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Marlinga '64 to Run for Probate Judge

When the much anticipated November election arrives, Prominent criminal defense attorney and former county prosecutor **Carl Marlinga's '64** name will be on the ballot again. He will be running for judge at Macomb County Probate Court, a race in which he will be the favorite to win.

Marlinga, 65, said his enjoyment of probate law, his age and fact that he can't run for circuit judge because his daughter runs that court convinced him now is the time to run for the post that will be vacated by Judge Pamela G. O'sullivan at year's end. "It's the right move for me and the court," Marlinga told The Macomb Daily. "I like it (probate law) because it deals with less adversarial issues but can help people and families during troubling times in their lives."

The announcement puts Marlinga at the top of a prospective field that includes Sandra Harrison of probate firm Simasko, Simasko & Simasko in Mount Clemens, Warren City Councilman Cecil St. Pierre of Boyer, Dawson St. Pierre in Sterling Heights, and Armand Velardo of Ruggirello, Velardo, Novara & Ver Beek in Mount Clemens, based on attorneys' proclamations.

St. Pierre down played Marlinga's announcement, remarking, "Everyone should have the opportunity to run for a position that he or she wants to run for."

"Regardless of who files, I still feel I am the best candidate for the position," said Harrison.

"The campaign for Macomb County Probate Court Judge will not be about name recognition; it will be about the most experienced candidate who can best serve the people of Macomb County," said Velardo.

Marlinga revealed his somewhat covert attraction for probate law, a relatively low-profile segment of the legal field. He revealed that for a time during his 20-year tenure as Macomb County prosecutor, which ended in 2004, he assigned himself to the probate court at which his office represented the state's interest in some cases.

The Sterling Heights resident said he also practiced a fair amount of probate law for a few years after he left office in 2005, although it declined in recent years as he has concentrated on criminal defense law. In fact, Marlinga has become involved in a number of high-profile criminal cases the past few years including the over 20-year-old comic book murder case.

Contributing mightily to his decision were that Marlinga would not be able to run once he turns 70, and his daughter, Jennifer Phillips, became administrator of Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens two years ago. If he won a circuit judgeship, she would have to quit her job, due to state ethics rules.

He will seek one of two Macomb Probate posts. The other judgeship is held by Kathryn George, whose courtroom was moved this month from the outskirts of Mount Clemens in the circuit court building on Main Street. The second post held by the new judge will move downtown next year.

While Marlinga acknowledged that while he may be favored to win the six-year term, he said he is not taking victory for granted. He said his name recognition will help him for a county wide seat more than it helped him two years ago when he lost in the Democratic primary for the 10th District state Senate seat to Paul Gielegem, who lost in the general election to Republican Tory Rocca.

In his campaign, he won't ignore a blemish on his career — the federal government in 2004 charged him with five crimes related to his aborted campaign for U.S. senator. Marlinga was acquitted of all charges by a jury following a 2006 trial in U.S. District Court. "I was innocent, and I have had a good reputation over the years," Marlinga said. He said he has addressed the case on his law firm web site and will continue to do so during the campaign. He commissioned a poll that indicated the case would affect only 4 to 5 percent of the voters. 🐾

Source: Macomb Daily



Carl Marlinga '64

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Interview with Sean Moran '89

Sean Moran '89, a member of the 1989 Class A State Baseball Championship Team, likes to fly under the radar. A quick Google search of his name yielded results that we were not expecting. He is a 5 Star Wealth manager. He is a good family man. And he is involved in many endeavors that make our community a better place. Despite his modesty, Sean agreed to sit down with us for an interview in mid-June.

FOND: You are involved in a lot of things that most people wouldn't be aware of. Let's start with that. How did you get involved in some of these things?

SM '89: Interesting that you mention that you weren't aware because I do keep a very low profile.

FOND: Why is that?

SM '89: I think it comes from our upbringing. You give back and do right by others and you don't seek attention or reward for what you do. I did learn that at our high school. There were a bunch of good guys, like us, going to school together, who really never had much growing up so I figured if I ever got any (success) I'd just give back and keep a low profile. I had a goal from high school to make sure I give back.

FOND: The causes and organizations you're involved with are many and they vary in nature. Is there something other than giving back that motivates you to be involved in these groups?

SM '89: Yes - passion. I have a passion for all of them. They mean something to me and that motivates and drives me.

FOND: Let's talk about the Detroit Athletic Club (DAC). How did you get involved there?

SM '89: I have been a member since about 1994. I just wanted to be a member - I'd go work out, network with people. Then I fell in love with the place. It's an incredible institution with a 125 year history and that history needs to be preserved.

FOND: How did you become a member?

SM '89: There is a nomination process. It's actually a cool process. A couple guys have to nominate you; you need six letters of recommendation, and your nomination is posted for 30 days. If no one objects, the Board of Directors then votes. If you are accepted, you then start paying membership dues.

FOND: Who nominated you?

SM '89: That's what's crazy about it. I didn't know anybody who was a member. I was initially nominated by a childhood friend of mine's mother's boyfriend.

FOND: How did you evolve from member to youngest president in the history of the DAC?

SM '89: It was a long process. I was playing in the basketball league and someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked if I'd be interested in running the basketball league. We started with 30 in the league and three years later, I increased the number of members playing to 120. I created a national tournament of athletic clubs from around the country and that was held at the DAC. Other people within the club saw the job I was doing with the basketball league - there are 3,800 members - and I was nominated to be an officer of the committee that handles athletics



Sean Moran '89 at Work at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

- handball, racquetball, basketball, and squash. I created a lot of fun for members while in that position. There is a nominating committee that seeks new officers for the DAC. When you are 31 years old, you can become a resident member. At the time when I was nominated for the board, I was only 33.

FOND: You were nominated at such a young age?

SM '89: I was, but I was an alternate, so to speak. Someone dropped out of the running and I stepped in. By nature, I'm competitive, so I competed to get on the board of directors and somehow I won.

FOND: How long is the term for a board member?

SM '89: It's a six year commitment. You get elected and you serve two three-year terms. After your first three years, you can run for president in an open election. In my 6th year on the board, I was lucky enough to win the presidency of the DAC.

FOND: What sort of legacy did you create as president?

SM '89: We had a really big year. It was a great year financially. We also spent almost five mil-

lion dollars redesigning many of the amenities in the clubhouse. It was really great working with all the people there. These are all very accomplished professionals that I was leading. I was the youngest president in the history of the DAC's 125 years. We moved resident membership to 34 years of age. This allows for people to spend more time in the club while saving money. The club is a very special part of Detroit and I'm proud to be a member and proud to have served as president. That was last year, so I'm actually no longer the president.

FOND: What is your capacity with the DAC now?

SM '89: I am now the president of the foundation for the DAC which gives back to amateur athletics, the arts, and the Detroit community.

FOND: Tell me about what you do in that position.

SM '89: I have been helping orchestrate the Michigan High School and College Athlete of the Year awards for the DAC. I have actually been doing that for the past 10 years. It's a televised prestigious award that goes to the top athlete who is also a scholar and is involved in the community. We give an award to a male

and a female. I'm probably going to stay on as president through 2015 because we have some foundation gifts for the city of Detroit that we plan to roll out in 2015. These are going to be symbols of our dedication to the city for the last 125 years.

FOND: This must have led to other things?

SM '89: Yes, I'm on the board of Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills where my kids go to school. With the upbringing we had in Catholic schools, my wife and I felt it was important for our kids to be in Catholic schools as well. The Academy of the Sacred Heart is a very unique environment where there are only about 400 families from pre-school through high school. It's a very close knit community. It's a beautiful campus - the oldest private school in Michigan. It was established 161 years ago. They were lucky enough to make it over the 50 year hump and then some. Being involved as a board member really meets the spirit of who I am because they focus on teaching student choice and decision-making and to give back.

FOND: How did you get on that board?

SM '89: I was invited to become a board

member and I accepted it. I really felt it would be a good way to give back to the community where my kids were attending school. It's a big investment of my time and money, but it is so worth it.

FOND: The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame - How did you get involved with that?

SM '89: I'm on the board of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame - the oldest sports hall of fame in the country. I got involved because I am just shocked that there can't be a better place to represent the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. I can remember going through Cobo Hall as a kid and looking at all the plaques and I was just in awe. I spend hours looking at them and reading about the members. So my goal is to try to find a permanent

home for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. They've been a great partner with us for the Michigan high school and college athlete of the year awards, which is how I made the connection. They were asking me to join their board for a few years and I finally accepted this year.

FOND: I agree that it needs a better home - how often do people spend time in Cobo Hall anymore? What location are you looking at as a new home for it?

SM '89: There is a lot of talk right now - nothing concrete at the moment. There are some natural places I think it should be.

FOND: Such as?

SM '89: Why couldn't Ford Field house it? There is plenty of room. If the old Tiger Stadium property ever gets developed, that might be a good place. But, it takes money, spirit and heart to spearhead something like this. Unfortunately, money is tough to come by in these economic times. And again, this is a part of our history - a treasure to preserve in Detroit.

FOND: Keeping with the theme of history and tradition, let's talk about the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade.

SM '89: You're right about the prevailing theme - protect the treasures of Detroit. I was born and raised in Detroit - my grandmother is still there; won't leave. I'm on the board of directors for the Parade Company which also puts on the Freedom Festival fireworks on the Detroit River. I got involved to again, protect the treasures of

Detroit. It bothers me when you hear someone like Mayor Bing use the parade and the fireworks politically by saying they aren't sure they can continue these traditions because of finances. I'm on the board that is going to make sure these things continue to happen. I have a passion for Detroit that, perhaps, the other members of the board

don't quite understand because I come from Detroit. I think that passion comes through when I help organize.

FOND: One of the things you've founded was the Big Head Corps. Tell me about that.

SM '89: We started the Big Head Corps with the parade company about 4 years ago. They are big paper mache heads. I remember as a kid being terrified of these big ugly clowns coming down Woodward. About 4 years ago, I got called in to volunteer and we went into the warehouse to get our costumes and I noticed the heads all had holes in them and they were all dusty. There were literally three heads walking in

the whole parade at that time. We decided to bring them back to life. We went from three free heads to over 200 people who pay \$200 to be a part of the parade.

FOND: Does that \$200 provide enough funding to keep the Big Heads Corps going?

SM '89: Not completely. We raise funds. **Pat O'Keefe '72** of O'Keefe and Associates is a donor actually. He's a wonderful man. The Michigan lottery pumps in some cash. I personally donate along with a handful of others. Just with the Big Head Corps, we've raised over \$250,000 to make sure the heads and the parade keep going. It is significant money from a small group of passionate supporters. The funding is important because each head costs \$10,000 to make and they are all handmade. Our goal is to create a new head every year. It's become very popular and something that people want to be a part of.

FOND: You have also founded a charity for youth in Detroit?

SM '89: Yes, it's called Racquet Up Detroit. I founded it with four other guys. We use the sport of squash as the main activity. Can you picture me playing squash? (laughing)

FOND: I can't picture anyone playing Squash... Of course, that's mainly because I have no idea

what squash is. Can you explain?

SM '89: Squash is basically racquet ball played on a smaller court with a dead ball.

FOND: How do you get the youth of Detroit into playing squash?

SM '89: We use squash as a motivator for other things. Racquet Up Detroit is an out-of-school youth development program which uses the sport of Squash, in combination with fitness, academic tutoring, community service, college exposure, summer opportunities, and mentoring to make a difference in the lives of Detroit youth. Detroit is one of just 14 urban cities to have an after school athletic and academic program like this. Two years ago we took 42 young kids from Detroit Public Schools. They'll stay with the program all the way through high school, and then they'll return to give back to the program after they graduate. The idea is to give them something unique athletically and academically to build pride through these experiences.

FOND: How did you decide who could participate?

SM '89: We chose the schools based on public funded lunches. The school population had to be 80% on free lunch. We basically went to the poorest of the poor schools. We then interviewed and tried out the whole 3rd grade class. We selected 20 from one school and 22 from another. We've sent them on campus tours at U of M and around the country. We're working with a professor at MSU who develops the academic program for the kids.

FOND: Why did you found this organization?

SM '89: Well I certainly didn't found it because I like squash, because I couldn't care less. (laughing). We founded it on the basis of giving kids an option. We chose

this game because it's about discipline. These kids in this community need help in that area. And again, we have to continue to protect the treasures of Detroit. One of the most important treasures is the kids. We have to teach the youth that they don't have to make the same mistakes and same bad choices as those who are in front of them. It has been a great, rewarding experience working with them. In the three years we've been doing this, we've raised over 1.3 million dollars to make sure the program is strong. And again,

from a charitable standpoint, I learned these principles at Notre Dame.

FOND: Let's talk about Notre Dame.



**Sean Moran's '89
2011 Investment Excellence Award.**



**Sean Moran '89 at the Parade
Company Warehouse.**

SM '89: I loved it. We didn't have a lot of cliques at our school. There was a real sense of community there. I could be friends with the football guys to the chess team. A little known fact about me is that I was on the forensics team at Notre Dame. I played all the major sports, but I was also an award and medal winner in the communications category of forensics. No one knew it. It was a lot of fun for me.

FOND: Did that experience help you?

SM '89: Yes, it did. I really enjoyed my ability to be diverse in that school and not be centered out, left or right, and that's something our school was really good at. And I apply that to what I do in the community - we need to center everybody together in a family atmosphere like we had at Harper Woods Notre Dame.

FOND: You have quite an impressive resume.

SM '89: Thanks! I do all of this while managing a very successful business with great clients who are just like me. And I have four kids all under 9 years old.

FOND: What is your official title with Smith Barney?

SM '89: I'm a financial advisor, but I am also the Senior Vice President and Branch Manager of the Grosse Pointe office of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

FOND: How did you get into this as a career?

SM '89: Good question. I was attending the University of Detroit and I was looking for an internship. None of the available jobs in the counseling office were for me. I was always fascinated by Wall Street and finances. Even since 8th grade I was reading books about Wall Street and it fascinated me, especially because I was broke growing up. I was studying finance at U of D and couldn't find a job I really wanted to do. I took a two year job as a government employee analyzing charts and unemployment things. I was making good money, but I still didn't like it - it really wasn't for me. Then I was offered an internship with Lehman Brothers, but I was warned that it didn't pay anything and most people only last about a week there. I went on the interview with my roommate - we were both looking for a job. I ended up getting the job - ironically, I was hired by a guy who sits three doors down from me. I worked for two years for free which is a little bit longer than the two weeks the typical person lasts in the position. I've been here for 20 years which is a major accomplishment because it seems like our generation was a little bit more transient than those that came before us.

FOND: Why do you think you've been so

successful at this?

SM '89: It's a combination of things. I have the ability to interact with people from all walks of life. I have excitement for finances and money and earnings and protecting people - it all kind of works together. I protect the treasures of the city. I protect people's treasures at home and make sure they have the capital they've worked their butt off to earn, and I make sure it's there for them when it's time for them to need it. I'm not a real aggressive guy. I don't do day trading. It's all high level planning. And I drive the car behind all of it. I have a great staff. **Ken Cylkowski '90** is my partner. We share the same philosophies about doing right by people but we have different skill sets which is always good when you're a member of a team.

FOND: How many clients do you have?

SM '89: We service around 90 clients. Most of them are self made like myself.

They are people who understand what it means to get up every day, work hard to make a buck and want to hang on to it and see it grow. It's been a perfect fit for me. I really enjoy my job and working with people. I wanted to work with real people who have real issues and take care of them.

FOND: How do you become a client?

SM '89: At this stage, either I've sought you out and hunted you down, so to speak, or you've been referred to me. The best compliment I get is when my clients refer someone to me. We also have a friends and family program and a lot of clients come from that. I have a pretty diverse group of people on my client list.

FOND: How did you earn the 5 Star Wealth Manager Award?

SM '89: It's not really the crème de la crème of investment awards, but it is certainly noteworthy. It's a true testament and validation for my work because somebody - a client - cared enough to nominate me and have me vetted out. I've been on the 5 Star list since it came out three years ago. It's a way to recognize those who have stood out in the industry and who have done a good job and been successful for people. Again, your clients are the true testament.

FOND: We've talked about charity, treasures, and your career. Let's talk about what's most important - your family. How did you meet your wife?

SM '89: I met her at U of D - actually, I stalked her. She blew me off for about a year. Three years later, she was dating one of my fraternity brothers who I didn't like and I basically stole her from him. I had to chase her for 8 or 9

years because she really wasn't in to me. It was a long process of which she succumbed and we got married in 2000. Her name is Christa.

FOND: Finally broke her, eh?

SM '89: Yep, it took like 12 years, but I finally broke her! I'm a hard sell. We're 100% different, but we complement each other well.

FOND: You mentioned your kids schooling earlier. Tell me about your kids.

SM '89: I have four kids. Hanna is my 9 year old daughter. Logan is my - switch hitting baseball player - 7 year old son. Collin is my 4 year old son and Mason, my other son, will be 2 in August.

FOND: How does your upbringing help with them?

SM '89: I was an only child from a divorced couple. I never really had

a chance to know my mother and I wasn't that close to my father. I was raised by my grandparents. Parenting for me is a learning process that takes place every day. I know that I can't wake up the best husband or father when you come from the environment I came from. I'm pretty honest with myself when it comes to that so I have to work at it. I evolve every day. I continue to grow into being a great father and husband. I'm really looking forward to them getting a little older so I can introduce them to the world I've helped create for the community. It is important to me to make them a part of it. I also have coached football and baseball for my son the last couple years. Everyone is healthy and doing well.

FOND: Who is Sean Moran and where does all of this that we've talked about come from?

SM '89: To tell you the truth, I'm not sure. I'm constantly evolving. If I had to guess where it came from, I'd say from my grandparents. They had 5 kids and when they were all grown and out of the house, they took me in as the 6th kid. They taught me how to step in and step up to do the right thing to bring a family together. I'm sure they made a lot of mistakes with the 5 kids, but by the time they got to me, they had it down. They knew what to do with me and they did a great job. So, I think a lot of who I am and who I became comes from them. If I didn't have a good zone here (points to his heart), I think all of what I have goes to hell in a hand basket.

FOND: Can you point to one thing they



Sean Moran '89 has given 20 years of service to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

did for you that really stands out?

SM '89: Yes. When I was going into the 2nd grade, they pulled me out of Detroit Public Schools and sent me to St. Clare in Grosse Pointe. Then they sent me to Notre Dame. Those were really good decisions.

FOND: What are some decisions you've made for yourself that helped you become successful?

SM '89: I had to make a decision about college. I was offered a ½ scholarship and financial aid to attend U of D, but I could have taken on all kinds of debt to go away to school to party. I made the right choice to graduate locally and be debt free rather than make the party choice. I also decided to start wearing a tie to school every day for the last two years. People thought I was a freak! But I decided that I needed to up my game. It starts to get serious half way through college. I also made up my mind to get good grades. I treated grades as a competition. I'm deeply competitive. I don't want to lose and I don't want the people around me to lose. I want to be a winner and do the things it takes to be a winner. I can trace that back to my sophomore year at U of D. Don't get me wrong - I was good at partying, but there has to be a time for it. If I was out late and had to work at 7am, you could count on me being there and giving you an honest day's work.

FOND: Most successful people have a favorite quote or a motto that they refer back to for motivation. What is yours?

SM '89: I have a personal philosophy that drives me: *You are either intense or you are past tense.* This drives me every day no matter what I'm doing. Whether I'm being a dad or a husband or helping a client or starting a charity or helping a city that desperately needs it (Detroit), that philosophy drives me. I'm also a sponge - I love to learn from other people and from my experiences. All of these things I've been involved in have made me better. Being a sponge has really helped a lot. I don't know if Notre Dame taught me that, but one thing ND did teach me was to stick with people and be loyal. I'm still friends with so many of my brothers from ND. In fact, I'm currently playing on a 35-and-older baseball team with **Eric Stanczak '89** and **Chris Gajewski '90**. That's a lot of fun!

FOND: Any closing thoughts?

SM '89: I think it's important that we support, and continue to support, the Friends of Notre Dame. We need to keep that unit together. There are so many alumni that I encounter in everyday life. I bump into far more graduates of ND than graduates of any other catholic school. We hold a very special bond – a brotherhood - that, I don't think, any other school has or had. I hold that special and cherish it. But, the spirit of what the Friends of Notre Dame is and what you're doing with it can only add to the lives of Notre Dame Alumni. I really don't think what we had can be duplicated. In fact, I don't think it exists in today's educational environment. Again, it's another treasure that needs to be protected and it has to be continued and I ask that people continue to support it and come to the events. Although we no longer have a building, we don't have to lose that sense of pride and uniqueness. Bricks and mortar didn't make our school – people, pride, sticking together – all those things we just talked about made our school unique. And the Friends of Notre Dame is unique and I really appreciate it. 🙌



Sean Moran '89 drives a double to left field in a baseball game on Sunday July 8, 2012.

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Former ND Student Dresses Katy Perry

Growing up in St. Clair Shores, **Johnny Wujek** always had a passion for fashion. From Abercrombie & Fitch-influenced “super, super preppy” to long-haired hippie-rock chic, his style evolved through his high school years. The first three of those high school years were spent at Notre Dame High School.

Change is good, as Wujek continually demonstrates in his job as Katy Perry’s stylist. The fashion guru works with the pop music icon to create a wardrobe that’s wildly inventive -- just check out the candy-coated and pinwheel outfits in her new tour documentary, “Katy Perry: Part of Me.”

“She’s very, I use the word ‘unpredictable,’ because sometimes (her look is) glamorous; sometimes it’s silly,” Wujek says.

“But it’s always something people talk about, which is really cool. We love to have fun. We like to find humor in it and we also like to find beauty.” Wujek moved to California during college but is still proud to be identified with his hometown. “Always a Detroiter, never a former,” he says.

The youngest of five children, he relied on vintage stores and magazines to feed his early interest in fashion. At 20, after attending Wayne State University, he got an opportunity to move to San Francisco and work as a sort of advice columnist for an online teen-style magazine. When that venture closed after less than a year, he relocated to Los Angeles and spent several years as a commercial model. His entry into the world of fashion styling came when he took an unpaid job assisting a costume designer on the 2003 movie “Wonderland.”

Meeting Perry was pure serendipity. When they were still both struggling to build their careers, he happened to be standing next to her at the bar during a party. A conversation started that resulted in him hanging out with Perry and her friends the whole night. A few days later, she phoned him about borrowing a dress. “And she never stopped calling,” says Wujek, describing her as “a sister, a best friend, as well as a boss.”

With Wujek as her partner in style, Perry has become a fashion icon whose influence is felt around the world. “In the beginning, we were just doing what we were doing and thought it was fun,” he said. “Then all of a sudden, people are copying her costumes, her outfits. And I was like, ‘Wow, we’re impacting people.’ And then Halloween came around and people were wearing costumes that I made.”

Two of his favorite Perry outfits are the LED light-up gown that stole the show at the 2010 Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala and the whipped-cream-cans bra ensemble from the “California Gurls” video.

Along with the zaniness, Perry has a glamorous side that harkens back to the screen goddesses of the 1940s and 1950s. “Her body is kind of that vintage body where she’s got boobs and curves and a little waist and hips. It’s so fun to dress,” says Wujek.

“Although her new movie covers the pain of her divorce from Russell Brand, Perry is doing fine,” says Wujek. “Regardless of her marriage and whatever, she’s in such a great place right now creatively and physically; she’s so fit and looking good. She’s just great.” So is Wujek, who’s stepping into the limelight by joining the cast of “America’s Next Top Model.” He will be a creative consultant for the CW reality contest hosted by Tyra Banks. Wujek describes his job as mentoring and coaching the contestants and sharing with them his experience from years in the fashion side of the entertainment business. “I’m kind of like the nicest one on the show,” he says with a laugh. “If they wanted me to be harsher than I am, that’s not me. “Obviously, I’m from Michigan. We’re nice people.”



Former ND student, Johnny Wujek, with Katy Perry at Bondi Blonde’s Style Mansion party.

Upcoming Events

First Ever ND Alumni Fowling Tournament - Sunday, November 11, 2012

The Fowling Warehouse, Detroit, MI

Complete details are on our web site: www.friendsofnotredame.com

Annual Alumni Hockey Game - Wednesday, December 26, 2012

TBD

Complete details will be released sometime in November.

Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament - March 2013

De La Salle BRAC

Complete details will be released sometime in December or January.

Alumni Softball Tournament - SPRING 2013

Total Sports in Harrison Twp, MI

Complete details will be released in the Spring edition of the Leprechaun

2nd Annual Fr. John Bryson Memorial Golf Outing - Friday, June 28, 2013

Sycamore Hills Golf Club, Macomb, MI

Complete details will be released in the Winter edition of the Leprechaun

Fightin' Irish News

The Muggs Wrap Up tour of Europe

Tony DeNardo '90 and Danny Methric '90 were best buddies in high school. Their friendship and shared passion for music led them to form The Muggs - one of the Midwest's most popular blues-rock bands. In June, The Muggs wrapped up a very successful tour of Europe where they toured Spain for the third time. They also toured France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland for the first time in promotion of their third full-length album, *Born Ugly*. The tour ran May 15 through June 18.



The Muggs with fan Manuel Costas González in Spain.

Bass-player, **Tony DeNardo '90**, has also released a solo album entitled *Kid Gloves* under the artist name DUDE. From DeNardo's biography, "Kid Gloves is an honest musical account that deals with Tony DeNardo's life, before and after his stroke. This collection of songs, some of which date back to 1996, are an autobiographical cross section of life through the eyes of a man who always had the greatest of ambitions."

For more information, please visit www.themuggs.com. Tony's CD's and MP3 Downloads are available for purchase at: <http://cdbaby.com/cd/dude32>



Congratulations to David Biondi '95! David married Abby Schnieders on May 6, 2012.

Congratulations to Eric Woodhouse '91!

Eric and his team - Team Heatwave/Detroit River Outdoors - entered the MOMC Walleye Tournament. Their five best fish totalled 30.25 pounds which was good for 5th place.



Congratulations to Dominic LaRocca '89! **Dominic** finished in first place in a World Poker Tour event at the Hard Rock Casino in Florida in May.

Congratulations to Charlie Langton '79! Charlie, of FOX 2 / WJBK television, won an Emmy on June 16, 2012 for investigative journalism for his story about Detroit dog fighting.



Congratulations to Danny Ryan '00! Danny married Aimee Altier on July 14, 2012.

Congratulations Reagan Myers! Reagan is the daughter of **Scott Myers '90**. Taking part in one of New Baltimore's long standing traditions, Reagan (center) got in the holiday spirit by decorating her bicycle in red, white and blue for the New Baltimore Memorial Day parade. This photo appeared on the front page of the Macomb Daily on Tuesday, June 1, 2012.



Congratulations Greg Stempin '97! Greg is a professional basketball player in Portugal. Greg led his team, FC Porto, to a 2nd place finish in the Portugese professional basketball league - LPB. Regarded as the best player in the league, he was named MVP of a first-round game in the playoffs with 31 points and 14 rebounds.

Congratulations Jeff Bultinck '06! Jeff was inducted into the Catholic High School League Hall of Fame on June 11, 2012 at the league's annual dinner at Fern Hill Country Club in Clinton Township. Jeff played college baseball at Madonna University.



DeLaSalle, Detroit King Student Summit Builds Rapport

Kelly '77 and Adams '77 Turn Ugly Incident Into Teachable Moment

This part of the Warren DeLaSalle-Detroit Martin Luther King summit was unplanned. Student-athletes from King wanted to show their visitors around their new school. They wanted to show the new bridge of goodwill extended beyond the 15 student leaders that worked to form a bond between the schools.

Immediately after their district basketball game, this wasn't the case. King students were angry and surprised at chants from the DeLaSalle student body during a basketball game. As students at Notre Dame, we were on the receiving end of many of those chants. It was a tradition in the Catholic League to try to offend your opponents with chants. The difference: both sides knew it was all in good fun as they tried to "one up" each other.

This time, the school on the receiving end was a member of the Detroit public School League. "We have a future" chanted the students section from DeLaSalle.



Brian Kelly '77 and Pat Adams '77

DeLaSalle athletic director, **Brian Kelly '77**, immediately admonished his student body during the game. School principal **Patrick Adams '77** asked for a meeting with King to formally apologize.

On Tuesday, March 27th, the meeting took place. And with that, fences were mended.

The relationship wasn't sealed with a signed document. It was sealed with King students Xavier Scott and Simon Scott hugging DeLaSalle football player and student council president Alex Issa. "I got to see a different side of how people thought about this," Issa said. "I appreciate it. I wanted this (meeting) to happen."

The key to the learning experience is follow through. The students from both schools said all the right things at the meeting, but if they don't follow through, it means

nothing.

And here's another interesting thing: one DeLaSalle student that attended the meeting was Derek Thornton of Detroit, who lives near King and was planning to attend Cass Tech. But he received some financial help, and is making a run at a better life. "I want it to be known we

are not all like that," said Thornton, a stand-out sprinter who plans to attend Central Michigan. "It (the chant) was not meant to be disrespectful," he said. "When they said (the chants), I said we've got a problem. Am I still a ghetto warrior because I go to another school? You cannot base who you are on where you go to school."

It was definitely a teaching moment. Deborah Jenkins, the principal at King, was glad the incident happened. She said it allowed her to stress to her students to stay in school, do their homework and stay out of trouble so they can have futures.

DeLaSalle students also said the chants were not meant to degrade the economic state of inner city students or to be racist.

They said they've repeated such chants as "Flip our burgers" and "You will work for us" to other mostly white and suburban schools.

Still, the end result of the ugly incident was the realization that ignorance and hatred can be corrected. "I wanted them to know how it felt when they said it," said Xavier Scott, who plays football. "It was hard. It stabbed me in the chest. They took the knife out. I really respected them for coming here and owning up to what they did. It felt like we formed a brotherhood." 🐾

Andiamo Changing Names, Going More Upscale

The Andiamo Restaurant Group's three premiere locations, including its Warren flagship, will be renamed and converted into upscale Italian steakhouses by early August, Andiamo founder and CEO **Joe Vicari '75** confirmed Tuesday. The new concept -- called Joe Vicari's Andiamo Italian Steakhouse -- will feature a wide selection of aged, high-quality steaks and chops, more fresh seafood choices and updated sides and salads, along with a core group of the traditional pasta dishes "that made us who we are today," Vicari said.

The new menus are tentatively scheduled to be unveiled August 6 in Warren, Dearborn and Bloomfield Township. Dining room renovations took place in Warren and Dearborn. The Bloomfield Township restaurant was remodeled three months ago, before we planned to change the menu," said Vicari. "But when we started thinking about it, we thought of our three premiere locations and thought (the steakhouse concept) would be good. And the excitement we've generated has been pretty good," he said.

The inspiration for the change was a meal he had last summer in the Tuscan countryside, he said. "We went to this great Italian steakhouse and said, 'This would be phenomenal in Detroit,' so we kept working on it, and that's how it evolved."

Increased competition in the Italian dining segment has increased since he opened the first Andiamo in 1990, he acknowledged, but that's not the main reason for the change. "Our No. 1 seller at Andiamo is our filet, so what we decided is to jump into it and give customers the best of both worlds -- all of our great Italian favorites they like, and give them an option if they're looking for selections of steak, oysters, fresh seafood."

Sourcing the meats has been a key part of the process, he said. Ground beef for the Andiamo Grande Meatball starter and the chopped steak, for example, will come from nationally known New York purveyor Pat LaFrieda. Pasture-raised veal and lamb will come from Wisconsin-based Strauss Brands. Steaks, such as a 32-ounce long-bone rib eye called the Andiamo Tomahawk, will be house-aged.

"We're dry-aging and wet-aging and getting 38 days of aging on our product," Vicari said. "We're going a little more in depth than some other places." Check averages at restaurants with the new concepts will go up, he said, "but our profits will probably go down because of the difference in ingredient costs," he said.

Vicari agreed that going more upscale runs counter to the trend at many other restaurants. But his experience opening Joe Muer Seafood at the Renaissance Center last September persuaded him he's making the right move. "We saw the success of Joe Muer's and looked at the size and what people are ordering. They're willing to pay a fair price if they're getting what they expect. That's what we're banking on. We're going to deliver what we're promising." 🐾

Source: *The Detroit News*

Borycz '89 Featured in Investigation Discovery TV Show

The strangulation slaying of an 84-year-old Warren man, and the ensuing police investigation, are the subject of the latest episode of *Nightmare Next Door* on the Investigation Discovery channel. For four months, the February 2010 killing of Charles Taylor remained a classic "whodunit," stumping seasoned Warren detective, **Kevin Borycz '89**. There were no witnesses to the slaying, and Warren detectives found no murder weapon and no strong evidence — until a DNA match.

Skin cells found on Taylor's hands and in the back pocket of the jeans he was wearing when his body was found in the hallway of his home, belonged to Paul Pozniak, a prison parolee with a long criminal record. The scientific evidence led to Pozniak's conviction for murder, although he claimed Taylor was his godfather and denied harming him.

Nightmare Next Door tackles homicide cases, typically in small towns and suburbs of large cities, in which law enforcers often identify multiple potential culprits or others that police believe might have a motive to kill before identifying and arresting prime suspects. "One of our researchers stumbled across this story while searching online newspaper archives. He could tell right away that the case was a true 'whodunit' and thought it would be a good fit for *Nightmare Next Door*. And he was right," said series producer Tracy Evans.

"Once in a while a case comes along that totally blows us away — where the killer really is the last person on Earth you would expect. This was one of those unique cases. Detectives looked high and low for months before figuring out who strangled Charles Taylor. And when they zeroed in on the killer, they couldn't believe that his own godson was 'the one,'" Evans said.

The Taylor episode of *Nightmare Next Door* first aired July 15. Encore airings followed. The episode features detailed interviews with Warren police detectives Robert Eidt and Kevin Borycz '89, the lead investigators on the case.

The slaying inside Taylor's home on Blackmar Street near 10 Mile and Mound roads, his family's tearful plea to the public for tips to help investigators, and court proceedings were reported by The Macomb Daily, including Pozniak's sentence last year to life in prison without chance of parole.

Last January, the show's producers and a three-man technical crew interviewed reporter Norb Franz at the newspaper's offices about the slaying; the investigation that frustrated detectives when they lacked solid suspects and strong evidence; the DNA information that was key to solving the case; Pozniak's arrest; and the alibi he offered to a jury in Macomb County Circuit Court that didn't believe him. ❄️



Kevin Borycz '89

Source: Macomb Daily

Pete Klein '61 Continues Vampire Series of Books

Real vampires come alive and it's all thanks to God who created vampires with a little help in the new novel - *And God Created Vampires* by **Pete Klein '61**. Forget about vampires who apologize for being vampires and wish they weren't. Forget about efforts to find ways to satisfy their need for blood but not kill humans to get it. Forget all the fantasy and meet some real vampires - if you dare.

A vampire like no other, *And God Created Vampires* continues the tale of the vampire Mary Hoffman, aka Erica, the Dancing Valkyrie, who fights to protect her club and her girls from mobsters who want to control her and her club - or kill her if she resists.



Pete Klein '61

But Mary's problems are not limited to just the mob. Questions are raised and need to be solved. Because of all the killings she has done to protect herself and her human friends, plus get the blood she needs, she finds herself under suspicion by both the FBI and CIA. Complicating her problems with law enforcement, she finds herself questioning her vampire friends. Is one or more of them out to kill her?

Other issues needing to be resolved are the humans she has befriended and allowed to know her true vampire nature. Their demands on her time and sexual favors have put her at risk from both humans and vampires, causing her to wonder if she should kill them all just so she can lead the unfettered life of a vampire she needs to live.

Allbooks Review (www.allbookreviews.com) reviewer Bob Medak said of the first book in the series - *The Dancing Valkyrie*, "Mary might be an avenging angel from God; or she might be something else. Follow the story of Mary as she comes to terms with being a vampire and her role in the life of humans and vampires that walk among us in this tale, while appearing as much human as any other human. I would recommend this book as a good read, especially for those that read vampire stories. You will be pleasantly surprised by Mary and her friends. This is an above average book and should be on your reading list. If eriticism is not to your liking, there may be parts of this story that are not for you."

"I wanted to expand the vampire tale by developing vampires, not demons, created by God for whatever reason God might want to create vampires. They would have to be of flesh and blood. They would have to be a unique creature not yet captured or studied by humans. Mary was the result, a vampire more deadly than any vampire I have read about in books or seen in movies" Klein said.

The novel is listed in *Bowker's Books In Print*, *Ingram's* database in the US; and is already available online at *Amazon* and *Barnes & Noble*. Pete Klein is a reporter and author of vampire fiction and Adirondack hiking guides. Pete Klein can be reached at 518-648-0104. Website: <http://www.petekleinvampires.com> ❄️

1st Annual Fr. Bryson Memorial Golf Outing

The first annual Fr. John Bryson Memorial Golf Outing took place on June 22, 2012 at Sycamore Hills Golf Club. With 50 participants, it was a huge success! Please mark your calendars for next year's golf outing. It is scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2013. We'd like to reach 100 participants next year.

We would like to thank all who participated in making this event a success. Special thanks to Jim DeWinter '87, the golf outing chair. The outing was Jim's idea and he stepped up to plan and run the entire outing. We would also like to thank all of the sponsors: Tom Somyak '76, Joe Heilig '89, Jim Carnegie and the Cattle Herders of '67, Tom Jenkins '97 and Second Glance Resale Shop, Philip Sauve '85, John McCabe '63, Patrick Stieber '92 and Allied Signs Inc., Jim '00, Joey '04, and Jeff '06 Riehl and Jim Riehl's Friendly Automotive Group, Jim Mandl '66, Rich Adamo '89 and Adamo Demolition, Ricky Winowiecki '04 and the Ann Arbor T-Shirt Company, Frank Guastella '70 and Franklin Golf, Gary Wilson '60, Sean Moran '89, Jeff Bruss '99 and Stewart and Bruss, P.C., and Friends of Notre Dame High School, Inc.



In Memoriam

Eugene Boylan - Class of 1959

Remembered as a dedicated family man who made long lasting friendships, Eugene was dedicated to his business, loved life and his family, and was an eternal optimist. He always made people laugh and feel good about themselves. "He was a selfless man and now he can be with his daughter Liane whom he loved so much," said his son Jim. "Gene loved life and lived it with a wide open heart," said his wife Diane. Gene passed suddenly while in Florida on Tuesday April 17th, 2012. Gene was born November 8th, 1941 the second of four other siblings. He married Diane Cali August 29th, 1965 at Holy Family Church in Detroit. He is survived by his wife Diane Boylan, son Jim Boylan, sisters Pat Sanford and Barbara Crocker, brothers Dennis Boylan and brother Francis Boylan, and many nieces and nephews. Please send donations to: Holy Cross Children's Services 8759 Clinton Macon Rd. Clinton, MI 49236.



John Sedrowski - Class of 1973

Age 56, of Richmond, died April 22, 2012. He was born June 8, 1955 in Detroit to Stanley and Dolores Sedrowski. He married Darlene Duncan on September 8, 1976 in Detroit. John retired from the Army after 22 years of service. He enjoyed hydroplane racing and was a diehard Red Wings fan. John belonged to the Moose Lodge in Richmond, the Detroit River Regatta Association, the H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Association and the VFW men's auxiliary in St. Clair Shores. He is survived by his wife, Darlene; children, John "Jay" Sedrowski II and Adam Sedrowski; his mother, Dolores Sedrowski; siblings, Pat (Tim) Trombly, Tim (Cindy) Sedrowski and Steve (Veronica) Sedrowski and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Sedrowski and in-laws, Dencil and Burl Duncan.

Thomas Ostin - Class of 1970

Age 59, a retired lieutenant with the Clinton Township Police Department with 25 years of dedicated service. He passed away quietly at home April 30, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born September 17, 1952 in Detroit. Tom took pride in his home on the lake. He enjoyed boating and spending time with family and friends. He was a proud member of the Clinton Township Police Honor Guard and St. Vincent de Paul. He is survived by his wife Janet; children Terri, Robert, Lindsay, and Zachary; grandchildren Peyton and Jacob. He is survived by his mother Bernadine Ostin; siblings Mark (Kim) and Susan Carroll; brother-in-law to Christopher (Mary) Goike, Judy (Edward) Skrzycki, Jill (Jeffrey) Valley, and Jody (Anthony) Bertoni. He is survived and loved by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Edward. Memorials to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul would be appreciated.



Frank Harla - Class of 1968

Age 61, passed May 22, 2012. Loving husband of Rose; dear father of Brad and Kevin; brother of Jan (Gasper) Novara and James (Nancy) Harla. Frank is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Patrick Ryan - Class of 1963

Age 66, of Auburn Hills, May 25, 2012; born July 20, 1945 in Detroit, to Joseph Patrick Ryan Sr. and Bernice May Ryan nee Zelany. Pat attended primary school at Our Lady Queen of Peace, graduated from Notre Dame High School, went to John Carroll University, and received his Bachelor of Science from Wayne State University and his M.B.A. from Central Michigan University. General Motors-Chevrolet Motor Division, retiring with 37 years, as a Systems Analyst for Dealer Accounting; he was a Real Estate Agent for Earl Keim and a school bus driver, known as "Mr. Pat" for the Avondale School District; he was a member of the GM Men's Club, GM Men's Bowling League, Moose Lodge, V.P. of AFSCME Local Union for Avondale Transportation and Chippewa Valley School Board Treasurer. Husband and best friend of Sherry (Mabry); Special Dad to Jackie and Elaine Ryan, Laura Andrews, Pat Jr., Kristen Ryan, Sean Frailey and Courtney Frailey; Best Grandpers to Sean Geldhof and Jordan, Jessica and Jack Andrews; Best Papa to Derek Frailey and Layla Frailey Young; Loving brother of Joe Ryan, JoAnne Ryan, Lois (Blake) Poorman and the late Michael Ryan; Special brother-in-law of JoAnn and Lloyd Pemberton; predeceased by parents Joseph and Bernice Ryan; Pat will be missed by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins; especially his caregiver niece & nephew Judy Ballard and Larry Pemberton; Donations to Make a Wish Foundation of Michigan, 2300 Genoa Business Park Dr., Ste. 290, Brighton, MI 48114 would be greatly appreciated.

In Memoriam

Gerald R. Trombley - Class of 1960

Age 70, died peacefully at home Tuesday, June 19, 2012, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Theresa (Bouvier); his daughter, Kristin DeFosse and her husband, Kevin, of Worcester; two sons, Stephen Trombley and his wife, Liza, of Worcester and Michael Trombley and his wife, Melissa, of Northborough; his grandchildren, Adam and Katherine DeFosse, Owen and Camille Trombley, and Cy and Samone Trombley; his sisters, Jeanne Huggett, Ruth Spezia, and Carolyn Rutkowski, all of Michigan; and his brothers, Raymond Trombley of Tennessee and Ed Trombley and Roger Trombley of Michigan. He was predeceased by his sisters, Mary Ellen Cichon and Lois Szydle. Born and raised in Detroit, Gerry was the son of the late Raphael and Eleanor Trombley. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Boston College, and he worked as a social worker for the Town of Brookline for 37 years, retiring in 2007. Gerry was a longtime member of St. Rose of Lima Church in Northborough, where he taught religious education for more than 20 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and visiting his vacation homes in Wells, Maine and Hypoluxo, Florida. The family would like to thank UMass Memorial Hospice and dear friend Marsha Zindle for the compassionate care shown to Gerry during his illness. Memorial contributions may be made to Youth Ministries, P.O. Box 685, Northborough, MA 01532.



Terrence Chesney - Class of 1979

Age 50, of Columbus Twp., died June 22, 2012. He was born to the late Edward and Violet Chesney on December 1, 1961 in Grosse Pte. He was a master carpenter. He is survived by his beloved wife; Joan Chesney, children; Greg Chesney, Holly Chesney, Julia Chesney, and Jennifer Holland, grandson; Eli, brother; Dean Chesney. He was preceded in death by brother; Christopher Chesney. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Extended Family

Doris Yata, grandmother of **Jim '00, Joe '04, and Jeff '06 Riehl**, passed away on August 3, 2012.
Luca Rafael Paonesa, the 4 year old son of **Paul Paonesa '90** passed away on July 21, 2012.
Rose Caducci, Mother of **John Carducci '60**, passed away on July 20, 2012.
Pablo Castañeda, father of **Philip Castañeda '87 & Gerard Castañeda '94** passed away on June 15, 2012.
Addison Puma, daughter of **Vince Puma '92 & Melissa (Wargo) Puma**. Passed away on her fifth birthday (6-9-2012) after a courageous 9-month battle with brain cancer.
Shirley DeCoopman, wife of the late **Thomas DeCoopman, Sr. '60** & mother of **Thomas DeCoopman, Jr. '81** passed away June 8, 2012.
Antonia Soave, mother of **Benedict Soave '68** passed away June 5, 2012.
Judith Chrzanowski, mother of **Charlie Lehman '97 & Ben Lehman '99**, stepmother of **Brandon Chrzanowski '99 & Christopher Chrzanowski '99** passed away on June 4, 2012.
Thomas Karakeka, father of **Michael Karakeka '00 & Thomas Karakeka '97** passed away on May 29, 2012.
John Barzyk, brother of **James Barzyk '84** passed away on May 29, 2012.
Lucille Barrett, grandmother of the late **Brian Barrett '97** passed away on May 28, 2012.
Tom Zalewski, father of **David Zalewski '87 & Michael Zalewski '92** passed away on May 21, 2012.
Albert Stragier, father of **Gary Stragier '76** passed away on May 15, 2012.
Eileen Cilli, stepmother of **Don Cilli '90** passed away on May 14, 2012.
Betty Bultinck, mother of **Jerry Bultinck '62**, grandmother of **Matt '01, Jeff '06**, mother-in-law of **Paul Olinzock '78** passed away on May 14, 2012.
Joseph Bolus, father of **Joseph Bolus '67** passed way on May 12, 2012.
Sophia Elizabeth Edge, 2-year-old daughter of **Brian Edge '96** passed away on May 11, 2012.
Arthur Neate, father of **Edward Neate '68** passed away on May 10, 2012.
Edward Wilt, father of the late **John Wilt '76** passed away on May 9, 2012.
Louis Amateis, father of **David Amateis '75** passed away on April 28, 2012
Mary Ann Karle, mother of **Christopher Karle '79** passed away on April 26, 2012.
Joan Sloan, mother of **Thomas Sloan '87** passed away on April 20, 2012.
Concezio Quagliato, father of **Anthony Quagliato '85** passed away on April 18, 2012.
Gail Gorniak, mother of **Robert Gorniak '84** passed away on April 17, 2012.
Arnold "Arnie" Lawrence Klott, father of **Brian Klott '82, Jeff Klott '83 and Scott Klott '88** passed away on April 15, 2012.
Robert Goltz, father of the late **Daniel Goltz '67** passed away on April 15, 2012.
Angeline DeCoster, mother of **Douglas DeCoster '65** passed away on April 10, 2012.
Frank Zuckero, father of **David Zuckero '75 & Frank Zuckero '83** passed away on April 9, 2012.
Thomas Kilbride, brother of **Bernard Kilbride '65 & Ronald Kilbride '66** passed away on April 8, 2012.
John Rollins, father of **Daryl Rollins '68** passed away on April 3, 2012.
Stephen Yuhase, father of **Stephen Yuhase '64** passed away on April 2, 2012.
Mary Zora Chakel, mother of **James Chakel '64** passed away on March 28, 2012.
Dennis J. Paluzzi, father of **Nick Paluzzi '97** passed away on March 22, 2012.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1963

50-year reunion weekend is being planned for September 2013

Tentative plans:

Saturday dinner at Greektown Casino

Sunday morning mass

Detroit Tigers game

Reunion Committee:

John McCabe (586) 822-5153

Don Herman (586) 781-0220

Class of 1965

50-year reunion in 2015

TBD

The committee is looking for up-to-date e-mail addresses and contact information.

Reunion Committee:

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For up-to-date reunion info, please visit our web site:

www.friendsofnotredame.com

Class of 1972

40-Year Reunion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

Gino's Surf & Banquet Center

7:00 p.m. to Midnight

\$50.00 per person

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2012

GOLF OUTING

Cherry Creek Golf Club

\$50.00 per golfer (includes cart)

1:00 p.m. & 19th Hole Clubhouse after golf

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

ALUMNI FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

Stony Creek Metro Park • Noon to Dusk

Please bring your own food & refreshments

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

TIGERS OUTING - LABOR DAY

Comerica Park • 1:05 p.m. game start time

Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game.

Followed by gathering at Greek Town

Casino (optional).

Email John Berra at

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357-3926 for more information.

Reunion Committee:

Class of 1986

30-Year Reunion

Will be planning a 30-year reunion for 2016.

Class of 1987

25-Year Reunion

Red Ox Tavern

Saturday, August 11, 2012

4:30pm - ??

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Interested in forming a reunion committee for your class?

E-mail Jim Mandl '90

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Please Pray For...

Doreen Vermiglio, long-time staff member at Notre Dame High School. From 1972 - 2005, Doreen served as secretary to principal, Bill Raymond and to athletic director, Joe Spada. She also ran the school bookstore. Doreen is the mother of ***Ken Vermiglio '71*** and ***John Vermiglio '87***, and the mother-in-law of ***Joseph Connolly '71***. Doreen is recovering from some medical issues and appreciates your prayers.

Norman Kotarski, a long-time educator at Notre Dame. Norm appreciates your continued thoughts and prayers as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

Marne Housey, wife of ***Michael Housey '84***. Marne was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in June of 2011. The tumor was successfully removed and Marne is undergoing chemotherapy to ensure that the tumor does not return.

Please keep ***Paul Baeckeroot '61*** in your prayers. He recently underwent major surgery. Please also remember his wife, Marie. She is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for a brain tumor.

A Special Thank You!

On Thursday, August 2nd, the topic on 97.1 FM (Detroit's sports talk radio station) was institutions that close, yet the traditions are carried on by the people who were involved with the institutions. Someone called in and talked about the Friends of Notre Dame, Inc. Who ever you are, we appreciate it and thank you! It was the ultimate compliment to what we do!

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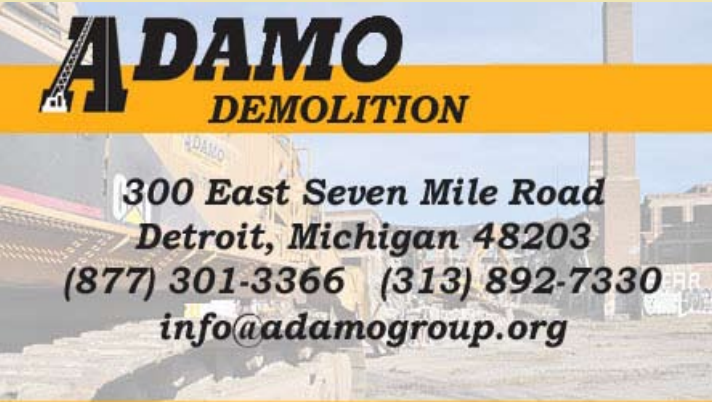
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