

<u> Leprechaun</u>

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Friends of Motre Dame, Inc to Publish 2009 Alumni Directory

The Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. is please to announce that a new alumni directory is in the works! The updated Harper Woods Notre Dame alumni directory will be published early in 2009. Last offered in 2003, this institution-wide directory will be the most complete and up-todate reference of more than 8,000 alumni worldwide. We have partnered with Harris Connect, Inc., the leading alumni directory publisher, who

will send questionnaires by e-mail and mail early this year to all alumni to update and verify profiles for inclusion in the directory. The directory will be sorted into easy-to-use sections. To make networking easy with other alumni, we will be including residence and business information, as well as e-mail addresses. When contacted, please take a few moments to update your information. The alumni directory will be available in regular edition, deluxe edition, and on CD. Combo-pricing will also be available if you are interested in purchasing both a print and electronic version of the directory. Please consider purchasing an alumni directory. It is going to be a great reunion planning resource!



The 2003 Alumni

Directory



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Members of the classes of 1967, 1969, and 1978, enjoying an evening of feather bowling at the Cadieux Café Wednesday, January 31, 2008.

Have a story to share about an achievement that you would like to see featured in The Leprechaun? E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com

Introducing Our New Logo

Local artist, Ronald Stratton was recently contracted to design a logo for the Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. He was asked to incorporate the Friends of Notre Dame name, a symbol of the school, and an Irish theme. The logo below is the result of his efforts. It will appear on all publications, jerseys and t-shirts that we may produce in the future. Of course, we will also include all of our traditional Notre Dame related logos and icons as well.







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Changes Are Coming to the Web Site!

Randy Walters '05 and Andy Dold '98 are currently working on some improvements for the website. Below are some of the changes you will see in the not so distant future.

- A page for each class where you may read about events that are taking place in the lives of your classmates
- A page for each class listing deceased members and updating recently passed classmates
- Past issues of the Leprechaun in downloadable pdf. format
- Links to alumni websites
- A social and business networking page

Reunion ews

The class of 1988 has formed a reunion committee and is seeking classmate information. If interested, email Jim Pettyes '88 at James.pettyes@sbcglobal.net.

A 50 year reunion for the class of 1958 from St. **Veronica** is being planned. Please contact Tom Nagle HWND '62 at corvette61@verizon.net

A 50 year reunion for the class of 1958 from Notre Dame is being planned. Details to come.

The class of 1997 held their 10 year reunion in December at Fish Bones in St. Clair Shores. Almost 50% of the class participated! Special thanks to Tom Jenkins for planning the reunion!

Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class? Email Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com.

You Asked For It. You Got it.

When the Friends of Notre Dame Alumni Association was formed, our mission was to keep the spirit of Notre Dame alive. Our goal was to do so without asking the alumni

for a single penny. Over the past 3 years, many of you have offered to send us checks to help fund our endeavors. To this point we've respectfully declined, but who are we to deny your good-hearted generosity? At your suggestion, we have created an easy way for you to make a donation to the Friends of Notre Dame Alumni Association. If you are interested in making a donation, please visit the web site, click on the button and follow the steps as directed. Be sure to indicate your name and graduating class in the "notes" section. This is not a solicitation

Click Here to Make a Donation to the HWND Alumni Association

> The new donation button on the Friends of Notre Dame website.

for funds, rather an option for you if you are interested in making a donation.

In Memoriam

No deaths to report this month.











Visit our eBay Store! http://stores.ebay.com/Friends-of-Notre-Dame





Photo Gallery









Photo Recovered From A Dumpster Behind ND in August of 2007

Behind ND in August of 2007

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The Leprechaun Upcoming Events

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

March 1 & 2, March 8 & 9, 2008

Info at right ⇒

Interested in hosting a Notre Dame Alumni night at your establishment? E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at imandl@friendsofnotredame.com

Bands

The Ugliest Band in the Land... The MUGGS

- ♣ Feb. 8 Charity fund raiser for *THAW* in the Compuware Building Lobby (Detroit), 5-6pm. See Tony DeNardo '90 and Danny Methric '90 in a king size bed and help them raise money for Detroit's utility assistance organization - THAW. What if you couldn't afford to pay your winter utility bills?
- Feb. 8 MoTown Winter Blast, 7:30pm on the Michigan Lottery Rock Stage. (Free Show!)
- Feb 24 The Emerald Ballroom in Mt. Clemens. With Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Glen Hughes of Deep Purple.

Interested in having your band promoted in our newsletter? Just ask! imandl@friendsofnotredame.com

Support Alumni Owned Businesses!





Jim '00, Joe '04 and Jeff '06 Riehl

of MacombDaniel Stross '78 - Owner





Samir Thomas '89 - Owner

Joe Vicari '75 - Owner





Dave Bourgeois '89 - Owner

David Moroz '76 - Owner



Martini Lounge and Wine Bar

Live Music Thurs-Fri-Sat Appetizers Big Screen TV Over 185 Martinis

Scott Baumgart '84 - Owner

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Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament - 2008

Double Elimination Tournament Spectators are welcome at no charge.



Saturday March 1 @ Bishop Foley Tip - off game at 10:00am (Last game will be at midnight)

Sunday March 2 @ **Bishop Foley** First game of the day - 10:00am (Last game will start no later than 9pm)

Saturday March 8 @ Regina or DLS Semi-Final and Championship Games (Time: TBD)



Sunday March 9 @ DeLaSalle HWND Alumni Runner-up

DeLaSalle Alumni Runner-up (Time: TBD)

HWND Alumni Champion

DeLaSalle Alumni Champion (Time: TBD)



- Adult beverages available for purchase before and during the games at DLS.
- Traveling trophy awarded to winning school (Little Brown Jug Style!).

Details:

- ♣ Tournament is capped at 16 teams.
- ♣ Cost per player = \$30 * **
- A Games will not start until all players have paid the entry fee.
- Teams that have just completed a game *must* provide a score keeper and clock operator for the next game before it can begin.
- A complete roster = 7 players
- Classes will combine if less than 7 players.
- Classes are not permitted to combine if roster has 7 or more players.
- A Roster submission deadline is February 26.
- Bracket will be released February 27.
- ♣ Adult beverages <u>not</u> permitted at Regina or Bishop Foley.
- Price to play increased due to increased costs involved in running the tournament.
- To *pre-pay* using a *credit card*, please visit the website and click on the "Donate" button. Be sure to include your name, class, and that you are prepaying for the alumni basketball tournament in the note section.

CASH ONLY THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. NO CHECKS AT ALL, EVER.



























Marty Meloche, Class of 1967:

Glad to hear you have organized the alumni site! I am currently a Marketing Professor at Saint Joseph's University--Philadelphia's Jesuit University. We have a summer home in Lexington on Lake Huron. If I can do anything for you, let me know. (Accidentally printed as Ron Meloche in Jan.)

Dave Bourgeois, Class of 1989:

I am still working as an engineer and my wife, Jo, is running our store with my brothers. We live in Grosse Pointe Woods with our son, Jackson. While at the store, I run into alumni often. We are really thankful they take the time to visit our store - Oxford Beverage.

Thom Freismuth, 1966

I live in Ranch Santa Fe, California -- a small city just north of San Diego. I have four children and have been in the insurance business for 36 years. I bought an office building to house my company, FAS-EBA Insurance Services, Inc. My firm handles employees benefits and 401(k) plans.

Greg Stempin, Class of 1997:

Thank you for the congratulations in the news letter. I think it's great that someone is keeping the Notre Dame spirit alive by keeping the alumni informed about each other. Thanks again and I look forward to many more newsletters.



Ron Mack, Class of 1972:

I am alive and well in Grosse Pointe Woods, along with my wife of 24 years, raising our four children, all of which are still at home. My oldest, Ron, will be graduating from GP North this spring and leave for University in the fall.

John O'Connell, Class of 1996:

Please let Father Bryson know that I am thinking about him and hoping he gets better. I used to work bingo concessions with him when I was in high school. I hope the guy lives forever; he's a trooper!

Joe Opolski, Class of 1986:

Thanks for all that you do to keep the sprit alive and well. You have definitely put the words "What tho the odds be great or small, Ol' Notre Dame will win over all" into action. OL' ND will win overall in our memories and our hearts.

Dave Pierce, Class of 1961:

I am involved in Republican politics in California. It's kind of cool going to cocktail parties and dinners when your Governor is Arnold Schwarzenegger. Besides all the presidents, senators, congressmen and governors I have met, I have been involved in charitable events and met many famous people -- Harrison Ford, Ted Danson, Bill Walton, Frank Sinatra and many others. Go west young man. Go west. It's 74 degrees!



Tradition Continued For 3rd Straight Wear!

Continuing Harper Woods Notre Dame's day after Christmas tradition, the 3rd annual Friends of Notre Dame alumni hockey games took place on Saturday, December 26, 2007. Over 40 guys came out to skate and re-connect with old friends at









Suburban Ice Macomb in Macomb Township. A game for the younger guys and one for the older guys took place. A social gathering with pizza and refreshments followed each game.

See you again on December 26, 2008!



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