



The Leprechaun



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2009 Alumni Directory Update: Has Your Phone Been Ringing?

The mail phase has ended and phoning has begun! Harris Connect will be calling all alumni who did not respond to the post cards that were mailed over the last six weeks.

Harris Connect will make every feasible attempt to contact all of our living alumni by phone during this final phase of the project. You will receive contact if your current phone number is on file with us. We want to make sure no one is left out of the new directory, so spread the word about it!

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 minutes to update your information. The alumni directory will be available in regular edition and deluxe edition (CD-ROM no longer available). Please consider purchasing an alumni directory -- a great reunion planning resource and a great way to re-connect with old friends! The beginning of the book will also be packed with several pages of ND history and facts!

THE DEADLINE TO HAVE UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY IS SEPTEMBER 22, 2008. THIS IS ALSO THE LAST DATE ORDERS FOR THE DIRECTORY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY HARRIS CONNECT.



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Re-Connect With Friends In Our Upcoming Alumni Directory



Alumni Softball Update

On September 20, 2008, we will be resurrecting the alumni softball tournament. See page 6 for details. So far, interest has been solid. We'd like to offer you an opportunity to round out your rosters. Each team will now be permitted to add two non-HWND grads to its roster. These non-HWND grads must pay the entry fee and will not be permitted to join the tournament after the first round has been played.

The following classes are in the process of building teams:

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| | ⇒ 1989 | ⇒ 1997 | |
| | ⇒ 1990 | ⇒ 1999 | |
| | ⇒ 1991 | ⇒ 2000 | |
| | ⇒ 1995 | ⇒ 2003 | |

IRISH

By now, I assume everyone has received a copy of the *Irish* magazine from Notre Dame Prep. From the publication, it appears that they are doing well. We wish them continued success in their mission of providing first class Catholic education to young men and women.

The *Irish* magazine interview with former Harper Woods Notre Dame staff members, Mr. Rice, Mr. Parent, and Mr. Kotarski concluded with the following question: "Why do you think there are problems with getting the two schools' alumni groups together?"

I feel their response to this question first requires a response by us. In order to understand how and why we exist, I must first give a little history on the current HWND Alumni Association. In the early part of June 2005, the Parents' Club at Notre Dame voted to turn over the newly created non-profit group, *Friends of Notre Dame, Inc.*, to its newly elected president – Jim Mandl '90, my son. Prior to being elected president, Jim agreed to convert the Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. into an alumni association and carry on the traditions of Notre Dame for as long as it could realistically be done. It was at this time that the alumni database, email addresses, and other vital alumni information was turned over to Jim with which to work.

In the last weeks of June 2005, as our school was closing for good, it appeared to us that most of the school's history was being abandoned. A few alumni began rescuing as many yearbooks, trophies, school publications, and historical items as possible. These items were salvaged because the only plan made for them was "next stop -- landfill." We have since made three additional rescue missions to the school. After salvaging these things, "What now?" was the next question. Monthly Alumni Newsletters in the form of an e-mail started to be sent, and a website was developed by Ricky Winowicki '04 and Randy Walters '05. The e-mail newsletter later evolved into *The Leprechaun*, which you are reading now.

As winter approached, we contracted with Suburban Ice Arena to continue our annual HWND Hockey Alumni game. Interest was so great that two games were needed (the 70s vs. the 80s and the 90s vs. the 00s). As spring came, we contracted with Bishop Foley Catholic High School for the continuation of the annual basketball tournament. Sixteen teams showed interest.

This past winter, DeLaSalle contacted the Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. regarding our basketball tournament. Although they have existed for a much longer time than HWND, they never had an alumni tournament. During the discussions, the idea of having the winner from each school's tournament play each other arose and was agreed upon. This gave the 120 guys who participate an additional reason to play and the motivation to come back to watch the rest of the tournament after their team was eliminated. This was an exciting opportunity to play DLS in an event for the first time in nearly three years. Approximately 60 HWND grads watched the team of 1996 and 1998 defeat the champion of the DLS tournament. As the clock struck zero, HWND grads roared and began singing a heartfelt "Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame." It was truly a special moment.

We continue to keep HWND alive through communication and activities. This past winter a publishing company was contacted regarding publishing an updated Alumni Directory. As you know, this is still "a work in progress" which will continue through December, with the books shipping in January. This summer, yearbooks were inventoried and the trophies were inventoried and photographed. The yearbooks are available on the website at a nominal cost. The trophies are available at no charge. We also held the first annual HWND Tiger baseball outing on August 25th.

In a nutshell, that is our history.

Returning to the article and the comments made by the former HWND staff, it was cited our lack of communication is the reason the two groups are not together, but this is unfounded. During the 2nd basketball tournament at Bishop Foley, a representative of NDP visited and informed the alumni basketball participants that NDP would be the future home of all HWND activities. All alumni in attendance were told this, except for the alumni running the tournament and the Alumni Association. Next, a letter from the Marist Provincial in Massachusetts was sent to alumni stating the same thing. No direct communication was made to our alumni association before these decisions were enacted.

In addition, NDP has attempted to undermine our group. During the gathering of data for the new alumni directory, another representative of NDP, using the title Vice President of NDP, called the publisher and demanded that they cease working on the directory based on his opinion that we had no authority to be publishing one. He even threatened legal action if the directory project was not immediately stopped. Work on the directory continues after a brief consultation with legal counsel. How is this a sign of welcome or brotherhood from Pontiac?

Our alumni association exists for one purpose: to keep the spirit of the "Fighting Irish" (of Harper Woods) alive by keeping alumni informed about reunions, events, deaths, etc., and continuing to provide sports tournaments which had been enjoyed in the past. We are not a fund-raising organization. We will not be asking you for donations. Some of you have been gracious enough to send a donation as a "thank you" for a trophy. We also have generated a little money from the yearbook sales and apparel sales through our eBay store. A portion of this money will be sent to the Marist House at Christmas to help defray the costs of providing for the retired Marists.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep exists to educate young men and women. Because of this mission, we understand fund-raising is necessary. If any HWND alumnus wishes to donate money or time to assist the Marists in their mission in Pontiac, please feel free to do so.

We have been successfully operating the Alumni Association through the Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. on our own for over three years now. We have sponsorship from some *true* Friends of Notre Dame. Why do we not wish to join forces with the school in Pontiac? We really have nothing in common with the alumni from NDP (except for the fact that we were educated by the same order, and they attended a school that stole our name, song, and traditions). So, I ask why should we get together?

Jim Mandl - Class of 1966

Vice President, Friends of Notre Dame, Inc.

Upcoming Reunions Celebrating 50 Years!

Notre Dame's inaugural class -- the class of 1958 -- will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a weekend-long reunion! The two day event is scheduled for September 12th and 13th, 2008. On September 12th, we have scheduled golf at the Glaciers Golf Club starting at 12:30 p.m. The price for golf is \$50.00 per person, payable the day of the outing at the course pro-shop. Alumni are welcome to invite guests to participate (spouses, friends, etc.). Following golf, there will be a social gathering at the Capital Banquet Center to renew old acquaintances and enjoy pizza, brats, hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments (cost TBD). On Saturday, September 13th, a reunion mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm, followed immediately by a dinner dance until midnight. The price for the dinner dance is \$100.00 per couple. The dinner dance will also be held at the Capital Banquet Center.

Any members of the class of 1958 wishing to attend the reunion on September 13th, 2008 should send a check for \$100 per couple to:
(make checks payable to Friends of Notre Dame)

Notre Dame Class of 1958 Reunion
7910 Glacier Club Drive
Washington, Michigan 48094



For more information e-mail Bob Bendzinski '58 at rcb@bendzinski.com

Celebrating 15 Years!

Who: HWND Class of 1993

What: 15 Year Reunion

Where: Hamlin Pub
22 & Hayes, Shelby Township, MI 48316

When: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Why: \$25 per person for Pizza, Salad, Pop, Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine, Tax, & Tip is a great deal!

Plus, you can enjoy all of this while spending five hours with people you haven't seen in a long time.

Wives or significant others are welcome to attend, too!

How to make your Reservation:

Email Paul Nahra '93 at pnahra@comcast.net or call him at 586-709-3372. Please RSVP by October 15th.

Celebrating 20 Years!

Graduates of the *Class of 1988* have organized a 20 Year Reunion!

Date: October 11, 2008

Place: Ernie's Kings Mill
16655 19 Mile Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

For complete details, please contact the Class of 1988 Reunion Committee.

Jim Pettyes * 586-247-2227 * james.pettyes@sbcglobal.net

Scott Klott * 248-276-9232 * klotts@yaho.com

Bill Flaherty * 586-772-5345 * bpflaherty@aol.com

Steve Loewen * 586-713-4989 * sloewen7@yahoo.com

Reunions in 2009

The following classes are celebrating reunion years in 2009:



2004 - 5 Years
1999 - 10 Years
1994 - 15 Years
1989 - 20 Years
1984 - 25 Years



1979 - 30 Years
1974 - 35 Years
1969 - 40 Years
1964 - 45 Years
1959 - 50 Years



Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class?
E-mail Jim Mandl '90 at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com.
It's never too early to start planning!

Trophies

For the past three years, we have been storing over 100 of the school's trophies. We've decided that it is no longer economically wise to continue storing them. We have taken photos of all the trophies and uploaded them to the photo gallery on the website. Please browse through them. If you see one or many that you would like, please contact us, and we will make arrangements to get them to you. We will continue to store them through June of 2009. After July 1, 2009, we will begin recycling them and/or donating them to establishments that decorate with old trophies. **Approximately 60 newly found trophies will be added to the photo gallery in the coming days!**

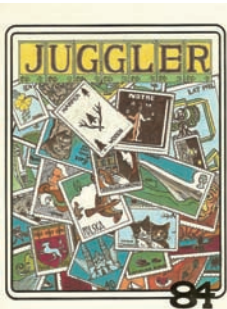


Yearbooks

Need a replacement yearbook? Just want a piece of ND history? Want an extra yearbook? We've got over 1,000 of them! Almost all years are available for a small fee to cover storage and shipping costs. Send us an email and we'll make arrangements to get you a yearbook!

We're sorry, but we are sold out of the following yearbooks:

1956
1957
1958
1961
1970



Upcoming Events

Alumni Softball Tournament @ Total Sports

Saturday, September 20, 2008
(Details on page 6 of newsletter)

Annual Alumni Hockey Games

Friday, December 26, 2008
Details to come.

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

Early March 2009
Planning is already in progress!
Details to come.

Interested in hosting a Notre Dame Alumni night at your establishment?

E-mail Jim Mandl '90

at jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com



Visit our eBay Store!

<http://stores.ebay.com/Friends-of-Notre-Dame>



Football Jerseys
Now Available in
the ebay Store!



Bands

See the Muggs...

- ♣ Saturday September 13, 2008
⇒ Crofoot... Pontiac, MI
- ♣ Wed. September 17, 2008
⇒ Fillmore... Detroit, MI
⇒ Rock the Vote
- ♣ Sunday September 21, 2008
⇒ Ferndale D.I.Y. Fest
⇒ 7:20pm
- ♣ Friday October 17, 2008
⇒ Northern Lights...
Detroit, MI
⇒ 7" Vinyl Release Party
- ♣ Saturday November 1, 2008
⇒ The Dawg House... Clinton Twp., MI
- ♣ Saturday November 7, 2008
⇒ Elbow Room... Ypsilanti., MI



Danny Methric '90 &
Tony DeNardo '90

In Memoriam

- ♣ Rubis, Randall - Class of 1972
- ♣ Whiting, Kenneth - Class of 1973
- ♣ Neumann, Robert - Class of 1975
- ♣ Badalucco, Dennis - Class of 1977
- ♣ Kotas, Greg - Class of 1991
- ♣ Lance Corporal Scott Ulrich, USMC
 - ⇒ Son of Greg Ulrich - Class of 1970
 - ⇒ Scott was on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps and based at



Lance Cpl. Scott Ulrich

Camp Lejeune, N.C. Described as a very personable young man, he is remembered for his many kind actions and often befriended people who faced difficult times. Memorials may be made to the Lance Cpl. Scott Winter Ulrich Fund for the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Veterans Law Clinic, 651 East Jefferson,



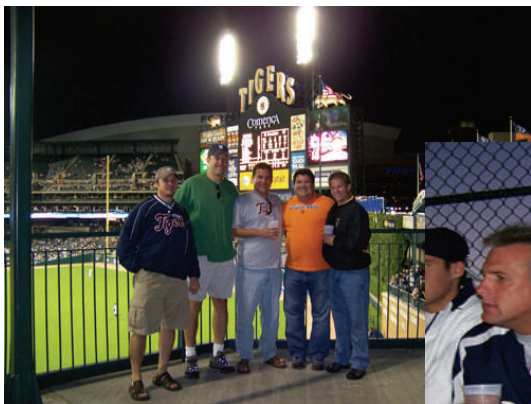
Room 251, Detroit, MI 48226 or to the State Bar of Michigan Access to Justice Fund, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

Thanks to all who continue to keep us updated on alumni passings. It is important to honor their memory.

Congratulations are in Order

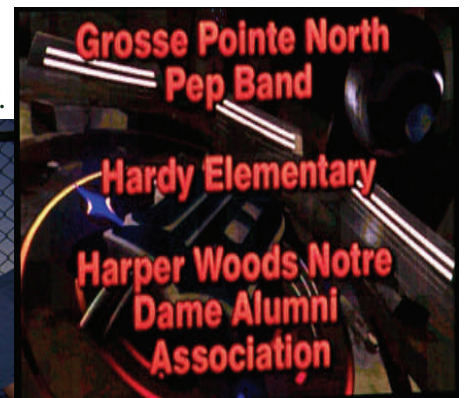
- ♣ Congratulations to **Melissa (Missy Mandl) Mase** (Regina '91), sister of Jim, '90, and daughter of Marge (Regina '66) and Jim Mandl, '66. In May, Melissa graduated from Wayne State University with a Doctorate in Educational Psychology after 5 years of hard work and research. She is currently employed by the Utica School District as an Educational Psychologist since 1998. She has been married to Jason since August, 2001, and they have a 4 year old daughter, Natalie, and are expecting another in mid-September.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Mr. Ken Parent**. Mr. Parent will be enjoying retirement after 39 years of teaching. He dedicated 36 years of his life to educating the young men of HWND. When many of us think of Notre Dame, he is one of the first we think of. Mr. Parent plans to spend more time in his home state of Maine and doing volunteer work in the Detroit area.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Andy Guest '84**. The August 29 edition of the *Detroit News* reports Andy was recently promoted to Vice President of Advancement at NDP & Marist Academy in Pontiac.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Joe Borri '80**. *Eight Dogs Named Jack: And Fourteen Other Stories From the Detroit Streets and Michigan Wilderness* by Joe Borri '80 was recently named finalists in the 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards (IPPYs). This is the fourth honor for Borri's book.
- ♣ Congratulations to **Tom Nagle '62**. Tom recently completed his 8th cross country trip to the Woodward Dream Cruise in one of his many corvettes. His trip was chronicled in a daily blog in the *Detroit News*.

First Annual HWND Alumni Night at Comerica Park Monday, August 25, 2008



Steve Rago '83 and Brett Karas '95.

Jim Mandl '90, Mike Balow '90, Marc Haro '90, Nate Valez '90, and Scott Grange '90.



Our Group Name on the Scoreboard

Harper Woods Notre Dame High School Alumni Association Keeping the Spirit of the Fightin' Irish Alive Since 2005!



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ALUMNI SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



Saturday, September 20, 2008

at

Total Sports

40501 Production Drive - Harrison Township, MI
(I-94 & North River Road - Exit 237)



Start Time: 9:00am

Entry Fee: \$35 Per Player

Items of Note:

- ♣ Entry fee covers *double elimination format*, two t-shirts (one dark, one light), softballs, umpires, facility usage charges, pizza, snacks, and refreshments.
- ♣ All games will be 65 minutes in length
- ♣ Games will begin at 70 minutes intervals
- ♣ All players on roster will bat, regardless of number of players
- ♣ Maximum 10 defensive players in the field at one time
- ♣ All ASA rules will be in effect
- ♣ Mercy rule will be in effect if ahead by 12 runs after 5 innings, except for the championship game - 7 full innings
- ♣ Beginning with semi-final round, no new players will be permitted to join roster
- ♣ Who can play: All graduates of Harper Woods Notre Dame High School, all members of the displaced classes of 2006, 2007, & 2008, and sons and grandsons of graduates of Harper Woods Notre Dame High School - (Must be 18 years of age to participate), 2 non-HWND per roster

For Further Information, Please contact...

Tom Jenkins '97 - Alumni Softball Chair - tjenkins2000@yahoo.com

Jim Mandl '90 - jmandl@friendsofnotredame.com

Two Options for Signing Up to Play...

Option 1:

Detach and return with entry fee
by September 16, 2008 to:
Friends of Notre Dame
c/o Jim Mandl
54361 Pine Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Option 2:

Credit Card Payment

Visit our website:
www.friendsofnotredame.com

Click on the "Donate" Button
(This will redirect you to Paypal)

Deposit \$35 into the Friends of
Notre Dame Paypal account

In the "Notes" area, be sure to include
the following information:

Your Name
Year of Graduation
T-Shirt Size

Deadline to sign up is
Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Name: _____

Class of: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

E-Mail Address: _____



We Heard From...



Jeff Papuga, Class of 1990:

I live in D.C. now, but head back often to see the family. Great job keeping the NDAA news coming out!

Edward M. Freund

Master Sergeant United States Army (Ret)

Notre Dame seems so long ago and far away. Occasionally I see one of the crew. Edward S., Class of '08, has escaped East Detroit High School in one piece and is on his way to Lawrence Technical University in the Fall. We had a great gathering for him on the 28th. It was an open house here at home and we also celebrated my 65th Birthday. Thanks for the newsletter.

Tim Milton, Class of 1989

I just wanted to say thank you for the work you're putting into keeping the spirit and memories of Notre Dame alive. I know I would not be the person I am today if it were not, at least in part, for that school.

John M. Berra, Class of 1972:

Thanks for keeping the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Spirit ALIVE!! I've been living in S. Calif. for almost 25 yrs now. I'll let more class members know about this site. I'll look forward toward future emails, events & reunions.

Mike Nowicki, Class of 1990:

My brother, John Nowicki '88 aka Mon Frere, woke up at 4:30am, ran 5-10 miles before waking his kids for school, dropped them off, worked as a probation officer 9am-5pm, got a quick 1 hour change to his waiter job from 6pm-9pm and tried to stop on the way home to swim 1 plus miles in the pool. He repeated this process weekly-until the weekend when he got the opportunity to ride his bicycle 100 plus miles to and from the city of Miami.



He did all of this over the past year so that Sunday, July 20, 2008 he would be ready to answer the cannon's call! At 7am, a cannon exploded in the Olympic town of Lake Placid deep in the heart of New York's Adirondack mountains. Bang! 2.4 miles swim, 112 mile cycle up/down in the mountains, followed by a 26.2 mile marathon. At 10:15pm Monday, July 21, 2008, Mon Frere ran into the Olympic Square, music blaring over the loud speaker as he crossed the finish ribbon!!!

***John Nowicki '88,
of Delray Beach,
Florida, YOU are
an ironman!!!!!!!!!!!!***



Jerry Rutledge, Class of 1959:

I was 1959 Senior Class President and that will be 50 years next year. 50 years is kinda' special even for this ole' boy in Texas. I traveled to Detroit last year and was shocked at seeing my beloved ND boarded up.

David Kozaruk, Class of 1999:

Great job Jim! We all appreciate it.

Jim Belloli, Class of 1967:

Thanks for the updates and all of your work you are doing with the directory and the alumni. It is very much appreciated.

Chet Szerlag, Class of 1966:

Just wanted to compliment you on the Harris Direct project and the publication of a comprehensive directory. This is a very cost-effective way of doing it, and many universities do it the same way. Very professional. Of course if folks are indifferent about it, it's their loss.

Dan Howard, Class of 1990:

I'm doing fine.

David Poroch, Class of 1987:

I swam for ND each of my four years. I live in Atlanta, GA, but my mom is still in St. Clair Shores. Thanks for doing all that you are doing. I enjoying getting the e-mails.