



# 50 Year Club Newsletter

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## Our Town Our College Highlight 2016 Reunion

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Most WC/WJU alumni reunions produce reminiscences of favorite teachers, unforgettable fellow students, and occasionally, dramatic or tragic events from the past. On Friday evening some of that occurred in the form of seven short skits or vignettes, written, rehearsed (a little) and played by members of the first, eight graduating classes. Familiar stuff: old grads recalling days of yore. What made this year different - even unique - is that Dr. Paul Orr, who began teaching English classes in the fall of 1956, agreed to participate and provide comment, interpretation, perhaps even rebuttal from the faculty perspective to the scene just enacted. This could be said to be a "call and response" format, but that doesn't do justice to what Dr. Orr was contributing.



Dr Paul Orr Stage Manager

The model for the dual stage presentations by Dr. Orr and the alumni ensembles was the classic American play, "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder. The principal role in that play is the Stage Manager, a combination narrator and interested observer. Dr. Orr's character possesses those qualities and more... thus the title: "Our Town... Our College." The setting of the vignettes is the Wheeling campus (with one exception), either an office, the cafeteria, or Mac's Bar. The time is mostly the first few years of the school's existence, but there are a few contemporary scenes. John Egan McAteer '61 provided organizational leadership for the activity. The following is an abbreviated description of each of the vignettes.

### Skit 1-Year Before Orr Written by Barbara Creamer Yeager '59

Time mid-September 1955 back table Swint Hall dining room. This story describes a discussion with Barbara Yeager's cousin a senior at Charleston Catholic who is considering colleges and is visiting the campus. The highlight of the vignette was how the female students the first year that lived in the home of the cloistered Visitation Nuns known as the Mount. Before the first social of the year we (girls) were warned by Sister Aquines about the dangers of the path between the college and the Mount. Sister told us the path is lined with bushes and there are veterans lurking in the bushes who are not after your purses. (continued on the page 2)



Pat Cipoletti May '61, Sheila Gallagher Mozer '61, Barbara Creamer Yeager '59, Dottie Toresse Bardin '61

## Class of 1967 to Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary June 23-25, 2017



Fr. Jim Fleming gives 50 Year Club diploma to Jeannie Barrett Hamilton '66

Reunion committee members will be calling all members of the class to encourage attendance at the reunion. Committee members include John Delaney, Jim DiPiero, Ray Dombrosky, Bud Doyle, Henry Giese, Judy Hocking Higgs, Tom Marchlen, Skip Miner, Jane Rohner Morgan, Rogers O'Neil, Dave and Betsy McKenna Quinn, and Ginny Sheil Scott. Watch for future issues of the newsletter for more information about other activities specifically for your class. The 50th reunion is a very special time to celebrate the great times that we all had at Wheeling College (AKA Wheeling Jesuit University). Activities include the 50 Year Club diploma ceremony where all members of the Class of 1967 receive a 50 year diploma. We need stories that reflect the memories of the Class of 1967. Please send them to Ed Shahady at [eshahady@att.net](mailto:eshahady@att.net) (use Microsoft Word - 300 to 600 words). Also if you have pictures, please send them to Ed in a jpeg format.

**(Continued from page 1)** Fortunately there was a rainstorm and Fr. Clifford Lewis drove us to the event. The skit also contained a discussion of what it was like to have Jesuits as teachers. Barbara recalled being in the office of chemistry professor Fr. Joseph Duke when he received a phone call from Linus Pauling, the Nobel prize winner in Chemistry. A memory of Fr. Gerald Kernan was that his first required paper was to write a 1000 word essay using no adjectives. A memory of Fr. Edward Gannon was that he sometimes wore a cape, a beret and carried a cane.

**Skit 2—Fr. Bill Troy** Written by Paul Orr—*Some Lesser Known Stores About the Founding Jesuits*

Takes place in Donahue Hall, Dean Troy’s office. Dean Troy is holding a large pair of scissors and is cutting out valentines for his nieces and nephews. Fr. Ed Gannon rushes in to see him and states “What have you done for Clayton Hudnall today? You have conducted several meetings with faculty and other important guests, but what have you done for the good students who need our help!” Fr. Gannon goes on to say “Nothing today, nothing yesterday and nothing tomorrow.” Troy looks up and says “Would a Valentine do? Seriously Ed I have opened up the stacks at the library and hired good teachers to help Clayton and all of our students.” Right after Gannon leaves and Father Duke rushes in and sees Fr. Troy cutting out valentines and asks just what do you do in here all day. Father Troy answers “I DEAN Joe, I DEAN and no I will not try to persuade the President to add another 3 hour class for Chemistry majors. I am busy deaning in here and have a 5 o’clock deadline.” Troy then tells his secretary “No more people today—Valentines need to be sent by 5 PM.”



**John Egan McAteer as Fr. Gannon & Leo Flanagan as Dean Troy**

**Skit 3 - WJU Las Vegas** Written by Al Reed *‘60 Search for the Perfect Grading System*

Al Reed plays the role of Dean of the new branch campus of WJU in Las Vegas. He is discussing the future of the branch campus with Carolyn Cannon the Chair of the department of entertainment. Father Fleming has sent his toughest grader Dr. Paul Orr. His evaluation system contains lots of pluses and minuses and can be used to grade entertainers, politicians and businesses. He uses a pen that lights up and a horn when he is giving several minuses. He will be evaluating our students today. Our first student is one of the best John Mensore. John sings a song. The dean and department chair think it was a great performance, but they are not sure if Professor Orr knows how to evaluate singing. Don Mercer is next with his clarinet playing Yellow Submarine. It seems to be a superior performance, but Al not sure what Professor Orr thinks. The next student from the department of comedy is Ed Shahady. Ed tells a story about the new confessionals at WJU that contain food and drink. He later discovers he was on the wrong side of the confessional. He follows up with his duck voice. Dr. Orr in the past has stated that Ed is indeed a duck. The vignette ends with Dean Reed and Chairperson Cannon expressing concerns about the grades WJU Las Vegas will receive from Dr. Orr.



**Carolyn Cannon**



**Al Reed**



**Don Mercer**



**John Mensore**



**Skit 4 - Mensore /IAGO** Written by Paul Orr *Fr. Gerald Kernan encourages Mensore to play the role of IAGO*

The scene takes place in formidable Fr. Kernan’s office where he is auditioning students for parts in Shakespeare's play Othello. John comes in to the office and is not very enthusiastic about being in the play. John fears it will interfere with his studies and basketball. Fr. Kernan hands John the play and tells him to start memorizing it. John suggests that Vince Guisti would be a better IAGO. Kernan responds that Guisti will be Othello and the two of them will be the pillars of the play. John then suggests Kenny Craven would be a good IAGO. Kernan disagrees saying that Craven will disagree with everything he says and make Desdemona so nervous she will forget her lines. After John makes further excuses as to why he can not be IAGO Father Kernan tells him he will—it will be very educational and of course you want to do well in English don’t you? As John exits the stage he tells the stage manager how he played IAGO in freezing conditions. John claimed he thought he did well as IAGO although Dr. Orr gave him a C Plus Plus Minus. John then launched into IAGO’s first soliloquy, still fresh in his mind.

### Skit 5 - Charm School by Barbara Creamer Yeager '59

Takes place in Troy Lounge where several female students were complaining about the requirement that they take classes on being "charming". One reports that Dean Troy has said there are some things the Jesuits can not teach them. Mandatory classes 4 weeks in April every Thursday evening 6-8 pm. No exceptions—we might marry somebody important. Some of the wisdom from charm school included—white shoes only from Memorial Day until Labor Day, black leather shoes can be worn anytime, never wear more than 3 colors at a time—stick with two and use the third for a splash like a handkerchief hanging from a pocket, a scarf or a necklace. Use the 10 dot system—apply foundation to the nose, chin, under the chin on both sides, on the cheek bones and below the cheek bones etc. etc, apply lipstick only with a sable lip brush.

### Skit 6 - Casting the Gambol by John Egan McAteer *Student reaction to Fr. Ed Gannon*

"Mac's" tavern on Washington Ave, late February 1958. Several male students sitting around. Stage manger comments "There were several lively personalities among the faculty in the early days—the most vivid and impactful was Edward Gannon, SJ". His pomps and works were endured during the annual spring student musical the Gambol. The scenario you are about to see portrays student reactions to the event. **Student A** "Gambol practice starts next Monday. I've been in it for the past two years and it is a blast." **Student B** "I have never been in the Gambol. I am a science major and have as much work as I can handle." **Student A** "Pre-med students handle the workload, so you should be able and asks if Student B can sing? He says yes. My profound advise—Find Fr. Gannon tomorrow in the cafeteria and tell him you would like to audition for the Gambol—but be very humble." **Student B** "Should I say anything about the lucky students in the Gambol being special? Seems like all the students in the Gambol are special to him." **Student A** "Don't mess with him—if he senses sarcasm or mockery you're finished." Two new students enter (C and D). **Student C** "You should tell Fr. Gannon that you want to join the Gambol to help get out of the gloomy Ohio Valley winter. That supposedly is what stimulated him to start the Gambol—he thought the students were in the doldrums in the Winter of 1956 and the Gambol would help the students." **Student D** "That may not be true—my girl friend who works in the Deans office says the reservation logbook for use of Swint Hall lounge was booked by Fr. Gannon in August before the first students arrived." **Student A** "I don't know anything about the timing of the reservations, but the shows have been great and Fr. Gannon deserves all the credit."



(L-R) Don Mercer, Leo Flanagan, John McAteer, Jack Spittal

### Skit 7-Year of the Flood by Ed Kelleher & Davitt McAteer- *Student body response to Wheeling natural disaster*

Scene: footbridge across Wheeling Creek adjacent to Wheeling College Campus April 1963—A reporter standing on the footbridge that spans the flood swollen Wheeling Creek interviewing two freshmen, Fuzz and Gags. Fuzz who is from the DC area says he has never seen something this brutal. Gags from Buffalo, NY says he knows how to get around in chest high snow, but not floods. Fuzz and Gags are just two of several WC students who are helping Edgewood residents move their valuables to higher ground. The students are wet, shivering and hungry. Fuzz describes the scene as muddy and says its depressing to see valuables ruined by water and mud. A female student named M'Liz arrives on the scene saying she was on her way to Moxies and saw them there.

They warned us not to come down here, but I had to feel what it was like to stand on the footbridge during a flood. A log hits the bridge and creates a jolt that sends M'Liz running. Reporter asks what inspired you to get involved rather than stay on campus where it is safe? Gags says the footbridge is a very special place. This is where some students



Mary McGuire Moore, Davitt McAteer, Dan Rosing

come to talk and get to know each other better. I also heard that just downstream where Wheeling Creek meets the Ohio river a Jesuit said the first Catholic Mass in this part of the country in 1749. Fuzz then states these poor people are taking a financial punch in the mouth—I bet they have no flood insurance and where are they going to stay? M'Liz returns and says did you hear about our calculus teacher Mr. Peterson? His baby was swept out of his arms by the raging current and died. There is a mass scheduled for the baby in the morning. There also was a student casualty—a big jock passed out from a typhoid shot, but he is back at the dorm.

## Partnership With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston—Rev. Jim Fleming

Our relationship with the Diocese and WJU goes back 60 years when the Diocese built the first four buildings on campus. The Diocese and the Bishop still have a very real interest in keeping WJU thriving and operating as the only Catholic University in the State of WV.

The Diocese and WJU both have an interest in the health and well-being of the people of WV and Appalachia. Together we see the need for an increased focus on Health Sciences to better serve the people of WV and we believe through our partnership we can accomplish this. Although Catholics in WV make up only 5% of the state's population, the Diocese through Catholic Charities is the #1 provider of social services for all of WV outside of the government.

Fr. Fleming reported that in June the Diocese gave WJU a gift of \$10M and then another \$2M since then. The University has a \$33M debt. Established in 1997 (building of Ignatius, B-Room, and McDonough Ctr) Last time the bonds were refinanced was 2007. Currently we are paying a 7 ½ % interest rate which equates to about \$2.5M in interest per year. We are in the process of refinancing them down to a lower rate.

Our Bond Covenants state we cannot borrow any other money in long-term debt. Because of these covenants, we established a line of credit at WesBanco which now equals \$6M. This is a 1yr loan that we get every year. We pay it down to \$0 when tuition revenue comes in August. We then draw from it to pay our bills until we reach August of the following year.

### IX. What the Diocese \$12M gift went towards:

- A. Pay down our short term debt (\$6M). We have a fresh start for September, where the first time in decades, we can use the tuition revenue to grow programs and improve our infrastructure.
- B. Paid our annual \$2.5M interest payment on our debt.
- C. Paid \$2.3M to purchase the NTTC building (building is valued at \$8M). The three-year federal investigation (looking at how the University handled federal money between 2002 and 2009) found no misuse on the part of WJU and to resolve this matter, WJU agreed to pay \$2.3M and as a result, the NTTC building became official WJU property.
- D. Remaining \$1.2M to be used to support capital expenses.

Moving forward, WJU and the Diocese believe that new programming in the areas of Health Sciences, Technology, and Business need to be developed to continue to serve the needs of WV and allow us to produce graduates with degrees that are in high demand for job placement.

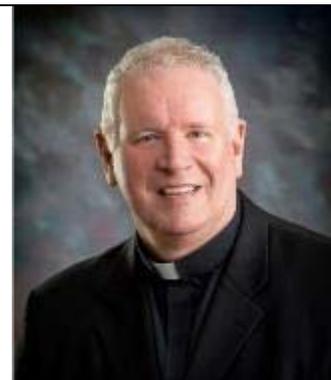
As stated in the welcome message on the WJU web site. "Founded on the 450-year Jesuit tradition of academic excellence and service to others, Wheeling Jesuit University will provide you with outstanding educational offerings, cutting-edge research opportunities, and ways to have an influence in the community for the greater good of all. The entire Wheeling Jesuit community is working together to create a university at which education is second to none, where research flourishes, and students can make a difference in the lives of others."

### University Stats:

- 9 months after graduation, 94% of our students report that they are in a job, grad school, or service position that requires their WJU degree.
- Our 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing students had a 100% pass rate on their boards.
- Masters in Nursing received the highest accreditation rating (10 years)
- Undergraduate nursing received the highest accreditation rating (5 years)
- Elementary education program re-accredited (5 years)

Our programming, faculty, and students are all excelling in their areas.

We had a good freshman class (275) but still need more to operate solely on tuition (300-325).



**Rev. Jim Fleming, S.J.**  
President



## Scientific/Technical and Moral Aspects of Climate Change

Every year at the time of the reunion the 50 Year Club sponsors a lecture discussion of a timely topic. This year John Glaser '66, an environmental research scientist was the speaker.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has called fellow Christians to become "Custodians of Creation" and offered the religious case for undertaking a strong focus on climate change. His dire warning relating the catastrophic consequences of global climate change argued that respect for the "beauty of nature and the grandeur of the cosmos" is a basic Christian value. Failure to care for the planet leads to apocalyptic consequences. The pope also said that we must "Safeguard Creation because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us! Never forget this!"

Basing his environmental theory on the creation story in Genesis, the pope noted that God created the world, declared it "good," and charged humanity with its care. The pope declared "Creation is not a property, which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." He reflected that humanity's destruction of the planet is a sinful act, a form of self-idolatry.



John Glaser '66

**Climate** is the average weather experienced at a given point on the globe at a specific time of the year and has shown a long periodicity typically 30 years. Weather can change significantly from day to day but generally the climate is expected to remain relatively constant. If climate doesn't remain constant then we call it climate change. The key question driving this consideration is *what is significant change?* The answer depends on an understanding of the underlying level of climate variability. It is critical to understand the difference between climate change and climate variability.

**Climate change** is an alteration of global or regional climate patterns. In particular, a change apparent from the mid to late 20th century onwards and attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels.

**Climate change** is a "change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns when that change lasts for an extended period of time." The change in climate refers to a variability, found in average weather conditions or average change across a longer time period. Factors such as greenhouse gases, biotic processes, variations in solar radiation received by Earth, plate tectonics, and volcanic eruptions contribute to climate change. Global warming refers to human activities that have been attributed as significant contributors to recent climate change. A greenhouse effect is found where energy enters often as light and absorbed as heat thereby increasing the heat within the system. The causative agent(s) involved in this process are referred to as greenhouse gases (GHGs). Carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, chlorofluorocarbons and tropospheric ozone are recognized as GHGs for their roles as absorbers of infrared radiation which is part of sunlight.

Temperature is a measure of the average energy of molecular motion in a sample of matter. The sum of molecular motions' energies is referred to as the "thermal energy" of the sample. The increased concentration of GHGs in the atmosphere leads to a greater absorption of energy in the infrared portion of the solar spectrum. The absorbed energy manifests itself through the greater amount of heat contained in the atmosphere which affects the weather systems.

The effects of climate change are far reaching ranging from significant changes to the weather patterns, leading to drought in some areas whereas others must contend with floods and the effects of sea rise. It has been established through medical studies that climate change will strongly affect human health and disease. These effects are expected to be accentuated in high population centers and areas where health care is not sufficient for the need.

Thus, it is important for each Christian to prayerfully consider the information concerning climate change and develop an understanding of its consequences. Each of us must come to terms about our contribution to society's understanding and reaction to the risks and threats accompanying this global phenomenon. We can begin to develop a knowledge base from a 2014 publication: *Climate Change: Evidence and Choices* of the US National Academy of Science and the Royal Society of London to direct our inquiry.

## WJU's Alumni Scholar in Residence, John Stopper '75

Alumnus John Stopper, a New York area businessman who considers himself a student and follower of trends in global business and technology, served as the 2016 Alumni Scholar in Residence at Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU). Stopper, a member of the Class of 1975 and founder and chief executive officer of NorthStar Performance Strategies, Shared his business world and technology insights with students at his alma mater Sept. 14-16. In addition to teaching several classes during the three days, Stopper gave a public lecture at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14 in the Recital Hall located inside WJU's Center for Educational Technologies building. The lecture was free and open to area residents and businesses.



**John Stopper**

The Alumni Scholar in Residence program gives Wheeling Jesuit alumni the chance to share their real world experiences and expertise with today's students. The program was started by the University's 50 Year Club six years ago. Stopper is the sixth WJU graduate to serve as an Alumni Scholar in Residence. All expenses incurred by the alumni scholar are donated, as a gift, to WJU. WJU Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Phillips said, "I know our students will benefit greatly from John's expertise in global business, sales and the technology world. His many years of experience running companies and providing clients with ways to grow will provide our students with knowledge they can use now and in the future."

"Wheeling Jesuit played a key role in my life and helped me develop into the person I am today. In addition to the classroom instruction, being a member of the rugby team had a major influence on my life and career," Stopper explained. Stopper, who has worked in the technology industry and business world for nearly 40 years, founded NorthStar in 2011. The greater New York City company provides sales strategy development to help companies profitably deploy capital to generate revenue. NorthStar Operational Revenue Model (NORM) enables its customers to assess, plan and execute effective revenue generation strategies. Stopper said he can provide WJU students different perspectives on what to expect after college because of his knowledge of emerging technologies and global business.

"Being the Alumni Scholar in Residence is a way that I can give back to today's students and fulfill my mission to help the next generation of leaders achieve success. The world moves so quickly today that young people can easily be intimidated," Stopper said. "However, success leaves clues and there are some indicators on where there may be opportunity in the future. I plan to share these insights with the students."

His student presentations took on a different look. Stopper offered a series of workshops or interview events where students actively participated. "I believe this resonated well with the students and allowed for active engagement. Young people today have insights into future trends that I don't, but I hope that we can work together on taking their ideas and developing them." During his public presentation, Stopper offered insights on "The Future of Work: How to Succeed in Times of Uncertainty."

Stopper said, "A key to future success is to embrace uncertainty as that is where the jobs will be. Any work with a degree of certainty to it, will be automated. There are also technology indicators that leave clues as to where those jobs will be and how to prepare for them."

Following the completion of his degree at Wheeling Jesuit, Stopper worked at an Ohio Valley coal mine as his first job out of college. He then left the area and spent the next 35-plus years working in the areas of business development, sales and marketing, as well as running technology companies. Prior to founding NorthStar, Stopper was managing director for Progress Software, where he was responsible for leading all field operations in the Americas including sales, marketing and service delivery.

He was founder and CEO of Precyse Technologies, a private-equity backed RFID (radio frequency identification) technology company, from 2007-09. The company develops wireless Remote Entity Awareness and Control (REAC) systems for remotely managing high-value physical assets and personnel.

Stopper also was vice president and general manager of TIBCO Software, leading a team of 60-plus employees which sold and deployed more than 120 TIBCO products to financial service institutions. From 2000-2006, he was president and chief executive officer of Aperture Technologies, where he grew the developer of desktop software tools into a global enterprise software company.

## Senior Ambassadors Contribute \$520,000 to WJU

The Senior Ambassadors were created as part of the 50 Year Club in 2010. Initial membership included the first 10 classes. Last year the next 5 classes were added. Membership now includes the classes of 1959 through 1973. Fund raising for the last four years has totaled over 1 million dollars and the past year the group raised \$520,000.

### Senior Ambassador Update: June 30, 2016

Class	Amount	FY 16 donors	FY15 donors	Solicitable Alumni	FY16%	FY15 %	Avg. Gift
1959	\$5,868	11	15	28	39%	54%	\$533
1960	\$28,262	21	38	39	54%	97%	\$1,346
1961	\$35,335	33	36	58	57%	62%	\$1,071
1962	\$15,512	22	21	51	43%	41%	\$705
1963	\$24,631	28	33	70	40%	47%	\$880
1964	\$234,245	37	32	83	45%	39%	\$6,331
1965	\$8,122	36	50	87	41%	57%	\$226
1966	\$21,162	45	38	90	50%	42%	\$470
1967	\$19,293	27	33	82	33%	40%	\$715
1968	\$12,075	33	41	124	27%	33%	\$366
1969	\$48,517	60	43	156	38%	28%	\$809
1970	\$9,806	35	40	156	22%	26%	\$280
1971	\$5,890	30	27	128	23%	21%	\$196
1972	\$12,550	31	30	125	25%	24%	\$405
1973	\$6,995	27	31	114	24%	27%	\$259
	<b>\$488,263</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>\$1,026</b>
add	<b>\$32,065 donations matched during May 27th OVERDRIVE Challenge</b>						
	<b>\$520,328 Total donated and matched</b>						

### Fundraising Plans of Several Classes

**Class of 1967: Jim DiPiero '67** reported that the 50 year reunion committee has discussed making a pledge of \$50,000 per year for the next 5 years to WJU for a grand total of \$250,000. This is similar to what the Class of 1964 did during their 45th. The reasoning being, by making this pledge the school can rely on their \$50k per year when it does its forecasting and budgeting. They would like to see future 50th anniversary classes follow the same model.

**Class of 1969: Tim Cogan '69** explained how the Class of 1969 has already been planning their 50th reunion. An initial letter went out (Dec 2015) discussing how they would like to begin thinking about their 50th and to make sure they have all the correct contact information for all their classmates. After several weeks of follow up letters, phone calls and emails, they were able to secure email contact information for 120 out of 156 people in their class. Their goal is to reach 100%.

**Class of 1972:** Classmates have already been talking about their 50th which is not until 2022. They created an account at WJU for their fundraising, and their gifts can be designated for this account up until their reunion in 2022. This serves as their savings account (minus interest). At the time of their 50th they will decide what they would like to donate their money to support.

Noah Mull informed the Senior Ambassadors that in the coming weeks he would be circulating the class lists to them so that they can begin reaching out to their classmates via letters, email, phone, or social media to ask for their support. Noah can help you craft a letter to your classmates, or can send you examples of letters that were sent in the past.



**Ed Shahady '60 gives President Jim Fleming a symbolic check during the 2016 reunion.**

# WJU ARCHIVES

A collection of books published by Alumni displayed at Archive exhibition June 2016 Reunion

## Advisors

<b>Donald Mercer '60</b>	Archives Coordinator
<b>Kelly Klubert '85</b>	Alumni Director
<b>Dan Haller '61</b>	Past President 50 Year Club
<b>John Egan McAteer '61</b>	50 Year Club Member
<b>Kelly Mummert</b>	Library Director
<b>Edward Younkings '70</b>	WJU Professor

## Alumni Publications by Field

### *Science*

**Chesterene Cwiklik '69** Forensic Examination of Clothing  
**Donald Mercer '60** Immunodiagnosis of Cancer

### *History*

**Phillip Greenwalt '08** Civil War Series (3 Battles)  
**Sean Duffy '88** Legendary Locals of Wheeling  
**Charles Reed '03** Making of a British World 1860-1911  
**Edwin Sharp '60** Wheeling During the Depression & WW2  
**Davitt McAteer '66** 1907 Monongah Mine Disaster-Coal Mine Health and Safety  
**David Quinn '67** Rebel on the American Frontier-Wreck of the World's Largest Ship-Sons of Annie McKenna

### *Theology*

**Mikie Casem '66** Circle of Grace (Story of Faith & Prayer)  
**Rev. Joseph Doyle '60** Jesus at Twelve-Love Beyond All Telling  
**Stanley Tuchalski '84** We Have Come This Far (Saga of a WV Catholic Community)

### *Fiction*

**Linda Mizejewski '73** Divine Decadence -It Happened One Night-Pretty Funny-Zigfield Girl-Hardboiled and High Heeled  
**Tina Rodgers Leshner '65** The Abaya Chronicles— Club 43

## *Art*

**Kevin Kerrane '62** The Art of Fact-The Art of Billy Roche

## *Accounting*

**Richard Riley '84** Forensic Accounting Fraud-Financial Statement Fraud-Fraud Examination/Financial Reporting

## *Business*

**Edward Younkings '70** Flourishing and Happiness in a Free Society-Champions of a Free Society-Exploring Capitalist

**John Kruzeski '66** Weirton Steel Employee Stock Plan  
**Kevin Kerrane '62** Dollar Sign on the Muscle

## *Health Care*

**John Aluise '64** The Physician as Manager-The Art of Leadership and Science of Management-The Supervisors Handbook-Successful Faculty in Academic Medicine

**Mary Gerkin McKinley '77** Acute and Critical Care Nurse Specialist

**Edward Shahady '60** Primary Care of Musculo-Skeletal Problems-A Guide to Successful Physician Retirement  
 Primary Care Sports Medicine-Sports Medicine for Coaches and Trainers First and Second edition.  
 Improving Health Systems : Family Medicine

## *Education*

**Bertie Ryan Synowiec '65** Stormy Times, The True Gift-A New Dawn-A Healing Journey-Inspiring Young People to Want to Learn.

## *Odds N Ends*

### *Chapters in Books*

Hal Gorby '07, James Puglisi '02, Michael Iafrate '99

### *Business Newsletters*

MaryAnne Soccio Scheuble '75

### *Handbooks*

Davitt McAteer '66, Bertie Ryan Synowiec '65  
 James Dissen '63

## Why I Value Reunions by Lillian Gangwere Cale '66

In the letter that our reunion committee wrote to our class the idea of attending a reunion to renew old friendships and to make new ones came true for me and another classmate. We had been acquaintances during our years at WJU. Neither of us thought (at that time) that we would become such wonderful friends later in our lives.

At our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion Ann Heim Broz and I met at the registration table. She had brought her oldest daughter to see the campus and possibly consider attending WJU. We chatted briefly but our paths kept intersecting during the weekend events. When the reunion ended we had plans to meet for dinner and a show at Wheeling's Capital Theatre. My husband, David, and her husband, Ollie, hit it off and as the years passed we had many wonderful times together. Both of their daughters are graduates of our alma mater, Linda in 1991 and Elaine in 1996. We are all on the same reunion schedule. That was something we talked about many times.

Ann and Ollie moved to the Atlanta area and both daughters eventually followed. Ann lost her wonderful husband in 2004. In spite of the miles that separated us, Ann managed many visits to Pittsburgh (where family live) and to Uniontown where David and I are. Our relationship deepened as we weathered life's storms together. We had a pattern of telephone visits every Sunday and extra ones for birthdays and special occasions. We both looked forward to those calls. Wheeling Jesuit was the common denominator in a friendship that sustained and nurtured each of us.

My dear friend Ann died on Sunday, July 17, a few hours after our weekly visit. As always, we said "I love you and we'll talk again soon". There is an emptiness in grieving for a loved one, but also there is Thanksgiving for time well spent and love shared. I will never forget Ann or all the things we shared. I am grateful to Wheeling Jesuit University for providing the opportunity for us to find each other at our reunion. The next time you attend a reunion expect the unexpected; you could make a new friend and that could be life changing.



**Above—Members of Class of 1966 from (L-R)**  
Davitt & Kathryn McAteer,  
Betsy Atterbury Kieffer, Dan  
Rosing

**Below—Members of Class of 1966 spending quality time together from (L-R)**

Jean Knittel Sansobrinio, Mary McGuire Moore, Jeannie Barrett Hamilton and spouse Clark



## Hall of Honor Inductees

In 2009 the Alumni Council created the Hall of Honor to provide alumni with a voice in recognizing former classmates, faculty, and staff for their contributions to their profession, society and the WJU community. Awards were made to deceased members of the classes of 1961 and 1966.



**Fr. Jim Fleming presents award to Susan Keogh**

The Class of 1961 award, given to **Dennis Keogh** was accepted by his wife Susan. Immediately after graduation Dennis joined the Marine Corps and served as an officer. After military service he joined the State Department and became a foreign service officer. He made 25 trips to the troubled region of Namibia where fighting had claimed 100,000 lives over a 17 year period.

During that time U.S. negotiators mediated an accord that would pave the way to eventual elections and peaceful transition of power. In March of 1984 Dennis took his 26th trip to South Africa to set up a US liaison office to meet with the monitoring commission the was overseeing troop withdrawal. Dennis was killed by a bomb explosion on April 15, 1984. Dennis was posthumously recognized with the Presidential Citizens medal by President Reagan and the Secretary's award by Secretary of State George Shultz. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery among his brother Marines killed in Beirut.



**Dennis Keogh**



**Tom Regan**

The second Hall of Honor award went to Tom Regan a member of the Class of 1966. His brother Michael accepted the award. After graduation Tom joined the Marines. In 1967 Tom became a first lieutenant and a field artillery officer. He was serving with Lima Company, 4th Marines in Quang Tri Province South Vietnam. Fellow marine Tom Madden described the flash flood of September 17, 1967. Because of the monsoon season the rivers flowing south were flooding their banks. Tom's unit was guarding the bridge over the Song Cam Lo River. The river had risen 30 feet in in a week and was cresting over the bridge. That night the river

rose another 25 feet and a flash flood

developed. We were ordered to evacuate in the darkness of the middle of the night. Tom and I had reached relative safety when we heard others calling for help. Tom instantly told me to continue to the artillery fire to provide illumination. Tom turned and waded into the fast moving currents—he did not waiver—that was the last time I saw Tom alive. Decades later at reunions I heard stories from fellow marines about how Tom saved their lives. Tom was a hero in every sense of the word. He gave his life willingly to try to save others. He did so quietly without fanfare.



**Fr. Jim Fleming presents award to Michael Regan.**

## Jesuits Making an Impact on Campus and in the Community

From teaching and counseling WJU students to serving and developing programs for the people in Wheeling and the state of West Virginia, the Jesuit Community is touching the lives of many individuals each and everyday. "All the Jesuits at WJU work to support spiritual nurturing and growth, both on campus and throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. We not only minister to the needs of our students, we also impact the greater community through our daily Masses on campus and with the Sisters at Mount St. Joseph, not to mention our service to projects in the city and across the state," said Rev. Jim Conroy, S.J., superior of WJU's Jesuit Community.

*At right are Jesuit community members: in front (L-R) Rev. William George, S.J., and Rev. Mike Woods, S.J. Second row; Rev. Don Serva, S.J. and Rev. Jim Fleming, S.J. and in back Rev. Jim Conroy, S.J., Rev. Michael Steltenkamp, S.J., Rev. Luis Tampe, S.J., Rev. Brian O'Donnell, S.J. and Rev. William Rickel, S.J.*



Rev. Luis Tampe, S.J. is the academic support coordinator for Wheeling Jesuit's Jesuit STRONG program. Jesuit STRONG -- Scholars Trained and Ready for Our Next Generation - gives high-achieving graduates of Cristo Rey High Schools from across the country, an affordable way to receive a Jesuit college education. In this role, Fr. Tampe will teach the Jesuit Strong freshman seminar, coordinate on-campus internships for the students, provide one-on-one academic counseling and help the students make a seamless transition into WJU. Additionally, Tampe is teaching two undergraduate classes - one in religion and one international studies.

"Each of these 10 priests at WJU plays a uniquely Jesuit role on campus. One aspect of being a Jesuit in this millennium is to work well in partnership with others. While there is no denying the distinctive role of a Jesuit at a Jesuit university, learning how to lead by example, by working with others is a model of servant leadership needed in the 21st century," said WJU President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J.

Like Tampe, all of the Jesuits have roles on campus, two members have additional responsibilities that stretch beyond the campus - one whose work makes an impact on the lives of many throughout West Virginia; and one whose presence will leave a footprint in the Wheeling community.

Rev. Brian O'Donnell, S.J. is executive secretary of the Catholic Conference of West Virginia, as well as serving as director of the Department of Social Ministries; both are positions with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. His work throughout the state embodies the WJU mission to be a person for others. Through his efforts at the state legislature and with state agencies, Fr. O'Donnell represents the interests of the hungry, the impoverished, the imprisoned and the sick. In addition, Fr. O'Donnell has worked on a series of pastoral letters on health and poverty issues in West Virginia for the Most. Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

A familiar face, Fr. Mike Woods has returned to serve as the sustainability coordinator for WJU's Clifford Lewis, S.J. Appalachian Institute and also will teach courses at the university. In his new role, Fr. Woods will be responsible for all activities and programs on the WJU campus that promote environmental sustainability and expanding current efforts, as well as engage students and employees to participate in the program. Also, he will be responsible for development of new programs that promote sustainability on-campus, in the local community, during immersion trips and at Lantz Farm and work with on-campus department to implement sustainability programs. Also, he will work closely with Grow Ohio Valley (GOV), a non-profit founded by WJU alumnus, Danny Swan '09, to confront the problem of food insecurity -- that is growing and providing residents with access to good healthy food.

"We are a diverse Jesuit community, both in ages and backgrounds. The one thing we have in common is our desire to live out Wheeling Jesuit's mission to be men in service of others," Conroy added.

## 50 Year Club

The following individuals were elected as Club officers and board members to serve June 2016-June 2017. President-John Glaser '66, 1st Vice President-Al Reed '60, 2nd Vice President-Don Mercer '60, Secretary-Terri Grammer Haid '63, Past President-Dan Haller '61. Members at Large - Barbara Creamer Yeager '59, John Eagan McAteer '61, Fr. John DiBacco '62, Geno Julian '64 and JJ Lauer '64, Larry Meagher '65, Lillian Gangwere Cale '66

**By-Laws: Active Membership:** (1) All graduates of Wheeling Jesuit University upon the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the graduation of his or her class. (2) All former members of the class who have attended at least one semester.

**Charter Membership:** indicating the original or founding members shall be open to all members of Classes of 1959 and 1960 who are qualified for Active membership.

**Honorary Membership:** shall be extended to the President of Wheeling Jesuit University and to any other friend of the university.

**Posthumous Membership:** shall be open to those who were otherwise eligible for active membership but are deceased prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the class.

**Annual Meeting:** Conducted at the time of the 50 year reunion.

**By-Law Changes:** Recommended by the executive committee and approved by the members at the annual meeting

**Executive Committee:** Consists of all four officers, members at large, and the immediate past president, the alumni director and a representative of the Alumni Council, will serve as the governing body of the organization. The president of the organization will serve as chair of the committee. The executive committee shall meet periodically by conference call or in person if needed. These meetings will be called by the Chair. The committee will meet in person at least one time a year at the time of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**Committees:** Committees and task forces can be appointed by the President and or Executive Committee as needed.

**Senior Ambassadors:** Senior Ambassadors are part of the WJU 50 Year Club. Inaugural nominees will be graduates from the classes of 1959 through 1968 who have distinguished themselves through one or more of the following: volunteer community service, humanitarian efforts, academic accomplishments and a successful career.

**Being a WJU Senior Ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility.** Ambassadors are asked to commit their time, dedication and expertise to the school that helped lay the foundation for their successful careers. This **commitment will include one or more of the following: Recruit potential students to WJU, Aid current students with career advice, Cultivate interest in WJU and its projects, Encourage fellow alumni and others to support WJU fund raising activities.** The first Senior Ambassadors group met June 24, 2011 to discuss their future activities. There are 68 individuals who have volunteered from the classes of 59 through 73. The group meets yearly at the time of the reunion and then by conference call during the year. Senior Ambassadors have been very dedicated fund raisers for WJU. **DRIVE365** is the year long campaign (July 2015 through June 2016) and the Senior Ambassadors pledged to raise \$450,000. They surpassed their goal by raising \$520,328 by June 30, 2016.

**Alumni Scholar in Residence:** This program, initiated by the 50 Year Club in 2011, represents a partnership with the university faculty and administration. A committee representing all three groups selects the scholar and coordinates the campus visit. **The scholar will be a visiting professor to the University for up to one week and all expenses will be donated by the scholar.** Ed Shahady, M.D. '60 was our first initial scholar, spending time on campus fall of 2011. Joan Doverspike Davison, Ph.D. '78 was on campus fall of 2012. Dick Riley, Ph.D. '84 was on campus fall of 2013. The Honorable James Smith 64' was on campus fall of 2014. Christina Richey, Ph.D. '04 was on campus fall of 2015 and John Stopper '75 was the scholar for 2016. The Alumni Scholar Program has been very successful and demonstrates the quality of WJU graduates to the students and faculty of WJU. Anyone with extensive teaching experience is invited to submit their resume to [eshahady@att.net](mailto:eshahady@att.net).



*Davitt McAteer '66 receiving his 50 Year Club Diploma from President Jim Fleming*