

# Tidings

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## Class of 1970 – Saturday in the Park

*"No more pencils, no more books,  
no more teacher's dirty looks.  
Just a picnic where you'll see  
how much fun we still can be"*

The Class of '70 Turns 70 Picnic Celebration is days away! We hope to see you on Saturday, September 17th from 11am to dusk at Emmaus Park, 1401 Shimersville Road, Emmaus PA.

- ✓ Call the friends you'd like to see.
- ✓ Don't forget to bring your lanyards along (if you remembered to save them last September.)
- ✓ If you are local, please bring a lawn chair + one to share.
- ✓ Drinks are BYOB, but no glass bottles are allowed in the park.

For \$30 a person, there is a menu of fruit and veggies, garden salad, pulled pork, chicken and subs, and of course cake to celebrate the momentous occasion with great classmates. Bottled water, ice and paper products will be provided.

To confirm your reservation, send your check payable to George Kane, 2996 Macungie Road, Macungie PA 18062 by Monday, September 12.

We actually formed a new committee for the picnic, and it's grown in numbers since last month! Meet the "Find-out Committee" at the end of this newsletter.

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**Say a special prayer for our classmate Jim and Regina (Dye '76) Dugan's son and for Betsy Vreeland Lavelle's brother, who passed away recently.**

- † Ryan Dugan passed away on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please also remember to say a prayer for Jim and Gina's sons Matthew and Patrick.
- † Gregory Vreeland passed away on 7/30. Please also say a prayer Betsy's brother Michael and their late sister Patti.

**... and please say a special prayer for our 5 classmates who passed away during the month of September.**

**Patty Coyle Metzger** (9/18/13)

**Steph Long** (9/16/18)

**Mike Tocci** (9/24/19)

**Leigh Doling Leming** (9/20/06)

**Rosemary Medve Vassa** (9/29/11)

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## 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 **728 grads from 80 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 and Classes Mentioned in September Issue

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	
Year Ending											
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1	3	2		4	8	7	4	2	2		
2	2	1	1		11	6	6	3	3		
3		1	1	1	7	3	2	1	2		
4	4	1	1	3	5	3	3	1	1		
5	4	3	1	7	6	2	4	3	3		
6	1	2		10	9	6	4	1	1		
7	3		5	200	8	3	3	3	3		Classes
8	3		1	59	9	2	2	2	1		80
9	1		1	35	6	4	4	2			Grads
	1	20	12	10	323	247	41	35	21	18	728

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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**, 95<sup>th</sup> Year
- ✓ March – Class of **1937**, 85<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ May – Class of **1947**, 75<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ July – Class of **1957**, 65<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ September – Class of **1967**, 55<sup>th</sup>
- February – Class of **1932**, 90<sup>th</sup>
- April – Class of **1942**, 80<sup>th</sup>
- June – Class of **1952**, 70<sup>th</sup>
- August – Class of **1962**, 60<sup>th</sup>

Coming soon: October – Class of **1972**, 50<sup>th</sup>

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## 55 Years Ago... A “Virtual” Reunion The Class of 1967 – Safe-Kept Memories

The Class of 1967 was the 41<sup>st</sup> and largest graduating class in the school’s history up to that time. It was the third graduation from the Dewberry and Madison Avenue location. The '67 scholars spent their freshman year at the venerable Fourth & Webster Streets' location. *“My memories of the old school are still with me. The class of '67 spent all of freshman year and 1/2 of sophomore year at the “little old shack by the railroad track” before we moved to Dewberry and Madison... It makes me smile when I remember how one of the sisters rang a hand bell to change classes each day. – Len “Yogi” Eddinger '67*

*“There was about 10 of us who came to Beca from the north side, St. Anne's Parish, because the diocese was then building the new school which was in walking distance of my home. We would all ride the Brown's bus over to 4th street every day. There was no school busing in those days. I remember many crowded rides and standing with an armful of books. You were lucky to get a seat.” Sincerely, Greetings Class of '67 – Mary Harris Byrne '67*

*“Going to Beca on the South Side was an experience I'll always hold deep in my heart. The vacant brewery across the street, the library on the other corner. We were able to leave the building at lunchtime and wonder off to great steak shops... on 3rd Street there was a poolroom and a bowling alley. Walking home stopping at the Brown and White, or the Blue Anchor's back-room pin ball machines. Walking up-to Holy Infancy for mass. That's what school on the South side was like. The Basketball court in the basement, the pool hidden from all and dances in the auditorium on Friday nights. – Bill Miller '67*

They came from 17 parishes across the area.

*“...the Bethlehem Catholic senior journeys into the heart of the future with a heart rich in “safe-kept memories.” - Sceptre 1967*

Brother Etienne Cooper, C.S.C. was the principal and Mother Joseph Bernard, S.S.J. was the vice-principal.

The student body was divided into two Departments...Boys and Girls.

“Boys on one side of the school (gym), girls on the other side of the school (auditorium).

There were 54 Instructors including 19 Sisters, 10 Brothers, 3 Priests and 22 lay faculty (13 men, 9 women)

There were over 1,000 students attending classes among the four grades!

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Twenty-seven members had 31 parents who graduated from Beca...

Michael Adams > **Patrick '34** Nancy Brandafi > **Ann Gombosi '37**  
Lynne Calvo > **Ann Baca '44** Mary Ann Domyan Sedler > **Leonard Domyan '36**  
Len "Yogi" Eddinger > **Len '34, Margaret Egan '34**  
Robert Grosset > **Albert '32** Mary Harris Byrne > **Mary Concilio '40**  
Catherine "Kate" Hildenberger > **Joseph '29, Catherine Bender '35**  
Jean Hoch Roberts > **Marie Fink '41** Bob Holly > **Richard '31**  
Ron King > **Richard '31, Amelia Moravek '35**  
Larry Lynch > **Bernie '41** Dave Machain > **Guadalupe '45**  
Don Meder > **Lucy Boyle '32** Mary Metzger > **Joseph '38, Grace McNally '38**  
Bill Miller > **William '37** James Narlesky > **Wallace '38**  
John Nolan > **Daniel '18** Leonard Perrett > **Assunta Sebastianelli '45**  
Bob Quarry > **Josephine Proserpi '46** Edith Rea Martus > **Loretta Quarry '35**  
Rosemary Ripper Zambo > **Dorothy Brugger '45**  
Judith Rodgers Reese > **Dorothy Lucas '37**  
Joseph Sharkan > **Marcella O'Donnell '43** Jean Terry > **Margaret Hildenberger '34**  
Mary Louise Tocci > **Alfred '31** Pat Urello > **Genevieve Taglang '42**

**Margaret O'Donnell '64** and **Patricia Marshaleck '66** were the school secretaries. The late Mrs. Ada Hess was the school's nurse. The "cafeteria ladies" were Martha Haake, Anne Hamrick, Mary Keretz, Mary Lawrence and Bernadette Kinney. The facilities personnel included Bill Haake, Carl Croyle and John Pummer.

Debora Toth Goldsmith was the Valedictorian and Joseph Bacak was Salutatorian.

Members of the class included, (I divided the class into Homerooms...)

## Homeroom A-Fig

Michael Adams\*  
Sandra Alich Millheim  
Carole Andrashko\*  
MaryAnn Antalics Hoyt  
Thomas Anthony  
John Antolick  
Robert "Bob" Ardinger\*  
Joseph Bacak  
John F. Bauer  
Richard Bealer  
Kevin Bellew  
Jane Bender Galle  
Joan Marie Benzak Henick  
Kathleen Bianckini Prutzman  
Kathleen Blonar Mihalik  
Sara Jane Blay Stephens  
Kathleen Bleier Miller\*

Virginia Check Seaman  
John Christein\*  
Eugene "Gene" Clark\*  
Georgene Cmorey Reiman  
Robert Connors  
Dorothy Cope Martin  
Lawrence Coulter  
Jeffrey Coyle  
Thomas "Tom" Coyle  
James Darazsdi\*  
Lucille DeAngelis Otto\*  
Marie Amelia DeBellis Yanochko  
Nancy Demyan Zimmer  
Rosemary Derr Neimeister  
Eileen Detweiler Mutarelli  
Thomas Dilenno  
Deborah Doherty

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Francis "Sam" Borso  
Dolores Boyko  
Nancy Brandafi Thomas  
Judith Bringenberg Richardson  
Mary Jane Brugger Seaman  
Alice Burke George  
Lynne Calvo  
Marie Casamassa Brown

Mary Ann Domyan Sedler  
Linda Duff Briody\*  
Timothy Duffy\*  
Mary Ann Ebling Sule  
Leonard "Yogi" Eddinger  
Cynthia Edwards Duddy  
Paulette Fedock Mack  
Stephen Figuli

## Homeroom Fil-Kre

Anna Marie Filaseta Luchini  
Terence Ford  
Susan Fraser Barford  
Catherine Friend Kelly  
James Gallagher\*  
Mary Theresa Gallagher Iannetta  
Terry Galle\*  
Victor "Vic" Garbarini  
Rosemary Gasda Murphy  
Bruce Gasdaska  
Joseph Gasper\*  
Peter Gifford  
Tim Gorski\*  
Elizabeth Griffith\*  
Robert Grosset  
Richard Guerra\*  
Mary Haffeli Bond\*  
Paul Haldaman\*  
Mary Harris Byrne  
Georgiann Heigl lenzi  
Catherine "Kate" Hildenberger  
William Hines  
Jean Hoch Roberts  
Diane Holenchik Davison  
Robert "Bob" Holly

Lawrence Horn  
Pamela Hoyak Bowerman  
Jennifer Hudak Berhalter  
Trinidad Huertas  
James Hughes  
Kathleen Hutnick  
Linda Huyter Guerriere  
Patrick Iampietro  
Michael Jancosko\*  
Dennis Joes  
Robert "Bob" Jordan\*  
John Kacar  
Gary Kardos  
Gilbert Kauffman  
John Kauker\*  
Maryanne Kelly  
James Kenney  
Sharen Kern Conner  
Ronald King  
John Kipila  
William Koch\*  
Anne Marie Kohl Palermo  
Richard Kondash  
Gerald Kovach\*  
Celene Kreuzer Newcomb

## Homeroom Kro-Red

Gloria Kroboth  
Bernard "Bernie" Krokus  
Patricia Lawrence  
Jane Lenner Ginther \*  
Kathryn Lippey Kondash  
Michael Long

(Msgr.) John Mraz  
Patricia Mulhearn Minford  
Geraldine Nagy DiPaul  
James Narlesky  
Anne Marie Nemchik  
John Nolan

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Lawrence "Larry" Lynch  
Eve Lynn Simmers  
David Machain  
Valerie Makoski Polaha  
Anne Malloy Evans  
Rose Mantell\*  
Jane Marrah Duchynski  
Kathryn Marth Roberts  
Frances Martin Morrissey\*  
Kathleen Maurer Flemish  
Bruce Mayer  
Kathleen McGovern Stout  
Kathleen McKenzie  
William McNellis  
Donald Meder\*  
Mary Metzger  
William Miller  
Arlene Mish Kerksmar\*  
Michele Mitchell Lenahan

Margaret "Peg" O'Donnell Atwood  
Rosalie Orban  
Anne Ortwein Kish-Gerber\*  
David Ovecka  
Frances Pahootski Gray  
Susan Palos Bennetch  
Thomas Perkins  
Leonard Perrett  
Mary Carol Petko Bartley  
Robert Pobuda  
Edward Podlesny  
Richard Ponoski  
Sandra Potter Leimbacher  
Athena Poulos McQuillan  
Robert "Bob" Quarry\*  
Laurence "Larry" Ransel  
Suzanne Ratushny Gaugler  
Edith Rea Martus\*  
Deborah Redding Kresge

## Homeroom Ree-Y

Anne Reese  
Charles Reese  
Jane Remsing Martin  
Donna Repsher Coleman  
Kathryn Repsher Garza  
Kathleen Repyneck Fulmer  
Francis "Rusty" Riccaboni  
Rosemary Ripper Zambo  
Judith Rodgers Reese\*  
Ana Rodriguez Benitez  
William "Bill" Ronyack  
Kathryn Salos  
Charles "Chuck" Saylor  
Lois Schoenberger Fritz  
Thomas Sefranek  
Gloria Sennico Fox  
Joseph Sharkan  
Rita Shelesky Doklan  
Michele Shestok Chamberlain  
Catherine Simitz Werner  
Anthony Simoes  
Lois Sinicz Eilert

Christina Stavnicky Szczepanski\*  
Patricia Steager Stokarski-Bacak  
Patricia Stefl Prince  
Susan Strauss Welsh  
Suzanne Svirzovsky Huber  
John Szczepanski\*  
Marguerite "Meg" Talbot Guerra  
Elizabeth Taylor Posivak  
Jean Elizabeth Terry Repasch  
Michael Thompson  
Mary Louise Tocci Mahoney  
Deborah Toth Goldsmith  
Louise Tulio Myers  
Deborah Uhl  
H. Patrick Urello  
Irene Velas Kappes\*  
Anna Vresk\*  
Mary Walsh  
Nancy Wasil Carr  
Janet Wasko Zambo  
Jane Watson  
Colleen Weierbach Mundt

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Anne Smith Paul  
Gina Soltis  
Janice Sovorsky Horst\*

Patricia Whitacre Huff  
William "Bill" Wright\*  
Ronald Yanochko

\* Deceased

## The Arts...

*"Every Friday there was a dance which was held in the old school auditorium. Now the school building had been condemned so movements were supposed to be controlled but those were the days of the twist, stomp, and line dances. Anyway, whenever they played "Be My Baby" or the "Bristol Stomp", everyone would rush to the center of the floor and bounce up and down. The floor would bounce too. Shades of "It's a Wonderful Life". But the floor held! - Mary Harris Byrne '67*

## What a Show!

The Musicals performed by the **Class of '67** included *The Sound of Music* (1965), featuring **Kathy Salos** as Maria and **Don Meder** as Captain Von Trapp; *The King and I* (1966), featuring **Linda Scribner '66** as Anna and **Tom Coyle** "the King", and *South Pacific* (1967), starring **Nancy Brandafi** as Nellie Forbush and **Tom Coyle** as Emile De Beque. Sr. Catharine Immaculate, S.S.J. was the musical director.

## Strike Up the Band

**Charles Terry '61** led over 60 gifted students who performed at athletic events, musicals and the school's semi-formal dances. The Marching band were joined on the field by the Senior Color Guard:

Anne Malloy, Carol Petko, Beth Taylor, Sue Fraser, Rosemary Gasda, Gloria Kroboth, Sue Svirzovsky and Nancy Wasil.

The Majorettes who put the finishing touches on spectacle on the field were:

Co-Captains **Karen Shamenek '68** and **Toni Martucci '68** were joined by **Anne Dalton '68**, **Dolores Iasiello '68**, **Mary Duffy '69**, **Kathleen Duffy '69**, **Anne Marie Yasso '68**, **Gail Rentzheimer '68**, Cecilia Wendell, **Carmella Castellucci '68**, **Diane Dutko '68**, **Brenda Silfies '68**, **Francine Torok '68**, **Anne Schweder '68**, **Kathleen Kondash '69** and **Jean Votral '68**.

The Dance band performed at the school's semi-formal and musicals, and they included **Walt Dozer '70**, **Jack Klucsik '70**, **Joe Bender '70**, and **Jim Connell '70**.

## Glee Club

Over 100 girls under the direction of Sr. Catherine Immaculate, and 17 boys under the direction of **Charles Terry '61** performed throughout the year, with a special performance during the Christmas Assembly.

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Ana Haydee Rodriguez was the first Foreign Exchange Student (Guatemala) to graduate from Beca

*Kathy Salos writes... "Ana Haydee Rodriguez came to America in the summer of 1966 & lived with my family for one year. She & I were seniors, together at Becahi. It was a wonderful experience for us. Unfortunately, Ana was never able to come back to America, but we have kept in touch through all these years. She still lives in Guatemala. She sends her regards to the class of 1967!"*

Mary Harris and John Nolan were co-editors of **Tidings**.

Patricia Lawrence and Bill McNellis were co-editors of the Sceptre.

## Sports News > See the Sports Section of this newsletter.

Here's what I could find about the class's post-Becahi pursuits...

Based on information contained in the 2013 Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni Directory, and some recent updates along the way;

The 162 graduates still walking the earth, live in 22 states and in London and Guatemala. I don't have contact information on 9 grads... Dennis Jones, Maryanne Kelly, Patricia Lawrence, Kathleen McKenzie, Anne Marie Nemchik, Rosalie Orban, Frances Pahootski Gray, Janice Sovorsky and Mary Walsh.

110/162 (68%) of the graduates live in Pennsylvania  
56 grads live in Bethlehem!

23 members served our country in the military...

Thomas Anthony > U.S. Navy

Jeffrey Coyle > U.S. Navy

Len "Yogi" Eddinger > U.S. Navy

Terry Galle > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Joseph Gasper > U.S. Air Force

William Hines > U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

John Kipila > U.S. Air Force (Vietnam)

Gerald Kovach > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Lawrence Lynch > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

William Miller > U.S. Navy

Thomas Sefranek > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

John Szczepanski > U.S. Army (US Military Academy)

Francis Borso > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Tim Duffy > U.S. Navy

Stephen Figuli > U.S. Air Force

Bruce Gasdaska > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Paul Haldaman > U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

Michael Jancosko > U.S. Navy

Richard Kondash > U.S. Marines

Michael Long > U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

Bruce Mayer > U.S. Army

William Ronyack > U.S. Marines

H. Patrick Urello > U.S. Navy

There were/are 15 "campus couples":

Joe Bacak and Patty Steager

Ginny Check and **Jon Seaman '65**

Marie DeBellis and Ron Yanochko

Linda Duff and **Clifford Briody '65**

Mary Harris and **Robert Byrne '66**

Anne Ortwein and **Gerald Gerber '68**

Deborah Redding and **John Michael Kresge '65**

Chuck Reese and Judith Rodgers

Jane Bender and Terry Galle

John Christein and **Bonnie Artinger '68**

Rosemary Derr and **Tom Neimeister '65**

Rich Guerra and Meg Talbot

Rich Kondash and Kay Lippey

Robert Pobuda and **Judy Lund '68**

Christina Stavnicky and John Szczepanski



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10 members served as Healthcare Professionals...

MaryAnn Antalics Hoyt > Nurse

Kate Hildenberger > Nurse

Kathleen Maurer Flemish > Nurse

Bob Quarry > Doctor of Podiatry

Joseph Bacak > Doctor of Medicine

Kathryn Lippey Kondash > Nurse

Mary Carol Petko Bartley > Nurse

Kathleen Repyneck Fulmer > Nurse

9 members served our youth as Education Professionals...

Virginia Check Seaman

Marie DeBellis Yanochko

Terry Galle

Rosemary Gasda Murphy

Kathleen Hutnick

Leonard Perrett

Deborah Redding Kresge

Anne Reese

Judith Rodgers Reese

3 members were members of the Legal Profession...

Bruce Mayer

James Narlesky

Chuck Saylor

10 members were parents of 14 Becahi graduates...

Bob Ardinger and Jean Terry > **Scott '91**

Joe Bacak > **Justin '99**

Virginia Check Seaman and **Jon '65 > Jonathan '96, Matthew '98, Stephanie '02**

Rosemary Derr Neimeister and **Tom '65 > Alison '96, Tom '00**

Rosemary Gasda Murphy > **Pat '99, Tim '05**

Rich Guerra and Meg Talbot > **Michele '92**

Patrick Iampietro > **Paul '92, Luke '96**

Anne Ortwein Kish-Gerber > **Jennifer Kish '93**

2 members were honored as a Becahi Distinguished Graduate...

James Darazsdi and James Narlesky

Twenty-four bios of '67 grads were written in the *Tidings* over the past four years. Check out the stories on the Becahi Website under the Alumni Tab. Stories about...

Mary Ann Antalics

Lynne Calvo

Rosemary Derr

Joe Gasper

Don Meder

Susan Palos

Rosemary Ripper

Tom Sefranek

Joe Bacak

Ginny Check

Yogi Eddinger

Gil Kauffman

Mary Metzger

Len Perrett

Kathy Salos

Patty Steager

Rich Bealer

Marie DeBellis

Vic Garbarini

John Kipila

William Miller

Deborah Redding

Chuck Saylor

Jean Terry

**See the Alumni Briefs later** in the newsletter to catch up a bit with some class members.

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

### September 9<sup>th</sup>, Becahi Golf Classic

Join us for a day of golf, food, and celebrating our Becahi Golden Hawk Athletic teams! The event will be held at Whitetail Golf Club, 2679 Klein Road, Bath on Friday, September 9th. Sign-in begins at 7:00 AM and Golf begins at 8:00 AM. Funds raised from this event will be used to assist in the purchase of equipment and transportation for all of our Golden Hawk Athletic Teams.

We hope you consider supporting this event through sponsorships or by registering a foursome at [BecahiGolf22.givesmart.com](http://BecahiGolf22.givesmart.com). Registration closes soon! If you would like more information about the Golden Hawk Golf Classic, please contact Sarah Lumi at 610-866-0971 x323 or via email at [slumi@becahi.org](mailto:slumi@becahi.org).

### September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Pig & Swig

Planning a reunion for 2022? Looking to celebrate Bethlehem Catholic's Homecoming weekend? **Kick off Homecoming 2022 with Pig 'N Swig!** All Becahi Alumni, Parents, Faculty & Staff are invited to join us on Thursday, September 22nd from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Becahi Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 and include pulled pork, provided by Point Phillips Hotel, and beverages, provided by Tanczos Beverages.

Then head over to the Softball Field at 7:30 pm for the Homecoming Bonfire! Register at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/PigNSwig22> by 9/15. **PLUS, enter our Becahi Business Directory at the Pig 'N Swig for the chance to WIN a 2 WEEK AD with LAMAR BILLBOARD.** If you would like more information about the Pig 'N Swig, please contact Sarah Lumi at 610-866-0971 x323 or via email at [slumi@becahi.org](mailto:slumi@becahi.org).

**Join the Bethlehem Catholic Small Business Directory** Using This Link:

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MCocCk\\_Xy0-vRyvfnKnDSxgBayG4zpxpGnZ25geC8TPpUNEs2VzZOT1A2VTZMQUIKQ1c5UkJLU0hVQi4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MCocCk_Xy0-vRyvfnKnDSxgBayG4zpxpGnZ25geC8TPpUNEs2VzZOT1A2VTZMQUIKQ1c5UkJLU0hVQi4u)

### October 13<sup>th</sup>, E.I.T.C. Night at Stone Farm Cellars & Vineyard w/John Spagnola '75

Last year Bethlehem Catholic raised over \$450,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit, (E.I.T.C.) Program. This program allows PA taxpayers to take 90% of the PA State Taxes they are already paying to Harrisburg and redirect them to Bethlehem Catholic. Imagine you could make a \$10,000 donation to Becahi for the low out-of-pocket cost of just over \$750 or a \$3,500 contribution for under \$300. If you are interested in this program and free on Thursday, October 13, contact **Tom Vresics '81** at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org). to join us at our E.I.T.C. night with **John Spagnola '75**

## Recap Save the Dates:

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**September 9<sup>th</sup>** – Becahi Golf Classic at Whitetail Golf Club  
**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – Class of '72 **Golf Outing** at Bethlehem Muni  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – Class of '70's **70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic in the Park** (Emmaus Community Park)  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>** – Class of '72's – **50<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion**, Steel Club  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Homecoming 2022 "Pig & Swig", Becahi Courtyard  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Homecoming Game vs. Emmaus, Bethlehem School District Stadium  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Class of '77's – **45<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion**, Clubhouse Grille  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>** – George Harmanos Coaching Retirement Celebration, Illick's Mill tennis courts  
**September 28<sup>th</sup>** – Class of '57's – **65<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion**, Prime Restaurant, Bethlehem  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – EITC Night with **John Spagnola '75** at Stone Farm Cellars & Vineyard  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Class of '92's **30<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion**, Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center  
**November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Class of '82's – **40<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion**, Hotel Bethlehem

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**September 30<sup>th</sup>** – Class of 78's 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Steel Club

## Reunion News...

- **Class of 1957's 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion**.... The Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem for the "**Class of '57's** 65<sup>th</sup> reunion is booked! The date is September 28<sup>th</sup>....12-4pm. Contact **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57** for details.
- **Class of 1970's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** in the Park. A covered pavilion and plenty of surrounding parking means there is room for everyone in the tree covered venue of Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus.
- **Class of 1972's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
To the Class of '72- our 50th reunion is right around the corner! We have put our hearts into making this the best gala ever!!! We are happy to tell you 91 people have responded and out of this, 67 are classmates. There is still time to get your tickets. Contact **Sue Bartos '72** if you are interested [@sbartos64@yahoo.com](mailto:sbartos64@yahoo.com) for more information. Don't forget there is a Meet and Greet for anyone on Friday 9/16 at 5pm at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course. We hope to see you at the reunion!!!
- **Class of 1977's 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
**Jane Metzger '77** wrote to say that September 24<sup>th</sup> is the date for their 45<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion at the Clubhouse Grille in Bethlehem from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The cost is \$40 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, dessert and a cash bar. The Reunion Committee is **Meg Nyul Bonge, Beth Patterson, Jane Metzger, Jayne Davis Serino, Connie Guman Perkins** and **Linda Trapp Reese**, who sent out a class email for you to register and join a Facebook Group.
- **Class of 1978's 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sallykamm@gmail.com)

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➤ **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:

**Ginny Check Seaman '67**, wrote... *"I have stayed in contact with the happenings at Beca because my husband, **Jon '65** and my three children (**Jonathan '96, Matthew '98, Stephanie '02**) all attended Beca. Now I have seven young grandchildren and I hope a few of them will attend Beca. I taught Kindergarten for 40 years so I was ready to retire.*

*Since retirement I have been going to Florida in the winter and to our lake house in the summer. My favorite part of retirement is spending time with my grandchildren. I enjoyed our 50th reunion and look forward to the next reunion. I will always remember the friends I made in high school. It certainly is a great memory!"*

**Len "Yogi" Eddinger '67**, wrote... *"My wife, Cathy, and I have been home from Tacoma, Washington during August to visit my Bethlehem family. While here, we caught up with old Becahi friends and their better halves for lunch at the PA House Restaurant in Hellertown. Present were my classmates: **Len Perrett, Dr. Joe Bacak** and his wife, **Pattie Steager Bacak, John "Kip" Kipila** and his wife, Donna, and **Tom Perkins** and his wife, Marilyn.*

*We looked back at our year and a half at Becahi on the Southside before moving to Madison and Dewberry at the mid-year of Sophomore year. We shared a laugh at how one of the Sisters hand rang a bell at the end of periods during the day.*

*The two Lens were classmates for 16 years, having together attended elementary school at St. Ursula's in Fountain Hill, Becahi and King's College in Wilkes Barre."*

**Terrence Ford '67**, wrote... *"I have spent a career in real estate sales and appraisals, and am still active. For a while, I also rented apartments, mostly in historic Bethlehem. I'm a Graduate of Moravian University with BA in English, I'm married, and have one son."*

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**Mary Harris Byrne '67**, wrote... *"I am the oldest of 8 children, all of whom graduated from Becahi. My mom, **Mary A Concilio Harris '40**, is still alive, going to be 99 in September and still lives on Hickory St. I married **Robert J Byrne '66** on Sept. 11, 1971(note the date). Bob worked for the National Park Service for 34 years, so we moved around a lot. Sadly, Bob passed away last September 2nd, just shy of our 50th wedding anniversary. We have three children, Jenny (43), Jeremy (40), and Jacob (35), and 8 grandchildren! I received a B.S. in Chemistry from the College of St. Elizabeth (now St. Elizabeth University), Morristown, NJ. I am certified Medical Technologist, HEW and AMT, and registered with ASCLS. I have over 34 years-experience in hospital laboratories. Before my retirement, I was Chemistry supervisor at Powell Valley Healthcare, Powell, WY. IN 2018, Bob and I moved to Grafton, WI to be near our youngest, Jake."*

**Patrick Iampietro '67** wrote... *"Retired 12/31/18 after 50 years in banking, Vice President of Operations and Security. Two children, two grandchildren. Married 50 years. Our two sons, both BECA grads, [**Paul '92** and **Luke '96**], gave us a surprise party. We also celebrated in Disney World with the grandchildren and their parents. My wife, Lucia, and I have always lived in Bethlehem."*

**Mike Long '67**, wrote... *"I had a career in the US Government and I spent most of that career living and working overseas, primarily in England and Germany. I am currently retired and living in London, England with my wife Beatrice who is originally from India. I love to travel and have seen much of the world in my lifetime."*

**Bill Miller '67**, wrote... *"My Father, **William '37**, went there in the mid 30's. My brothers, **Paul '77** and **Scott '80** are Beca grads on Dewberry.*

*After school I joined the Navy and was a Corpsman. I worked for the Government as an Analyst for 35 years. I attended Sewanne School of Theology and am a Mentor for them in the Education for Ministry program.*

*I am currently a Chaplain for Calvert Hospice. I have the honor of being with families at end of life and walk their loved ones home.*

*I am married have 3 Children and am Pop-pop to 6 grandchildren.*

*Many Blessings and much Peace"*

**John Nolan '67**, wrote... *"I retired from John A Steer Co in 2019 where I spent most of my working days as a Customhouse broker. We have lived in Philadelphia since 1982 where we raised our family of 3 boys and 3 girls...I'm not sure if my brothers, sister and I are counted among the children of alumni. But, my father, **Daniel Nolan**, was a member of Holy Infancy Class of **1918**. Prior to the 1926 opening of Bethlehem Catholic as the parish High School of Holy Infancy, Holy Infancy School students graduated after 10th grade. Holy Infancy School still had an active alumni association in the late 1960's. One of their traditions was an annual communion breakfast where they welcomed the newest alumni. In June of 1968, the Alumni Association welcomed the class of 1967 to our fist alumni communion breakfast. (Things moved more slowly in 1968 and you were not considered alumni until you were out of school for a year.) Holy Infancy Class of 1918 was also honored at the breakfast on their 50th anniversary. In addition to my father, my Aunt **Ida White**, my Uncle **Jack Nolan** and cousin **Paul Byrne** were members of the class of **1918**."*

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**Kathryn “Kathy” Salos ’67**, wrote... *“Have lived in Roswell, GA (a suburb of Atlanta) for 40 plus years, and have 2 grown children. Nicholas is an archaeologist PHD, living in Oklahoma. He & his wife, Sarah, have 1 daughter, Maeve. Tiffany is a CPA, living in Georgia. She & her husband, Wayne, have 1 son, Logan...After 22yrs., I have retired as office administrator for a well know psychiatrist in Atlanta. I enjoy traveling, the arts (especially theater), gourmet cooking, reading & antiquing. The most enjoyable & rewarding time is that spent with my grandchildren!!! Would love to hear from my classmates.”* (I just met a girl named Maria. - JOB)

**Chuck Saylor ’67**, wrote... *“Since graduating PSU and law school my wife Marty and I have resided in central PA [Northumberland]. ...We celebrated our 51st anniversary last month. Two children and three grandchildren. I enjoy PSU football and basketball as well as going golfing. Still working full time in my capacity of President Judge of Northumberland County Court as I’ve been on the bench 21 years. I learned many life lessons at Becahi and I think of my classmates fondly, some that I was so excited to see again at our reunion. Too many stories of our escapades in high school that I will protect identities.”*

**Jean Terry ’67**, wrote... *“I am a retired home care nurse after 53 years of working as a nurse. ...Loved my career... Keeping busy with my 7 great nieces and nephews. My son, **Scott Ardinger ’91**, lives in New Jersey and works as Development Director at Loyola Retreat Center in Morristown NJ. I see him weekly. Miss all my classmates.”*

**Cathy Swiderski Csencsitz '68**, who received a BS in Special Education from Mansfield University, wrote that she has retired after a career in education, including 19 years in the Parkland School District where she was Assistant Director of Business Administration.

**Rosina Bierbaum ’70, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate**, was inducted into the National Academy of Science this past May after a 3-year delay due to COVID. The honor was bestowed in recognition of her distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Rosina is an expert on environmental policy, sustainable development, and climate change adaptation. In addition to her appointment at the University of Michigan’s School for Environment and Sustainability, where she formerly held the deanship, Rosina is the Roy F. Weston Chair of Natural Economics at the University of Maryland. - See September 2019 Tidings



**John Swiderski ’71**, wrote... *“I enjoy reading your monthly BECA letter and am always looking for names of classmates. I also enjoy the information from the other items about BECA. My wife, **Jane Harris Swiderski '71** also reads your monthly letters. We spend time in Lenexa, Kansas to be with our daughter, her husband and our 2 grandchildren. Our main home is in Bethlehem. Go Hawks.”*

**Denise Bugger Elliott ’72...** *“was employed with HCR Manor Care as Director of Human Resources for over 30 years. She recently retired and relocated to New Hope, PA with her husband Stu. Then, recently, went back to work (LOL) as a Grandmother!”* – John Blair ’84

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**Monica Gillette Masteller '78**, is a PA Licensed Esthetician, a PA Licensed Massage Therapist, and a Board-Certified Reiki Practitioner for Hand & Stone, Massage and Facial Spa in Center Valley. - MGM

**Tim Lynch '79** wrote... *"I recently retired from the Bethlehem Area School District after 35 years. I spent 21 years as a speech-language therapist before moving into administration where I was an Asst. Principal at Nitschmann School for 5 years. I spent the final 9 years of my career as the Principal of Hanover Elementary School."* BTW, Tim and his wife, Lisa, have two children who graduated from Beca...**Ryan '05** and **Katie '09**.

**Tucker Shosh '91**, is an Operations Branch Chief for the United States Army based in Washington, D.C. – zoominfo.com

**Ron Albright '95** wrote that he and **Jose Campos '95** recently summited Mt. Whitney in California, the tallest peak in the continental US at 14,505 feet. (I wonder if they could see the Star of Bethlehem from there?)

**Navy Lt. Cmdr. Hugh Wilson '99**, is the winner of the Navy League's Admiral Ben Moreell Award for Logistics Competence for his work with the Defense Logistics Agency's COVID-19 Task Force. – lvpnnews7/19/22. **Hugh** is the son of **Hugh** and **Paula (Calvo) Wilson '69**.

**Katie Lynch '09**, (Tim's '79 daughter), is employed as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. – Papa Tim

**Zachary Blair '15**, graduated from Temple University with a degree in Supply Chain Management... *"He has been employed at HCA HealthTrust in the StaRN program for the last two years in the Medical Simulation Program. A five-week new nurse training program. He was recently promoted to StaRN Simulation Operations Supervisor, StaRN Program. He has relocated to Fort Lauderdale, FL"* – John Blair '84

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## Looking for Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Graduate Nominations

Please think of a classmate or friend who graduated from Bethlehem Catholic and has been successful in their career. They have given much to others and display what a "Golden Hawk" is. We are looking for BecaHi Graduates who are

- ✓ Dedicated and successful in their career path
- ✓ Serving and getting involved in the community
- ✓ Demonstrating values of Catholic education in their achievements

We are honored to have recognized such incredible individuals over the years. Who will be next? Over the years, we have been fortunate to have some extraordinary BecaHi graduates speak to our student body during their induction ceremony. If you think of a great candidate, please nominate them using link: <https://becahi.org/alumni/distinguished-graduates/distinguished-graduate-nomination-form/>

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Eleanor Blanar Mesko	1949	08/14/2022	90
Geraldine Burke Kiefer	1955	08/24/2022	85
Sr. Barbara Beck, OSF	1956	08/01/2022	

## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Eleanor Blanar Mesko '49, mother of Jane '73, Marcia '75, Laura '77, Eileen '80 and Paul '82, and sister of Kathleen Blanar Mihalik '67, and the late Martha Blanar Rawa '52, Francis, Veronica and Mary Margaret, on 08/14
- † Geraldine Burke Kiefer '55, sister of the late Rita Burke Donchez '46 and Gerald, on 08/24
- † Ryan Dugan, son of Jim '70 and Regina (Dye '76) Dugan passed away 08/15
- † Judith Kozo, mother of James '80 and the late Michael, on 08/21
- † Richard Kozo, father of Douglas '90 and Kristin '91, on 08/08
- † Wilbur Nonnemacher, served a custodial engineer for 10 years at Beca, on 08/19
- † William Pillar, son of the late William Pillar '35, on 08/03
- † Gregory Vreeland, brother of Betsy Vreeland Lavelle '70, on 07/30

**Priscilla Farris Mitchell '57**, continues to make physical progress following a stroke in early July. Please keep saying your prayers for her complete, quick recovery.

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## From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

### The 2021-2022 Bethlehem Catholic High School Report of Giving Is Arriving by Mail and Emails Soon!

*"Be on the lookout for the expanded 2021-2022 Bethlehem Catholic Report of Giving to arrive by mail or email mid to late September.*

*We had a record year in charitable giving to BecaHi during the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Look to see who our top givers were, why they gave, and what great things continue to happen at Bethlehem Catholic."*



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## Sports News and Highlights Recap of School Year 2021/2022

Varsity Sport	Won	Lost	Tie	Game	
<b>Fall '21 Sports:</b>					
Boys Cross-Country	6	11		17	
Girls Cross-Country	8	9		17	
Field Hockey	5	12		17	
Football	2	7		9	
Golf	3	12		15	
Boys Soccer	5	12	2	19	
Girls Soccer	8	9	3	20	
Girls Tennis	15	5		20	
Girls Volleyball	17	5		22	
	69	82	5	156	
<b>Winter '21/'22 Sports:</b>					
Boys Basketball	21	7		28	
Girls Basketball	19	8		27	
Wrestling	17	0		17	
	57	15	0	72	
<b>Spring '22 Sports:</b>					
Baseball	12	10		22	
Boys Lacrosse	0	13		13	
Girls Lacrosse	0	14		14	
Softball	19	5		24	
Boys Tennis	7	9		16	
Boys Track	0	0		0	
Girls Track	0	0		0	
Boys Volleyball	2	16		18	
	40	67	0	107	
<b>20</b>	<b>Varsity Sports</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>335</b>

I couldn't find the Boys and Girls Track team records for the year. - JOB

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## Alumni Sports History – Class of 1967

### 1967 Baseball

#### Head Coach, Dick Butler

The season record information was not available at the time of the yearbook deadline for printing. (If anyone has ANY information about the baseball team, please reach out to me.)

Members of the team included...

**Kevin Bellew, John Christein, Jim McGovern '68, Frank Zellner '70, Joe Gonzalez '69, Ron Yanocho, Tom Coyle, Bob Ringhoffer '68, Billy Ronyack, Bill Hines, Bill Seidenberger '68, Trini Huertas, Bernie Lynch '68, and Rich Taglang '68.**

### 1966/67 Boys Basketball

#### Head Coach, Paul Calvo (Becahi Wall of Fame)

Assistant and JV Coach, Bob Bukvics '60 (Becahi Wall of Fame)

This was the first year that Beca joined the East Penn League. They won their first EPL game against Allen, 64-53. The team finished the season with a record of 10-12 (Sceptre).

Members of the squad included...

**Tom Coyle, Len "Yogi" Eddinger, Gary Kardos, Don Meder, Mark Cacciatore '68, Greg Falkenbach '68, Dave Griffith '68, "Big" John Kearney '68, Tom Leary '68, Bernie Lynch '68, Dick Metzger '68, Jim Chassar '69, Delbert Hinkle '68 Manager, Bob Ringhoffer '68 Manager**

**Tom Coyle '67**, is the 8<sup>th</sup> leading scorer in Becahi boys' basketball history with 1,266 points. Tom, a shooting guard, played before the 3-point basket was instituted. (What if?)

### 1966/67 Girls Basketball

#### Head Coach, Diana Horn

The team finished with a record of 3-9 (Sceptre). Members of the squad included...

**Janice Sovorsky, Marie DeBellis, Mary Tocci, Gina Soltis, Kathleen Mauer, Judy Borso '68, Pat Potak '68, Janice Brugger '69, Susan Laughlin '69, Joan Kirk '69, Nancy Crouthamel '68, Trudy Roberts, Mary Ellen Ahern '68, Becky Roberts '68 Nam Keeler '68, Judy Hudak '68, Carol Huber '68, Patty Ebling '68, Mary Ann Harvilla '68, Cathy Friend '67 (Manager), Kathleen Bianckini '67 (Score Keeper), Margaret O'Donnell '67 (Time Keeper)**

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## Cheerleaders

Connie Spagnola '68, **Jean Terry**, Beverly Krokus '68, Mary Alice Contente '68, Diane Dolan '68, Mary Lou Hepp '68, **Donna Repsher, Michele Shestok, Nancy Brandafi and Jane Bender**

## Football Season (1996)

Becahi is in its second season (post 1930) in 1966

- Jim McConlogue is in his second year as Head Coach
- Team's Record is 4-6, but they outscore their opponents by an average of 7 points/game.
- **Bob Tarola '68**, future Becahi Wall of Fame member, scores 22 TDs

## 1967 Golf!

Yep. Golf comes to the "fore" at Becahi, and **Bob Bukvics '60** is the Coach.

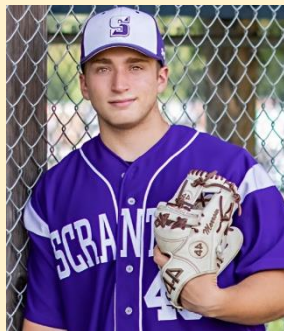
Members of the team included... **Dave Elchin '68, Mike Thompson, John Mainka '68, Ed Perkins '68, Bob Grosset**, and Arnold Palmer (inspirationally).

## Wrestling

The 1966/67 War Hawks make their entrance into the world of wrestling.

- Tony Iasiello, future Becahi Wall-of-Fame member, is the Head Coach
- The team's record was 7-7
- Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Individual Champions were **Mike Fenton '68, George Fidmik '70, and Greg Karabin '69**

**Ashley Kimmet '00**, competing in her last race as a junior rider in August, 2000, captured the silver medal in the Junior World Track Cycling Championship at Fiorenzuola, Italy, becoming the first U.S. junior female medalist since 1992 – Morning Call 8/5/22



lvhn.org/news/lvhn-rehab-program... Summer 2022

**Matt Morrow '17**, was featured in a recent article in Healthy YOU, by the Lehigh Valley Health Network, entitled "LVHN Rehab Program Allows Bethlehem Pitcher to Get Back".

Through intense physical therapy and treatment, Matt recovered from a debilitating arm injury. Morrow would later make seven appearances in his final season, contributing to the University of Scranton Royals winning the Landmark Conference championship and earning a berth in the NCAA Division III Regionals. –

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## “BLinkedIn” Profiles

**Get Connected to your Classmates... > 760 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...

**William McNelis '67**, serves as a Contract Financial Planning Professional for Xerox in Rochester, NY.

**Jeff Cassano '70**, who received a BA in Experimental Psychology from Moravian University, an MS in Educational Technology and MEd in Social Restoration from Lehigh University, is now Retired after years serving as Adjunct Instructor in Computing Hardware and Software at Northampton Community College and DeSales University.

**Greg Benz '71**, who received a BA in Architecture from the University of Notre Dame and an MS in Urban Planning from Princeton University, is now “Semi-Retired” from WSP USA, a civil engineering firm whose expertise lies at the intersection of the infrastructure and the skylines, from coast to coast.

**Steve Cichelli '72**, who received a BA in Business Administration and Management from Loyola University Maryland, is a certified Project Management Profession (PMP) with 30+ years successful government and commercial IT development and operations management experience. He is currently focused on supporting a NIH (National Institutes of Health) grant application, in Pasadena, MD.

**David Kacar '72**, who received a BA from Lehigh University and an MA in Architecture from Rice University, is an Architect at CLASSIC DESIGN + BUILD in Waldorf, MD

**Barbara Brugger Carrington '73**, is a Speech Pathologist in the Northampton Area School District.

**Susanne Check Yeakel '74**, who received a BSN from Albright College and an MSN from the University of Hartford, is Nurse Director at Hartford Hospital in West Hartford, CT.

**Joseph Fritz '75**, is the Dance Director at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

**Eileen Willey Singleton '76**, who received a BS in Agriculture from Penn State University, is a Research Technician/Lab Manager in Biosciences at Rice University in Houston.

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**Gregory Marshall '77**, who received a BA from DeSales University, is Director of Corporate Sourcing & Logistics at The Safariland Group in Jacksonville, FL.

**Jim Racosky '77**, is a Packaging Engineer, responsible for all packaging of aftermarket parts for Mack Truck in Allentown.

**Heidi Damhosi Connors '78**, is a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's Hospital.

**Dave Frumkin '79**, who received a BS in Production Management and Marketing from Drexel University, is a Technology Pragmatist Focused on Optimizing Technology, Driving Revenue and Reducing Costs for IBM in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

**Russ Fritz '80**, who studied Human Relations at the University of Pittsburgh and received a Diploma in Tourism and Travel from Southeastern Academy, is the Inside Sales Rep for the NE Region, at Travel Impressions in Bethlehem.

**Kathleen Koons Dugan '81**, who received a BS in Early Childhood Education from East Stroudsburg University, is Library Coordinator at Lehigh University.

**George Fertal '82**, who studied Chemistry and Physics at Millersville University and received an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, is Director of Maintenance, Energy, & Economic Development at Pactiv Evergreen Inc, the largest manufacturer of foodservice, food merchandising and fresh beverage cartons in North America, in Senoia, GA.

**Dan Frumkin '82**, who received a BS in Finance and Economics from Syracuse University and an MBA in Accounting from the Questrom School of Business at Boston University, is the Chief Executive Officer at Metro Bank (UK) in Bermuda.

**Jeff Mergel '83**, who received a BS in Marketing from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from Moravian University, is Customer Business Manager, CROSSMARK, a leading sales and marketing services agency that specializes in growing retail brands throughout nearly every category of the consumer goods industry, in Bethlehem.

**Lisa Costa Gosztanyi '84**, who studied at Lehigh carbon Community College, is an Insurance Coordinator at the Lehigh Valley Health Network in Bethlehem.

**Lisa Kissel Zelko '85**, who received an AS in Business Management from Northampton Community College, is an Office Manager and Dispatch Coordinator for Casilio Concrete in Bethlehem.

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**Thomas Hilton '86**, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University and an MBA in Finance from Kutztown University, is Finance Business Partner at Rentokil-Sterictech, in Wyomissing, PA.

**Karen Kahl '87**, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MS in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University, is Director, Transportation at RK&K, a full-service planning, engineering, environmental, and construction management/inspection firm serving a wide range of clients throughout the United States, in Baltimore, MD.

**David Soares '87**, who received a BS in Aeronautics from the Parks College at St. Louis University, is Quality Director and Human Capital Lead at Asbury Carbons, supplying quality carbon and graphite products for use in a wide range of applications around the globe, in Asbury, NJ.

**Autumn Bayles '88**, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA in Entrepreneurship from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, is SVP Global Supply Chain at Aramark in Philadelphia.

**Stephanie Gillen '89**, who received an AAS in Tourism and Travel Service Management from Northampton Community College, is Director of Cruise Extensions & Private Groups, American Queen Voyages in Easton.

**Dave Harmanos '90**, who received a BS and MS in Civil Engineering from Drexel University, is Branch Manager at Hillis-Carnes Engineering Associates, Inc. in Media, PA, and a School Director for the Owen J. Roberts School District in Chester County, PA.

**Basil Vansuch '91**, a U.S. Army Veteran, who studied Biology and Computer Science at Northampton Community College and Biology at East Stroudsburg University, is Technical Relationship Manager at Ivanti, the automation platform that makes every IT connection smarter and secure across devices, infrastructure and people, in Louisville, KY.

**Thomas Bosch, '92's Valedictorian**, who received a BA in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and a JD from Vanderbilt University Law School, is Assistant Regional Director, Division of Enforcement at U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Atlanta.

**Shilpa Kapoor-Barrantes '92**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development from Penn State University and a MEd in K-8 with a focus on Computers in Education from DeSales University, is an Adjunct Professor at Lehigh Carbon Community College and a Professional Development (PD) Specialist for the Council for Professional Recognition.

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**Chad Breidinger '93**, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Moravian University, is Senior Advertising Executive at John Patrick Publishing Co. in Bethlehem.

**Andrew Hitz '94**, who studied Business Management at Penn State University, is Area Vice President at Dun & Bradstreet in Center Valley.

**Michelle Colon Weber '95**, is Assistant Director of Student Engagement at Penn State University – Harrisburg.

**Jamie Connell '96**, a Wilkes University graduate, is Director at Connell Funeral Home, Inc., in Bethlehem.

**Jason Prugar '97**, who received a BA in Sport Management from Alvernia University, is Insurance Account Representative at State Farm®, in York, PA.

**Maureen Sprissler Showers '97**, who received a BS in Accounting and Finance from Bloomsburg University, is a Human Resources Business Partner at AmerisourceBergen in Conshohocken.

**Lauren Kingston '98**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Film Studies at UC Santa Barbara and a JD from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, is Assistant General Counsel at Applied Systems in the greater Chicago area.

**Stephanie Katra Meyers '99**, who received a BS in Elementary and Special Education from Lebanon Valley College and a Master's Degree in Literacy from West Chester University, is a Special Education Teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District.

**Timothy Loch '00**, who received a BS in Marketing and an MBA in Project Management from DeSales University, is Continuous Improvement Coordinator at Bosch Rexroth in Bethlehem.

**Amy Zsilavec '01**, who studied Mechanical Engineering at Drexel University, is a Sales Application Engineer for FLSmidth, providing sustainable productivity to the global mining and cement industries, in Bethlehem.

**Jessica Holzinger '02**, who received a BS in Finance and Management from LaSalle University, is Vice President at XS Brokers Insurance Agency Inc., an independent wholesale brokerage facility, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Jennifer Krause Reed '02**, who received a BS in Psychology from West Chester University, is Community Clinical Liaison at Trinity Health (HQ Michigan) at St. Mary Medical Center in Bucks County, PA.

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**Daniel Ballard '03**, who received a BS in Criminal Justice from Gwynedd Mercy University and a JD from Delaware Law School, is an Attorney at Merlin Law Group, P.A. in Red Bank, NJ.

**Shawn McPherson '04**, who received a BA from Montclair State University, is an Information Technology Specialist for the Livingston [NJ] Public Schools.

**Nathan Hodor '05**, who studied Electrical and Biomedical Engineering and received a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from Northeastern University, is Principal Systems Engineer at Instrumentation Laboratory in Bedford, MA.

**Jonathan Derkits '06**, who received a BSBA in Accounting from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Taxation from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, is Global Tax Manager at Victaulic in Easton.

**Sean Stoerrle '07**, who received a BA in Political Science and Government from Washington College, is Co-Founder/Director of Maasai Children Education in Arusha, Tanzania.

**David Watsula '07's Co-Valedictorian**, who received a BA in Sociology from Boston College and a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, is a Senior Analyst, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, at the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) in the greater Boston area.

**Gregory DeSarro '08**, who received a BS in Business Management and an MBA in Healthcare Administration from Eastern University, is Administrator at Panacea Health Corporation in Lancaster, PA.

**Alyssa Conahan Redding '09**, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University, is Vice President, Middle Market Banking, at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in the greater Reading area.

**John Merwine '10**, who received a BS in Computer Science and Business and an MS in Computer Science from Lehigh University, is Vice President, Securities Client Connectivity, at Goldman Sachs in the greater New York City area.

**Spencer Kilgour '11**, is a Diesel Mechanic with the United States Marine Forces Reserve.

**Kyle Michalski '12**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science from the University of Central Florida and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Nova Southeastern University, is Clinic Manager at University Rehabilitation in Deland, FL.

**Daniel Niccum '12**, who studied Aviation/Airline Management and Operations at Louisiana Tech University, is Officer Compliance Defense at Cargolux Airlines, in the greater Houston, TX area.



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**Alecia Caballero '13**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies from Temple University, is a Special Assistant for the American Council on Education in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

**Jean Markovic '14**, who studied Psychology and Early Childhood Education at Moravian University, is an Elementary School Teacher in the Bethlehem Area School District.

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

**Riley Oliveira '15**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Florida State University, is a Financial Analyst at CVC Credit Partners in the metropolitan New York City area.

**Lynda Abi-Daher '16**, who received an RN from St Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and a BSN from Penn State University, is a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's University Health Network.

**Amanda Andrews '17**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English from Moravian University, is an Inside Sales Representative, Major Accounts, for ADP in Allentown.

**Kevin Michels '17**, who received a BA in Biology, Political Science from Boston College, is an Analyst at Prescient Healthcare Group in the greater Boston area.

**Isidoro Anderson Bento '18**, who studied Political Science and completed ROTC at Lehigh University, is Second Lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps, in Nazareth.

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## A Channel of Peace Young Film Makers Program

Bethlehem Catholic has a vibrant Theatre Tradition dating back to the Golden Days of the original school at Fourth and Webster Streets, which **Daniel Roebuck '81** seeks to build upon with the "A Channel of Peace Young Film Makers Program." If you have children, grandchildren, or friends who are interested in a career in any aspect of filmmaking, please tell them about this wonderful program. Bethlehem Catholic's 2022 first- and second-year students will be the first to have the opportunity to take part in this new and exciting program, taught by Roebuck and a staff of professional filmmakers who share Daniel's love and enthusiasm for the art form. This year it will start as an extra-curricular activity. Still, it will soon be a part of Becahi's top-notch educational program taught by Becahi's energetic faculty and professionals from the film industry. Contact **Christine Culver Calantoni '87** at [ccalantoni@becahi.org](mailto:ccalantoni@becahi.org) if you are interested in the program.

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## Alumni who checked in during August...

The response was overwhelming to last month's request for notification if you receive the monthly *Tidings*. Over 100 alumni checked in for the first time, and many have double-checked back to make sure their email information is current. I (hope I) put everyone's name and class below who responded to the request for information, and in grateful recognition for your cooperation. Thank you, John

Those who checked in...

### 4 Classes and 6 Grads from the Fifties...

'53 (Sr.) Regina Marie Chassar, S.S.J.

'57 Anita Albert Shorey

'57 Richard Fuisz, MD

'54 Rosemarie Polak Okonski

'57 Harry Mitchell

'58 Shirley Zampar Labert

### 9 Classes and 69 Grads from the Sixties...

'60 Helen Zajacek Trinkle

'60 Dorothy Keating Steltzer

'61 Margaret Pinter McCarthy

'63 Mike Mish

'64 Margie Kovach

'65 Maureen Dressen

'65 Andy Soos

'66 Carol Cooke Fertal

'66 Joe Huber

'66 Pat Sweeney

'67 Ginny Check Seaman

'67 Jeff Coyle

'67 Paulette Fedock Mack

'67 Mary Theresa Gallagher Iannetta

'67 Mike Long

'67 John Nolan

'67 Deborah Redding Kresge

'67 Chuck Saylor

'68 Patricia Check Feeley

'68 Tom Gallagher

'68 Jack Kirk

'68 Andrea Sobieski Barch

'68 Susan Urello

'69 John Andris

'69 Constance Bednar Klepper

'69 Gerianne Derwinski Stoll

'69 Mike Gabriel

'69 Bill Keating

'69 Joan Mitchell Fistner

'69 Kathleen Racosky Cressman

'69 Dave Radman

'69 Mary Ann Seaman Nickles

'69 Mary Silvoy Ryan

'69 Mary Wagner Stuenkel

'69 Susan Weierbach Kelly

'60 Madeline Sell Gregoris

'61 Al Ortwein

'61 Nancy Jean DiConcetto Kanuck

'64 Ann Marie Bruno Anderko

'65 Rosemary Holetz Krauss

'65 Mary Ellen Freeh Spedding

'66 Karen Calvo Sweeney

'66 Tim Foley

'66 Jane Nastasee Hardin

'67 Dolores Boyko

'67 Mary Concilio Byrne

'67 Yogi Eddinger

'67 Terrence Ford

'67 Patrick Iampietro

'67 Bill Miller

'67 Peg O'Donnell Atwood

'67 Kathy Salos

'68 Ed Benavage

'68 Nancy Crouthamel

'68 Dan Husser

'68 Tim Mahoney

'68 Catherine Swiderski Csencsitz

'68 Lucille Willey Werner

'69 Bob Baur

'69 Tom Christ

'69 Paul Fistner

'69 Doug Gifford

'69 Kathy Meder Gifford

'69 Cindi Nelson Christman

'69 Rich Racosky

'69 Susan Reczek Verbalis

'69 Barbara Sekerak McOscar

'69 Anne Marie Trella Smith

'69 Larry Wagner

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## 10 Classes and 153 Grads from the Seventies...

'70 See the 105 members of the "Find-Out" Committee later in this newsletter  
'71 Mary Donchez  
'71 Deborah Hazler Smith  
'71 John Swiderski  
'72 Msgr. Nevin Klinger  
'72 Eileen Malloy Desormeaux  
'72 Sally Morrison  
'73 Barbara Brugger Carrington  
'73 John Fiorentino  
'73 Mike Kelly  
'74 Joe Butryn  
'74 Terry Dougherty Lawler  
'75 Larry Deiter  
'75 Kay Malloy McLane  
'76 Joe Brugger  
'76 Joe Flecksteiner  
'76 Dawn Macasevich Saganowich  
'76 Christopher Ryan  
'77 Mike Vanic  
'78 Kelly Gillespie Vreeland  
'78 Kathy Madison Garman  
'78 Coleen Sterner Dymond  
'79 Colleen Butryn Munion  
'79 Dave Felker  
'79 Dave Malloy  
'71 Bob Halbreiner  
'71 Bill Steirer  
'72 Brian DeAngelis  
'72 Kathleen Lynch Carcione  
'72 Louise McCafferty Kelchner  
'72 Mary Frances Szulborski Leahy  
'73 Sharon Duh Fritz  
'73 Janet Hoch  
'73 Dave Tachovsky  
'74 Cheryl Davis Holtzman  
'74 Agnes Hudak George  
'75 Kathryn Derr Trunk  
'75 Ed Szkudlapski  
'76 Joe DiDonato  
'76 Susan Lynch Lawrence  
'76 Susan Rehrig  
'77 Mike Shupp  
'77 Mary Ellen Zator Estes  
'78 Monica Gillette Masteller  
'78 Karen Silvester Bartelt  
'78 Mary Wilson  
'79 Kathy Connell Willner  
'79 Tim Lynch

## 10 Classes and 23 Grads from the Eighties...

'80 Toni Campanella Erceg  
'81 Jim McCauley  
'81 Steven Shive  
'82 Mary Hudak Whitehead  
'83 Christopher Dale  
'84 John Blair  
'85 Honora Nerz Eskridge  
'86 Andrew Hersh  
'86 Jo-Dee Roebuck Geryak  
'87 Sheryl Silfies Ortiz  
'89 Liz Godlewsky Hendricks  
'89 Amy Zvitkovitz  
'81 Lisa Dusseault Bengtson  
'81 Mary Ann Meyers Martinez  
'81 Kevin Soldo  
'82 Rich McGarr  
'83 Steve Witmer  
'84 Mike Wavrek  
'86 Vincent Eiring  
'86 Frank Kozo  
'86 Jeff Soldo  
'88 Cromwell Estrada  
'89 Karen Moeser

## 4 Classes and 6 Grads from the Nineties...

'90 Mary Chaffier Banonis  
'94 Betsy Fox Guy  
'95 Maureen Brett  
'94 Jason Bell  
'95 Ron Albright  
'97 Shawn Hopkins

## 9 Classes and 9 Grads from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century...

'01 Monica Nansteel Heiserman  
'08 Samantha Davis  
'11 Francesca Weber Marra  
'13 Anna Borges  
'18 Anderson Bento  
'07 Kyle John  
'10 Carlos Barata  
'12 Mary Pulanco  
'17 Kevin Michels

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## Members of the Class of 1970 "Find-out Committee"

All of the members listed below, who have responded to the initial invitation to the picnic, are now "officially" designated to contact someone from the class who has not yet responded. We don't want to exclude anyone, and we know they'd like to be included.

We've sent out 172 emails and have heard back from 105. We want to make sure the word gets out. Yes, Maybe or Can't make it. Thanks.

**RSVPs** (as of 8/31/22)

## Class of 1970's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic in the Park

Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road, Emmaus  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Yes, 66 planning on it... **Confirmed**

48 Classmates and 18 Guests

**Bobby A** and Nancy

**Tommy Altimare** and Peg

**Marlene Anthony Howard**

**Tom Ardizzone** and Siobhan

**Joe Armatruda**

**Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic** and Marie Cavote

**Tony Bauer** and Sue

**Jim Brennan** and **Grace Soltis**

**Celeste Casciano Silvonek** and Tom

**Dave** and **Jean (Bringenberg) Cech**

**Ann Collins Leffner** and Len

**Ann Conahan**

**Jim Connell**

**Mike** and **Jeanie (Redding) Cunningham**

**Lisa DeAngelis Hummel**

**Diane Donches Amore** and Greg

**Pat Dunn Andrews** and Jeff '71

**Jerry Evans**

**Bernie Gallagher** and Karen

**Dan Gallagher** and Nancy

**Kathy Gaydos Bickert**

**Anne Gerber**

**Bernie Gillen**

**Mayra Godin Focht** and Rick

**Paul Grube** and Lori

**Mick Halbreiner**

**Trish Holly Zechman**

Peter Howard '69

**George** and **Betsy**

**Corliss Kuzmin Reed** and John

**Monica Lewis Stimmel**

**Janet Martinez Lezoche**

**Kathy McCaffrey Young**

**Judy McCoach McFadden**

**Audrey Moser Muthard**

**JohnnieO** and **Maureen**

**Karen Raykos Fatzinger**

**Anne Redding Regar** and Ralph

**Tommy Scully** and Bonnie

**Kathy Shanahan Baur**

**Sue Sharkan Abud**

**Susan Sikora O'Hare**

**Rose Szczepanski**

**Carolyn Volpinari DeMasi**

**Sue Willey Rothrock**

**Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi**

7 Maybe, if....

**Rick Cassidy**

**Joanne Lesko**

**Jessie Daniels Greenawald**

**Greg Ortwein**

**Eileen Quarry Fehr**

**Ed Delluva**

**Jim Perkins**

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**50 Sorry, Unable to make it... (but we're hoping they may try to stop by, for even a little while, if their schedules permit.)**

Dolores Alves Johns  
Denny Andrew Karpy  
Jackie and Jamie Angelucci  
Mike Audet  
Dan Brady  
Rosina Bierbaum

Kathy Brady Haugh  
Maki

Jay Chanitz  
Kathy Demyan Czap  
Tom Demshock  
Liz Domyan Peters  
Lorraine Donchez Stauffer  
Bill and Patty (McGouldrick) Doncsecz  
Jimmy Dugan  
Sue Fischer Dever

Joan Greenfield  
Mary Griffith  
Bernie Guerra Misero  
Harry Hinnerschietz  
Celia Holotyak Fox  
Tina Hudak  
Colleen and Jeff  
Rick Jordan  
Cindy Jubinsky  
Jack Klucsik  
Bill Kreider  
J. Michael Lynch  
Rick Lund  
Pat and Steph (Kocsan) Lynch  
Phil Meguire  
Joe Zylwitis

Gus and Linda  
Pam Nile  
Pat O'Connor Altier  
Dan and Debbie

Susan Peters Crawford  
Kathy Ripper Grasso  
Tim Sabota

Josephine  
Bob Spirk  
Carl  
Linda Talbot Keefe  
Chris(t) Wright  
Kara Weinhofer Pike

Now, we're looking for the following classmates for whom we have an email address, but for multiple reasons, have not been in touch recently. (Perhaps the email address is incorrect and/or outdated.)

Stephanie Agentis Garcia  
Donna Bellew Davidson  
Dave Carraghan  
Bill Gralski  
Cindy Haldaman Radcliffe  
Jack Lewis  
Bill McCarthy  
Mary Catherine Murphy LoVerme  
Mary O'Hare Coughlin  
Bob Ronyack  
Steve Triber

Bob Bailey  
Karen Berg Hobbs  
Nancy Cassano Domyan  
Bob Gray  
Yolanda Hartzell Ahlum  
Susan Kerecz  
Chris Lonergan  
Paulette Mozaeke Roth  
Suzanne Oswald Wagner  
Rich Saliba  
Paul Vidas

Jeannine Becker McGrane  
Kathleen Bukics Stanley  
George Fidmik  
Kathy Gyorek Transue  
Theresa Haymaker Schaller  
Mary Krasnasky Biehl  
Pat Lyons  
Chris Ransel  
Tom Silvoy  
Bob Zweifel

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## Reflection

A song for all graduates.

“OLD FRIENDS” by Mary McCaslin ©1977

I saw an old friend the other day  
In San Francisco by the Bay  
Took me back to only yesterday  
The years somehow that slip away

And after talked about the days gone by  
Brushed a tear away by the side  
We promised not to let it be this long  
Like the old refrain from the old, old song

Remember old friends we made along the way  
The gifts they gave that stay with us every day

Looking back, it makes me wonder  
Where we're going how long we'll stay  
I know the road brings rain and thunder  
But for the journey what will we pay

I often think the times be crazier  
As this whole world goes round and round  
Just the memory makes it easier  
As the highway goes up and down

Remember old friends we've made along the way  
The gifts they've given stay with us every day

Make their words come back to me  
There's a few I will no longer see  
Faces will we see no more along the road  
There'll be a few less hands to hold

But for the ones whose turn is ended  
Though they started so much the same  
In the hearts of those befriended  
Burns a candle with a silver flame

Remember old friends we've made along the way  
The gifts they've given stay with us every day  
Remember old friends we've made along the way  
The gifts they've given stay with us every day

**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**)  
jobisob1@yahoo.com

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**Tom Vresics '81**, Director of Advancement, 610 866-0791, ext. 331 [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org)