

The Shamrock

Spring 2010

Dear Alumni and Friends,

At the end of the year, a Pacelli tradition takes place called Awards Day where students receive scholarships and are recognized for their efforts in music, drama and academics. The scholarship money comes from Alumni and Friends, just like you, who develop a "Named Scholarship". Some of the Named Scholarships include **Joy Koll** (wife of Lee Koll and mother of Cathy '71, Barbara '74, Theresa '75 Mike '78, Laura '79, Rachel '80, Cecilia '81, and Gina '85); **Maureen Cahill** '80 (daughter of Shirley Cahill '51, and sister of Dave Cahill '82), and **Jim Grebin** '84 (Son of Cleo '51 and Tom, and brother of Katherine '76, Mary '77, and Joan '79). Families and friends developed these scholarships to leave a legacy in memory of their loved ones. These scholarship enable students to attend Pacelli.

The **Dan Rysavy** '78 (Son of Mary Lou '50, brother of Doug '79, and David '84) **Memorial Tournament** is a popular event for alumni. Money raised from this tournament go towards a scholarship in Dan's name to a student at Pacelli. Every year (starting 26 years ago) friends and family members of Dan have a basketball tournament on Holy Saturday in the Pacelli gym. Many of you know that Dan died of cancer when he was 21. Mick Garry '81 organizes this tournament. This year they were able to raise over \$2,000. What a great legacy this tournament is to Dan.

In our Hall of Fame corridor, you see plaques for our scholarships. Dan's plaque speaks to the kind of person Dan was, "Adversity reveals character. Adversity revealed Dan Rysavy to be a brave young man who loved his God, family, and friends. His humor, his spontaneity, and his Faith placed him close to a big hot fire called Truth-Everyone who knew him felt the fire."

The 2009-2010 Dan Rysavy Memorial Scholarship went to Mindy Nguyen, class of 2012. Mindy received a \$1000 scholarship to attend our Catholic schools. Mindy is a sophomore involved in tennis, basketball, and softball. Mindy is also involved in the development office by calling alumni and friends to solicit funds.

Many of our students receive financial help to go to school at Pacelli. Those students go on to college, find success in careers and choose to give back. We are very blessed by the generosity of alumni just like you. Thank you for considering a gift to our schools.

Sincerely,
Mary P. Holtorf, Director



2010 Rysavy Tournament Champs:
Mike Davis (2002), Brian Anderson (2001),
Mark Van Winter (2003), and Andy Boisjolie (2002).

Erlandson Inspires Scholarship

This year's Winter Gala for Catholic Education was a huge success. In honor of Gary Erlandson's retirement, the Development Staff decided to do a student scholarship in his name to be given out next year to families in need of tuition assistance. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of all who attended. The scholarship money raised was over \$13,000. What a great tribute to a wonderful teacher and coach!

You may still donate to the Sponsor a Student Fund in Mr. Erlandson's name by sending your contribution to the Development Office at Pacelli.

Hall of Fame Class of 2010 Announced

Pacelli High School will induct eight of its former standout athletes, coaches and alumni into its Hall of Fame during the annual induction ceremony Friday, June 18, at St. Edward's Community Center on Pacelli Golf Day.

There are a total of eight new inductees: Gary Erlandson, Tom Ball, Joe Leif, Scott Becker, Dean "Ted" Sherman, Lee Koll, Richard Revord, and Dave Crandall.

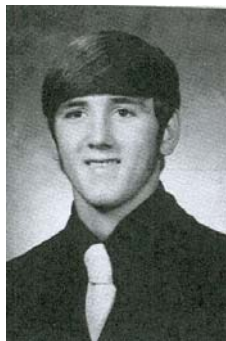
Gary Erlandson has been a teacher for 44 years at Pacelli. He was the head basketball coach for the 1992 Class A Boys State Basketball Champions. Erlandson has also been an assistant football coach, an assistant coach for boys and girls basketball, and long time Shamrocks Booster Club member.



Tom Ball graduated in 1966 and was a standout in both football and basketball. He played on the 1965 State (Catholic) Basketball Championship team, and in 1966, the team was the consolation champion at the Minnesota Independent State Tournament. Ball played four years of football and

was All-State in his senior season, then went on to play strong safety at South Dakota State University.

Joe Leif was the state wrestling champion in 1974. He was also the state champion runner-up two times and had 88 career wins on the mat. He also played four years of baseball and was on a state tournament team.



Leif went on to become a three-year letter winner wrestling for University of Minnesota Golden Gophers.



Scott Becker graduated in 1973 and was All-State in football. He holds the record for the longest touchdown run in Minnesota State High School League history at 99 yards vs. Minneapolis De La Salle. He went on to play for the

1976 National Champions at St. John's University. Becker was also a three-year starter in baseball and his teams went to the state tournament two times.

Dean Sherman graduated in 1952 and played four years on the football team. He was the Team Captain in his senior season selected to the All-State football team. Sherman also participated in track for four years and was the Team Captain, plus he started two years on the basketball team.



Lee Koll was a teacher and coach for 33 years at Pacelli High School from 1962-1995. He

spent three years as the varsity baseball coach and won a state championship. He was the golf coach for three years and won a region title. For a total of 19 years, Koll was the basketball coach for the Shamrocks. During that long span he compiled a record of 280 wins and 161 losses. There were five district championships, two region runner-ups, five region championships, and a trio of third-place finishes at the state tournament.



Richard Revord graduated in 1933 and later attended Creighton University. He passed the test to become a Certified Public Accountant shortly after college and was a partner in Hallin, Lufi and Revord CPAs of Minneapolis. Richard has been a long-time supporter of the Catholic Community Fund.



Dave Crandall, Pacelli Class

of 1963, graduated from St. Mary's University in 1967 and earned a B.A. degree in Accounting and Economics. In 1970, he became a partner in Bolby, Anfisson, Crandall and Hyate, CPAs, and in 1998 he merged with Larson, Allan, LLP. He is married to Mary Schottler (1963) of Austin and has two children and three grandchildren. Dave is a former School Board member and continues to support the Austin Catholic Schools.



We are proud to announce our 2010 class of new Hall of Fame members. This is the fourth year of the Hall of Fame, (H of F), and it has created a lot of excitement and has quickly become a vehicle for re-engaging our alumni. It is so good to hear from so many of you. The vast numbers of you have been very positive about the H of F and what it has done for our school and the alumni. The night of the induction banquet takes place with around 350 people in attendance, and they come from hundreds of miles to be a part of it.

Like most events, this one does not come without some criticism. I receive much correspondence about leaving people out of the H of F. Many of you want to know how the members are voted on. We have over 7000 graduates of Columbus, St. Augustine, and Pacelli High School. In 2013 the high school will be 100 years old. We cannot elect all those worthy at one time; it will take many years. We only induct seven or eight a year. The voting is an area that we have been congratulated on many times for how we do it. The original five and all those in the hall of fame receive a ballot with a description of the nominees. They vote and the top vote getters are placed into the H of F. This year 29 members were eligible to vote and next year that number will be 37.

If you want to nominate someone, send your nomination and a description as to why, and we will add their name to our list. Your nominations for distinguished alumni, distinguished faculty, and athletes are always appreciated.



What's Happening in Athletics

This may be news to many of you, but yes, I am now the Athletic Director for Pacelli High School. This is actually my second year filling this role. For those that don't know me, or perhaps have forgotten me, let me give you some background. Some of you would remember me as your classmate from the class of 1972. Many others would remember me as their American History/Government/World History teacher. Still others would recognize me as their former wrestling/cross country/track coach. It seems as if I never really left Pacelli High School.

In reality I did go off to college for six years before I returned to Pacelli. Since that time I have fulfilled a variety of roles. The role of athletic director has now been added to that list. It has been both an interesting and challenging position. When my mom heard that I was named the new athletic director, she thought it was a full time job.



She was more right than I thought, but for some reason they still expect me to teach a full load of classes as well. So as you can see, working in a Catholic school really does have its rewards.

Jim Parlin, Pacelli Athletic Director

Gifts in Memory of —

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| Claire Bawek | Alice Mea Leif |
| Carolyn Holtorf | Orv Snater |
| Dean 'Ted' Sherman | Peter Wagner |
| Russ Brennan | Clarence Evans |
| Kenneth Rolfson | Arnold Kurth |
| Jerome Meyer | Irene Reed |
| Joy Koll | Ruth Simon |
| Patricia Johnson | Donna Simon |
| Dale Beckel | |

Former Pacelli Teacher's Wife Illustrates Book

Bonnie Murray, wife of Steve Murray, former Religion teacher at Pacelli for many years, has just illustrated her first book!

She has a Master of Arts in studio painting and has specialized in murals. She is the talented artist that painted the mural in the student lounge on the first floor of Pacelli.

A quote from the teaching guide of the new book states, "*Biffons in Wymo Woods*" tells a story of the joy that comes when we're welcomed and appreciated. It also tells of the pain we feel when we're treated as if we don't fit in." The book is published by Universal Human Publishing.

Both Steve and Bonnie are steadfast supporters of Catholic education. All but their youngest graduated from Pacelli. Catherine Murray, the youngest, graduated from LaCrosse Aquinas, where Steve is now Dean of Students.