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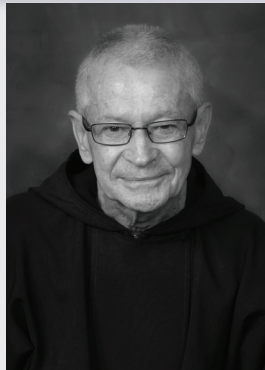
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Point of Light Award



Tony Ruder



**Fr. Gilmary
Tallman**



Arlen Walters



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Tony Ruder served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1945 and worked for Central Kansas Power Company for 42 years. He married Armella Denning and they had five children, **Roger SJMA '67**, **Rod SJMA '69**, **RaNell MHS '71**, the late **Ron TMP '77** and **Russ TMP '80**. Tony and Armella were huge fans of Catholic education and volunteered to help with a chicken dinner fundraiser in 1956. That first fundraiser began a life filled with giving service and support to the Catholic parishes and schools.

Fr. Gilmary Tallman is a **1952** graduate of St. Francis Seminary. He earned a BA philosophy degree at St. Fidelis, Herman, PA; MA religious ed. degree from Capuchin College, Washington D.C., and a MA English degree at Fort Hays State University. While stationed in Hays, he worked at SJMA and TMP from 1969 to 1982 and served positions such as president, vice president, academic dean, junior class advisor, member of the executive board, vicar, third provincial councilor and second provincial councilor. Fr. Gilmary continues to share his time and talents in saying daily mass and hearing confessions at TMP-Marian and the Catholic parishes in Ellis County.

Arlen Walters is a **1953** graduate of St. Joseph's Military Academy. He earned a Business Administration degree from Fort Hays State University. Arlen was employed as a sales representative with Nationwide Papers for 37 years. He married **Muriel '63 Campbell** and they have a son Craig. Arlen became an active member of the Alumni Association after graduation and served as Alumni President in 1963. This was the same year that they purchased the wooden seats in the fieldhouse. The Class of 1953 has been a standout class with incredible participation in class reunions, class trips and projects. Arlen was instrumental in planning many of these trips as well as organizing the fundraising projects done by this class.

The level of devotion, dedication and service that these Points of Light display is surpassed by few. We thank Tony, Fr. Gilmary and Arlen for all of their efforts and commitment to Catholic education and the students of Thomas More Prep-Marian. God bless you all.

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Evening at *Grace*land 2018 Auction for Christian Education

Make your plans now to join us on April 27-28, 2018 for a fun-filled weekend, listening to the sounds of the late great Elvis Presley, bidding on an incredible assortment of auction items and enjoying the ambience created by our decorating committee. **Irvin '68 Leiker**, production manager and **Joyce '70 Dinges**, chief decorator are in the process of creating their design for ACE 2018 with their group of volunteers. There is always room for additional volunteers and this group would love to have the help. If you are interested in joining in - contact the alumni office and let us know.

Yummy appetizers vary each year. They include jumbo shrimp with cocktail sauce, cocktail meatballs, rawburger, assorted cheese cubes, crackers, spicy brisket dip, along with a variety of mixed nuts, snack crackers and chips which are served at the preview party and/or the auction. The dinner menu prepared by the Rose Garden Banquet Hall & Catering LLC will consist of: garden spring salad with Vinaigrette dressing, smothered steak, honey pecan chicken, garlic whipped mashed potatoes, old fashion country gravy, green beans with bacon, mushrooms and onions, dinner roll delight with honey butter, followed by your choice from a delicious assortment of pies.

There are many ways that you can contribute and make a real difference in the lives of the students at Thomas More Prep-Marian. Please take a few minutes to read through the different options listed in the ACE mailing and choose the ones that are best for you. All donations are welcome no matter how large or small. Donated items should be new. The ACE packet of information will show up in your mailboxes in late January! Tickets go fast - so get your reservations in early.

2017 Pennies for ACE Donor Honor Roll

In Honor of All Alumni
HCC-GCHS-SJMA-SFS-MHS-TMP-TMP-M

In Memory of All Deceased Alumni

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Triple Play

Bob & Susan Wolf Family

God bless your generosity!

\$2,600.00 is the Penny Donor capped amount for ACE 2018.

This would be a great year to add YOUR name to the list of extraordinary donors displayed at the left! Penny donors can choose to donate the "capped amount" or can choose the second option of what the actual 1¢ match would be based on the amount raised at the auction (excluding Item 60).

Don't forget - family members can combine their resources to do a penny donation, classmates can do the same just like the Class of 1977 or even a special group of friends. "Triple Play" is an example of a fun group of three couples that wish to remain anonymous and love baseball. Being listed as a Penny Donor is another way of remembering and honoring someone who has passed away.

Please contact the alumni office staff at 785-625-9434 if you would like to hear more about being a penny donor.

Thank you...

...thank you very much!



Halloween Door Contest

The Junior High STUCO supervised by teachers Carmen Simon and Carol Brull hosted a Halloween Door Contest and Trick - or - Treat at Thomas More Prep-Marian on October 31st. Your advancement/ alumni offices joined in the fun by decorating their doors and handing out treats to the little goblins from 4 to 6 p.m. This service provided a warm and safe environment for parents to bring their children.

Remembering Our Deceased...

1934 - Viola M. (Herman) Beishline passed away on 7-20-17. She is survived by her sister **Juanita "Nitzi" '53 (Herman) Vontz**, daughter Kathleen (Beishline) Conover, sons Bryan Conover & William Conover, 14 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Viola was valedictorian of her class and went on to get her B.A. from Cal State Los Angeles and her M.A. from Cal State Long Beach in Family Living. Viola was our oldest living alumna and celebrated her 100th birthday last year.

1939 - Ernest "Ernie" F. Wolf died on 7-4-17. He is survived by his sons **David '62 (& Gloria '62 Tholen) Wolf & Karl '80 Wolf**, daughter **Barbara '69 (Wolf) (& Darrell '68) Werth**, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Ernie was preceded in death by brothers Ferdinand Wolf, Marcel Wolf, Clarence Wolf & Carl Wolf and sisters Victoria Wolf, Pauline (Wolf) Dechant, Josephine (Wolf) Rupp, Rose (Wolf) Dreiling, **Mary '23 (Wolf) Rupp, Clara '25 (Wolf) Antle, Anna '28 (Wolf) Rupp, Marge '34 (Wolf) Stenger & Catherine '39 (Wolf) Wiesner.**

1940 - Bernard "Ben" J. Beilman passed away on 6-16-17. He is survived by his wife Irene, sons **Mick '64 (& Jeanne '64 Schmidt) Beilman**, Paul (& Sharon) Beilman, Chris (& Theresa) Beilman, Jim (& Valerie Fraga) Beilman, Bernie (& Jeanette) Beilman and Gene (& **Celina '71 Walters) Beilman** and daughters Clarita (Beilman) Beluscak, **Laurie '77 (Beilman) (& Phil) Toepfer**, brother **Wilfred Sp'38 Beilman**, sister **Mary Ann '53 (Beilman) Deskins**, 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

1943 - Ernest W. Schmeidler died on 10-2-17. He is survived by his sisters **Carol '57 (Schmeidler) Romme & Jeanette '59 (Schmeidler) Flax.** He was preceded in death by his siblings Bill Schmeidler, **Sr. Bonaventure '43 Schmeidler SC, & James '47 Schmeidler.**

1944 - Agnes (Staab) Lundy passed away on 8-11-17. She is survived by her children Elizabeth (Lundy) McMahon, Peggy (Lundy) Polson & Kenneth Lundy.

1945 - Francis Alfred Unrein passed away on 10-10-17. He is survived by his wife **Bernice '46 (Ruder) Unrein**, children Keith Unrein, Marybeth (Unrein) Harwick, Kevin Unrein & Robin (Unrein) Hagedorn, brothers Philip Unrein, George Unrein & Edward Unrein and sister **Marguerite '49 (Unrein) Houchins.** Francis was preceded in death by his brothers **Gerard '40 Unrein, Louis Unrein & Dr. Robert Sp'57 Unrein.**

1946 - Thomas V. Koehl died on 3-7-17. He is survived by his children Joseph Koehl, Edward Koehl, Patrick Koehl, Stanley Koehl, John Koehl and daughters Mary (Koehl) Schafer, Janet (Koehl) Nicelley, Joann (Koehl) Ryan, Christine (Koehl) Smith, Beatrice (Koehl) Royal, Pauline (Koehl) Cox, Diane (Koehl) Rice, Theresa (Koehl) Paulison,



Karen (Koehl) Kempf & Charlene (Koehl) Gerber, 50+ grandchildren and many, many great-grandchildren. One of his daughters informed us, "Dad had the most fondest and funniest stories about his years at the prep school. His children (all 15 of us), have heard these stories many times over the years. Then his new audience was his grandchildren and then his great-grandchildren. It was as if we were there with him at the school". Rest in peace Thomas.

1946Sp - Charles Kuhlman passed away on 5-27-16. He is survived by his wife Catherine Kuhlman, six children, 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and his brother Don Kuhlman.

1946 - Gregory A. Wasinger died on 8-29-17. He is survived by his son **Gerard "Jerry" '74 Wasinger**, daughter **Kathleen '85 (Wasinger) Horlick** and grandsons Joel (& **Sarah '01 Lang) Wasinger & Blake (& Teresa) Wasinger.**

1947 - Deacon Giles Schmitt passed away on 1-31-17, after serving 20 years in the U.S. Navy (retiring as Chief) and 20 years working for the city of San Diego. He is survived by his wife Patricia and children Vincent, Mary Anne & Carla. In 1975, Giles was ordained to the permanent diaconate and served in that capacity until 2014 and also served as chaplain for Kaiser Hospice. His wife told us that he had many fond memories of SJMA.

1948 - Irene (Engel) L. Houston passed away on 8-9-17. She is survived by her son Bruce Houston, daughter Kathy (Houston) Lindner, brothers **Ralph '43 Engel & Ernie Engel** and sister **Norma Jean '56 (Engel) Munk.** Irene was preceded in death by her son Gary Houston, sister **Caroline '37 (Engel) Goetz & brother Harold '53 Engel.**

1949 - Thomas J. "T.J." Dreiling died on 6-20-17. He is survived by his sister **Imogene "Imy" '46 (Dreiling) Leard.** He was preceded in death by his brother **Jim Sp'44 Dreiling** and sister Judy (Dreiling) Vollmer. T.J. remembered Thomas More Prep-Marian in his will with a very generous donation, which we are very grateful for.

1950 - Gene F. Feight died on 2-10-17. He is survived by his wife Teresa and sons Michael Feight & Steve Feight.

1951 - Luella (Bechard) Davidson died 2-4-17 and her husband Harold Davidson died 7-29-17. They are survived by their children Gregory (& **Rose '77 Herman**) Davidson, Diana (Davidson) (& Edward) Riley, Roxie (Davidson) (& **Harvey '74) Ruder** & Jeanette (Davidson) Schroeder.

1951 - John C. Younger passed away on 7-16-17. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Ethel, son Michael Younger, daughters **JoAnn '84 (Younger) Seaman**, Maria (Younger) Munro & Annette (Younger) Ziegler and sister **Nadine '50 (Younger) Pederson**.

1955 - Marilyn (Klaus) Flax died on 7-21-17. She is survived by her sons David Flax & Dennis Flax, daughters Clarice (Flax) Rilinger & Dolores Flax, brothers **Kenneth '55 Klaus & Harold Sp'67 Klaus** and sisters **Charlene '62 (Klaus) Flax & Ann '64 (Klaus) Augustine**.

1957Sp - Dennis A. Dreiling passed away on 8-9-17. He is survived by his wife of 55 years **Marilyn '59 (Herl) Dreiling**, sons Kevin Dreiling & Kenneth Dreiling, brother Stanley Dreiling and sister **Nancy '65 (Dreiling) Basel**. Dennis was preceded in death by his sisters **Donna '59 (Dreiling) Linenberger & Jane '60 (Dreiling) Robben**.

1957 - Adolph "J.R." Grabbe Jr. died on 9-29-17. He is survived by his wife Barbara, children **Jill '84 (Grabbe) Miller, Amy '88 Grabbe**, RoJene Broeckelman & Julie Sulzman, sisters Terri (Grabbe) Demel, Carol (Grabbe) Osborne, **Judith '63 (Grabbe) Ford, Mary Kay '65 (Grabbe) Holmes & Connie '70 (Grabbe) Bourbina**, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. J.R. was instrumental for many years helping decorate for ACE Auction and in later years, trained **Irvin '68 Leiker** to replace him.

1958 - Luella M. (Gabel) Augustine passed away on 10-12-17. She is survived by her husband Robert, son Kevin Augustine, daughter Karla (Augustine) Harrison, brothers Harold Gabel, Ernest Gabel & Gene Gabel and sister Norma (Gabel) Huser. Luella was preceded in death by her brother **Donald '53 Gabel** and sister **Mildred '49 (Gabel) Linenberger**.

1958 - Janice (Gerstner) Walters died on 7-29-17. She is survived by her spouse **Herbert '58 Walters**, son Kevin Walters, daughter Jennifer (Walters) Johnson, brother **Jim '56 Gerstner** and sister **Sheila '65 (Gerstner) Dalrymple**.

1959Sp - James S. Kieffer died on 10-11-17. He is survived by his wife Dixie, sons **Brad '83 (& Sandra) Kieffer, Eric '85 (& Janya) Kieffer, Andy '93 (& Michele '96 Kippes) Kieffer & Todd '98 (& Christina) Kieffer**, daughter **Lynette '88 (Kieffer) (& Mike) Mullinax** and stepdaughters Angie (& John) Friedrich & Amy Shell.

1961 - Robert "Bob" Bieker passed away on 7-10-17. He is survived by his wife **Marilyn '63 (Haas) Bieker**, son Kevin Pittmon, brothers **Charles '58 (& Sandy) Bieker, Gene '63 (& Terry) Bieker, Jim '67 Bieker, & Gerard '71 (& Debbie '73 Graf) Bieker**, and sisters **Marlene '75 (Bieker) (& Randy) Irwin, Margaret '77 (Bieker) (& Ed) Picking** and **Marla '80 (Bieker) (& Gary) Diers**.



Missionary
Fr. Peter Meis
O.F.M. Cap.
Class of 1959
Papua New
Guinea

Fr. Peter '59 Meis, O.F.M. Capuchin was featured in an article written by **Fr. Don '62 Debes**, O.F.M. Cap. and published in the Provincial Porter, a publication of the Capuchin Province of Mid-America, Inc. The article is about when Fr. Don first met Fr. Peter in 1962 when he went to St. Fidelis College in Herman, PA. Fr. Peter had just finished his novitiate year and made his first profession. He made his final profession on July 14, 1966. Fr. Peter celebrated 50 years as a Capuchin.

One comment that Fr. Meis made about poor people not having the opportunity to spend two months at a summer camp, because they had to work or they did not eat made an impact on Fr. Don. Until then, student friars spent their summer months at a camp called Alverno. After this discussion was held, the seminarians received summer work assignments or were sent to summer school, instead of to the camp.

Three of the Capuchin Province of Mid-America's brothers that serve in Papua New Guinea are **Fr. Peter '59 Meis** since 1968, **Archbishop Steve '61 Reichert** since 1970 and **Fr. Donald '62 Debes** since 1971.

Fr. Peter is the son of the late Servillian and Irene (Weigel) Meis. His siblings are: **Sr. Mary Rose '55 (Shirley) Meis, Sr. Marise '57 Meis, Yvonne '61 (Meis) Rodriguez**, Geradine (Meis) Henning, Mike Meis, Kathy (Meis) Plank and **Chris '74 (Meis) Hadley**.

1961 - Mary Ann (Gottschalk) Noeth passed away on 6-11-17. She is survived by her sons George Noeth & Steven Noeth, daughter Robin (Noeth) Marino, brothers **Donald '57 Gottschalk & Ken '60 Gottschalk**. Mary Ann was preceded in death by brothers George Gottschalk, **Tom '49 Gottschalk & Robert '54 Gottschalk**.

1961 - Kenneth R. Schmidt died on 6-15-17. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughter Lori (Schmidt) Robertson and sons Jason Schmidt & Cameron Schmidt. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter Brooklynn Schmidt and his sister **Darlene '56 (Schmidt) Wellbrock**.

1962 - Carol Sue (Quint) Carranco died on 12-8-16. She is survived by her husband Roy, sons Rogelio Carranco & Joseph Carranco and sister Lisa (Quint) Dana.

1962 - Michael "Terry" Ford passed away on 7-2-17. He is survived by his spouse **Judith '63 (Grabbe) Ford**, sons Michael Ford & Matthew Ford, brothers James Ford, Robert (& Melissa) Ford & Thomas (& Yvonne) Ford and sister Kathy (Ford) (& **Bill '64) Dale**.

Remembering Our Deceased...

1962 - James A. Wiesner died on 6-30-17. He is survived by his wife Jill Topper, stepson Andrew Dutton-Topper, stepdaughter Lisa Forman, brother **Frank '68 Wiesner** and sisters **Donna '55 (Wiesner) Giebler & Patricia '57 (Wiesner) Staab**. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary (Wiesner) Scherr and parents **Frank '23 & Lee Wiesner**.

1963 - Mary "Cathy" Catherine (Groff) Gilbert passed away on 7-10-17. She is survived by her son Forest Gilbert II, daughter Debra (Gilbert) Putnam, brothers Jamie Groff, Robert Groff, Gary Groff & Ronnie Groff and sisters **Alberta '66 (Groff) Rogers**, Regina Groff & Becky Groff.

1967 - Francis Leonard Goetz passed away on 4-25-16. He is survived by his spouse Donna, son David Goetz, daughters Tawnya (Goetz) Beavers & Veronica (Goetz) Longoria, stepsons Daniel Karnes & Jonathan Karnes and sister **Mary Ann '70 (Goetz) Chand**.

1969Sp - Dale Silkman died on 9-1-17. He is survived by his daughters Jane (Silkman) Allen & Sarah Silkman.

1970 - Thomas "Tom" A. Walters passed away on 9-9-17. He is survived by his son Thomas M. Walters, daughter Crystal (Walters) Birch, stepsons Dale Root, Willis Keith, Kerry Keith & Dana Gofforth, stepdaughters Tammy Banks, Corena Hensen, Rose Morrison & Karol Church and sisters **Margie '54 (Walters) (& Jack '55) McGivern, Darlene '56 Walters, & Becky '71 (Walters) (& Roger) Morris**.

1972 - Lynette (Staab) Wetter died on 8-20-17. She is survived by her spouse Roger, son Jeremy Wetter, mother **Delila '50 (Herl) Staab**, brother **Lee Allan '75 (& Wanda '75 Fisher) Staab** and sisters **Sherry '71 Staab & Janet '79 (Staab) (& Creighton) Larson**.

1973 - Larry J. Augustine passed away on 8-5-17. He is survived by his wife Tina, sons Blake Augustine & Zach Workman, daughters Charity Hootman & Casie Ouren, stepfather Gene Kippes and brother **Ron '70 Augustine**.

1975 - Myron J. Sander died on 7-1-17. He is survived by his wife **Ruth '79 (Linenberger) Sander**, son Joseph Sander, daughter Molly (Sander) Lynn and sisters **Mary Rose '67 (Sander) (& George) Peterson, Dorothy '67 (Sander) (& Alex '68) Klaus & Cecelia '70 Sander**.

1977 - Ronald "Ron" L. Leiker passed away on 6-13-17. He is survived by his wife Kelly, sons Aaron Leiker & Shawn Leiker, daughter Jordyn (Leiker) Irwin, brothers **Verland '59 Leiker & Allen '75 (& Maggie '75 Staab) Leiker** and sisters **Mary Jane '57 (Leiker) White, Gloria '61 (Leiker) (& Ron) Braun & Linda '69 (Leiker) Schoenthaler**.

1978 - Beverly "Bev" (Dinges) Gross died on 7-5-17. She is survived by her daughter Kourtney Gross, mother Alfrieda Dinges, brother Jason Dinges and sister **Karen '73 (Dinges) Staab**.

1986 - Eric A. Blackburn passed away on 7-8-17. He is survived by his children Macey (Blackburn) Batie, Airika Blackburn & Landon Blackburn, mother Patsy Blackburn, brothers **Michael '82 Blackburn & Jord '84 Blackburn** and sister Ramona Blackburn.

1988 - Lynette (Gross) Callahan died on 9-26-17. She is survived by her spouse Tom, son Sean Callahan, daughter Hannah Callahan, parents Leslie & **Linda '68 (Weigel) Gross**, brother **Len '89 (& Patricia '89 Hess) Gross**, sisters **LaNae '94 (Gross) (& Greg '94) Lang** and **LaShana '98 (Gross) (& Troy '94) Hunt**. Lynette's aunts are **Sandy '69 (Weigel) Brungardt** and **Wanda '66 (Weigel) Billinger** (Alumni Director of your Alumni Association).

1988 - Janet L. (Moeder) Crawford passed away on 7-22-17. She is survived by her spouse Chris, children Dane Crawford, Andrea (Crawford) Bednar & **Alek '14 Crawford**, parents John & Dorothy Moeder, brother **John '82 (& Amy) Moeder** and sisters **Joannah '85 (Moeder) (& Myron) Applequist & Julie '96 (Moeder) (& Jeff '94) Brull**.

1990 - Farron Lee Leiker died on 7-19-17. He is survived by his wife Amy Sue, son Thomas Leiker, daughters Brianna Leiker & Morgan Leiker, parents **Herman '57 & Rosie '64 (Walter) Leiker**, grandmother Sophia Walter, brothers **Francis '87 Leiker & Fabien '88 (& Linda) Leiker** and sisters **Kathleen '86 (Leiker) (& Kevin) Huser, Kayleen '95 (Leiker) (& Shawn '89) Knoll** and **Koleen '96 (Leiker) (& Aaron '86) Dome**.

1992 - Andrew L. Richmeier passed away on 10-14-17. He is survived by his son **Ryan '20 Richmeier**, parents Leon & **Marilyn '67 (Rome) Richmeier**, brother Shawn Richmeier and sisters Kelly (Richmeier) Bradstreet & Emily (Richmeier) Baker. Andrew was preceded in death by his father **Charles '58 Leiker**.

2001 - DeGoule Pietros died on 8-3-17. He is survived by his sister Ghalila (Pietros) (& DeGaulle) Haile.

Patricia "Pat" Landwehr Adelhardt died on 7-1-17. She is survived by her husband Ronald, daughters Cindy (Adelhardt) (& Joe, English teacher & basketball coach at TMP-Marian) Hertel & Ronna (Adelhardt (& Doug) Adelhardt, son Danny (& Debi) Adelhardt and 13 grandchildren including **Seri '06 Hertel** and **Drew '09 Hertel**.

Ann Arnhold passed away on 10-11-17. She is survived by her children Don Arnhold, **Dorothy '68 (Arnhold) Rusch**, Tom Arnhold, Ken Arnhold & **Bruce '82 Arnhold** and sister Katherine (Dechant) Urban.

Emily Catherine Bauer died on 7-6-17. She is survived by her spouse Terrell Bauer, children Beatrice (Bauer) Rickman, Caitlin Bauer & Joel Bauer, mother Judith Schenkel and siblings Shelly Schenkel, Karen (Schenkel) Vacek & **JoAnn '83 (Schenkel) Baier**.

Irene Rose Bollig passed away on 7-11-17. She is survived by her children **Dennis '60 Bollig, Bill '63 Bollig, Sue '66 Bollig** & Arlin Bollig.



Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot

Bill and Joan '77 (Flax) Youmans started the Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot (RMDD) in January, 2017 when they learned of the need for disposable diapers and baby wipes for babies/toddlers living in the metro Denver, Colorado area. By the end of 2017, their non-profit will have collected and distributed 450,000 diapers to 30 agencies serving homeless babies and low income families in their community. By partnering with the RMDD, these agencies can focus on their own missions and not have to worry about collecting and storing large amounts of diapers in their own facilities. Government programs like SNAP (Food Stamps) cannot be used to purchase disposable diapers, so disposable diapers are frequently dried and re-used causing diaper rash and other health issues.

Joan was raised in a large Catholic family in which helping others and being in service to others was a key value. She is the daughter of Frank & Millie Flax. Her siblings are **Melinda '74 (Flax) Dreiling; Ron '75 Flax; Lucy '78 (Flax) Hutchison;** Wayne Flax; Allen Flax; Becky (Flax) Ginther; Tammie (Flax) Macari; and Laura (Flax) Hertel. This value was magnified when she attend Marian High School and made the decision to become a nurse after completing high school. Joan has helped many babies being born as a labor and delivery nurse and now she helps babies and toddlers have access to clean, dry diapers.

Joan would challenge all TMP/MHS alumni to locate a diaper bank in their community and donate their time and/or diapers to it. Alumni living in Colorado can email Joan at JYDenver@earthlink.net to learn more about helping the Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot collect and distribute diapers to babies who need them. RMDD is a 100% volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit and additional volunteers are always needed.

Frances L. Dinkel died on 9-16-17. She is survived by her sons Jim (& Joyce) Dinkel & **Ray '73 (& Marilyn '74 Freitag) Dinkel** & daughter **Jo '70 (Dinkel) (& Gary) Good.**

Keith "Skeeter" Fieler passed away on 8-10-17. He is survived by his wife **Carol '79 (Karlin) Fieler**, daughters **Jade (Fieler) Herl, Chelsea '08 (Fieler) Mauler & Heidi '09 Fieler**, parents Jim & Jean Fieler, brother **Kevin '76 (& Kay '77 Dreiling) Fieler**, sisters **Amy (Fieler) (& Jeff) Luebbers & Dawn (Fieler) (& Steve '81) Keil**, brother-in-laws **Brian '76 (& Gale) Karlin & Tom '85 (& Robyn) Karlin** and sister-in-laws **Kathy '77 (Karlin) (& Steve) Boggs & Brenda '82 (Karlin) (& Brett) Thomas.** He was preceded in death by his sister Lisa Fieler and brother-in-law **Alan '75 Karlin.**

Ivy (Creighton) Fross died on 3-1-17. She is survived by her husband of 54 years **LaVern '60 Fross** and children **Shelly (Fross) Westram, Kelly Fross, Creighton Fross, Stacey Fross & Chrystal Fross.**

David H. Gordon passed away on 10-13-17. He is survived by his wife Anson, mother **Mary Lou Kordenbrock**, sister **Lois Chamberlin** and children **Christopher, Shane & Lindsey** and step-children **Josh & Joe Aubihl.** Dave taught biology at TMP-Marian from 1987 until 1994.

Daniel A. Guzman died on 8-25-17. He is survived by his spouse **Irene Guzman**, mother **Martha Torres** and children **Marlena '18 Guzman, Demitre '20 Guzman, Leonardo Benavidez, A.J. Martinez, leesha Guzman, Domonique Benavidez, Monique Singleton & Azariah Redding.**

Albert "Al" A. Hamel Jr. died on 10-15-17. He is survived by his daughters **Charlene '75 (Hamel) Taggart, Melinda "Nin" '77 (Hamel) Dreiling, Julie '79 (Hamel) Craig,** **Brenda (Hamel) Dreiling & Theresa (Hamel) Riisoe,** three brothers, four sisters, 20 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren plus one on the way.

Lily Marie Hartman, infant daughter of **Lance & Emily '02 (Newell) Hartman**, died on 9-18-17. She is survived by her sister **Ella**, brothers **Max & Charlie** and grandparents **Don & Mary Hartman** and **Stan & Joyce Newell.**

Florence "Flo" (Urban) Hertel passed away on 10-6-17. She is survived by her sons **Wesley '66 Hertel, Bruce Hertel & Thaddeus Hertel** and daughter **Karen '78 Hertel.**

Agnes Marie Karlin died on 6-25-17. She is survived by her sons **Mark (& Rebecca) Karlin & Craig (& Lisa '86 Dinkel) Karlin** (TMP-Marian Sports Booster Club Presidents) and daughters **Karen (Karlin) (& Joe) Keith, Mira Jo (Karlin) Hoke, Susan (Karlin) (& Bill) Lowman** and **Colette (Karlin) (& David) Ford.**

Vivian Karlin passed away on 8-2-17. She is survived by her sons **Chris '79 Karlin, Alan '81 Karlin & Paul '83 Karlin** and brother **Harry '68 Schuster.** Vivian was preceded in death by her husband **Cletus '48 Karlin.** She taught at St. Joseph Elementary School in Hays before moving to Kansas City and was named a master teacher in 1991-1992 by her peers in the State of Kansas.

**Alumni Association of
Thomas More Prep-Marian
Financial Statement
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, this financial statement is a true and accurate report of the status of the Alumni Association of Thomas More Prep-Marian for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Wanda Billinger

Wanda Billinger, Alumni Director

RECEIPTS & MONIES ON HAND

Monies on Hand 06/30/2016	\$ 242,326.31
Unrestricted Donations	\$ 2,106.30
Lifetime Dues	\$ 6,400.00
Annual Dues	\$ 2,176.76
Interest Earned	\$ 591.91
American Fund Value Increase	\$ 16,936.40
Postage - Monogram	\$ 501.65
Merchandise Sales	\$ 1,320.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 4,388.33</u>
TOTAL	\$ 276,747.66
RESTRICTED RECEIPTS	
Misc. Restricted Funds	\$ 3,435.70
ACE 2017	\$ 597,124.73
Golf Classic 2017	\$ 26,548.51
Homecoming 2016	\$ 6,506.00
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>\$ 1,750.00</u>
	\$ 635,364.94
TOTAL RECEIPTS/MONIES ON HAND	<u>\$ 912,112.60</u>

EXPENSES

Postage	\$ 1,578.70
Postage – Monogram	\$ 4,352.14
Printing	\$ 970.64
Printing – Monogram	\$ 7,066.99
Supplies	\$ 1,561.19
Advertising	\$ 5,133.84
Equipment/Computer Technology	\$ 2,935.95
Dues & Sponsorships	\$ 200.00
Memorials & Gifts	\$ 1,126.92
Merchandise	\$ 2,400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 4,621.73</u>

RESTRICTED DONATIONS

Miscellaneous Restricted Funds	\$ 4,035.56
ACE 2017 Expense	\$ 63,832.14
ACE 2017 Disbursements*	\$ 533,292.59
Golf Classic 2017 Expense	\$ 6,900.73
Homecoming 2016 Expense	<u>\$ 6,913.66</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 649,766.42

MONIES ON HAND JUNE 30, 2017

Checking Balance	\$ 36,552.34
Savings Acct. – Restricted Funds	\$ 28,827.80
American Funds (Lifetime Memb.)	<u>\$ 196,966.04</u>
TOTAL MONIES ON HAND	\$ 262,346.18

TOTAL EXPENSES/MONIES ON HAND **\$ 912,112.60**

***ACE 2017 Disbursement Breakdown**

Thomas More Prep-Marian	\$ 346,897.59
TMP-M Item #60 (Campus Safety)	\$ 177,395.00
Alumni Restricted Misc. Items	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 533,292.59

Alumni Board Elections

Fr. Earl '61 Befort, O.F.M. Capuchin was re-elected to serve his 20th consecutive year as Alumni President and Chris '77 Gottschalk was re-elected to serve his 12th consecutive year as Alumni Vice President.

Kaleen '73 (Staab) Fisher and Melissa '78 (Pfannenstiel) Holub terms expired. Both ladies agreed to run for an additional term since there were no other candidates, they were re-elected to serve new three year terms on your Alumni Association board. We thank them for their continued service.

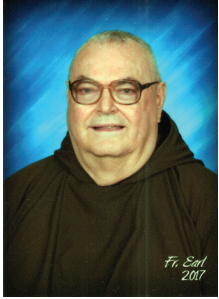
If you would like to be considered for a position on the Alumni Board, please contact the Alumni office at 785-625-9434 or alumni@tmpmarian.org. Board members attend monthly meetings, help with the ACE Auction, Black Tie Dinner, Homecoming and the Alumni Golf Classic.

Point of Light Nominations

If you would like to nominate someone you admire and respect for the prestigious Point of Light award - now is the time. Nominations will be accepted until May 15, 2018. The Point of Light award is the highest honor given by Thomas More Prep-Marian. Recipients are chosen based on the following criteria: 1) Commitment to our Tradition of Excellence; 2) Activities which bring honors to the inductee and to TMP-Marian; and 3) Dedication to TMP-Marian in service.

Mail your nomination to Chad Meitner c/o TMP-Marian, 1701 Hall St., Hays, KS 67601 or you can e-mail it to meitnerc@tmpmarian.org. All nominations must be received before May 15th for consideration in the same calendar year. Recipients will be announced at Homecoming.

To view a complete listing of Point of Light recipients go to tmp-m.org, Media Gallery, Point of Light Recipients to see their photos and essays.



A Message from the Heart



Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

It seems like writing these letters come around quicker every year, but it is time to get in touch with you once again. This is my 20th year as president of your Alumni Association. It has been an honor and privilege to serve and I am grateful that I have been able to do so. The Alumni Association has changed so much over that time. I offer my thanks to all those who work and serve to make it such an outstanding organization. A special thanks to the office staff, Wanda Billinger, Mary Lang and Kathy Kaseforth. Their contribution cannot be overstated.

Homecoming was one of the best we have had for some time. The honor classes were well represented and quite enthusiastic. Bishop Weisenberger was here to celebrate the Mass for the Deceased Alumni and gave a wonderful homily. The chapel was full to overflowing and they prayed and sang their hearts out. The Dutch lunch followed. The food and drink were excellent and the presence of the old but well known Flippers added to the crowd and atmosphere. The evening banquet was also well attended. We would encourage all of you to come back for Homecoming. It is so great to see faces we haven't seen for many years.

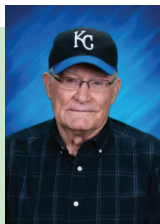
Your Alumni Association continues to work on various projects that seem to come around sooner all the time. This Monogram takes several months of preparation before it is sent to the printer for publication. We just finished Homecoming and as I mentioned, it was a huge success. The Auction for Christian Education is a year long process. We finish one in May and start on the next one. Our theme for next year is "Evening at Graceland" an Elvis Presley theme. In early December, we hold the "Black Tie Dinner" which sold for \$26,000.00 to Don Bickle at last year's ACE. It is always a special event and gathers together ten couples for a wonderful evening. The final event is the annual Alumni Golf Classic held in early June and next year will be our 33rd tournament. This event brings together golfers from around the area for a fun day of golf and entertainment. If interested contact the alumni office.

It is obvious our year is full. These are all great events and it is our honor to serve the school by doing them. In closing, I would remind alumni to pay your membership dues and support your association and alma mater in any way possible. Our thanks for all you do and blessings on you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Earl '61 Befort, O.F.M. Capuchin, Alumni President

**2018 Annual
Alumni Golf Classic
Friday, June 1, 2018**



Vern Gross 'In the Spotlight'

Vern Gross is our choice for 'In the Spotlight' for his exemplary work ethic. As part of the maintenance department for the past 13 years, he can be seen working in many different areas around the building. During the morning hours, Vern can be seen in the kitchen/dining room, doing everything from putting away supplies, dishes (with **George '57 Gatschet**), helping restock the serving line, wiping off tables, to sweeping and mopping the floors. In the afternoon, he can be seen riding the scrubber in the school hallways. Vern Gross is a positive role model and favorite of the students at TMP-Marian. His work ethic at the age of 86 is incredible. Vern credits the fact that he stays healthy because of keeping busy and not sitting around. We are just grateful that he chooses to stay busy here at TMP-Marian. God bless you, Vern!



Remembering Our Deceased...

Thomas G. Neuburger died on 6-11-17. He is survived by his wife **Sheila '70 (Giebler) Neuburger**, children **Jill '91 (Neuburger) Brungardt**, Sara Ann Neuburger & Paul Neuburger and siblings **Glen '67 Neuburger**, Dean Neuburger, Billie Jean (Neuburger) Fuller, Kathleen (Neuburger) Morris, Donetta (Neuburger) Robben & Peggy (Neuburger) Waldschmidt. Thomas was preceded in death by his brothers **Daniel '63 Neuburger** & Mark Neuburger.

Frances Louise Parker passed away on 8-12-17. She is survived by her daughters **Karen '61 (Parker) Herrman** & **Mary Beth '70 (Parker) Allen** and sister **Lillian '43 (Schmidt) Bennet**. Frances was preceded in death by her daughter **Bonnie '64 (Parker) Goldsberry**, son Stan Parker, grandson **Andrew Sp'94 Herrman**, brothers Clarence Schmidt, Marcellus Schmidt, Elmer Schmidt, Ben Schmidt, Alfred Schmidt, Dan Schmidt & Willard Schmidt and sisters Martina (Schmidt) Maska, Mary (Schmidt) Munk & **Annabelle '47 (Schmidt) Lietz**.

Jacquelyn Price died on 9-2-17. She is survived by her husband Shaun Price, daughters Jada Price & Ariel Price, sons Stratton Price & Cory Price, parents **Cecil '55 & Gloria Miller** and sister Jenifer (Price) Jones.

Carmen Isabel Ortiz Sanchez died on 7-22-17 in Puerto Rico. She is survived by her sons **Juan '78 Mimoso** & **Mike '80 Mimoso**.

Earl "Mike" Schaeffer Jr. passed away on 9-16-17. He is survived by his sons Steven Schaeffer & Gary Schaeffer and daughter-in-law **Jolene '74 (Pfeifer) Schaeffer**.

Anton "Tony" B. Schmeidler died on 7-20-17. He is survived by his brother **Lawrence Sp'51 Schmeidler** and sisters Sophia (Schmeidler) Walter, **Lillian '49 (Schmeidler) Fisher**, **Anna Marie '54 (Schmeidler) Lessor** & **Gloria Ann '57 (Schmeidler) VonLintel**.

Robert "Bob" E. Schmidt passed away on 8-8-17. He is survived by his son Anthony Schmidt and daughters Ann (Schmidt) Onymous & Sue Schmidt. Bob and his late wife Patricia (deceased 8-28-15) were well known local philanthropists and their extreme generosity was shared with Thomas More Prep-Marian along with many other community and state organizations. Although they are both gone, their good deeds will continue through the Bob & Pat Schmidt Foundation. You will be missed dear friends.

Shaun D. Schmidt died as a result of an accident in Ontario, California. He is survived by his parents **Warren '59 & Beth Schmidt** and sisters Jennifer (Schmidt) Hobbs & Carla (Schmidt) Herrman.

Marie A. Schmidtberger died on 9-20-17. She is survived by her spouse Robert, sons Jerry Schmidtberger, Leroy (& LeeAnn) Schmidtberger, Wayne Schmidtberger,

Ron (& Kim '84 Gabel) Schmidtberger, **Gary Sp'72 (& Wanda '75 Riedel) Schmidtberger** & Pat Schmidtberger, daughter Judy (Schmidtberger) (& **Rick '68) Rupp**, 15 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Roberta M. Schuckman passed away on 8-8-17. She is survived by her spouse Edward Schuckman, sons Irvin Schuckman, Kevin Schuckman & Shane Schuckman, daughters Darla (Schuckman) Dreiling & Janae Schuckman, brothers Leon Haselhorst, Irvin (& **Gail '65 Jacobs) Haselhorst**, **Dale '71 (& Shelly) Haselhorst** and sisters Doris (Haselhorst) (& **Carl '57) Zimmerman**, Donetta (Haselhorst) (& Don) Lang & **Deborah '77 (Haselhorst) Hatfield**.

Rose M. Schukman died on 10-13-17. She is survived by her son Harold Schuckman and daughters **Carol '64 (Schukman) Baker** & Gloria (Schukman) Griffin.



Got Milk?

These guys got milk and then some! **Joe '81 Camarata**, his brother **Paul '78 Camarata**, Joe Schmidt & Chris Camarata dressed up as "MelkMen" at many of the Kansas City Royals home games to support Melky Cabrera after he was traded to the Royals during the 2017 baseball season. They quickly became a favorite of the fans, announcers and players. Their wives even got into the act as MelkMaids at some of the games! Joe Schmidt actually caught a foul ball off the bat of Melkman Melky Cabrera. When the team wore jerseys with their nicknames on the back, Melky Cabrera sported "Melkmen" on the back of his jersey. KC Royals fans were treated to many different shots of these guys and gals and they even showed up in "The Wichita Eagle" and on ESPN Sports Center. Thank you for all of the extra entertainment --- you win the sportsmanship award!





Peter
Werth
Class of
1956

President and CEO
of ChemWerth

TMP-Marian boasts many successful alumni and included among them is **Peter '56 Werth**. Upon graduating SJMA in 1956, Werth received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from FHSU and his Master of Science degree in organic chemistry from Stanford. Werth founded ChemWerth Inc., a developer and supplier of active pharmaceutical ingredients.

In addition to his contributions to TMP-Marian, Werth continues to give back to his hometown through continued investments in education. Most recently, FHSU has named the College of Science, Technology and Mathematics after Werth for his significant investment in the university. Upon receiving recognition, Werth is quoted to say, "I hope you really make great progress with what we're giving here, change the world." He added, "I have a simple motto: Do good. Make a difference. Change the world." (Source www.fhsu.edu)

We are continually blessed by our large alumni base and their dedication to the future of TMP-Marian. It is through generous alumni, such as Werth, that TMP-Marian and the Hays community are able to continue our tradition of excellence in education.

Marvin "Shorty" Schumacher passed away on 8-23-17. He is survived by his son **Tom '69** (& Deb) **Schumacher**, daughters **Tammy '71 (Schumacher)** (& Sheldon) **Parmer**, **Gloria '75 Schumacher**, brothers Donny (& **Karen '59 Kryzer) Schumacher** & Melvin (& Norma) Schumacher, sisters Evelyn (Schumacher) (& Elmer) Dreher, Delores (Schumacher) (& Gary) VonFeldt & Carol (Schumacher) Staab and grandchildren **Christopher '96** (& Dana '96 **Witthuhn) Schumacher**, Chandler (& Jackie '01 **Leiker) Schumacher**, Aaron (& Nicola) Pfeifer, Drake Pfeifer, **Tracy '90 (Schenk)** (& Richard) **Quinn**, **Jodi '92 (Schenk)** (& Kris) **Keberlein**, **Nichole '95 (Schenk)** (& Addison) **Miller** and Sagan (& Matthew) Johnson. Shorty was preceded in death by his daughter **Bonnie '66 (Schumacher) Schenk** & son-in-law **Alan '56 Schenk**.

Thomas Lee Sekavec, husband of **Linda '67 (Leiker) Sekavec**, is not deceased as reported in the last Monogram. Linda's husband's name is Ron and he is alive and well in Ness City, Kansas. Our sincere apologies for this misprint in the last issue of the Monogram!

Alice Marie Weber passed away on 7-15-17. She is survived by her sons Ronald Weber & Roger Weber and daughters **Susan '68 (Weber) Veeh**, **Lois '69 (Weber) Dreher** & **Paula '74 (Weber) Monroe**.

Marvin J. Werth died on 10-20-17. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, sons **Darrell '68** (& **Barbara '69 Wolf) Werth**, **Terry '71** (& Arlene) **Werth** & Joseph Werth and stepsisters Cora Schumacher, Julieta Randa & Darlene Bortz.

Ralph A. Werth Jr. passed away on 9-6-17. He is survived by his mother Martina Werth, brothers Vincent (& Helen) Werth Sr., Stephen (& Joyce) Werth, Bernie (& Lona) Werth, Andy Werth, Loran (& **Kay '79 Zimmerman) Werth** and **Darrell '90** (& Jodie) **Werth** and sisters **Patty '65 (Werth) Stull** (& Rich Sieker), Bridget (Werth) (& Lyle) Stenzel, Marina (Werth) Shauers, Regina (Werth) Hutchison, **Donetta '79 (Werth)** (& **Terry Sp'77) Pfeifer**, Geralyn (& Ernie) Werth, **Jacqueline '84 (Werth)** (& Mark) **Schneider** & **Tina '86 (Werth) Unrein**.

Triston Lee Werth died on 8-14-17. He is survived by his parents Misty (Casper) & Dustin Hynes and Doug Werth & fiance **Lisa '01 Scheve**, brother Andrew Werth, sisters Allison Werth, Brynn Hynes & Kynlee Hynes, grandparents Steve & Joyce Werth, Tom (TMP-Marian Maintenance Department) & **Debbie '70 (Brungardt) Casper**, Izene Hynes & Terry Scheve and great-grandparents **Paul '46** & **Juliana Urban** & Martina Werth.

Regina Wilcox died on 11-6-15. She is survived by her husband **John '62 Wilcox Sr.** and children John Wilcox Jr., Betsy (Wilcox) Zoellner, James Wilcox, Carrie (Wilcox) Horton, Julie Wilcox & Cathy (Wilcox) Chapman.

Larry H. Wilkerson passed away on 6-21-17. He is survived by his sons Larry Wilkerson Jr., Billy Wilkerson & Robert Wilkerson, daughter Sandra Kay (Wilkerson) Goings, brother **James Sp'61 Wilkerson** and sisters Charlene (Wilkerson) Jones & **Linda '69 (Wilkerson) Robben**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl & Adeline Wilkerson, siblings Don Wilkerson, Gary Wilkerson and Joyce (Wilkerson) Graves.

While we strive to be as accurate as possible with our "Deaths" and "Class Notes" section of the Monogram, unfortunately, mistakes do happen. Much of our news comes from the local newspaper and others are submitted by you or researched by our office staff. Should you notice an error, please bring it to the attention of our office and we will print a correction in the next Monogram. Our sincere apologies and thanks for your understanding.

2017 Homecoming Highlights



Catering was supplied by Gella's Diner & LB Brewing. This reception is specifically a thank you for donations of \$1,000.00 or more annually to the St. Thomas More Society. All donations are used for the immediate benefit of Catholic education in Hays. From teachers salaries

to paying utility bills, this fund is so important to your alma mater. Principal Chad Meitner introduced our new Advancement Director, **Troy '93 Ruda**. Troy gave a brief talk about his resume and the importance of Catholic faith and service. Troy replaced **Jeff '94 Brull** who accepted a position as a Development Officer at the HaysMed Foundation.

Friday activities included an open house, school tours, parade and football game. Many alumni enjoyed an assortment of cookies made by the kitchen staff along with refreshments as they visited in the alumni office or walked around on the school



With class sizes getting smaller, Homecoming activities will have to take on a different venue in coming years. In the next three years we will see the end of the St. Joseph Military Academy cadets celebrating their "50 Year" reunions, the last of the Girls Catholic High School ladies became golden alumni back in 2011. These two very special alumni groups have been and continue to be a major contributing factor to the success of Thomas More Prep - Marian.

As the end of this era arrives in 2020, it is our hope that the next era of students from Thomas More Prep and Marian High schools will step up and make the school as proud as their predecessors. The next decade is all theirs.

The St. Thomas More Society reception was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 in the school dining room.



tours which were led by current students and retired local alumni. As the day progressed, attention turned to lining up the parade outside. The wind was gusty, but that did not hinder your alumni board and office staff as they

organized the individual entries. The Class of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, 1997, 2007 and 2012 had entries in the parade. Large turnouts arrived to load onto big semi trailers for the honor classes of 1967 and 1977, while some of the younger classes like 2007 and 2012 had small trailers pulled by pickups. We want to thank all of the owners of these vehicles and the convertibles for going to all of the trouble of cleaning up their vehicles and trailers, and taking time off of their job to provide this invaluable service to TMP-Marian. May God reward your generosity. The Patriot Riders and Grand Marshals **Adolph 'A.J.' '49 & Marjorie Horinek and Ernest**



'53 & Joan Horinek (driving Joan's shiny red convertible pictured to the left) led the parade down Main Street. The parade was a huge success -- starting with the great turnout of entries to the awesome number of families that came out to watch.

The large crowd that turned out for the parade made its way into the football stadium for the matchup between the TMP-Marian Monarchs and the Smith Center Redmen. Unfortunately the Redmen ran away with the game, the final score was TMP 14 - SC - 61. At half-time of the game, the Homecoming crowning took place. David McFarland, son of Galen & Rose McFarland was crowned King and Halle Lang, daughter of Greg '94 & LaNae '94 (Gross) Lang was crowned Queen. Other HC royalty candidates were Creighton Renz, son of Shelton & Cheryl Renz; Anna Gottschalk, daughter of Jude '85 & Lora Gottschalk; Gavin Schumacher, son of Chris '96 & Dana '96 (Witthuhn) Schumacher; Ciara Seib, daughter of Brent & Jessica Seib; Trae Megaffin, son of Brad & Lisa Eisinger and the late Rex Megaffin; Elly Lang, daughter of John '90 & Stacey Lang; Karl Rack, son of Marvin & Jennifer Rack and Anna Speno, daughter of Tim & Jessica Speno. Tony Ruder, Fr. Gilmary '52 Tallman and Arlen '53 Walters were honored as Points of Light. Tony and Arlen were not able to attend. Fr. Gilmary received an additional surprise. Lieutenant Governor of Kansas, Jeff '78 Colyer, a former student and Point of Light escorted Fr. Gilmary onto the football field along with the new Advancement Director, Troy '93 Ruda (top photo). Craig & Lisa '86 (Dinkel) Karlin, President of the TMP-M Sports Booster Club then awarded Ramie '75 Wasinger the Jack Schramm Spirit award for his outstanding service and support to the athletic programs



of his alma mater (photo to the left). No half-time show would be complete without giving kudos to Kathy Amrein and her Monarch marching band for their talented musical accompaniment.

Class reunion gatherings were held at locations all over Hays following the parade and football game. The Class of 1965 held their annual class get-together in Hays over Homecoming weekend at the home of Hank '65 & Roxie '66 (Billinger) VonLintel.



Some classmates from the 20 year class of 1997 came early for the Mass



for Deceased Alumni and walked around the school and fieldhouse. The Marian Chapel was packed to overflowing this year, as Bishop Edward Weisenburger celebrated and Fr. Earl '61 Befort concelebrated the Mass. It was a beautiful celebration, made even more special by all of the participants that joined in singing the hymns.

Following the Mass, everyone went down to the school dining room to enjoy the "Dutch" lunch. We were asked many times this year - "Why is it called 'Dutch' lunch?" The term 'Dutch' implies that everyone should pay for their own meal and since the "free will offering" is how we collect donations for this event, that is the term that has always been used. The TMP-M Food Service staff did an incredible job again this year fixing the meal consisting of green bean dumpling soup, chicken noodle soup, ham and/or turkey on a bun, fruit salad, potato salad and pickles. We thank Duane Lang, Mike '66 Schmidt, and the rest of the bartenders for their help setting up and serving the refreshments at the lunch. The Dutch lunch was also a packed affair. Every seat in the dining room was filled so the overflow used the faculty room. A new sight at the luncheon this year was "The Flippers" and author Darrell '61 Mudd. Darrell co-authored the book "The Original Flippers" with six of the founding members of the rock 'n roll band: Tom '56 Gardner Bunker, Lee Allen '56 Leiker, John '61 (CookE) Fross, Dennis '61 Rohr and Jim '62



Gross were present for a book signing. Terry (Ted) '61 Wierman was not available. A couple of the guys played keyboard and drums to entertain the lunch crowd. Gella's Diner & Lb Brewing also hosted a book signing immediately following the parade and had a limited quantity of "Flipper Ale" available for sale. The light amber ale sold out quickly and is no longer available.

Homecoming events came to a close Saturday evening with the annual Alumni banquet and dance. The Rose Garden Banquet Hall & Catering created a delicious meal of honey pecan chicken, beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner rolls and salad followed by your choice from a delicious array of cheesecakes.

Homecoming Highlights Continued

Eber '69 Phelps was our Master of Ceremonies (MC) and he kept the speakers moving. **Rose '77 (Herman) Davidson** and **Al '77 Schmidt** spoke on behalf of the 40 year class, **Kathy '67 (Coupal) Atkisson** and **Dick '67 Koerner** spoke on behalf of the 50 year class and **Scott '92 Legleiter** spoke on behalf of the 25 year class.



Russ '80 Ruder, **Roger '67 Ruder** and **Rod '69 Ruder** (left) accepted the Point of Light award on behalf of their father **Tony Ruder** from Advancement Director **Troy '93 Ruda**. **Phil '67 & Brenda '69 (Dinkel) Schmeidler** received the Distinguished Alumni Award from **Troy '93 Ruda** (below).

D.J. Verlin Honas entertained the crowd with all different kinds of music. The classes of 1967 and 1977 had large turnouts that enjoyed dancing to the tunes of bygone decades. We would like to give the 20 year class of 1997 a shout out for attending this year's banquet and dance. We would love to see all of the class reunions wind



up the Homecoming weekend by attending the banquet and dance. Special thank you to Duane Lang, **Mike '66 Schmidt**, Jason Robben, **Andrew '10 Allen** and **Ryan '09 Post** for taking care of the open bar. Andrew was the first person to get out on the dance floor and break the ice. He didn't even need a partner as he showed off some pretty smooth dance moves. It wasn't long before the crowd joined in. As a member of the class of 1977 - this was one of the best reunions that our class has ever had and I encourage EVERYONE - don't stay home! Come see what all of the fun is about and you will return home with amazing memories and even new friendships. IT IS SO WORTH IT! The alumni banquet and dance is open to all reunion classes and we have reserved seating so that your class can sit together. We also encourage all past teachers and coaches to be a part of the celebration. Whether you are in the 5 or 65 year class or somewhere in between - we would love to have you join us at this annual event. It does not even have to be your class reunion year - anyone can attend for a fun evening of socializing.

Homecoming Dates

September 21 & 22, 2018

September 20 & 21, 2019



1982



1992



1997



2007



2012

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Date: _____

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**Alumni Association of Thomas More Prep-Marian
Annual Membership Information**

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Class Year: _____ Spouse Class Year: _____

Street Address: _____

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Eagle Scout Projects Benefit TMP-Marian

Eagle Scout projects must benefit the community, but not the Boy Scouts or a private business. The purpose of the project is to allow the candidate to demonstrate his organizational and leadership skills. This is not the first time that Thomas More Prep-Marian has benefitted from an Eagle Scout project but this may be one of the more complicated.

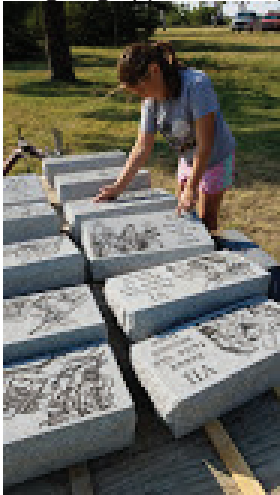


Aaron '09 Bean earned his Eagle Scout medal by completing the impressive task of fixing the drainage problems on the north side of the main school building in 2009. **Riley '19 Holmes** chose the "CW2 Bryan J. Nichols Tribute Flag Display" in 2015; **John '16 Drees** renovated the "Green Room" back stage in the auditorium in 2016; **Kade '19 Urban** built the "Monarch Corral" in 2016; **Thomas '17 Cole** project

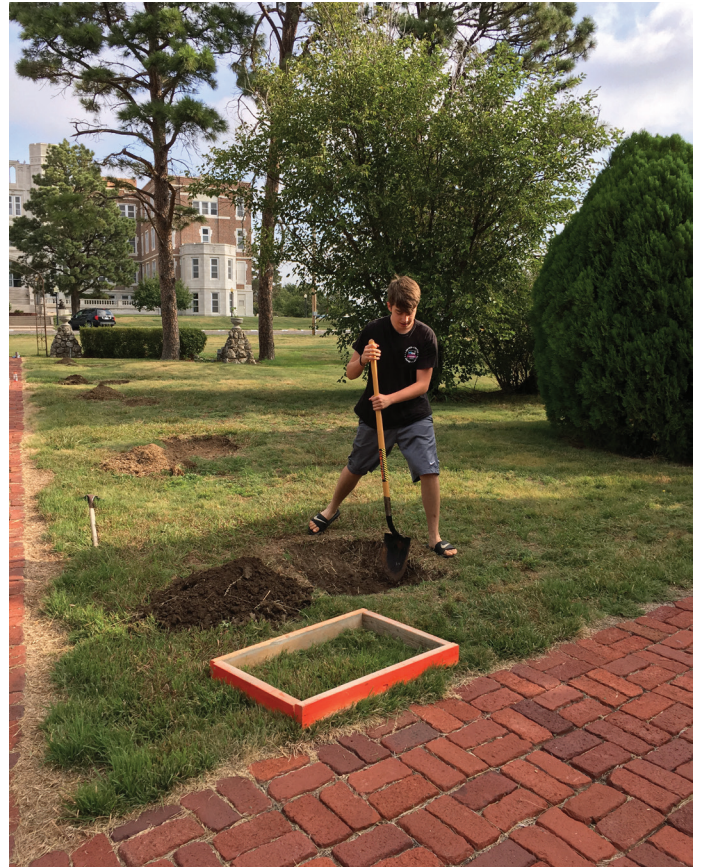
was titled "Pack the St. Joseph's Food Pantry;" **Michael '18 Lager** renovated the Marian Grotto in 2017, which included repairing the stone face and digging out the stone stairways on the back side, among other items.

Ian '18 Lenser chose to construct the Stations of the Cross for the TMP-M grotto area. After getting the suggestion from a friend, Ian planned the project details including obtaining school approval, physical layout, fundraising, consultation with experts and recruiting volunteers, which included his parents Dave and Terri Lenser. He submitted a proposal to the Troop 101 Eagle Scout committee spearheaded by Scout Leader, **Tom '82 Drees**. After a few details were worked out, the idea was approved.

Christian Lutz of Schmidt Monument, an expert in stone engraving, helped Ian acquire 14 granite cemetery stones 10 x 12 x 5 inches weighing approximately 100



pounds each. The etching process involved the purchase of stations of the cross templates. Placing and detailing the templates was a long process, which was followed by sand blasting and painting the etched details. Ian was allowed to participate in much of this meticulous



process. Laying the stones was also a long process and involved plotting out the site, digging the holes, making sure they were all even and level, pouring the concrete and placement of the stones. This took several days and involved the assistance of fellow Boy Scouts, scout leaders, family members, friends and experts. The project was completed on September 5, 2017 and we invite everyone to stop by the grotto to see this beautiful addition to the school campus. Religion classes now have an alternate choice from doing the Stations of the Cross in the Marian Chapel.

Volunteers and professionals included **Alex '18 Lenser**, **Adam '19 Campbell** and **Michael '18 Lager**, **Allison '18 Campbell**, Braden Moeder, **John '82 Moeder** - John's Fencing Service, **Gary '78 & Liz Schmeidler** and **Jerome '05 & Angela Schmeidler**. Ian did go over budget on this project and is accepting donations to cover these additional costs. If you would like to contribute to Ian's project, please send your donation to the alumni office marked "Stations of the Cross" project.





Class Notes

1951 - Cletus & Mildred Klaus observed their 65th wedding anniversary in September with a Mass followed by a family dinner hosted by their children **Sharon '74 (Klaus) & Brad Walker, Brenda '76 (Klaus) & Doug '73 Dreiling and Linda '78 (Klaus) & Brent Forth.**

1951 - Helen (Braun) & Cliff Werth celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October with a Mass in Hays followed by a luncheon hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their children are Bob & Silvana Werth, Jim & Susan Werth, **Kay '74 (Werth) & Gene '74 Gottschalk, Dick '76 & Kay Werth, Dave '78 & Debbie '79 (Staab) Werth and Tim '88 & Sandee Werth.**

1955 - Ernest & Rosemary '57 (Engel) Pfeifer observed their 60th wedding anniversary with a Mass and family dinner. Children of the couple are Ernie & Sherry Pfeifer, David & **LuAnn '80 (Werth) Pfeifer,** Jerry & Nancy Pfeifer, Sandy (Pfeifer) & James Rome, Jim & Linda Pfeifer and Christine (Pfeifer) & Mike Gist.

1956 - Paschal & Elsie Herman, along with Rose Ann Bieker and Irvin & **Gail '65 (Jacobs) Haselhorst,** celebrated their grandchildren's marriage in August. Adrianna Bieker, daughter of Kevin & Lois Bieker and Austin Haselhorst, son of Loren & Connie Haselhorst were married in Schoenchen, Kansas with **Fr. Earl '61 Befort O.F.M. Cap.** as officiant.

1962 - Randy Brull continues to volunteer chess instruction at Hays Public Library and be the chess coach at TMP-Marian. One of his students, **Sheena '20 Zeng,** recently finished second at the 28th Pan-American Youth Championships in San Jose, Costa Rica, losing on a tie-breaker round.

1962 - Tom Haas, member of the Volga German Society, was pictured in the Hays Daily News at the ceremonial tapping of the keg during the Hays 45th annual Oktoberfest. He is married to **Therese '63 (Engel) Haas.** Gella!

1964 - Carol (Schukman) Baker will celebrate her 27th year with her gift of life, a liver transplant, on November 1st. She wrote "This is also a remembrance time to thank my wonderful class of 1964 for their continued love and support".

1964 - Cindy (Karlin) & Doug Nichols took part in a ceremonial tribute and dinner honoring their son **CW2 Bryan '98 Nichols** and Sgt. Derrick Lutters during the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride this summer.

1966 - Shirley (Geibler) & Earl Brungardt were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception and dinner hosted by their children Steve Brungardt, DeAnn (Brungardt) Baldwin & Kristi (Brungardt) Luetters.

1966 - Mike Gnad was pictured in the HDN, laying bricks on the wall of a building in Hays earlier this summer.

1967 - Don Degenhardt wrote in, "I graduated from SJMA in 1967, from Fort Hays in 1971 with a BS in education and in 1974 with a MS in Education Administration. After spending 33 years in education as a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools, I retired in 2013. Currently, I am living in Hays enjoying both new and old friends. Stop by when you are in Hays!"

1967 - Patricia (Brown) Frost retired as liturgist at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Renton, Washington this past June.

1967 - Cynthia (Leiker) Gerdes celebrated her 20-year anniversary in July with Wal-Mart in McPherson, Kansas.

1968 - Kathy (Walters) Jacobs, a volunteer at the Hays Community Assistance Center, was pictured in the HDN straightening the few cans of food left on their shelves. The CAC is experiencing a shortage of food items for needy families this year.

1969 - Eber Phelps has wrapped up this year's Kansas legislative session. He was pleased with the results of the session, especially being able to repeal the 2012 tax program, vote to expand the state's Medicaid program and reinstate tax credit to offset childcare costs.

1970 - Sandy (Pfannenstiel) Keil was pictured in the Hays Daily News attending the 33rd annual Hays Arts Council fall art walk.

1970 - Cecilia (Giebler) Peltier is elated with the birth of her grandson, Elijah John Peltier, on 9-3-16. Elijah's parents are John & Diane Peltier and his other grandparents are John & Barbara Betzen and the late Wilfred Peltier.

1971 - Ernie & Sandy Leiker are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Vivian Christine Leiker, born on 8-10-17. She is the daughter of **Curtis '04 & Jennifer Leiker** and has two sisters, Victoria age 4 and Samantha age 19 months. The other grandparents are Tom & Jane Washburn from Newton, Kansas.

1971 - Allen Schmidt was reappointed to serve a four-year term on the Kansas State Civil Service Board by Gov. Sam Brownback. He currently works at Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas in Hays.

Update on ACE Item 60



For the past 12 years you have generously contributed to ACE Item 60 for renovations and additions for buildings and grounds. To date, over 1.8 million dollars have been raised for these projects. Thank you!

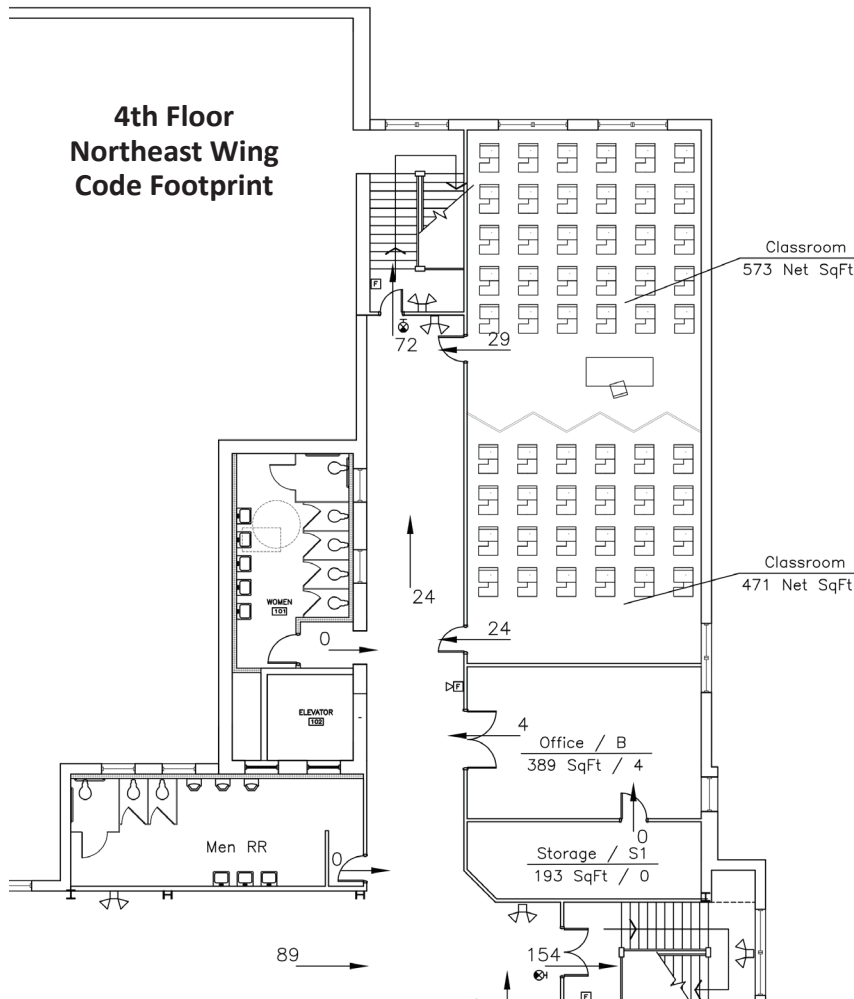
Most recently Item 60 has raised funds for installation of the elevator, renovations of the fourth floor, field house, beautification of the campus and the addition of a new ladies restroom on each floor and renovations of the existing restrooms.

The elevator is installed and operating well making our building more easily accessible to more of our visitors and our students with special needs. The field house has a new roof, gym floor and public restroom. The campus has an updated entrance to the field house, a bus lane, the sidewalks have been repaired (photo bottom left) and a drop off lane for the junior high has been added along with expanding and resurfacing the east student parking lot.

Renovations to a building over 87 years in age do not come without challenges! The demolition of the fourth floor (photo top left) has been completed but progress slowed as we will need to bring the fourth floor up to code before construction can begin. We are pleased that the code footprint has been completed which shows the vision for the future of the entire building. Bids can now be gathered for phase 1 of the renovations for the fourth floor and new restrooms.

The priority for forward progress with the available funds is as follows:

1. Sprinkler system for the fourth floor
2. Northeast wing of the fourth floor including HVAC, study hall rooms and restrooms.
3. First floor girls restroom
4. Rough in second and third floor restrooms



As the bidding process continues, we will know how much of the list will be able to be completed with the existing Item 60 funds. At that time we will determine the next Item 60 for ACE 2018 to continue to move forward with progress for our school.

Your funds raised for past Item 60 projects have been matched through the generosity of the The Dreiling Trust, in memory of Leo J. and Albina Dreiling. We thank the Dreiling Trust for their ongoing support of Catholic education in Ellis County.

Fr. Hans Urs von Balthasar said, "What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God." We are blessed by much and it is our duty to do much with it.



Wanda's Corner

Alumni Director
Wanda Billinger

"Just take those old records off the shelf -- I'll sit and listen to em by myself, today's music ain't got the

same soul, I like that old time rock 'n roll. That kind of music just soothes the soul, I reminisce about the good ol days with that old time rock 'n roll." Are your feet tapping the floor yet? I said the Flippers were coming and if you attended the 2017 TMP-Marian Homecoming, you were taken back to the 50's & 60's era. **Darrell '61 Mudd** published a book on the original Flippers and was here for a book signing. **Lee Allen '56 Leiker, John '61 (CookE) Fross, Dennis '61 Rohr, Tom '56 Gardner Bunker** and **Jim '62 Gross** were all in attendance. On Friday after riding in the parade, they went to Gella's for a book signing. Gella's named a beer for the Flippers with their famous picture on the label.

At our Dutch lunch on Saturday, more book signing and later Tom and Dennis played keyboard and drums. What a great time! I told them I met Bob at one of their dances at the National Guard Armory and didn't like him at first, but married him 3 years later. Must of been the music! Lots of flashbacks for many people. They were our Beatles. Girls - remember how good looking they all were? That curl down their forehead, slicked back hair on the sides... meow! What was special - the original Flippers were all grads of St. Joseph's Military Academy. In the book, they all gave SJMA credit for their success and were very proud of the fact they were all grads. A lot of bands came out of SJMA. Remember the Sportsman band at the games? Does anyone recognize the two girls in the picture (in the last Monogram) next to Dennis Rohr? Let us know. Times were so different back then.

The dance at the banquet was led off by alumni board member **Andrew '10 Allen**, Andrew started line dancing by himself and was soon joined by fellow board member **Ryan '09 Post** and members of the 40 and 50 year classes. The 20 and 25 year joined in and had a great time. Late in the evening, **A.J. '49 Horinek** and his wife Marjorie were rock 'n rolling. My daughter Dawn was watching their moves (yes A.J. still had some) and turned to me and said "Mom that's so special. They look so cute!" The dance floor was full all night. We closed the Rose Garden down at 12:45 a.m. Needless to say the old knees were aching. I think "I still got it" but the moves are getting slower.

The week of Homecoming, we welcomed our new advancement director **Troy '93 Ruda** into our TMP-Marian family. He jumped in with both feet and did an excellent job. We'll keep you informed on his progress to see if he's listening to us. Just kidding Troy!

As you read, we lost two important supporters of TMP-M. **T.J. '49 Dreiling** and special friend Robert Schmidt. They were not only supporters but personal friends of mine. My family lost my niece **Lynette '88 (Gross) Callahan**, friends **Ernie '39 Wolf, J.R. '57 Grabbe** (longtime ACE production manager), **Janice '58 (Gerstner) Walters** (taught art at Kennedy Middle School), **Bob '61 Bieker, James '62 Wiesner, Lynette '72 (Staab) Wetter, Ron '77 Leiker, Bev '78 (Dinges) Gross, Janet '88 (Moeder) Crawford, Farron Lee '90 Leiker**, friends Marvin Werth, Ralph Werth Jr., Triston Lee Werth, supporter Marvin 'Shorty' Schumacher and Keith 'Skeeter' Fieler. They all fought the fight, but lost the battle. Rest in peace my friends. Our alumni are very special.



As mentioned before, we had an excellent turnout for Homecoming and had a lot of alums pay their annual dues and signed a number of lifetime members. The dues and money we make on our annual Golf Classic in June keep this office running and supports all of our functions. Without the alumni support, you would not be reading this Monogram. I always say, "If everyone would send us \$5.00 after every Monogram - what a huge help for this office. We are the envy of many and second to no one."



Peace and as the late **Jack '40-'42C Schramm** would say, "Here we go Monarchs - here we go!"

1972 - Tim Dreiling had his picture in the HDN working outside his home sanding a board for his garage this fall.

1973 - Alan Gabel is proud of his wife Dawn, who recently accepted the position of general manager and chief executive officer of Smoky Hills Public Television in Bunker Hill, Kansas. Dawn believes whole-heartedly of the mission to bring public television to rural areas.

1974 - Frank Seitz will be retiring as superintendent for the Derby Recreation Commission on December 15th of this year, after working there since its inception 37 years ago. His mother is **Cotty '47 Seitz-Miles**. This is a correction from the last Monogram.

1974 - Loran & Jolene (Hertel) Zimmerman celebrated 40 years of marriage with a renewal of vows and family celebration. Their children are Lance Zimmerman & Kyle Zimmerman.

1975 - Robert "Bob" Leikam was inducted into the Victoria High School, USD 432 Hall of Fame during the 2017 Homecoming festivities on September 29th & 30th. The Victoria USD 432 Hall of Fame honors teachers, administrators and employees of the Victoria School District who demonstrated excellence, dedication and who had a profound impact upon the students of the Victoria School system. Bob was a teacher, administrator and coach for the Victoria School system from 1980-2012. He is married to **Trudy '77 (Herrman) Leikam**. Congratulations Bob!

1975 - Tom & Shelly Lippert, along with David & Debi Patzner, Kelly & Jimmy Walbaum and James Greathouse, are delighted with the marriage of their children, Brittney Greathouse & Tyler Patzner on 10-21-17.

1975 - Mary Jane (Schmidt) & Glenn Schmeidler announce the birth of their granddaughter Stella Jane Wilkens, daughter of Drew & Kaylee Wilkens on 6-1-17. Her other grandparents are Charles & Alicia Wilkens and her great-grandparents are **Art Sp'53 & Mae Wilkens** and **Harold '44 Schmeidler**.

1975 - Tim Staab was pictured in the Hays Daily News baling hay to be used to feed the horses at **Marion '49 & Donna Schmidt's** business, Blue Sky Miniature Horse Farm. Tim is married to **Gail '75 (Leiker) Staab**.

1977 - Rose (Herman) & Greg Davidson are ecstatic with the birth of their grandson, Theodore Martin Meehan on 8-22-16. His parents are Stephen & Rachel Meehan and the other grandparents are Clint & Mair Smith.

1977 - Michelle (Pfannenstiel) & Russ Francis of Manhattan, Kansas, celebrated the marriage of their daughter Kylee Francis to Dr. Sam Rohleder on 2-25-17 in Manhattan. Sam's parents are Dr. James & Elaine Rohleder of Hays.

1977 - Deb (Haselhorst) Hatfield, plus Joy (Hatfield) & Doug Vogel, Susan (Hatfield) & Tom Dinges and Jill (Hatfield) & Jerry Dillon, celebrated Chuck & Leona

Hatfield's 65th wedding anniversary with a Mass and family dinner.

1977 - The Class of 1977 would like to thank **Mike '73 Hertel, John '83 Hertel** and Hertel Tank Service for supplying the parade ride and also Sam & Marilyn Braun of Victoria, KS for the loan of the hay bales. The **Class of 1977** would also like to thank TMP-Marian and the Alumni Association for all of their hard work in hosting the many different events over Homecoming weekend.

1978 - Joe Bollig won a second place reporting award in the Personality Profile category for capturing the nurturing personality of Holy Name School's longtime lunch lady Mary Lou Reyes at the Catholic Press Association awards. He also took third place in portrait photography for his photo of Army veteran and former B-17 bomber pilot Emerson H. Shields. Joe is a senior editor for the Leaven News, the Archdiocese newspaper for Kansas City, Kansas.

1980 - Jim Leiker just completed his presidency of the Kansas Association of Historians, which meant hosting the group's annual conference at the Regnier Center of Johnson County Community College on April 14-15, 2017. The KAH will meet at Fort Hays in April of 2018, where Jim will lead a tour of the Volga German villages for participants. He and his wife Cherie celebrated the end of his term with a cruise to Alaska in July.

1982 - Kathy (Polifka) Ostrander, along with **John '90 & Stacey Lang**, Jessica Speno, Judy Schuler, Candace Yost, Jeff & Jana Lowe, Trica Dreher & Tamela Anderson, accompanied the TMP-Marian Global Trotters (international travel club) on a tour of Italy in May. The students spent nine days, starting in Venice in northern Italy and ending their adventure on the island of Capri. The highlight of the trip was getting to see the Pope on their visit to the Vatican!

1982 - Jane (Geist) Zeman was bittersweet watching her brother Dale Geist harvest the plot at 13th & Canterbury for the last time this summer. Their family has farmed the land for many years but Midwest Energy, who owns the land, is planting it to grass.

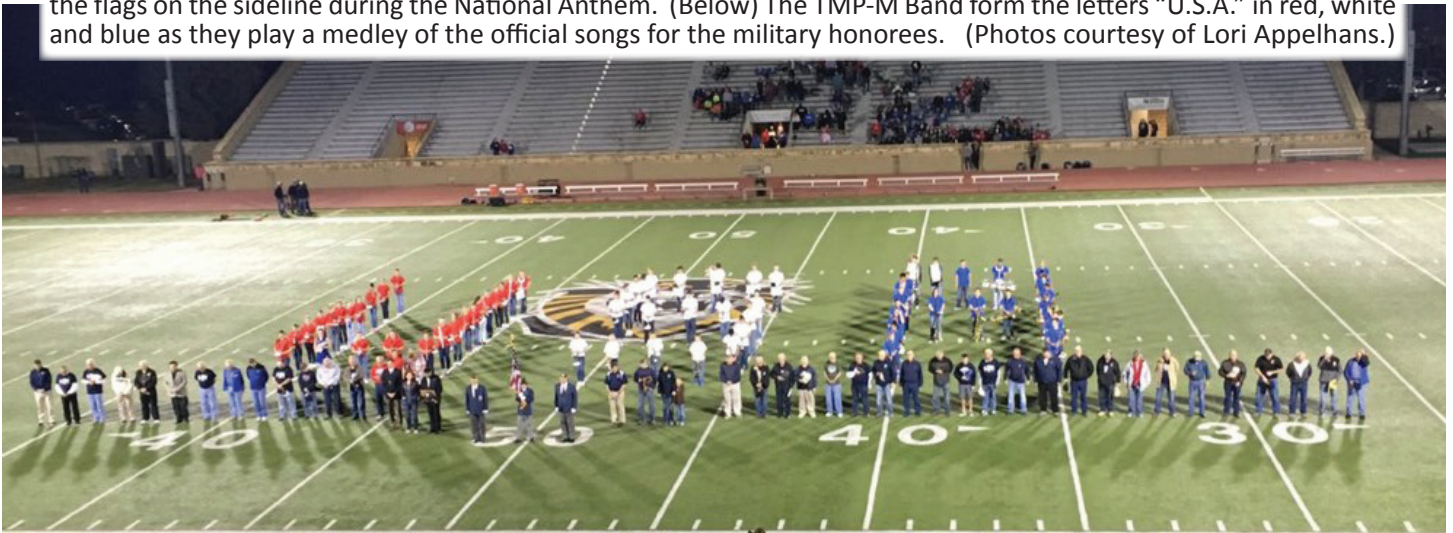
1985 - Tanya (Moon) Butler passed her Series 7 and 66 license exams and is now a financial advisor with Edward Jones. Her office is located in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

1986 - Gail (Schumacher) Wickham has started an aerial yoga class, where participants use hammocks for a variety of in-air strengthening exercises, at Hays Recreation Commission's Fitness Center. This class helps build arm strength and core balance.

1989 - Aaron Staab is a member of the Topeka Westerns, a vintage baseball team that has been playing the game dressed in clothing from the 1870-1882 era and following the rules of baseball played at that time, which includes pitching the ball underhand, not using gloves and not overrunning first base.



(Top L) At pregame, the Monarch Football Squad stand ready to run onto the field. (Top R) Monarchs proudly display the flags on the sideline during the National Anthem. (Below) The TMP-M Band form the letters "U.S.A." in red, white and blue as they play a medley of the official songs for the military honorees. (Photos courtesy of Lori Appelhans.)



1990 - Christy (Wasinger) Schwartz is proud of her husband, Greg Schwartz, who is back on the Hays USD 489 Board of Education. He had previously served on the board for 12 years and was voted back in to replace another member that was moving away from the area.

1990 - Darrell Werth married Jody Wilson in June of 2016 and they have a daughter, Brylie Werth, born in October.

1993 - Jamie & Amy Droegemeier, along with Jeff & Melissa Droegemeier, celebrated their parents Howard & Shirley Droegemeier's 50th wedding anniversary.

1994 - Jeff Brull, former TMP-Marian Advancement Director, accepted a job with Hays Medical Center Foundation as a Development Officer in September. He is missed at TMP-Marian, but we wish him much success in his new position. Jeff is married to **Julie '96 (Moeder) Brull**.

1994 - Ann (Berens) Gottschalk reached 15 years of service with Nex-Tech in July. She is a customer sales representative at the Hays store.

1994 - LaNae (Gross) Lang was recently recognized for her 25 years of service at the Buckle, a retail clothing chain store located in Hays, Kansas at their company meeting. She is married to **Greg '94 Lang**, owner of Signature Builders. Great job!

1994 - Katie (Moss) Ward informed us that her son Nicholas Dean was accepted into Nanzan University, a Catholic university in Nagoya, Japan, for his sophomore year in college. He is currently enrolled in their Japanese Studies program with his classes being conducted entirely in Japanese. Upon completion of the year long program, Nicholas will resume his studies in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1996 - Ryan Gottschalk and co-softball coaches Scott Staab & **Randy '74 Gottschalk**, led their 18-under softball team "Smoke" to win the Kansas USA-ASA Class C State Tournament in Emporia this summer. The team was made up of players from Thomas More Prep-Marian, Hays High School and other players from the area towns including Stockton and Plainville.

3RD ANNUAL MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT



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The 3rd annual Military Appreciation Night was held on Friday, October 20, 2017 at Lewis Field Stadium (FHSU). It is with sincere gratitude that we thank our sponsors Troy & Tina Herrman, Herrman Physical Therapy & Wellness and Chuck & Tara Patel, Southside Convenience & Southside Liquor for their support and patronage.

A “meet and greet” was held on Thursday evening, October 19, 2017, giving the mighty Monarch football players and coaches a chance to meet some of the SJMA alumni, military personnel and veterans. A barbecue buffet was served by **Chris ‘96 & Dana ‘96 (Witthuhn) Schumacher** of Shorty’s BBQ & Catering in the dining hall. Guest speaker **Brad Crawford**, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant (RET) and CEO of The Tactical Experience addressed the crowd. The SJMA cadets, military and veterans were invited to hand out the special game jersey to the football players. **Adolph ‘50-’52C Schmidt** handed **David ‘18 McFarland** his jersey (photo right).



Friday evening started with a tailgate prepared by **Amanda Cauley**, Soul-Full that started at 5 p.m. and ran until the game began. TMP-Marian Monarchs and the Russell Broncos entered the field carrying United States flags borrowed from the Hays Kiwanis Club in honor of the outstanding military history represented by our SJMA alumni and those who have sacrificed for our country. The Monarchs wore their special SJMA Cadet football jerseys for the game. For pregame, fall sports senior recognition was held followed by the presentation of the flag by the VFW Post #9076 Honor Guard. **Kathy Amrein** led the prayer before the game and then sang the National Anthem. The senior football players and game sponsors, Troy & Tina Herrman and Chuck & Tara Patel served as the honorary team captains for the coin toss.

At halftime, all SJMA cadets, military and veterans were invited to join the sponsors and school administration in the half-time program. The American Legion Patriot Riders circled the track on their motorcycles sporting the American

flag. The TMP-Marian band played “Anchors Aweigh” for the U.S. Navy, “The Caissons Go Rolling Along” for the U.S. Army, “The Wild Blue Yonder” for the U.S. Air Force, “The Marines’ Hymn” for the U.S. Marine Corps and “Semper Paratus” for the U.S. Coast Guard as each branch stepped forward to be honored as their song was portrayed. As this country continues to struggle with political discendance, it is even more important to show unity, honor and respect to those that have fought for our country and sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy.

We wish to thank our sponsors listed above and all of the donors listed below for their generous monetary contributions in making this event happen.

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Thank you... Gene Flax and the Russell Community for your participation. We truly appreciate all of the SJMA cadets, military and veterans that turned out for this event.





Family Military Honor Roll --- Nick '32 & Christina '35 (Eaton) Klaus Family

(Photo by Leon '65 Staab)

(Top Row to Bottom Row L-R) Al Klaus, Wayne Leiker Sr., **Nick '57 Klaus Jr.**, **Virgil '61 Klaus**, **John '63 Klaus**, Edward Klaus, Charles Klaus, Monika Klaus, Joyce Klaus, **Edith '58 (Klaus) Leiker**, Charlotte Klaus, Carrie Klaus, Diane Klaus, Wayne Leiker Jr., **Nick '32 Klaus Sr.**, Nikki Klaus, **Christina '35 (Eaton) Klaus**, Terri Klaus, **John '93 Klaus, Jr.**, Dee Klaus, **Kelly '87 Klaus**, Curtis Klaus, Randy Klaus and Cameron Leiker. Their daughter **Lois '62 Klaus** died her junior year in a car/train accident.

Nick '32 Klaus Sr. always wanted to be in the Army, but never made it. Instead, he joined the CC Corp in 1933 (Civil Conservation Corp) and worked in Minnesota. His son John told us whenever one of them would tell the folks that we wanted to enlist in the military, they would back us 100%. We just had to do our best when we were in service. **Christine '35 (Eaton) Klaus** would display a red star in the window while they were overseas. Nick and Christina were always on edge when one of their family members was in a war zone, but were proud that they were serving their country. With the amount of time their family spent overseas, it was a wonder there wasn't a permanent red star imbedded in the window. Nick Jr. was the first to enlist -- he took a lot of ribbing from the family because he chose to join the Marine Corp. All the rest of the family members that served enlisted in the Army and are listed below with their ranks and service.

Nick '57 Klaus Jr. - S/Sgt., Marines (21 years) Served in Scotland, Cuba, Japan, Phillipines, Okinawa, Turkey, & **Vietnam**

Son-in-law, Mark Nansel, Major, Army Reserve, (28 years) Saudi Arabia, **Iraq**

Grandson - Tyler Wilkins, Sgt., Army (10 years) **Iraq**, Korea

Edith '58 (Klaus) Leiker - Son - Cameron, Colonel, Army (29 years) Korea, Germany, **Iraq**

Daughter-in-Law - Maria Biank, Colonel, Army (25 years) Korea, Germany, **Iraq x3**

Virgil '61 Klaus - National Guard (Out Medical)

Son - Curtis Klaus, S/Sgt, Army/Air National Guard (21 years) Germany, Kosra, Israel, **Iraq x2**

Son - Randy Klaus, Sgt, KS National Guard (13 years) Stateside

John '63 Klaus - S/Sgt, Army (4 years) Korea, **Vietnam**

Son - **John '93 Klaus Jr.**, Sgt., Army Reserve (8 years) Stateside & Grandson - Max Stieben, Airman, Air Force (2 yrs.)

Edward Klaus - Sp 5, Army/Navy (5 years) Germany - Wife Janice, Sp 5, Army Reserve (10 years) Stateside

Son - Dieter Klaus, T/Sgt, Air Force (19 years) Saudi Arabia, Turkey, **Iraq**

Albert Klaus - Sp 5, Army (3 years) Germany, **Vietnam**

Charles Klaus - SFC, Army/Army Reserve (40 years) Germany, Korea, Kosovo, Cuba, **Qatar**

Wife - Rose, SFC, Army Reserve (30 years) Germany, **Iraq**

Nick Sr. always told his children that it was an honor to serve in the military. His family served a total of 268 years in the service of their country which included 15 years of combat.

Thank you for your service!

2000 - Gwen (Lang) & Daniel Hodges helped thank Morgan Mathews, a lifeguard at the Hays Aquatic Park who saved their daughter Joanna's life, during a mayoral proclamation honoring him in July. Their daughter has made a full recovery and she presented Morgan a silver whistle as a token of their thanks.

2000 - Dustin & Becky Schumacher added daughter Blair Maria Schumacher, to their happy family on 8-1-17. Blair has twin siblings, brother Dalton and sister Brynn, both age 3. Grandparents are Don & Rosa Hendricks and **Brian '78 & Jane Schumacher** and her great-grandparents are Gwen Hendricks, **Laverne '56 & Jane Schumacher** and Lucy Baier.

2001 - Sarah (Lang) Wasinger, Board Clerk for USD 489, is helping round up donations for the Hays Hope Pantry food program, which provides food for families with children that sometimes only receive breakfast and lunch during the day while they are at school. She is the secretary for the advisory council of the Hays Area Young Professionals organization which is a subcommittee of the Hays Chamber of Commerce. Sarah also serves on the Hays Housing Coalition which works on establishing more affordable housing to decrease the number of homeless.

2003 - Dan & Stephanie Allen welcomed their newest son, Luke William Allen, on 4-6-17 in South Bend, Indiana. Older brothers Benjamin, Mark and Nicholas were excited to meet their new little brother! His grandparents are Nolan & GERALYN Allen of Hays. Dan was recently named the Spirituality Program Director at the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Part of his work is helping to facilitate a Daily Gospel Reflection, written by a member of the Notre Dame family and sent daily via email. Anyone is welcome to subscribe to the free reflections at faith.nd.edu/signup.

2004 - Melissa (Bieker) Pinkney and fellow teacher **Randy '62 Brull**, who started the TMP-Marian Garden Club last year with hopes that students would develop an interest in gardening as a lifelong hobby, saw its first harvest this fall. Produce from the garden included cucumbers, peppers, onions, carrots, pumpkins and potatoes and was shared with the Garden Club students, TMP-Marian kitchen and St. Joseph Catholic Church Food Pantry.

2005 - Austin Roth & Rebecca Muirhead were married on 10-21-17. Parents of the couple are Robert & Diane Muirhead and Terry & **Laurie '70 (Mermis) Roth**.

2006 - Seri Hertel graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a Master of Science degree in nursing in May 2017. She has accepted a position in Washington, D.C. as a family nurse practitioner at a healthcare clinic serving those in need.

2007 - Katie (Gottschalk) & Nate Burkman have a new addition to their family, Donovan James Burkman, born on 7-18-17. He has a sister Emerson "Emmy" Shane



Meitner Children Hit Times Square

Abraham 'Abe' Meitner, age 3 and his sister Julia, age 13, appeared in the National Down Syndrome Society's annual Times Square Video presentation kicking off Down Syndrome Awareness Month - October. They are the children of TMP-Marian Principal, Chad Meitner and his wife Sarah. They have three brothers, Henry, age 11, Charlie, age 8 and Leo, age 6.

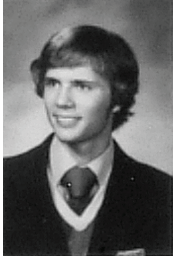
Abe's photo was selected from more than 2,000 entries and there were approximately 500 photos used in the video. The video was created to remind everyone about the contributions and achievements of people with Down syndrome and was shown in Times Square on the big screen.

Burkman, age 2. Donovan's grandparents are Kip & Chris Burkman and **Chris '77 & Krista '78 (Leiker) Gottschalk**.

2007 - Kelsey Werth & Sam Bailey announce their marriage on 10-28-17. Parents of the couple are Jim & Susan Werth, Mary Ann Cronin and Jeff & Leslie Bailey and grandparents are Clifford & **Helen '51 (Braun) Werth** and the late Melvin & Lorraine Hammeke.

2007 - Leighton Werth & Jodie Jennings were united in holy matrimony on 5-20-17. Parents of the couple are Russ & Judy Jennings and **Mark '81 & Simone '82 (Braun) Werth**. Grandparents of the couple are Pearl Besecker & the late James Besecker, Jeanne Jennings, Francis & **Jacquelyn '60 (Zimmerman) Braun** and **Kenneth '57 & Elaine '60 (Staab) Werth**.

2009 - Drew Hertel graduated from Kansas State University with a Master Degree in Business Administration. He is now attending the University of Alabama School of Law in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



Lt. Governor of Kansas

Jeff Colyer '78



By Sarah Meitner

Jeff '78 Colyer has an impressive list of academic degrees, but it was his experience as a TMP-Marian student that he most credits for igniting a desire to serve others and preparing him to be governor of Kansas.

Colyer Kansas' longest serving Lieutenant Governor, is expected to become Governor of the state in coming weeks. Current Governor Sam Brownback was nominated by President Trump last July to run the State Department's Office of International Religious Freedom. Brownback's U.S. Senate confirmation is expected by the end of the year, at which time, Colyer will assume the job. He will become the first Hays native to run the state and only the fourth lieutenant governor to take over following a resignation.

Colyer visited Hays in September to cheer on the TMP-Marian Monarchs during the Homecoming game and to present a Point of Light award to one of his favorite former teachers, **Fr. Gilmary '52 Tallman**. Colyer credited Fr. Tallman and the other Capuchin Franciscan priests at TMP for inspiring in him to seek a career helping others.

"It's always great to be here," said Colyer, a fifth-generation Hays native. "Of all my years in school...all my degrees, the most important part of the whole experience was my time at TMP." After graduating from TMP in 1978, Colyer earned an economics degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., a master's in International Relations from Clare Hall, Cambridge in England, and his M.D. from the University of Kansas. He also interned with Senator Bob Dole and served as a White House Fellow in international affairs.

"The thing that was so special was the sense of service," Colyer said. "(At TMP) we were taught that we were here to make a difference in the world. I carried that lesson with me throughout my career as a doctor and in public policy."

In 1994, Colyer opened a plastic and craniofacial surgery practice in Overland Park. He also volunteered for more than two decades with International Medical Corps, delivering babies, dressing gunshot wounds, performing surgeries, and more in 20 different war-torn countries, like Iraq, South Sudan, Rwanda, Cameroon, Libya, and others. He has continued to volunteer abroad, even while serving as Lieutenant Governor.

"Prayer is God's way of talking to us," Colyer said. "We're supposed to listen and serve Him. We're here to make a difference to others."

It's a time of change for Colyer's staff who has worked hard in recent weeks to ensure a smooth transition of power will occur. Colyer traveled throughout much of Kansas during the summer, introducing himself and listening to residents who may not know how his policies differ from Governor Brownback's. In August, Colyer also announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the 2018 Governor's race. He'll have less than a year after his inauguration to distinguish himself from his predecessor before the 2018 election.



(L-R Below) Chris '71 (Rohleder) McNiece, Jeff '78 Colyer and former TMP teachers, Jim Dinkel, Leroy Gnad and Jim McNiece take a moment to pose for the camera after Jim and Jeff talk to the students (above) about the new Lt. Governor's Community Service Award.



Last spring, Colyer visited high schools across Kansas to promote the new Lt. Governor's Community Service Award -- a community service award he founded to recognize Kansas high school juniors and seniors who give back to their communities. A junior and senior from TMP-Marian were among the many Kansas teens who received recognition.

In September, Colyer spoke highly of the Kansas teens and young adults that he's met -- particularly the millennial generation -- calling their desire to serve others the "big untapped story." "These kids are interested in helping others," he continued. "They are really driven to serve and they won't take no for an answer. To me, that's the real America."

Honoring Kansans for their humanitarian work is something that has been important to Colyer. In 2015 he started the Kansas Humanitarian Commission made up of community leaders throughout the state. The commission works to empower citizens and businesses to serve their communities and promote a spirit of service through charitable acts, dialogue, and financial donations. In 2016, the commission announced its first recipients of the Humanitarians of the Year award, which were presented by Colyer. "Service, volunteering, and giving back are values I have always been very passionate about," he said at the time.

While at TMP, Jeff Colyer was a strong academic student who also participated in debate and Key Club. He said he never imagined that he'd ever be governor, but he knew he had a strong desire to help people. Quoting Saint Thomas More, he said, "But Man He made to serve Him wittily, in the tangle of his mind!"

It means "think about your path -- the path God wants for you," he said. "Serve Him by serving others."

TMP-Marian will host an inauguration Mass in honor of Governor Colyer. More details about the event will be announced after Brownback's Senate confirmation.

Bierock Sale



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Success!



Thank you to all who participated in the Bierock sale on Friday, October, 27, 2017. Over 350 dozen bierocks were made by approximately 60 volunteers.

2009 - Ryan Post and fellow coaches **Shane '13 Zimmerman, Cade '12 Gerhard & Jake '10 VonLintel**, coaches for the Monarchs summer baseball team, were elated with their team when they won the AA Kansas state title. Members of the team were **Richard '16 Hockett, Chase '18 Werth, Trenton '18 Mayo, Carlos '19 Schwindt, Cole '18 Zimmerman, Karl '18 Rack, Tate '18 Garcia, Eston '19 Brown, Luke '18 Ruder, Zane '17 Staab, Creighton '18 Renz, Ryan '16 Ruder, Gavin '18 Schumacher & Adam '18 Gottschalk.**

2010 - Rachel (Weber) Ruder's husband Blake Ruder, performed as a solo artist as one of two local performers opening for Resurrection, a Journey Tribute at the Hays Wild West Festival this summer.

2011 - Elizabeth Rupp graduated from the Kansas Hospital Association Leadership Institute. She currently works as document control coordinator in the HIM department at HaysMed and was nominated by the HaysMed CEO to be part of this elite group.

2014 - Skyler Urban has been nominated as a Homecoming candidate at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas by Sigma Phi Epsilon. Skyler currently serves as the Head of Judicial Board for Sigma Phi Epsilon and is a member of the Pre-Law Club. Skyler's academic honors include the Clyde Hill Internship, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Phi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Alpha and the Carlson Leadership Academy. His volunteer work includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Festival of Trees, Toys for Tots and the American Red Cross. Skyler was also a Homecoming candidate his senior year at TMP-Marian! Good luck!

2016 - Hannah Michaud was one of four Totus Tuus teams that traveled the Diocese of Salina this summer, teaching students about the Joyful Mysteries and covenants. She said the summer was very rewarding and filled with grace.

2017 - Elizabeth Leiker was selected as a 2017-18 Golden Plains Credit Union Scholarship recipient. She is attending Fort Hays State University and her parents are **Mike '86 & Kelly Leiker.**

2017 - Taryn Rupp was also selected as a 2017-18 Golden Plains Credit Union Scholarship recipient. She is attending FHSU, majoring in hospitality and management. Her parents are **Kim '86 & Deana Rupp.**

Don't Forget!

Please share your sorrows, joys and good things happening in your lives such as a marriage, birth of a child or grandchild, retirement, awards, etc. so we can pass these events on to your classmates and our fellow alumnus. Changing your mailing address, phone number or email address? Notify us so WE can keep YOU in touch with your classmates. And even if you have sad news, please allow us to inform everyone so that our prayers may be added to yours! Remember, "A burden shared is a burden halved." This is YOUR Alumni Association and we are here for you!

Endowment Foundation of Thomas More Prep-Marian

Generosity abounds within the Endowment Foundation. Robert "Bob" Schmidt, passed away August 8, 2017. Bob and his wife Pat were avid supporters of Catholic education and TMP-Marian. They gave extensively throughout their lives to TMP-Marian and the community both personally and through the Bob and Pat Schmidt Foundation. Upon his passing, he made a lasting investment of \$500,000 to the TMP-Marian Endowment Foundation.



T.J. '49 Dreiling passed away June 20, 2017. An alum of SJMA, T.J. went on to service in the Navy aboard the USS Midway. He was a faithful Catholic as a member of St. Joseph's Parish and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. T.J. generously invested \$100,000 into the Thomas More Prep-Marian Endowment Foundation. We are grateful for T.J.'s faith and belief in Catholic education.



The Endowment Foundation of Thomas More Prep - Marian was established in 1975 and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation whose mission is the development, improvement, advancement and support of Thomas More-Prep-Marian.

Quarterly payments from the Endowment to TMP-Marian help offset the operational costs that are calculated to be 5% of the unrestricted and temporarily restricted funds over a five year rolling average.

Please consider your estate plans and make a commitment to include the Endowment Foundation of Thomas More Prep - Marian. For more information regarding options for giving, please visit www.tmpmariangift.org or contact Troy Ruda, Advancement Director at rudat@tmpmarian.org or (785) 621-5427.

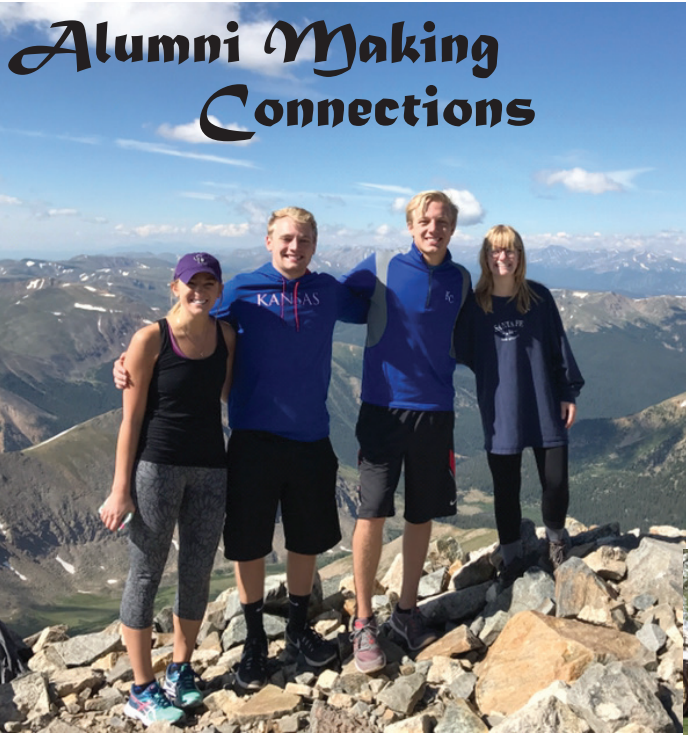


A Scriptural Rosary - The Glorious Mysteries

Now you can pray the rosary anywhere with this scriptural rosary led by **Norbert '65 Kuhn**, accompanied by TMP-Marian students, **Aubry '19 Appelhans**, **Anna '21 Kuhn**, **Tiffany '19 Pfeifer** and **Leanne '19 Rack**. This beautiful rosary was produced by 88.1 Divine Mercy Radio. These CDs are available to order at the on-line book store at shop.tmp-m.org or stop by the alumni office to pick your copy up today. It would make a great Christmas gift!



(L-R) Brothers **Mike '63 Buchheister**, **Jim '70 Buchheister** and **John '66 Buchheister** stopped by TMP-Marian to walk around their old stomping grounds in August, 2017. **Jeff '94 Brull** captured this photo and showed the guys around. If you are in the area - stop by! We would love to see you too!



(Above Photo L-R) Julia Hicks, Grant '14 Romme, Chase '16 Romme and Amanda Hicks.

Submitted by Galen '80 Romme

Last spring, **Chase '16 Romme** (son of **Galen '80 & Cindy Romme**), who is presently attending KU for Mechanical Engineering, earned an internship with a construction company building a new Gaylord Rockies resort near Denver International airport. At the time it was the largest construction project in the U.S. (See website: <http://meetgaylordrockies.com/>) Chase would be working with approximately 60 other engineering interns on a wide range of items. Needless to say - it was an exceptional opportunity. The problem was Chase would have to find housing. Imagine trying to find an

apartment for a college kid for just 3 months and still not eat up all his money. The Denver market is very expensive. We checked colleges for dorm rooms, Airbnb, VRBO and multiple leasing sites but could not find anything.

One day, Galen was visiting with **Tom '69 Schumacher** at Fort Hays Auto Sales and mentioned their son's dilemma. Galen asked if he knew anybody in the Aurora area who might have rentals or who could refer them to a rental manager in the area. He promptly mentioned Dave and **Judy '78 (Brull) Hicks** (photo below). Although Galen is friends with the Brull family, he had never met Judy. He contacted her brothers, **Mike '76 Brull** and **Jim '79 Brull** and they provided her phone number. Galen called Judy on a Monday and explained their predicament and wondered if she knew anybody with rental property or a rental manager who might work with them for a 3 month stay. Judy said she would check with her daughters who



recently found apartments and also check if they had any male friends who might have a room to rent him. She would get back with him in a week. Judy called Galen the next day and informed him that her daughters said that it's almost impossible in their market. They encouraged their parents to offer their home to Chase since they had a full finished walk-out basement he could use. They graciously thanked the Hicks for their offer but wanted to continue searching for a place of his own because they did not want to be a burden to them. Judy said their offer would remain in case they couldn't find anything. About two weeks later, totally exhausted from the continuous searching, they decided it was time to take

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Dave and Judy up on their offer. Chase moved in mid May into the Hicks home. In retrospect it was the best decision they could have made. Dave was traveling often and felt better having Chase there. Chase helped Judy with the yard work and watched their pets when they traveled. The Hicks family, including their daughters, treated Chase like a member of their family, going to church, out to eat, playing golf and attending many activities. Chase now has a second mom and dad in Colorado. Chase has been offered another summer internship with this company for next year and able to choose from any of their projects throughout the U.S. It will be a tough decision whether to return to Denver and the Hicks' home or a new town and project.



Why and How?

Advancement Director Troy '93 Ruda



My first week returning to TMP-Marian was an actual homecoming rather than symbolic... it literally was homecoming week! The school was humming with excitement while building floats, voting for king and queen, cheering at the pep rally, and welcoming the alumni home. Most of the first week I spent worried about understanding the logistics as we hosted the alumni and honored the Point of Light recipients and Grand Marshals at the homecoming football game - when to be there, what to wear and where to stand.

The questions that I was asking that first week helped to meet new people or to refresh my memory. I am a native of Hays; born and raised. It didn't feel like I had been gone that long...until I returned. 24 years go by really fast when we aren't paying attention to how life happens beyond our own experiences. I felt like I knew everyone and no one at the same time!

Logistics are important as they put thought into action. Without logistics, there is no physical direction. All the tangible items that we love about TMP-Marian rely on the physical doing. Otherwise, TMP-Marian would be just a vision. Since that first week the logistical questions and the introductions have slowed in pace but one of my initial questions has begun to evolve, *"What do they want to hear?"*

It's that key word, *"vision,"* that carries the weight, the might and real importance. The word vision can be synonymous with idea, belief or FAITH. Without it, the logistics would not be necessary. There wouldn't be anything worth doing. The logistics can be called the HOW; the vision can be called the WHY. The **"HOW"** has been greatly documented in the history of the school and volumes can be written about the **"WHY."**

On day three of my new position, I was asked to speak to a gathering of alumni and friends. I had no idea what to say or what they wanted to hear! It was frightening. Do they want numbers, facts, scores, song and dance? What!? An angel (disguised as a co-worker) answered, *"They want to know who YOU are!"* It came to me, my task that evening was to preach to the proverbial choir. Their "why" didn't need to be addressed. This choir needed to know my "why."

For me, the years after graduating TMP-Marian were blessed with being a part of two organizations that were leaders in their markets. The products and services that they offered were unmatched. The reason for their success came from within the organization; from the people performing the work. They believed in the product they were offering. They were fully behind it and it became a part of them. It became more than just a job. It became a *calling*. When you offer a product that is genuine and an environment for people to do great things, success is inevitable.

I was fortunate to be involved in those organizations but the concept of great people doing great things wasn't new or surprising to me. It was normal. It's what I knew. It's how I remember my childhood and teenage years. I was raised in wonderful "organizations" and I was their product. Organizations that include my family home, St. Nicholas of Myra Parish, St. Joseph's Parochial School, Kennedy Middle School and TMP-Marian. Each environment had great people doing great things to make sure that I received a foundation on which to build my future.

Thomas More Prep-Marian is special, just as the community it belongs to is special. It offers much so others can do much. Its ability comes from proclaiming the glory of God and the blessings bestowed on it by Him. You can feel it when you see the building, walk up the grand entrance or kneel in Marian Chapel. You know it when you witness the joy of the students having fun and the reverence as



they worship our Lord. This does not just happen. This is special. There are as many versions of my story as there are people to tell them and Thomas More Prep-Marian exists so that all may have a place to build on God's foundation. That is my "why."

This does not come easy. Our offering at Thomas More Prep-Marian and Holy Family Elementary does not bring in record breaking monetary revenues but the cost to provide the product is great. It is through YOUR stewardship, dedication and sacrifice that we exist. YOU are our students, our faculty and staff, our alumni and our faithful community of friends. God's blessings, your prayers, investing through the St. Thomas More Society, Endowment Foundation, ACE Auction and the many fundraisers that happen throughout the year make this happen.



Former Thomas More Prep-Marian President, Jean Ross wrote to me, "Lean on God, Troy. He is really your boss now! These young souls are precious to Him, and He entrusts you to do your best!" I couldn't agree more.

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