

# Alumni News

Saint Philip Catholic Central High School

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**A secret donor...**



**...a special mission**

## BCACS Foundation's \$100,000 challenge

The BCACS Foundation recently received a \$100,000 match challenge opportunity from a family foundation that wishes to remain anonymous. This opportunity was presented to demonstrate their strong belief in Catholic schools and to encourage others to support Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools. The matching grant is to help complete the 2016 Annual Fund Drive. Every new gift will be matched dollar for dollar so \$10 becomes \$20, \$50 becomes \$100, \$500 becomes \$1000. Gifts received between now and April 30th are eligible for this match.

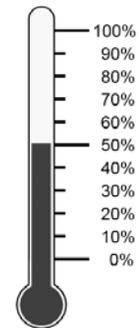
This wonderful gift was announced as our schools kicked off National Catholic Schools Week! Thank you, in advance, for teaming up with us to make this \$100,000 match a reality for our Catholic schools. Share this great news with your family and friends. Together we will meet this challenge!

***We are halfway there, but we need your help.***

We are at nearly 50% of our \$100,000 match goal with over \$49,000 in new gifts. This is such a blessing for our Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools.

**Let's keep this going!**

Any gifts received before April 30th are eligible for this matching gift. For more information contact, Louanne McIntyre at (269) 963-4771 or [lmcintyre@bcacs.org](mailto:lmcintyre@bcacs.org).



**Also in this issue:** Homecoming 2015 ~ Distinguished Alumni ~ Hall of Fame ~ Tracking Today's Tigers ~ 2015 Alumni Donor List ~ Smiles & Milestones ~ Honoring the Class of 1965 ~ Alumni Basketball Tournament ~ Classmates & Class Acts ~ Upcoming events and reunions ~ **and much, much more!**

# ALUMNI'S GUIDE TO WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN & WHY

TAKE A LOOK WITH YOUR CALENDAR BOOK

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF



1926, 1931, 1936, 1941 1946,  
1956, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1981,  
1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 AND 2011



WHEN DO YOU WANT TO "REUNION"?

## REUNION ROLLCALL

**Class of 1951's 65th Reunion**  
the weekend of  
**September 17, 2016**

Contact Vern Herzing  
vjherzing@aol.com  
269-963-6101

**Class of 1966's 50th Reunion**  
for more information

Contact Anne (Burke) Norlander  
annenorlander@hotmail.com  
269-967-1977

**Class of 1986's 30th Reunion**  
the weekend of  
**September 17, 2016**

Contact Audra (Cutsinger) Gapinski  
audragap@gmail.com  
312-813-8609

27th Annual  
**Michael J. Hume**  
**BIG RED OPEN**

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

BINDER PARK GOLF COURSE

Contact Mary Rabbitt to register  
mrabbitt@bcacs.org ~ 269.963.4503

Is your class turning 25, 30, 35, 40, 45,  
50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100?

Come Celebrate on Cherry Street

**STP Birthday**  
**Block Bash**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016**

Visit Saint Philip Alumni Association on  
Facebook for more information.

JOIN YOUR STP FAMILY  
**HOMEcoming 2016**

The Fighting Tigers take on the  
Burr Oak Bobcats at 1:30 p.m.

Homecoming Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Cocktails and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

◁ The 7th ▷  
**Annual Alumni**  
**Basketball Tournament**

SHEILA GUERRA TIGER DEN GYMNASIUM

**NOVEMBER 26, 2016**

Contact Nick Buckley, Class of 2003  
nbuckley@battlecreekenquirer.com

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You are welcome to visit  
your alma mater whenever  
life brings you to  
Battle Creek!

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Saint Philip Alumni  
Association

*Celebrating a Century of Education*

**ST. PHILIP CATHOLIC**  
**CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

1917 - 2017

**Calling the Class of 1974**

Plan to celebrate your  
**60th Birthday**  
Birthday Block Bash

**June 17, 2016**

For information contact:

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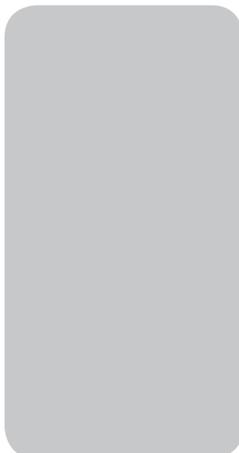
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Connie (Cole) Burland  
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CLASS REUNIONS \* ENGAGEMENTS

STP ALUMNI  
SMILES AND  
MILESTONES

\* HOLIDAY PARTIES \* WEDDINGS \* ANNIVERSARIES \* SPECIAL MOMENTS



**[top left]** Sara (Okos), Class of 2001, and Matthew Evan Krosin were united in marriage on October 17, 2015 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**[center]** Erin (Hayes), Class of 2003, and Elliott Ure, Class of 2004, were united in marriage on October 10, 2015 at St. Philip Roman Catholic Church.

**[bottom right]** Makai, three years old, Amelia, two months old, and Amyah, nine years old, and are the children of Quincy and Amanda (Oliver) Bozell, Class of 2003.

**[top right]** Nadina (Williams), Class of 2005, and David Barrett were united in marriage on October 9, 2015 at St. Philip Roman Catholic Church.

**[bottom left]** Olivia Grace was born on November 11, 2015 (Veteran's Day). She is the daughter of Jenna and Tom Leiter, Class of 2004.



# TRACKING TODAY'S TIGERS



***"These few days, I grew up with a lot of my classmates."***

*~Julia Slattery~*

***"It was nice to spend so much time with my classmates before we go off to college."***

*~Patrick Sprague~*

***"I liked to see the different sides of my classmates."***

*~Emily Forche~*

## Class of 2016 and a STP tradition: Notre Dame Senior Retreat

BY: JULIA SLATTERY

Theology teacher Mr. Dan McNally, and Senior Class Advisor Miss Katie Reed, Class of 2000, led the Class of 2016 on the annual retreat to the University of Notre Dame in November. Many retreat traditions hold true today as they have for decades.

Once settled, the retreat began with the celebration of Mass. Though the congregation was quite small, the Mass was really beautiful.

The scavenger hunt is the ideal way to discover what Notre Dame's campus has to offer. This year's class divided up into small groups, each with a list of places and people to find. Once located, the group took a "selfie." The group with the most creative "selfie" earned extra points. Miss Reed shared a previous year's encounter which included being on the football field. This year, two groups had a special treat...a visit and "selfie" in the locker room!

The highlight was the candle lighting ceremony. We were asked the familiar question: "In whom do you see the light of Christ?" One-by-one we walked to the front, lit a candle, and told classmates in whom we saw the light of Christ. Some shared happy stories while others shared sad ones. Each was meaningful in its own way. Finally, we shared a silent walk to the grotto and placed our candles in candle holders.

The retreat was filled with seriousness, however, we did have our share of fun. On

the way back to the dorm, we got locked outside. After a few minutes standing in the cold, Evan went through a window to get inside. It was pretty funny to watch his "prowess" so he could unlock the door for us. We also played games as a class. The first day a majority of us played a scream game. Miss Reed also had a game of charades based on memories we shared as a class. It was heartwarming to see people act out their charade...everyone fainting in church, Morgan bringing a cow to school, Kellyn putting Stephen in "his place" in class, and a couple stories best left unsaid, but still funny.



## SENIORS SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT



Brendan Gausselein signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Kalamazoo College. Pictured left to right are Randi May, Brendan, his mother Patrice, uncle Kevin Maher, brother Conor, travel coach, Tom Sharpley, father Gerard and fellow classmate Trevor Searls.



Faith Guzzo signed to swim for Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. Faith competed through the co-op program with Battle Creek Central High School. Faith is pictured with her mother Helen and father Ed. Also pictured are athletic director Vicky Groat, assistant coach Dianne Smith, sister Sarah Guzzo, and head coach Rob Brownell.



Abby McKinzie signed her National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Virginia Tech University. Abby is pictured with members of the St. Philip Varsity Volleyball team.

# TRACKING TODAY'S TIGERS



## CROSS COUNTRY

Our Lady Tigers were the SCAA Conference Co-Champions with Hillsdale Academy. They were the runner up at the Regional Meet and qualified as a team for the State Finals at Michigan International Speedway. Ava Streng and Riley Rutherford both achieved All State honors. The girls' team was also the runner up at the Class D Championship held in Shepherd, Michigan. Ava broke her own school record. It now stands at 18:02. The boys finished in third place in the SCAA Conference. Three

of the guys qualified for the State Finals at MIS. They are: Jack Greenman, Drew Lantinga and Kenny Wojcik.

Runners earning All City honors: Ava Streng, Riley Rutherford, Jack Greenman and Kenny Wojcik. Ava and Jack were first place finishers in the All City Meet held at Harper Creek High School. Runners earning All Conference honors: Ava Streng, Riley Rutherford, Madi Elliott, Meagan Casterline, Jack Greenman, Drew Lantinga, Kenny Wojcik.



## FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Coach David Downey for being named as All-City Football Coach of the Year!

Downey led St. Philip to a 9-0 regular season, ending the year at No. 2 in the final Associated Press rankings of the season in 8-player football. Along the way, the Tigers also won the Southern Michigan 8-Man Football League title. But once the playoffs started, that's where St. Philip really impressed. Three straight games with 50-plus points, including wins over defending state champ Lawrence in the second round and

Deckerville in the state semifinals. Downey and St. Philip advanced all the way to the state championship game at Greenville's Legacy Field before they lost in the final to No. 1-ranked Powers North Central, 58-33 to end the season at 12-1.

Downey is joined on the All-City team by seven St. Philip players, including Noah Ellinger, Drew Lantinga, Omar Gaona, Trevor Searls, David Downey, Brendan Gaussein and Brayden Darr. Evan Hanna and Grayson Obey received Honorable Mention. [Battle Creek Enquirer]



## VOLLEYBALL

St. Philip played in its 15th straight Class SD state championship on Saturday at Kellogg Arena, but the Fighting Tigers' streak of consecutive titles came to an end at the hands of Leland. Leland proved to be too much in a tightly-contested championship match, earning a 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-23) victory. The Fighting Tigers finished their season 46-17-2 overall. Leland, which was the last team to beat St. Philip in the Finals back in 2006, finished 48-7-4 overall.

"Some day they will look back on this and say we did some amazing things this year," Coach Vicky Groat said. "Leland is a great team and we got beat by a better team today. But no shame. I'm proud of them. I'm proud of this team. Fifteen years in a row, St. Philip

volleyball has been in the state finals. You can't take that away from us."

St. Philip senior outside hitter Abby McKinzie was named first team All-State; St. Philip junior defensive specialist Kameron Haley earned second team All-State; and St. Philip senior outside hitter Morgan Luoma earned third team All-State. St. Philip senior middle hitter Anna Lehouiller received Honorable Mention. Groat coached St. Philip to a league title and the program's 15th consecutive state finals appearance. She is joined on the All-City squad by four of her St. Philip players in Kameron Haley, Anna Lehouiller, Morgan Luoma and Abby McKinzie. [Battle Creek Enquirer]

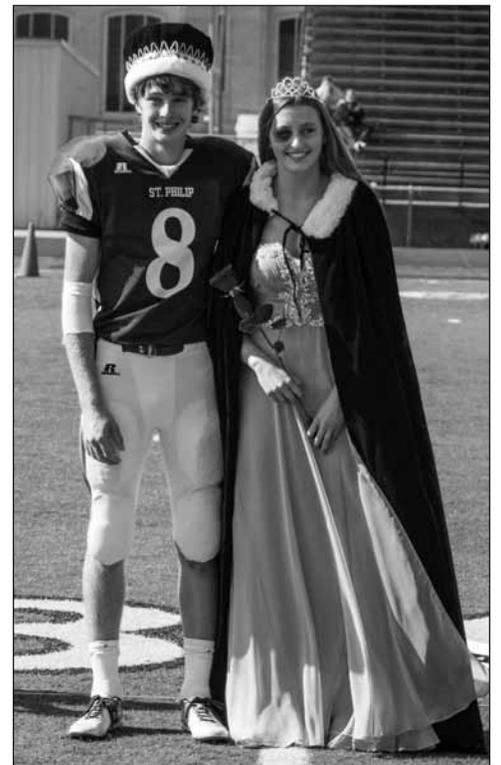


## SOCCER

Soccer is a co-op sport with Calhoun Christian, the team was 10-4-2 for the season. Standouts, David Downey and Omar

Gaona were named to the 2015 All-Enquirer Boys' Soccer Team. Wade McIntyre received Honorable Mention.

# HOME COMING 2015



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# HOMECOMING 2015



Members of the Class of 1955

[l. to r.] Amy Bauman,  
Class of 1977, and  
Nancy Brown, Class of  
1954



## WARM WORDS & A WARM WELCOME HOME



Distinguished Alumnus John Walker,  
Class of 1960, addresses his fellow alumni.

Father Fedewa [left] and Distinguished Alumnus Al Bell, Class of  
1965, address Alumni at the Homecoming dinner.



Members of the Class of 1944



Members of the Class of 1960

## JOHN WALKER, CLASS OF 1960

John was nominated by classmate, Patty (Bogosoff) Perry. Patty cited his long-term commitment and service with the Lions Club for his nomination as distinguished alumni.

Graduating high school with Honors, John was an honor student all four years. He played varsity football and earned All-State Honorable Mention in 1959. He played baseball for two years and was junior varsity basketball manager for four years. John shared, "The solid academic background and participation in athletics taught me the value of hard work, determination and goal setting."

Following high school, John earned his Associate of Arts Degree from Kellogg Community College. He graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He holds a Master of Arts, School Administration from the University of Michigan and Educational Specialist, Curriculum Development from Michigan State University. John retired from teaching after a 35-year career. He last served as principal at St. Matthew School in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

John has been a member of the Sterling Heights Lions Club since 1982. He has held many offices within the association, including club president, council chair, zone chair, region chair, cabinet secretary/treasurer, and district governor. John was appointed to a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs in 2001. He was involved in the Lions Club International Campaign Sight First which raised \$1.8 million. He currently serves as U.S. Constitutional Area Leader of the Global Leadership Team. John and his wife, Karen, have two children, Michael and Jennifer and three grandchildren. They currently reside in Surprise, Arizona where they are both members of the Lions Club.

## AL BELL, CLASS OF 1965

Al was nominated, collectively, by eleven of his classmates who shared, "Al is a man of integrity, compassion, love and devotion to family, friends, strangers, those in need, his community and his St. Philip Parish community."

Following high school, Al served in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Okinawa for four years. While in the military he earned two associates degrees. Al graduated with High Honors with a Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting from Davenport University in 1997...at the age of 50! He has held several positions in accounting and management including the Battle Creek Housing Commission, RW Snyder, Kellogg's and Pharmacia. Following God's call, Al was ordained a Deacon in 2002. He has served at St. Catherine of Siena in Kalamazoo and presently serves at St. Philip Church.

Al is on the Kalamazoo Diocese Finance Council, serves on the board of the BCACS Foundation, the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the St. Philip Parish Council. At St. Philip, he is a youth minister, lector and Eucharistic minister. He recently developed and coordinates a bi-weekly prayer group for parishioners.

Al's service to his community spans from restructuring the needs assessment process for St. Vincent DePaul, to developing the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program at St. Catherine of Siena, to coordinating a relief response between Battle Creek and the St. Vincent DePaul in Pensacola, Florida for those affected by Hurricane Ivan.

Al and his wife, Barbara, have five children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. They reside in Battle Creek.

## VICKY GROAT, CLASS OF 1985

Vicky was nominated by Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt, Class of 1974. In her nomination Mary shared, "Vicky has given her all for St. Philip. During a very sad time in our school's history, Vicky stepped forward to help us to carry on. And, she is steadfast in her support for the students, staff and families. Vicky defines "St. Philip" and sets the example of "service" for today's students."

During high school, Vicky played on three state championship volleyball teams earning All-City in basketball and volleyball. Following high school, Vicky attended Kellogg Community College where she played basketball and volleyball. In 1989, Vicky graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. Her career began at Behnke Trucking, eventually moving in to the retail management field.

Following her mother's tenure, Vicky became the St. Philip Varsity Volleyball Coach in 1998. Continuing as the head coach today, she has coached ten state championship teams, six state runners up and two district championship teams. (In all, St. Philip holds twenty state volleyball titles!)

Vicky served as the director of student services from 2006-2008. She accepted the position of athletic director in 2009 and continues to serve in that capacity. Vicky accepted the call to serve as interim principal at St. Philip Catholic Central High School in December 2014.

She is involved in numerous boards related to high school athletics in Michigan. She is the chairperson of the Michigan Volleyball Individual Academic All-State Selection Committee. Vicky also serves on the Michigan Volleyball Coaches Association and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Vicky was voted the 2015 Class D Volleyball Coach of the Year. In the 2015 Detroit Free Press "Best Coach of the Year" opinion poll, Vicky made it to the "Elite Eight," getting past Scotty Bowman (Red Wings) and John Beilein (University of Michigan) before losing to Mark Dantonio (Michigan State University).

Vicky is married to Mike Groat. They have one son, Blake, who graduated from St. Philip in 2015. They reside in Battle Creek.



[l. to r.] John Walker, Vicky Groat and Al Walker



[l. to r.] Mike Leifeld,  
Ted Fitzgerald and St.  
Philip Athletic Director  
Vicky Groat.

## TED FITZGERALD

Ted Fitzgerald graduated from Hastings High School in 1972. He competed in track (receiving four varsity letters), football (receiving two varsity letters) and basketball (also receiving two varsity letters). Ted was voted the Most Valuable Player for varsity football and basketball. He was the captain of his freshman, junior varsity and varsity football teams. Ted earned All-Conference Honors in both football and basketball and was named Hastings High School “Athlete of the Year” in 1972. During high school, he also served as president of the Varsity Club.

Following high school, Ted graduated with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Western Michigan University. He devoted twenty-five years to teaching Health and Physical Education. Twenty-four of those years were at the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools teaching at the elementary, middle and high school levels. While at BCACS he also coached freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball for seventeen years. In 2002, he led the Tigers varsity basketball team to victory in the regional finals.

Active in volunteerism at St. Philip, the projects that Ted helped to accomplish include: renovation of the old boys’ locker room, painting the gym and recapping of the old bleachers in the Tiger Den and maintenance at Walsh Field. Of course, Ted spent many a night volunteering at Bingo, as well!

Ted Fitzgerald was nominated by Ed Bauman and Marc Pessetti who expressed, “Ted is truly a Hall of Famer for St. Philip.”

## MIKE LEIFELD, CLASS OF 2003

During high school, Mike played football, basketball and baseball earning twelve varsity letters. During his senior year, Mike received All-State Honors in each of the three sports. In football, Mike set a career record for receptions, along with receiving yards and receiving touchdown records. Mike set St. Philip basketball career records in both scoring and steals. He was second for assists. In baseball, he had a .411 baseball batting average. Mike was awarded the U.S. Army National Scholar Award. Mike credits his coaches, teammates and especially his parents who guided him and supported his interest in athletics and encouraged his competitive drive.

Mike graduated from Kalamazoo College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. His success in athletics continued throughout his college career. He was a 4-year starting shortstop on the Kalamazoo College Baseball Team and a 3-year starting wide receiver on the football team. Mike holds the record for the fourth most receptions in Kalamazoo College history.

Mike is a former writer for the Battle Creek Enquirer. He is a substitute teacher and tutor while continuing his employment with Firekeepers Casino. His athletic endeavors continue as a professional disc golfer.

Mike was nominated by Marc Pessetti and David Downey who regard Mike as one of St. Philip’s finest athletes.

## Finding 'hope' in Uganda

This past November my husband, Mark, and I had the opportunity travel throughout the country of Uganda for several weeks. We were there to visit with our good friend, Christine, who was working in Uganda with an organization called AKA Hope. Its mission is to support street children and orphans living in the slums of Uganda's capital city, Kampala. Since Mark and I are both alumni of St. Philip, we partnered with St. Philip students in the Interact Club, as well as the Rotary Club of Battle Creek. The Interact students were able to raise an incredible amount of school supplies that we packed in several giant duffle bags and took with us on the trip. During our trip, we spent a lot of time with the founder of the program, Claire, who is a native Ugandan. Claire grew up as an orphan. As a result, she truly has a passion for working to improve the lives of these children who are living in some of the worst situations in the country. The look on Claire's face when we presented her with the school supplies was priceless. She could not believe that young people from so far away cared so much about her organization and the children of Kampala.

We were able to visit one of the 'slum' neighborhoods of Kampala called Naguru where Claire and her counterparts

have found children living on the streets. Many of them are refugees from Sudan, Congo, or other nearby countries experiencing conflicts or have left abusive homes. Claire is a social worker by training and has built a foster care-like system within the Naguru community and was able to place these children in safe homes. The foster families do not receive any kind of compensation for taking care of the children in their homes, but they do it anyway. Visiting these families was one of the most emotionally difficult parts of the trip for me, but I am so glad that we had the opportunity to meet a few of those incredible people. Claire told us that about 30,000 people live in Naguru in terrible conditions, with no sewage system, electricity, or running water. The government of Uganda has announced that they will be demolishing this area by 2017. This prompted the need for AKA Hope to find a way to relocate the children and some of their guardians. They were able to purchase a building in the beautiful city of Fort Portal. As of February, they have moved all 84 children and 10 adult guardians nearly 200 miles away from Kampala.



That was no easy task and I admired the dedication and passion that I saw from everyone involved with the project. AKA Hope is always in need of support as it is extremely expensive to care for the children as they receive no assistance from the government. For more information, feel free to contact me, Lindsey Thomas, at [l.thomas22@live.com](mailto:l.thomas22@live.com) for more information. Mark and I love to travel, experience new places and cultures, and talk about it to anyone who is interested in listening!

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*Lindsey (Jusick) and Mark Thomas served in the Peace Corps, living in a rural village of about 15,000 people called Mmadinare in Botswana, Africa. While there, they worked with local counterparts to help support the national response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.*

BY: LINDSEY (JUSICK) THOMAS, CLASS OF 2001



## Akert appointed as a Kent County probate judge

Congratulations to T.J. (Terence J.) Ackert, Class of 1977, who was appointed as judge to the Kent County Michigan Probate Court, Family Law Division. Governor Rick Snyder made the appointment official in August, 2015, with a phone call to T.J. during which they reminisced a great deal about both of them growing up in Battle Creek at approximately the same time. T.J. and his wife, Mary Beth (Jereck), also a 1977 graduate of STP, have been living in Grand Rapids for many years. Mary has been happily

teaching elementary special education and art for over twenty of those years. Their three grown children (Erin, Caitlin and Danny) are spread from Minneapolis to New York City, pursuing awesome careers. They want to say "Hello!" to all of their fellow Tigers!

# CLASSMATES AND CLASS ACTS



## FROM CALHOUN COUNTY TO CENTRAL AMERICA

This summer, I journeyed to the country of Guatemala with a group called Operation Groundswell, which is based out of Canada. Operation Groundswell, or OG for short, has a base site in Guatemala, but they travel all over the world including South Africa, India, and Peru, just to name a few. I signed on for the Extreme program, not quite knowing what I was going to get myself into, but I knew from my previous experience volunteering that there was no way to deny this kind of opportunity. In high school, I was one of several students from St. Phil to be chosen by the Hands On organization to travel to New Mexico to volunteer. That experience opened my eyes to how other people in our own country live, as well as people from other cultures. Throughout high school, I was required to volunteer both by the National Honor Society and the school of St. Philip. Twenty hours were required yearly. However, I repeatedly went over those hours while I was working Habitat for Humanity with my grandfather, serving food at the Kellogg Foundation on Christmas, and ringing bells during the holiday season for Salvation Army. I enjoyed these volunteer hours because they were spent with family and friends doing things that make a difference, not only in our lives, but the lives of those that are directly and indirectly impacted as well. Seeing that impact is not only a feeling of massive accomplishment, but you are also receiving a feeling of solidarity with your fellow man. Understanding the impact that your actions have upon other people is something that was instilled in me at home and in school thanks to St. Philip and my family.

Social groupings like St. Philip and my family are a privilege to have, however this is one of the few privileges that can be found in any community. I found this to be true in Guatemala, just as it was in New Mexico, and at home. The people of Guatemala put their families first, and I learned a great deal from them during my time

there. In several different communities including Xela, La Paz, Lote Ocho, and throughout my trek in the Nebah area I was treated as another member of their family. Allowing strangers to stay in your home while they attempt to help your community is a very courageous thing to do. With little means of communication because of language barriers and lack of translators, the stay in the Mayan community of La Paz was eye opening to say the least. These people gave everything they had for us while we were there, receiving in return a small donation and our help creating a sustainable garden in their community center, as well as the privilege of participating in a few games of soccer with the gringos (us foreigners).

Being in Guatemala truly revealed to me the expansive nature of our world and humanity. Different areas of one country can reveal not only different scenery, but different people as well. I'm a changed man after this trip. Being exposed to the cultures and scenery has made me curious, as well as adventurous and I have gained a certain understanding of what it means to be a part of the human race, instead of the capitalist model of the United States.

I have written several of my journal entries down on other websites. Those go more into depth as to the people I met, the places that I saw, and the things that we did. Here is an example of one of my journal entries that Operation Groundswell has posted on their website. <http://operationgroundswell.com/guatemala/lote-ocho/>



BY:NICK REINCKE, CLASS OF 2012

# ALUMNI BASKETBALL 2015



## Team Luoma wins 6th Annual Alumni Hoops Tournament



Team Luoma with winning trophy



The 'Greatest Class Alive,' comprised of Class of 1975 and 1973 members, [below] won the 'Showin' Up Trophy' [above].

led by brothers Jay Luoma ('12) and Jack Luoma ('14), 'Team Luoma' won the championship at the sixth annual St. Philip Alumni Basketball Tournament held at Sheila Guerra Gymnasium on November 27.

The duo, along with teammates Bryan Schaub ('90), Brent Finnila ('14), Freddie Hallacy ('14) and Trenton Bartsch ('14), held on in the five-team double-elimination tournament with a 10-9 victory over Joe Zuk's All-Stars in the deciding contest.

Team Luoma went 3-1 on the day, opening with a 28-12 win over Joe Zuk's All-Stars and then advancing to the finals with a 37-23 victory over Halbert's Hoopers.

Joe Zuk's All-Stars went 3-2 in the tournament with wins over the Class of 2015 (40-27), The Greatest Class Alive -'75 (18-9) and Halbert's Hoopers (38-15) before forcing an 'if necessary' game

with a 21-19 win over Team Luoma. Halbert's Hoopers went 2-2, defeating the Class of 2015 (35-29) and Greatest Class Alive -'75 (23-17).

The 'Showin' Up Trophy,' donated by the late Ed Lawrence (Class of 1952), was once again awarded to 10 players of 'Greatest Class Alive,' comprised of nine 1975 graduates, as well as one 1973 graduate.

The event was made possible thanks to Nick Buckley, Class of 2003, Kathy Gallagher of the St. Philip Alumni Association, St. Philip High School principal/athletic director Vicky Groat and the student volunteers who officiated and ran the scoreboard.

The 2016 St. Philip Alumni Basketball Tournament is scheduled for November 26, 2016. Interested? Contact Nick Buckley for more details at [buckley@battlecreek-enquirer.com](mailto:buckley@battlecreek-enquirer.com)



# REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

## IN MEMORIAM

*The following members of the STP Family have passed from this life to the next. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We extend our sincere condolences to their loved ones.*

Agnes (Karas) Tari Way, Class of 1941  
Corine (Secord) Norburg, Class of 1949  
Julie (Lemm) Saye, Class of 1950  
Charles Nelson, Class of 1951  
Edwin Page, Class of 1951  
Mary Ann (Jersey) Fillis, Class of 1952  
James Reece, Class of 1955  
Patricia "Pat" (Bissonette) Shafer, Class of 1960  
Mary Ellen (Dunn) Strole, Class of 1961  
Mary Frances (Hiestand) Chambers, Class of 1963  
Lawrence "Larry" Hurley, Class of 1963  
Michael "Mike" Cosgrove, Class of 1965  
Glenn Davis, Class of 1965  
John "Pat" McLaughlin, Class of 1965  
Keith Shellenberger, Class of 1966  
Diane Black, Class of 1968  
Randy Ziraldo, Class of 1970  
William Burke, Class of 1973

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## IN THANKSGIVING

*St. Philip Catholic Central High School and the BCACS Foundation extend their deep appreciation for recent gifts received in memory or in honor of these STP Alumni.*

### GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALUMNI:

Paul Bauman, Class of 1944  
W. Fred Mangan, Class of 1944  
Wendell Schoder, Class of 1944  
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Robert Dugan, Class of 1945  
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In honor of their 50th class reunion, members of the Class of 1965 joined together to raise over \$6,000 towards its goal of \$10,000 to endow a scholarship fund within the BCACS Foundation. Louanne McIntyre, Development Director expressed, "We are profoundly grateful! The Class of 1965 will ensure Catholic education for generations. And, generations will remember the benevolence of the Class of 1965 forever!" Classmates, Al Bell, Nita (Borsch) Cretsinger and Therese (Wildern) Miller shared, "Creating a legacy by which future generations of St. Philip students will benefit, keeps the spirit of the Class of 1965 alive. Establishing an endowed fund for tuition assistance binds generations of alumni and students together, forever."

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