

# **Bethlehem Catholic High School Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter**

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## **Getting ready for our 50th**

We are in the process of updating our contact information in advance of our next major reunion (50 Years!) The office of Advancement provided us with their latest contact list and some of us have been working to bring it more up to date. As of mid-February, we have addresses and phone numbers for 95% of our class, but only 33% of our e-mail addresses. We'd like to get both those figures closer to 100% and need your help.

Please let the Advancement Office know of any revision or correction to your contact information. Their contact information is on page 4.

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## **New Principal at Becahi**

The following is an article taken from the A.D. Times Diocese November 16, 2017

### **Catholic School Spotlight on New Principals Bethlehem Catholic High School New Principal Holly DeNofa**

#### **What is your background?**

I'm from the Hazleton area. I graduated from Bishop Hafey High School, Hazleton and then from King's College, Wilkes-Barre. I earned two master's degrees from Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre. My teaching career began at Raub Middle School, Allentown. From there I went to Pleasant Valley High School, Brodheads ville, where I also became an assistant principal. After two years in administration at Pleasant Valley. I went to Bethlehem Area School District. Now, in my 22nd year in education, I am so blessed to be at Bethlehem Catholic High School.

#### **Are you new to the Diocese?**

Yes.

#### **Why do you believe in Catholic education?**

I'm a product of Catholic education, so I have always been supportive of it. My children attend Catholic school, and truly there was never another option. I believe in educating children in core subjects and elective courses, while threading Catholic values throughout the children's education experience. I will be most proud to produce young educated Catholics.

#### **What are some new exciting things going on in your school?**

We just honored 39 Top Scholars – students who are proving to be exemplary in the classroom. We inducted new members into the National Honor Society in November.

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Our athletic contests have been exciting and rewarding, and our clubs and activities are involved in fund- raising and community service.

## What is your goal for your school?

I hope to increase enrollment. I also plan to improve communications and functions of the guidance department to enhance the college search process for all students.

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## Notes and such:

- Becahi's new principal Holly (DeNofa) graduated from King's, and if my memory serves me, so did **Tom Metzger**, **Danny Perrett** and **Tom Sugalski** from our class.
- Actor and Becahi grad **Dan Roebuck '81** co-wrote, directed and acts in the movie "Getting Grace", described as his "Love Letter to the Lehigh Valley." The movie also stars **Madelyn Dundon '16**. The Premier is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas at ArtsQuest Center in Bethlehem; The Roxy in Northampton, and the Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Arts in Bethlehem.
- 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.

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## Catching up with Sue Peters Crawford

*Greetings! In an effort to start the ball rolling on catching up with each other I will fill you in on what I have been up to the last 48 (yikes!!) years.*

*After graduating from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven CT I decided I wanted to live where the sun shined every day so I attended the University of Arizona College of Law (now the James E. Rogers College of Law) in Tucson, AZ. The day after graduation I married a brilliant cowboy, Kenneth W. Crawford and we headed to Houston TX. I practiced law in Houston, specializing in Bankruptcy Law from 1978-1988. Our 3 kids were born in Houston, Tyson 1983 and then Rory and Eliza in 1987.*

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*Ken made partner at KPMG (International Tax Partner) in June 1988 and his job took us to London, Moscow, Boston and Dallas until September of 2007 when he retired and we moved to beautiful Santa Fe NM.*

*Needless to say, all those moves interrupted my legal career...I was very involved in the kids' schools and sports those years and I loved living overseas and the travel opportunities it provided. I resumed practicing law in Dallas in 2001 and retired the end of 2014.*

*I stay busy with all that Santa Fe has to offer and our ranch in Dixon, NM. I have been on various non-profit boards and I am a Big Sister. We also travel a lot to visit my parents at Moravian Village in Bethlehem, Ken's relatives in AZ, our twin granddaughters in Wellesley MA, our granddaughter and grandson in Brooklyn, NY and our daughter in LA...and a few pure pleasure trips too.*

*If anyone makes it out here to the Land of Enchantment feel free to look me up.*

*Hope to hear from some of you soon and I would love to attend a reunion.*

*Best,*

*Susan*

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## Passings

While in the process of updating our classmates' contact information, we sadly came across two members who are no longer with us. **Roxanne Hoffman** and **Dave Silbermann** passed away a few years ago.

- **Roxanne** was a member of Notre Dame parish and participated in the Glee Club, Christmas Assemblies, the "Music Man", the Pep Club, Business Club and Prop Committee.
- **Dave** was a member of SS. Simon and Jude parish and was an integral member of the Band for 4 years, the Sceptre staff, Business Club and T.C.A.

Here are reprints of their Notices:

### In Memory of our classmates

**Roxanne L. Hoffman**, 56, of Bethlehem died Wednesday October 15, 2008 at her residence. Born in Bethlehem she was the daughter of the late Edward G. and Viola Rosman Hoffman of Bethlehem.

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Roxanne was employed by St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, for 30 years as a pediatric nurse, retiring in 2006. She was a member of Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church where she served as a lectioner.

She will be lovingly remembered by: mom, Viola; sisters, Veronica Young and husband Edward and Lisa Alatzas and husband Ernest, Jr.; nephews, Michael Hoffman, Edward and Timothy Young; niece, Amy Burke. She will be greatly missed by her three birds, Huffy, Lollie and Kiki. She was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3893 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Online condolences may be offered at: [www.connellfuneral.com](http://www.connellfuneral.com).

- Published in Morning Call on Oct. 18, 2008

**David H. Silbermann**, 58, of Baldwinsville, passed away Wednesday July 28, 2010 unexpectedly. Born in Allentown, PA, he was a member of the Baldwinsville Community Band, Kappa Kappa Psi and Kutztown Graduate Organization of Bands. David worked as a School Psychologist for the Hillside Children's Center and as an instructor at Bryant & Stratton College. He is pre-deceased by his father, O. Leon Silbermann and a brother, Joseph Silbermann. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, the former, Maria A. Remillard; two daughters, Christina Amanda Silbermann and Justine Claire Silbermann; his mother, Dorothy Silbermann; a brother, Peter (Lisa) Silbermann; two sisters, Patricia (Paul) Haradem and Janet (Charles) Burgermeister; and several nieces and nephews. ...Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Kutztown University Music Dept. Building Fund or the Baldwinsville Community Band. To leave a special message for the family please visit [www.newcomersyracuse.com](http://www.newcomersyracuse.com) NewComer Funeral Home

- Published in the Syracuse Post Standard on July 30, 2010

I try to identify all of the grads who passed away recently. It's a way for their memories to be shared and live on... Here is a list of those graduates, from across all the years, who have passed away since our November 2017 Alumni Remembrance mass:

<b>Classmate</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Passed Away</b>	<b>Age</b>
Rosemarie Taglang Sullivan	1944	12/18/2018	91
Rosalie Schamanek Grimmer	1947	11/10/2017	87
Peggy Ortwein Gasdaska	1951	2/4/2018	84
Eleanor Antolic Braxmeier	1952	1/18/2018	82
Mercedes Machain Moughan	1955	1/1/2018	79
Regina "Jean" Quinn	1958	11/18/2017	77
John Gaspar	1967	12/28/2017	68
Michael Kalman	1968	12/12/2017	68
Rita Szczepanski Kapun	1969	1/3/2018	66
Francis "Skip" Csrenko	1971	12/17/2017	64
Patricia Ferraro Stankey	1976	2/9/2018	60
Franklin Turney	1977	12/29/2017	59

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Tara Byrnes Frey	1978	12/14/2017	58
Mayra Gonzalez Antongiorgi	1987	12/19/2017	48

## 1970's Family Passings:

Gerry Sullivan's mom Rosemarie Taglang Sullivan (in February)  
Rosemarie Szczepanski's sister Rita (in January)  
Kara Weinhofer Pike's dad (in January)

A complete list (as we know it today) of our class's guardian angels are listed below...

<b>Barry Astel</b>	<b>Walt Dozer</b>	<b>Mike Keefe</b>
<b>Jim Bellizzi</b>	<b>Francine Ferreira</b>	<b>Joe Makoski</b>
<b>Al Calvo</b>	<b>Bernie Fota</b>	<b>Rosemary Medve Vassa</b>
<b>Patty Coyle Metzger</b>	<b>Robin Fraser</b>	<b>Dick Murray</b>
<b>Greg Darabaris</b>	<b>Jack Gallagher</b>	<b>Sue Nickel Santly-Lazaro</b>
<b>Claudia Derr Benner</b>	<b>Chris Gorski</b>	<b>Dave Silbermann</b>
<b>Leigh Doling Leming</b>	<b>Ed Hartigan</b>	<b>Mike Slafkosky</b>
<b>Mike A. Dougherty</b>	<b>Roxanne Hoffman</b>	<b>Bill Szulborski</b>
	<b>Rick Kearney</b>	<b>Frank Tomaszewski</b>

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It would be wonderful to have other types of alumni news to report... such as anniversaries, weddings, and births from you and/or of your children and grandchildren!

How about bringing us up-to-date on your journey?

**Other tidbits** from our class's address update research:

- 30 classmates married an alum, including
  - 10 couples from our class
- We live in 21 states
- 170 (72%) of our classmates live in Pennsylvania, including
  - 75 (32%) classmates who live in Bethlehem!!

**Sports Highlights** at the school now:

- The wrestling team enters the PIAA Northeast Regional Tournament this weekend with 10 wrestlers vying for individual titles.
- The girls' basketball team plays Allentown Central Catholic in the PIAA District 11 4A final this Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> title game for the girls overall, and they're 8-4 in district finals.
- The boys' basketball team plays Lower Moreland for the PIAA District 11 4A final tonight. Go Hawks!

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## Lenten Reflection

I thought I'd end this newsletter with a passage from a daily Lenten Devotional I receive from my University of Scranton alma mater.

*“Lent is more than simply a season of preparation for a single feast. It is analogous to our life here on Earth. In our lives, we have sufferings and joys, times of feast and times of famine, times when we remain close to God and times when we fall away... If we have fallen, if we have failed to love our neighbor, to share our blessings, to avoid sin, to live a life of prayer, then God still shall give rest to those who have toiled only from the eleventh hour. Lent reminds us, no matter what hour of our lives that we happen to be in, that we still have time to live the life that we want to live, to live a life that brings us closer to God. We still have time to fast, to give alms, to pray, to forgive, to seek out God. As Lent prepares us for the joy of the Resurrection, so our life prepares us for the ultimate joy when we see God face to face.”*

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

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