from NYU's Stern School of Business, is a CPA and Senior Associate at PwC in New York City.

John Donchez '14, who received a BBA in Finance from Temple University and an MBA from Moravian University, is a Senior Financial Analyst at Olympus Corporation of the Americas in Center Valley.

Samantha Kaeser '15, who received a BS in Biomedical Engineering from Penn State University, is an Associate Device Engineer at Pfizer in Peacock-Gladstone, NJ

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Matthew Shaffer '16, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware, is a Process Engineer at WuXi Advanced Therapies in Philadelphia.

Yiwei Lyu '17, who received a BS in Computer Science and a Master's Degree in Machine Learning from Carnegie Mellon University, Graduate Research Assistant at Carnegie Mellon University.

Maeret Meehan '17, who studied Communication Design and Advertising at Kutztown University, is an Administrative Assistant at the Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School in Bethlehem.

From the Advancement Office Tom Vresics '81, Director

Sign up for our Golden Hawk Golf Classic on Friday, September 9, 2022.

We invite you to participate in this event as a sponsor, prize donor, or golfer. Sign-in begins at 7 AM. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 8 AM. Funds raised from this event will be directed or used to assist in the purchase of equipment and transportation for every Golden Hawk athletic team. Last year we sold out two weeks prior to the event, so get your foursome together and register by using this link: [Becahi Golden Hawk Golf Classic Registration](#). Early Bird Registration closes on 8/19 and Final Registration closes on 8/26.

Get in the Homecoming Spirit on Thursday, September 22nd, during our Pig & Swig.

Our Pig & Swig begins at 6 PM, followed by our traditional Becahi Bonfire, at 8 PM with our award-winning band. If your class doesn't have a reunion planned, consider having your unofficial class reunion at our Pig & Swig. Contact Sarah Lumi, at slumi@becahi.org, for information. The cost is \$10/person for Pulled Pork Sandwiches with all the fixings.

Save the Date: Friday, September 23rd for Becahi's Homecoming Game vs. Emmaus at 7 PM. Last year, we beat Liberty in a thrilling 28-21 4th quarter win with seconds remaining. Please come out and support all Bethlehem Catholic athletic and artistic events by following Becahi on social media throughout the year.

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Bethlehem Catholic Giving Day Sets a New Record!

Thank you to everyone who answered the call and helped us surpass our \$30,000 Becahi Giving Day Goal. When we counted all the intended donations, we totaled over \$31,000 from alumni, parents, teachers, friends of Bethlehem Catholic, and that one anonymous alumna that kick-started our Giving Day with her dollar-for-dollar match up to \$15,000. We are truly blessed to have so many people continually step forward and publicly make the statement. "I believe in Becahi!" Know that we care for you and pray for you every day at Bethlehem Catholic.

Thank You for Helping Bethlehem Catholic Fundraising Soar to Greater Heights!

Our Advancement Team is amazed at your generosity this year. The Becahi Fund nearly doubled its total from last year. At present, we stand at over \$193,000 for the Becahi Fund. This amount does not include the \$150,000 donated by **John Feehan '82** and his wife, Kathy.

In March, our 3rd Annual Golden Gala honoring **Bernard Brown '81** and his wife, Melissa, raised over \$111,000.

Finally, **we set a record for EITC Donations.**

Alumni, Parents of Students, and Friends of Bethlehem Catholic redirected \$381,000 of their PA State income taxes to Becahi this year. **Matthew Demchyk '99** and his wife, Sarah, directed \$100,000 of their PA State income taxes, but most of our EITC donations were between \$3,500 and \$5,000. If you are interested in directing 90% of the PA State income taxes you are already paying to Harrisburg, contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org.

Reflection

Pro-Choice – Pro-Life – Pro-Democracy – Pro-Love Why are we so at odds with one another?

Dear Lord,

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

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*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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And now...

Despite every effort to prevent errors, sometimes they occur. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and/or the Advancement Office and accept my sincerest apologies. And...

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

Sincerely,
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