



50 Year Club Newsletter

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Class of 1961 Plans 55th Reunion and Skit

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The reunion planning committee for the Class of 1961 is busy preparing memorable activities to celebrate their 55th reunion June 17-19, during Alumni Weekend 2016. The committee members are: Dan Haller, John Egan McAteer, and Jane Straub Friday. The committee will personally call classmates to encourage attendance and memory sharing.

Friday evening events begin at 5 pm with the conferring of 50 Year Club diplomas to the Class of 1966, followed by the President's reception and dinner. After dinner, 50 Year Club members from the classes of 1959-1966 are invited to re-enact a number of noteworthy, even mythical events from



Members of Class of '61 and '60 perform Carolina kick during Class of '61 50th reunion.

the early years. Professor Emeritus, Dr. Paul Orr, mentor and friend to many of us – has been blessed with near total recall, and has agreed to participate in this theatrical re-enactment. He has already reminded us of several notable events for students at the time, but ones that had a different perspective for the faculty. We are attempting to recreate an early Wheeling College version of "Our Town." Paul, playing the Stage Manager role, will introduce the incident to be re-enacted, point to another part of the stage where the lights are coming up on a small group of actors who then launch into the re-enactment of the event or incident. The event can be funny or serious; the main thing is that it "plays." Example: Barbara Creamer Yeager '59 is doing a script on the "Charm School" debacle of 1958 or 1959.

Class of 1966 to Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary and Receive 50 Year Club Diplomas

Members of the class of 1966 will join the classes of 1959 thru 1965 as members of the 50 Year Club. Each member of the class will receive a 50 Year Club diploma from WJU President Fr. Jim Fleming, S.J. during the sixth formal diploma ceremony Friday June 17th at 5 PM. Members of the Class of '66 can expect calls from the reunion committee that includes Lillian Gangwere Cale, Dan Rosing, Ron DeCaro, John Glaser, Davitt McAteer, Mickey Keppel Kelley, Ed Kelleher, Mary "Betsy" Maloney Spitler, Pat Pellegrini Kaufman, Lou Kaufman, Mary McGuire Moore, Tom and Carole Meehan Gale, Mary Lang Knoble, Bill Hudnall, and Jeanne Barrett Hamilton, Bill Stoehr. For information on the 50 Year Club, Senior Ambassadors and the Alumni Scholar in Residence program—see page 10.

Fifth Annual 50 Year Club Lecture and Discussion

Time: Sat., June 17—10:30 AM

Location: TBA

Title: Moral Implications of Climate Change

Moderator Dan Haller '61

Speakers—John Glaser '66
Other Alumni & Faculty to be announced.

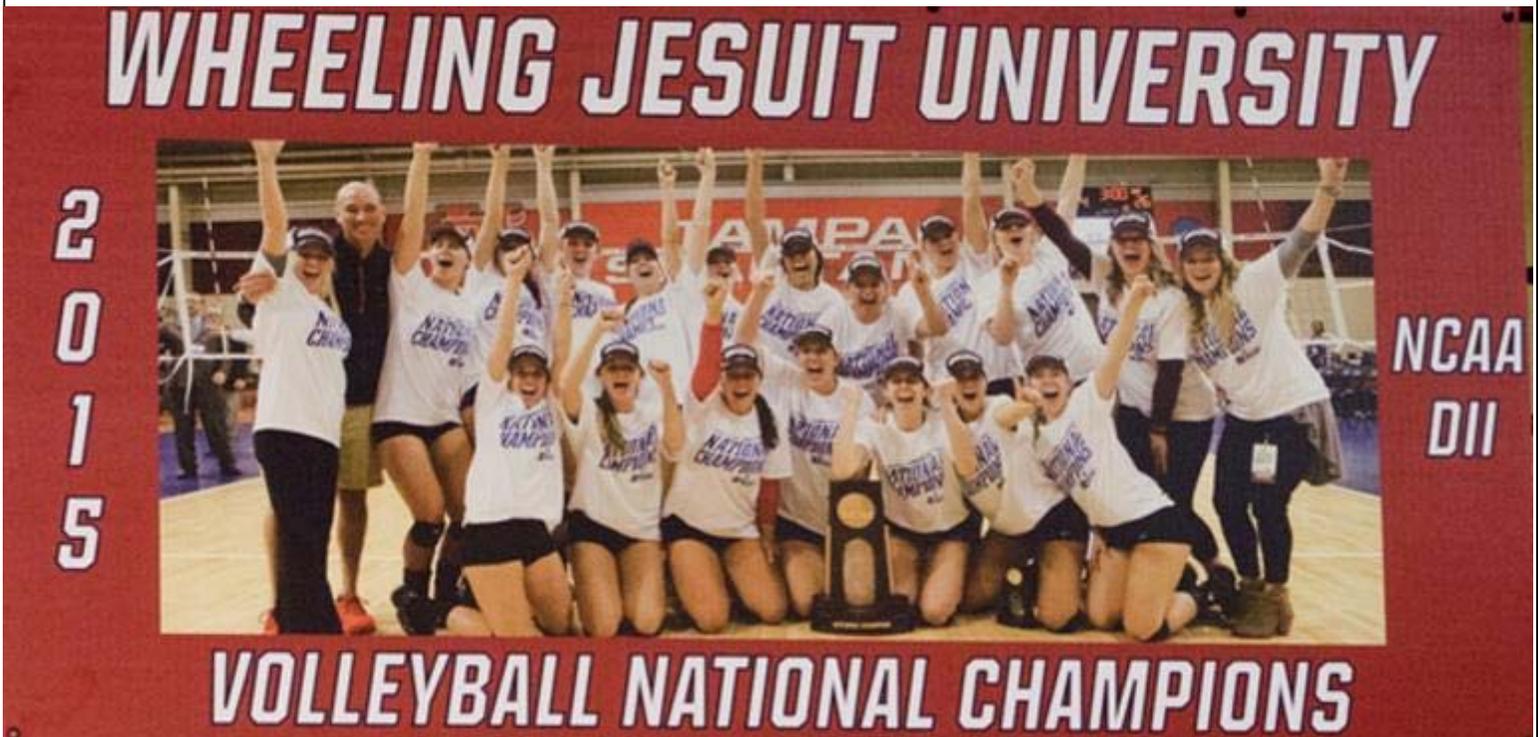


Cindy Carr Rank '65 and WJU President Jim Fleming, S.J. at 50 Year Club Induction Ceremony

Wheeling Jesuit Update

- 12,000 alumni
- 1500 undergraduate students enrolled from 26 states and 20 countries
- 271 graduate students
- 40 programs of study
- 500 University employees, which includes 166 faculty
- More than 2500 hours of student community service yearly
- 74% of students reside on campus
- 56% of undergraduate students participate in research compared to 23% nationally
- 100% acceptance into law school
- 91% acceptance into medical school
- Rated top institution in West Virginia since 1996 by *U.S. News & World Report*
- Ranked 6th best Baccalaureate College in U.S. by *Washington Monthly*
- Annual Tuition and Fees - \$27,830 plus Room and Board - \$5,140 to \$6,180
- Freshman Class average GPA 3.4, average SAT- 1013, Average ACT - 22
- 20 Division II Athletic Teams

Very successful athletic teams



Women's Volleyball Wins Division II National Championship—University First

Basketball—Both Men's and Women's Basketball teams also enjoyed national rankings this year. Women's team is the 2016 Mountain East Conference Tournament Champion! Both WJU basketball programs earned one of the 64 spots in the 2016 NCAA Division II Basketball Championships.

Memories From the Class of 1966

Message From Jeanne Barrett Hamilton

I cannot believe it has been 50 years since we graduated. Where has the time gone.

I have been thinking a lot about our time together, and I wanted to express some thoughts to you. First and foremost, I am so grateful for the friendships that I made at Wheeling College. They have only gotten stronger through the years. My family and friends have been astonished that so many of us have stayed in contact since our college days but it has also been more than that. It has been a support system in times of sorrow and joy. We are truly a part of an extended family. It is rare these days and should be treasured. Thank you Wheeling for giving us this gift.

As our reunion approaches, a few of us will be calling you and touching base to encourage attendance. I hope we are successful in having you join us.

Also, I hope that you will consider sharing some of your college time stories. We could use a few laughs these days and I am sure many of you have some to share. Send you stories to: Ed Shahady, eshahady@att.net. He is compiling the articles for our 50th reunion. He prefers Microsoft Word, if possible.

In addition, if you can donate even a small amount it will help get our class participation rate up. The class of 60 had a 98% participation rate and being ever so competitive I would like to beat that.. It can be as little as \$10, but it still counts. Just give it some thought.

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting Fr. Jim Fleming and Fr. George at an alumni gathering. It was so encouraging to see the vision, compassion and leadership that they are bringing to Wheeling. It is a difficult time for small liberal arts colleges but if anyone can do it, the Jesuits can but they need our help.

Well enough for now. Please stay in touch, and hope to see many of you in June.

Stories From Charles Hayes

English Professor Fournier took great pleasure in reminding us of our Freshmen penchant for pseudo sophistication. He said that we preferred to impress our peers and professors by using verbose and elitist language like, he said, "terminate the luminescence" as an order to turn out the light. I discovered that I was a member of this victimized group when I went to see a Shakespeare play with Pat Pellegrini and then wrote a play review in which I proposed that the play was actually written by Christopher Marlowe. I couldn't wait to get back my paper and gaze on the planned "A" that it would receive from Fournier. Well, I got it back with a D- and note... "A most inane paper" Is crest-fallen the right term?

How about Father Laut's "COLLEGE BOWL". Our team- John Long, Paul Waldman, someone else whom I can picture but the name ,I can't, and me - We saw that we were up against some big guns led by ED MERRIFIELD (Mister Dictionary) but, we predicted a win if we could only eliminate BIG ED. We got Art (an upper classman) to collaborate in the capture. Just as the round was about to start, we announced that there was a call from home for ED MERRIFIELD in the dorm, Ed, of course, bolted from the

cafeteria to take "the call". In the dorm the "Terrorists" were waiting to tie him up, spread eagle to the bed. The clock ticked on and we invoked a call for forfeiture by the other side. Unfortunately Fr. Laut interceded, allowing the missing person to be replaced by ANYONE from the audience. And wouldn't you know that they picked that bright bulb, Judy Noonan! Well we lost but at least we weren't trounced.

Having just been discharged from active duty, I was a firm believer in "ship shape" and announced to my roommate that we should remove the room furniture every Friday, clean the floor and everything in the room, make our beds daily and live in ever-readiness for a white glove inspection. Brian Cunningham, my roommate soon became my ex-roommate not seeing the benefits of my program.

We had a school policy mandating room confinement after, I believe, 10 P.M. Having served in the U.S. Navy and being four years older than my classmates, I disregarded this rule. So one night Fr. McGroaty ran into me walking around campus and ordered me to my room. I explained that this was not for me and that if he insisted, I would check-out the next day. He relented with the proviso that it be kept our little secret. Forgive me Father for now going back on my word.

There was the time when as seniors, Pete Daly, Tommy Regan, Paul Waldman and I had a war with a group of juniors (Alex Standish and others). It started when they stole my books the library. We retaliated by placing a stuffed moose head in one of their beds. They bounced back by taping up my steering wheel and spreading talcum powder in my 1952 Chevy. Now it was serious. So they were studying for metaphysics finals when we got a lock, chain and barbell weights, went to their apartment hiding the weights and feigning defeat we faked praise for their chispa. Then when they let down their guard and invited us in, Pete grabbed one while we chained and locked the weights to their leg. They had to get a locksmith. We stayed low for the rest of the end of year days. **(continued page 4)**

Class of 1966 Memories—(Charles Hayes Continued)

Once our classmate, Mike Repp, got a chance to spend the night at the girls dorm, rather in front of the girls dorm tied up on a bench in his altogether (underwear). We never asked him afterwards and over the years whether such an intimate approach to the girls improved his dating frequency or not.

On a serious note, M'liz Sheridan and I spent an evening with Tom Regan a couple of days before his departure to Viet Nam. I'll never forget the end: "well this is it; you'll never see me again because I know I won't be coming back" We thought it was the Iron City talking. No, it was Tom and he knew what awaited him. May God Rest his soul!

Lou Kaufman was running for class President. He asked me to make up signs for the campaign while he was away on retreat. I did a pretty good job but on the back of each sign I scribbled things like "LOU IS GOOD-VOTE FOR LOU" and a whole bunch of stupid such "calls for votes" Lou got back and asked to see my work, I showed him and they haven't yet invented the word for his utter despair.

Memories From Betsy Maloney Spitler

I first met Fr. G. Gordon Henderson on City Line Avenue in front of St. Joseph's College in the fall of 1961. It was break time between the entrance examination for Wheeling College. He was pacing up and down in front of the Gothic entrance to St. Joe's. (I was familiar with St. Joe's because my father was a full time day student from 1951 to 1955 when he graduated.)

I was nervous, fearful that I would not pass the exam and Fr Henderson must have picked up the agitation I was experiencing. With a few well-placed words he eased my fears and I went back into the classroom and gave it my all. Luckily I passed and the next time I met with Fr. Henderson was at Wheeling in March of 1962. My parents and I were there for a "look see" of the campus and meet with the counselor-Fr. Henderson. Father had a student give me a tour of campus while he spoke with my parents then he interviewed me. I must have said the correct things because I was admitted to the class of 1966. This was shaky because I was not a sterling academic individual. Learning came hard for me and I had another handicap if you will. My father had promised me only one year as a trial. He firmly believed that educating me would be a waste because I would end up married with children and not use my education. We also did not have the extra money; we were just above the poverty level.

Throughout that first year Fr. would generally ask me how it was going and I would respond "Ok or fine". He would **look me in the eye to see if I was being truthful or not. If not, he would give me some encouraging words and I would continue with a lighter heart.**

Of course I was struggling to keep my head above water and garner a decent QPA. I thought I was meeting all the markers when suddenly my parents showed up to talk to Father Henderson. Disaster! My father was going to pull me out of school either for the grades or money. You see I had a younger brother who was mentally challenged with some physical problems and both parents worked to keep him at a facility.

Well I ended up finishing Wheeling with my class because Fr. Henderson in that interview told my father that my education would never be wasted. I would use every bit of knowledge and experiences from college in my jobs and life experiences. So I owe Fr. Henderson a lot for convincing my father to let me continue at Wheeling and in my senior year he taught me to appreciate Scotch.

The Long Reach of WJU—Ed Kelleher

The year was 1974. The place, Tokyo, Japan.

Eight years earlier I had graduated from what was then Wheeling College, spent four years in Uncle Sam's Air Force and a few more years studying, teaching and then newspapering in Tokyo. I was newly married and had been working on the copy desk of The Japan Times for about a year.

The copy desk phone rang. It was for me. A fellow named George. I strained to recall if I had met anybody by the name of George recently – maybe in a darts tournament at a British-style pub? Maybe not. The caller went on. "It's George Blake, from Wheeling College, a year behind you. I've just taken over as managing editor of the Pacific Daily News here in Guam, and I came across your name when I was going through the files. Want a job?" **(Continued) on next page**

Ed Kelleher (continued from page 4)

Go figure. Two Wheeling alumni burning up the phone lines between Guam and Tokyo. What are the odds? I explained to George that I was just about to jump ship at The Japan Times and head across town to The Daily Yomiuri, another English-language newspaper but one that offered about twice the salary I was making. That, coupled with family considerations, meant it wasn't a good time for a move to Guam.

Long story short, we set up a stringer arrangements where I would write free-lance pieces with a Japan-Guam hook and feed them to the Pacific Daily News.

Fifteen months later George dangled a job that was more enticing than the original offer, and we packed up and headed to that Pacific island that bills itself as "Where America's Day Begins."

Pause here for a digression. Enter Jon Reed Donnelly, a Wheeling classmate who had made ends meet for his young family (bride: classmate Sandra Wunderlich) during his college years by working downtown at the Wheeling Intelligencer. After graduation, Jon was hired as a newsroom staffer for The Richmond News Leader in my hometown of Richmond, VA.

In addition to his editing duties, Jon created a niche for himself as the newspaper's aviation writer, which carried some perks (an early trans-Atlantic ride on the brand new Concorde, etc.) Under the pretext of aviation research, Jon finagled a flight to Tokyo, and then worked out a side trip to Guam, where he popped in unannounced in fall 1975. So there we were – George, Jon and myself, all veterans of The Spokesman staff – hanging out together in the far Pacific.

Jon later alerted me to some impending job openings at the News Leader, and by 1977 I was back in Virginia working at that paper. At one point Jon was state editor, and I was one of his reporters. Later on, when he moved on into the world of emergency services, I moved into the spot he was vacating – associate city editor.

I stayed in the news business, Jon became a pioneer in emergency services regional cooperation, and he and I remained fast friends until his death in January 2015.

George Blake (Class of '67) meanwhile had parlayed successful stints at a number of Gannett-owned newspapers to become executive editor and vice president of the Cincinnati Enquirer. He later became an executive in the fields of public relations and finance.

All of which goes to show that no matter how small WJU might be in student population, the relationships made there often tend to reach into far-off places and have a lasting impact.

Marilyn Manuzak Spak

Academic excellence. That is what came to mind when I was asked to share my thoughts. That excellence began to take form in Father Krieger's Fine Arts classes. So much so that when I am asked how I know so much about the subject, my response is always "I had The Best Fine Arts Teacher in The World". Also, how can I not forget Fr. Laut's Shakespeare's classes? A minimum of 20 hours of study was required for an A with three hours of trivia seminars with classmates. Last but certainly not least was all the required philosophy classes with the favored five hours of Metaphysics at eight A.M. Rounding out the philosophy fun was the orals in Junior and Senior year.

In my sophomore year President Kennedy was killed. I was in Father O'Brien's Logic class when an upperclassman interrupted with the news. At the end of that year a few of us took off to Mexico to study at the University Ibero Americana to take a class offered by Fr. Henderson.

In my Junior year ten of us returned to campus to discover that we were assigned to off campus housing. A house we affectionately referred to as 'the outhouse'. Aptly named because the house in front of ours was so much nicer and inhabited by sophomores. In the winter we discovered that we did not need to refrigerate our food because when left out on the counter overnight it developed frost crystals. We all would be sure to be at the house when the 'Laugh In' show came on the TV.

On one especially cold week our house temperature in the warmest room was not above 56 degrees. The furnace ran nonstop but to no avail. We complained and the Dean of Women offered her house. We put our mattresses in the warm 56 degree room rather than go to the Dean's house.

Apparently we were rewarded in our senior year by being housed in the newly constructed apartments. My suite mates were great. They did ask me in a very polite way to notify them when I had to type one of many English papers so that they could be sure to make themselves scarce. Typing not my strong suit. Just when we thought all of the testing was finished, we were rewarded with days of Grad Records. We took all areas. Some were seen to put their heads down or draw patterns when not being tested in their major.

A pseudo academic requirement was learning to play Bridge. Rare was the person who could walk through the snack bar and not be asked to be a fourth for someone who needed to go to class.

Tribute to Father Henry J. Miller, SJ **By Daniel McCloskey '65**

Father Miller taught physics, my major, at Wheeling College in addition to skiing. Father helped me obtain a summer job at Alpine Geophysical Associates, Inc.

In the summer of 1964, Bernie Brunner (Class of '64, Wheeling College) and I went to work for Alpine Geophysical in northern New Jersey doing site and foundation surveys. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was looking at sites for a fourth airport in northern New Jersey. Sites included an area by Greenwood Lake, the current location of the Meadowlands and a third site around Dover. Father Miller was the geophysicist and field supervisor.

The foundation work was seismic refraction. (I believe Father Miller received his degree(s) in geophysics from Boston College). Bernie and I would lay out lines of geophones. A blaster would detonate a stick of dynamite at a depth Fr. Miller specified. Fr. Miller would analyze the data and adjust the surveys. Over the course of the summer, Bernie and I learned a lot of geophysics (reflection and refraction) and geology.

An aside: During site changes, Bernie and I worked on the MN FALCON, a trawler converted to a research vessel. Alpine was mapping offshore sand deposits (seismic reflection) for the Army Corps of Engineers. During one of these changes, I saw the center span of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge raised into position.

When I returned to Wheeling in the fall of 1964, I asked about Fr. Miller. I was told he knew he wasn't coming back. Nearing graduation, instead of writing a resume, I called Alpine and started there shortly after graduation. Hank was there. We talked and later skied together.

I started in a project mapping acoustic provinces in the North Atlantic which involved oceanography and geophysics. I spent time at sea gathering data and in the office reducing data. During one of my turns in the office, Alpine was contracted to do the foundation survey for the World Trade Center (destroyed on 9/11) in Manhattan. Hank, I and the blaster from New Jersey and probably others, worked at night.

Sometime during 1966, I passed my draft physical. Alpine petitioned the Navy to give me a deferment. Three days before I was to report for induction, with my parents in Jersey to take my car home, the telex machine at Alpine confirmed my deferment. I have never been in the service thanks to the deferment.

I was put in charge (Master) of the MN FALCON mapping sand offshore sand deposits on the New England coast. The FALCON went aground off Chatham, Mass and broke up in a nor'easter. I was transferred to the Ocean Cable Protection Group at Bell Labs, where I met my wife. Sometime in this period, I lost touch with Hank.

Several years ago, I had some time in NYC. I went over to Alpine and discussed Hank. They knew about him, but didn't know his whereabouts.

Several months ago, I lost some friends to cancer. I started thinking about death. Hank came to mind. If he hadn't got me that summer job in 1964, I would probably still be in Vietnam!!!

I know another ex-Jesuit, who alluded that ex-Jesuits tend to keep in contact with current Jesuits. With that in mind, I contacted Father Jim O'Brien, SJ to see what he knew about Hank. A contact of Father O'Brien's thought Hank had passed on.

Another aside: After the alumni mass on Saturday, I introduced myself to Father Haig telling him he taught me physics. He asked if I did anything with it. I responded that I had been an oceanographer, geophysicist and an engineer.

WJU ARCHIVES SEARCHING FOR BOOK PUBLISHING ALUMNI

Currently organizers of the WJU Archives are searching for Wheeling Jesuit graduates who have authored or edited published books. This is an opportunity to be recognized and remembered at the 2ND ARCHIVE "COME ALIVE" EXHIBITION during the 2016 reunion (June 17-19). In addition, book information will be placed on the Alumni website soon after the reunion.

Bulletin board displays will be categorized according to subject matter. 46 books from 18 authors have been submitted so far. The deadline for acceptance is May 15, 2016

Book subject matters currently submitted: Law, Theology, Patient Care, Fiction, History, Cancer Diagnosis, Education, Business, Sports, Psychology and Accounting.

Send information to Don Mercer at donaldmercer2@yahoo.com and include book name, picture of front cover, year published, year graduated and your degree.

Drive 365 Road Trip Florida January 10-13, 2016

The four day trip included stops in four cities and meeting with 33 alums and friends of WJU. Father Jim Fleming, Father Bill George and Ed Shahady '60 traveled to all the sites. The trip was a huge success. Father Fleming provided an update on progress at WJU and added an inspirational message about Jesuit education at each site. Attendees were enthused about Fr. Fleming's leadership and commitment to Jesuit traditional values. Father George conducted Mass at one setting and provided spiritual advise at all settings and encouraged alums to join the Troy Legacy Society (including WJU in your will). Ed Shahady encouraged donations and provided an update on the 50 Year Club and the success of the Senior Ambassadors with fund raising (\$385,000 last year, and a goal of \$450,000 this year).



Mo Faul

We started the trip in south Florida on January 10th at the home of Maureen (Mo) Faul 83' in Coral Springs. The day began with Mass by Fr. George. Fr. George started Mass explaining the history and meaning of all the clothing he was wearing and the minimal clothing required for Mass. Following Mass Fr. Fleming provided an update about WJU. The following were present for the event: Mo Faul, Stacey Citrin, Mike and Peggy Faul (Mo's parents), Rose Gatens '75, Edward M. Shahady '87, Marty Gatens Shahady '87, Michael Shahady (future WJU freshman fall 2016).



Father George conducting mass



Father Fleming discussing WJU with Stacey Citrin, Edward M. Shahady and Michael Shahady



Father George distributing communion to Peggy Faul.

On January 11th we traveled 170 miles north to Orlando in central Florida. There we had dinner with Vince Guisti '60, Judy Guisti, Joan Davison '78 and Don Davison at Carrabas restaurant.

After Fr. George blessed the food we spent the evening discussing what's happening at WJU including the women's volleyball team recent national championship. This was also the evening of the college national championship so sports dominated the evening. It was a great opportunity for me (Ed) to catch up with classmate Vince Guistind encourage him to join the Troy Legacy Society.



Vince and Judy Guisti, Fr. George, Don Davison, Ed Shahady, Joan Davison, Fr. Fleming

Drive 365 Road Trip Florida January 10-13, 2016

On January 12th we traveled 160 miles west to Clearwater Florida to the home of John '63 and Judith Black '69 DiFazio. We had a very nice lunch looking over Clearwater Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Fr. George led the blessing of the food and Fr. Fleming talked about new educational programs at WJU. One of the most exciting items for me is the Cristo Rey program for attracting disadvantaged students to the University. In addition to John and Judith, Tison Vega '00, his mother Mattie, and Helen Maloy also attended.



Tison Vega, Mattie Vega, Fr. Jim Fleming, John DiFazio, Fr. Bill George and Judith DiFazio-Clearwater bay in the background.



Fr. Bill George, Judith and John DiFazio

The next day January 13th we traveled 170 miles south to Bonita Springs Florida for cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the home of John '61 and Marlene Yasinsky, Father George began with short Examination of Conscience centered on detachment and the prayer for Generosity. Father Fleming again provided an update on WJU and responded to several questions. Ed Shahady discussed the 50 Year Club and the successful fundraising by the Senior Ambassadors. Ed encouraged continued giving for the coming year. In addition to the Yasinsky's the following individuals attended: Jeannie Barrett Hamilton '66, Clark Hamilton, Adam Monks '61 and Marianne Danni Monks '67, Peter Goewey '64 and June Boyle Goewey '66, Robert Reiley '69, Fran Bartemes '68



Fr. Fleming, Marlene and John Yasinsky, Fr. George



Marlene and John Yasinsky, Fr. Jim Fleming, Clark Hamilton, Adam Monks, Robert Reiley— discussing what's happening at WJU.

Message from WJU President Fr. Jim Fleming

This year started with a wonderful experience as I travelled over 1000 miles through Florida with Dr. Ed Shahady and Fr. Bill George, S.J. We visited with Alumni and Friends of WJU in North Palm Beach, Coral Springs, Orlando, Clearwater, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers. It was wonderful.

The first gathering began with Mass in Mo Faul's home and at the home of John and Marlene Yasinsky. Fr. George lead us in a brief Examination of Conscience and St. Ignatius prayer for generosity. John and Judith Black DiFazio hosted us in their home which had a magnificent view of the ocean in Clearwater. We really got to know Florida.

This was my first trip to Florida to visit alumni, following Fr. George's trip last year. Everyone was so welcoming and enthusiastic about Wheeling Jesuit that I was energized. I brought them up to date on the "Jesuit Strong" program, enrollment, athletics (We are National Champion D II for Volleyball) and Fr. George summarized our Federal Proposal on how to deal with the large number of non-violent substance abusers being let out of prison or being assigned to treatment. We hope to set a national exemplar on how to help people recover. Our unique approach will be to help them manage all the various elements of recovery, from the judicial, medical, psychological, educational, social, employment and housing issues, etc. Quite a challenge.

When each meeting broke up, Fr. George gave everyone an envelope with WJU Points of Pride and a Troy Legacy Society form.

You may already know that our Wheeling Jesuit Women's Volleyball team won the 2015 National Championship for Division II. When you learn that the average GPA of the team is 3.6 you can be extra proud of our women. Our volleyball coach has already received offers to leave WJU for a higher salary, but she and her husband, her assistant coach, have said they will stay at WJU.

On Jan. 22, our Men's Cardinal Basketball team defeated West Liberty, the then # 1 Ranked Div. II Basketball team, 106-83 at home. We were ranked #13, but will surely move up! In between the women's and men's game we honored our volleyball team with Rep. David McKinley of the U.S. Congress giving a Congressional Citation to the team.

Know that your alma mater is growing stronger and healthier every day. Everything seems to be on the upswing, including finances since more of you are helping us than ever. Please keep it up!

You can count on our prayers. May God bless you and keep you.

Peace,



Fr. James Fleming



Fr. Bill George

50 Year Club

The following individuals are Club officers and board members serving June 2014-June 2016. President-Dan Haller '61, 1st Vice President-Al Reed '60, 2nd Vice President-Don Mercer '60, Secretary-Carolyn Cannon '60, Past President-Ed Shahady '60, Members at Large - Barbara Creamer Yeager '59, John Eagan McAteer '61, Fr. John DiBacco '62, Terri Haid '63, JJ Lauer '64, Geno Julian '64, Larry Meagher '65

By-Laws: Active Membership: (1) All graduates of Wheeling Jesuit University upon the 50th 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: 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 50th 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 50th reunion.

Committees: Committees /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 54 individuals who have volunteered from the classes of 59 through 63. The group meets yearly at the time of the reunion and then by conference call during the year. Senior Ambassadors are dedicated fund raisers for WJU.

DRIVE365 is the year long campaign (July 2014 through June 2015) and the Senior Ambassadors pledged to raise \$365,000. The Ambassadors from the classes of 1959-1968 made personal contacts to classmates asking for their support of the University. They surpassed their goal by raising \$382,318 by June 30, 2015.

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.** The initial scholar was Ed Shahady, M.D. '60, was on campus in the fall of 2011. Joan Davison Ph.D. '78 was the second scholar and was on campus in the fall of 2012. The third scholar was Dick Riley, Ph.D. and he was on campus in the fall of 2013. The Honorable James Smith 64' was on campus fall of 2014. Christina Richey, Ph.D. '04 was the scholar for 2015. 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.



Larry Meagher '65 receiving his diploma

50 Year Club Web Site Go to www.wju.edu/alumni/50yearclub