



50 Year Club Newsletter

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Class of 1963 Celebrates 50th

By Roann Wojcik & Terri Haid

What a wonderful celebration of our 50th Class Reunion! Forty-three graduates and many spouses gathered in Wheeling, which represents about 60% of our living graduating class. We would like to express our deep appreciation to the committee members who worked so hard to make the reunion fun and memorable.

MEMORIES NIGHT: Aimée Noonan and Ron Vogrin took us back to the early 1960's via slides and an oral history. Many classmates made us smile as they related their individual memories. Ron, we especially loved that you

dressed the part - shorts with white socks! Thanks so much to you and Aimée .



Ron Vogrin

Don Powers really made our college years come alive. He worked on digitizing photos for months and presented a continuous running DVD of our class during memories night and at the Bon Voyage party Saturday. Don, we really enjoyed this, but need another meeting to view all 1200 photos you had prepared!



Aimée Noonan

DECEASED CLASSMATES: Mary Ellen Dyar Maybury found a meaningful way to include these classmates. On our Class Tree (near the Chapel of Mary and Joseph), she hung 15 lighted lanterns and below mounted a framed list. We gathered there after Mass for a prayer. She gave each of us a printed bookmark with the names of our beloved members. Thanks so much, Mary Ellen, for arranging this remembrance.

CLASS GIFT: We appreciate Steve Haid's efforts in this endeavor. After seeking Class suggestions, he sent a letter with our March mailing announcing a dual approach to our 50th anniversary gift to WJU:

- Establish a Class of 1963 Scholarship or donate to the Rev. John J. Coll, S.J., Office of Mission and Identity.

Many have already contributed to these funds. Please consider being part of this gift. Donations may be sent to: Office of Alumni Relations, Wheeling Jesuit University, 316 Washington Ave, Wheeling, WV 26003. Be sure to indicate which fund you wish to support. For additional information, you can contact the Alumni Office at 800-888-2586.

CALLING TREE: Tony Kemper, we can't thank you enough!! He was a one man band calling each class member. These personal calls resulted in so many of you coming to our reunion.



Tony Kemper

CO-CHAIRMEN: Terri and Roann planned and arranged special events for our class. It was a busy but enjoyable time as we attended to details of the weekend. Terri conveyed all new address information to the Alumni Office to update their files. We made sure to coordinate all of our events with the Alumni Weekend schedule. We thank the Alumni Office: Kelly Klubert, Director, and Janet Nolan, Coordinator, for their support and encouragement.

Thanks especially to all who made the effort to attend. You made it a fantastic reunion and a weekend that we will always remember. We did hear from other classmates that could not come due to illness or other situations. We missed you. We truly appreciate those who took time to call classmates to encourage them to come. We thank especially those who made donations to our 1963 class events that added to our celebration.

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There are several other people and events that made the weekend outstanding:

50 YEAR CLUB LECTURE: We were able to help choose the title of the lecture: WJU Mission, Identity, and Community Service. We were delighted when Jim Mauck agreed to be on the panel. Jim has truly lived this title during his career as Director of Catholic Charities in Wheeling, WV, and then in Denver, CO. Jim, thank you for sharing your life which has been dedicated to the Christian Mission and inspiring us all to continue the ideals discussed in this lecture.



Jim Madl and Aimée

50 YEAR CLUB CEREMONY: Moderators Aimée Noonan and Jim Madl, you handled this responsibility like pros. Of course, you pronounced all the names correctly!!!



Jim Dissen receives his diploma from President Rick Beyer.



Jim Mauck

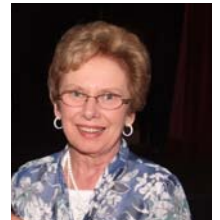


Charlie

AWARDS:

Congratulations, **Charlie Lloyd**, upon receiving the St. Ignatius Loyola Distinguished Alumni Award. We all were so happy to see you receive this honor, not only for your heroic service to our country, but for all your accomplishments in life.

Linda MacAlarney Cunningham was voted by our class members to receive the Hall of Honor Award. She has dedicated herself as our class representative to the Alumni Office for forty years. We appreciate and love you for serving in this position.



Linda

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- President's Reception and Address to Class - President Beyer shared his very positive outlook for the University's future.
- Former WJU President, Rev. Frank Haig, S.J. was inducted into 50 Year Club.
- 50 Year Club Lecture—Rev. Jim Fleming, S.J. gave us the background and update on the Office of Mission and Identity.
- 1963 Class Luncheon at Wheeling Country Club
- Champagne and Chocolates Bon Voyage Party at Hampton Inn



Fr. Fleming



Audience at Diploma Ceremony

We returned to our busy lives with a renewed sense of joy and energy. This was a true celebration of our WJU lives and the friendships that we formed over 50 years ago. Our class was always close and would always come together, not just for a party, but because we enjoyed and respected one another, for our varied backgrounds, talents, ideas and experiences. Maryann Mangi Grubber said it best: **"We keep growing and changing and getting more interesting."** Therefore, let's make sure to get together again soon, to share more memories and our enduring friendships.

Memories of Our 50th Reunion

Aimée Noonan

When Ron Vogrin, Don Powers and I began working on the memories event for our 50th reunion, one of the things that struck us was how very long ago 50 years seemed, especially when we looked at what had happened in the world during the years we were at Wheeling College. We remembered Eisenhower was President when we entered college. The daily news included iconic events like Francis Gary Powers, the U2 incident, JFK's campaign and election, the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis and Civil Rights demonstrations. Our grandchildren learned of these events in history class, and not as recent history. Fifty years is a long, long time!

Our Memories evening included a special tribute to our



deceased classmates. Slides that followed represented politics, current events, music & film, Wheeling—Who knew there were so many bars and who sent in the photos of Mac and Mrs. MacFadden? Also included were sports, technology (OK, so we started with Hub McDonald using a slide rule), spirituality, style— for women, styles were classic; we could still wear what we wore in college --- though maybe in a different size. Styles for men included narrow ties, white socks with suits and buzz cut hair --- at least they had hair then.

The final segment was the longest, a shower of photos of our time at Wheeling College: a stark and muddy campus, Jesuits, lay professors (Dr. Hartung's image got the most response), and us dancing, studying, in classes, in the dorms, on the muddy playing fields and finally in our graduation procession. We were young and beautiful... Selecting photos was difficult, as they were all good.

Each slide segment was accompanied by a list of songs, events, names, brief remembrances that added to what was seen on the screen.

Don was able to present all the photos in a continuous stream on TV. He also worked long and hard with the Hampton Inn staff to link his computer with a TV there. Photos came from several sources, but mostly from Tom Kelleher, Bill Jones (who was not in attendance) and Don Powers. Gambol photos won lots of ahhhhs as did photos

of Father John Coll, our long-time class moderator. The funny thing about reviewing all the photos was how familiar they seemed. We could call each person by name. Some brought a chuckle, some a tear. Fifty years may be a long, long time, but our memories are still fresh.

50 Year Club

Jim Madl and I were asked to emcee the event and, thanks to Al Reed '60, were not at a loss for words. Everyone who was part of a class that graduated 50 or more years ago is eligible for membership in the 50 Year Club. In addition, there are honorary members, and we inducted one: Rev. Frank Haig, SJ, former physics professor and third President of Wheeling College. We heard from outgoing President, Rick Beyer who later presented the 50 Year Club certificates to our classmates.

Tony Kemper

Roann and Terri did an excellent job of putting the weekend together. I wasn't particularly interested in attending, but Aimée shamed me into going, and Jim Dissen shamed me into volunteering. As it turned out, it was a WONDERFUL event. In addition to renewing friendships with classmates I had seen at previous reunions, I was pleased to see some returning for the first time since graduation: Jack Gandour, John Lyle and Patti Proctor (who was with us for two years, and remembers fondly Paul Drewitz carrying her across the stage during Freshman Gambol).

FRIDAY

Those present were inducted into the 50 Year Club, and introduced to Rev. Jim Fleming, Wheeling Jesuit's current President. He is an impressive speaker with a dynamic personality. Aimée and Jim Madl assisted with the induction process. After dinner, Aimée (the girl was busy!) and Ron Vogrin MC'd Memories Night, an enjoyable recap of our college experiences. Don Powers had scanned and loaded pictures furnished by half a dozen classmates. After the visuals, a number of us were happy to offer our individual memories.

SATURDAY

After a nice breakfast, I watched Jim Mauck participate



50 Year Reunion Memories – Continued

SATURDAY (continued from page 3)

on the panel for a group discussion of how the WJU years related to mission work and community service.



Fr. Jim Fleming, Adrienne Tharp '08, and Jim Mauck '63 at the Saturday morning discussion.

By running Catholic Charities and other endeavors over the years, Jim has made an impressive contribution to society.

-We had a nice lunch at Wheeling Country Club, and welcomed classmates who only attended that function. 40 plus classmates attended out of the living 72. I enjoyed seeing Diane DiPiero's sister again (Jeannie '73).

-The afternoon Alumni Mass was very moving. Tom Kelleher read the names of our deceased classmates. Fr. John DiBacco '62 and Fr. Jim O'Brien were two of the Celebrants. After Mass we visited the class tree, honoring our 15 deceased classmates (including those who did not graduate).

-At dinner, we listened to plans for WJU's future (optimistic) and watched Charlie and Linda McAlarney receive much-deserved awards.

-We then had a class party at the Hampton Inn. Roann and Terri provided the champagne (so many bottles, so little time) and chocolates, and Janet Imburgia brought some bottles of family-produced wine. When I left at a quarter to one, there were still five hardy souls left.

SUNDAY



Jim Dissen '63

Things were winding down. A number of us met for brunch, and the group broke up by noon. In the quiet afternoon I walked around the campus, and was struck by how compact it is, and how many new buildings have been added since we graduated. All in all, a good time. Those who did not make it were missed.

Jim Madl

50 Year Club Inductions

It was an honor to be asked to co-host Friday's Class of '63 reunion ceremonies. It was a privilege to participate in the 50 Year Club induction and the awarding of diplomas to my fellow classmates. I will always remember the enjoyment of sharing in the introduction of the many honorees, including former President Rev. Frank Haig, S.J.



Jim Madl

It was a pleasure talking again with Ed Shahady '60, President and cofounder of the 50 Year Club. I also want to acknowledge the time and effort put forth by Al Reed '60, also a cofounder. He deserves credit for drafting the script that Aimée and I followed during the evening's events. Thank you Al.

Terri Grammer Haid

People came from far and wide -- Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas -- to once again see old friends from their happy college days at WJU, some for the first time since graduation (like Tiger (John) Lyle and wife Maria). Kudos go out to Danny Roos, who came all the way from Illinois, and, having had recent surgery on his foot, he had to use a wheelchair or a walker the whole weekend. Thank goodness, he had his wife Barbara to help him. Probably a first for a 50th Reunion, we had a newly engaged couple – Ron Vogrin and his lovely Pat. It is a compliment to us all that he wanted her to meet us and that she *actually* wanted to meet us because we were so important in Ron's life.



Terri Haid

I started out on Friday afternoon at a senior ambassadors' meeting and a 50 Year Club meeting. President Beyer told us about the new music conservatory program and Friday Night football (Wheeling Central's home games) which will be played on campus, on a new artificial turf field. Don Mercer '60 presented a report on a study he and John Egan McAteer '61 had done on the condition of the archives (only 5% has been processed) and offered their recommendations for a new archive program.

50 Year Reunion Memories—Continued

Continued from page 4 On Friday at 5 p.m., 39 classmates received a diploma from President Rick Beyer and a beautiful hand-blown WJU glass ornament from his wife, Cindy. Former President Fr. Frank Haig and future President Fr. Fleming were made honorary members of the 50 Year Club and both spoke briefly. Before going downstairs for a casual dinner from the Alpha, we nibbled on the best stuffed mushrooms ever, tiny shrimp cocktails, and cheese and wine, as we viewed some 1200 photos of our time at WC that Don had scanned into a loop DVD. (He promises to make this available to us) I dragged around to three events, a CD player and music from the 60's, but we didn't have time to listen to it. Dinner was so loud, we couldn't hear it anyhow! That's how much we enjoyed talking to each other.

After dinner, it was back upstairs for our Memories Night, MC'd by Ron Vogrin, who was dressed for the part in Bermuda shorts and white socks with loafers, and Aimée Noonan. Don Powers projected pictures illustrating the historical events of our four years of college as they gave an oral history, as well as relating funny stories. Dr. Orr regaled us with many stories about Fr. William McGroarty, who recently died at the age 92. He was still active up to the very end. We dedicated our senior yearbook to him.

Ed Brisley wanted to attend, but had to work. (He teaches college in Utah, would you believe!) He sent along a story about the 'deduction' that most present did not remember. Apparently, he instigated the kidnapping of a duck from Wheeling Creek (almost losing Paul Drewitz in a deep hole in the creek). The reason was that the boys thought we needed a mascot to lead the cheers at the basketball games and a cardinal was harder to catch. A failed attempt to dye the duck red resulted in some bad smells and loud quacking coming from the top of Whelan Hall, which soon led to a procession back to the creek. Norm, Steve and a few others shared funny stories. We finally all headed for bed about 10:30.

Saturday was a busy day, with only a few hours between events. We started out with a 50 Year Club panel discussion in Troy Theater. If you didn't attend, you really missed out. Jim Dissen got a rise out of Steve Haid about labor unions, just like old times. Afterwards, we hurried to Wheeling Country Club for a wonderful buffet picnic luncheon. The setting was beautiful, the special anniversary cake delicious, and the chatter lively. Coming for just this event were Ronny Sabol and wife Phyllis and Don Moody and his wife Ruth Schrei, still looking like our Prom Queen.

Joe Mossa and his wife Liz arrived for the day. Judy Houlihan Geary paid tribute to Charlie Lloyd, who was receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award that evening. Charlie's speech brought tears to our eyes.

I provided an update on "Johnny Coll, Boy Philosopher;" he had too many medical problems to come, but is living comfortably in Baltimore in a Jesuit retirement home. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: 5704 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210.

Some of us toured the growing, beautifully landscaped campus before Mass. Fr. Jim O'Brien, as energetic as ever, and several other Jesuits and Fr. John DiBacco '62 officiated the Alumni Memorial Mass. Besides Tommy K and Julie's reading of the names of our deceased classmates, we also honored them by gathering around our class tree for a prayer. The tree, to the left of the Chapel, is our 3rd attempt to grow one and is a thriving decorative maple, thanks to Allen and Roann, and the donations made at our 45th reunion. Mary Ellen decorated it with 15 lanterns, lit by votive candles, which stayed lit until we took them down on Sunday. She also listed their names in a frame under the tree and gave us bookmarks with their names on it.

There was a big crowd at dinner on Saturday for the speeches and awards. (The 40th anniversary class might have had more attending, but, proportionally, I think we had the best turnout.) Charlie received one of two St. Ignatius Loyola Distinguished Alumni Awards given, and Linda McAlarney Cunningham received the Hall of Honor Award, voted on by our classmates.

By 10 pm, most of us arrived at the Hampton's conference room for champagne and chocolates. We even spilled out into the lobby. (We sort of owned the Hampton that night and room-hopped in our fancy dorm.) After the crowd thinned a little, Don set up his picture show and many stayed until after midnight, or later.

Sunday, after our Hampton Inn group had coffee together, a few of us made it to breakfast at the college, opps, university. It was hard saying goodbye, but I hope many of us can return in 2018.

p.s. "And the beat goes on ..." Mary Ellen and I were in the bookstore before we left. The cashier asked the young man in front of us his class year. When he said 1993, and I piped up and bragged that we were with the class of 1963. Well, he proceeded to tell us that his father went most of the way with '63 but finished with '64. We had just met Bill Jones's son! He said that his father would have liked to come, but he is still practicing medicine in the D.C. area and his patients needed him. Small world!



Thirty-nine members of the Class of 1963 were present for the picture on Friday evening of Alumni Weekend.



**Wheeling Jesuit University
Class of '63 - 50th Reunion**

June 21, 2013

1st Row: Janet Imburgia Nannicola, Judy Houlihan Geary, Maryann Mangi Grubber, Betty Rhoden Connelly, Dan Roos, Julie Smith, Terri Grammer Haid, Linda MacAlarney Cunningham, Peggy Keys, Mary Ellen Dyar Maybury.

2nd Row: Jim Fenwick, Mary Alice Termin Fenwick, Sara Thomlinson Shipman, Diane DiPiero Pappas, Roann Burris Wojcik, Patty Proctor Mars, Aimée Noonan, Tommy Kelleher, Jim Dissen, Kathy Snider, Walt Schutzman, Jeanne Santer Studzinski, Carol Adamiak Yarnall, Bernie Eichenlaub Smith.

3rd Row: Charlie Lloyd, Steve Haid, Beth Paulus Noonan, Tony Kemper, Norm Koehler, Carol Gornik McLaughlin, Carol Fey Mioduszewski, Jim Mauck.

Back Row: Jim Madl, Don Powers, Hubie MacDonald, Rich Cecotti, Jack Gandour, Ron Vogrin, John Lyle.

Not pictured: Don Moody, Ruth Schrei Moody, Ron Sabol, Joe Mossa

If you did not purchase a picture, you can still do so for \$20 by contacting the Alumni Office at 800-888-2586.

Class of 64 to celebrate their 50th by JJ Lauer and Gene Julian



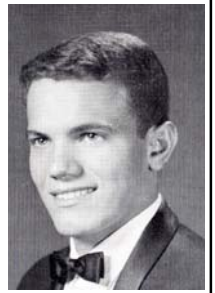
JJ Lauer

The Class of 1964 will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from then Wheeling College at Alumni Weekend June 20-22, 2014. Class agents JJ Lauer and Gene Julian have already commenced the drum beating to generate interest at this significant event. Their efforts in 2004 were responsible for about 50% of the living classmates attending all or part of the weekend for the 40th Anniversary.

The goal is to at least match that percentage for the 50th. They are soliciting classmate participation to assist in the planning for the weekend. At their 45th reunion in 2009, the Class of 1964 Ignatian Scholarship Fund was established with the ambitious goal of \$250K. To date a little over 50% of that goal has been reached. One of the events that weekend will be to present a symbolic check for the Ignatian Fund to Father Jim Fleming.

John Aluise produced a DVD for the 45th reunion entitled "Sentimental Journey Class of 1964" which captured in photos a great deal of memories from the four years at Wheeling College. The DVD was available for a suggested donation of \$150.00, the proceeds of which formed the initial financial input for the Scholarship Fund. The DVD will be available again at the 50th and the proceeds will again be applied to the Fund.

Fifty years of anything is significant, so it is our most sincere hope that as many classmates as possible will attend this reunion, even if you have not attended a reunion, or have not been back for a long time.



Gene Julian

Photo below (L-R) Class of '64 members - A. Strauss, W. Dunn, T. Rademakers, D. Quinn, M. Smith, R. Smead, J. Schrei, B. Ryan, E. Brannan, F. Powers.



Watch for more stories from the Class of '64 in the next 50 Year Club Newsletter.

Class of 64 in Fall of 1960



Tribute to Fr. Kernan by Dr. Paul Orr



Wheeling College's early faculty, in the years 1955 to '60 or '61, rejoiced in more "characters" than a Nutty Buddy contains real nuts.

The supporting cast by itself was memorable. Just for example: the disheveled and chaotic Bill Fette; Dr. Stan Goicz, dropping in now and then from his alternative universe; Frau Bernhardt, the 1930's

Fr. Gerald Kernan

drop-out from the Hitler Youth; the rumbling bass baritone Dr. Hartung, name-mangler and co-ed admirer. But their combined wattage was less than that of any of the College's three Incandescents: Father Edward Gannon, S.J. "Wheeling College is a place where odd-balls don't feel odd." Dr. Wim Van Eekeren ("never take anything you read as the gospel truth, except the Gospel. Even then, well, most of the time, anyway.") Last, jousting with Gannon on almost equal terms for the accolade "First Among Equals," Reverend Gerald Kernan, S.J., a.b.d.

A compact bodied man of about five nine or ten, Kernan bore himself always with a papal-like self confidence. ("Rarely in doubt, never in error.") Entering a room, he became its center. He could be illogically dictatorial. "When I went to his office," a student complained, "he said, 'to consult me, you must be properly dressed. Go away!' and he's sitting there bulging out of a red T-shirt!" Refusing to be intimidated, the students fondly referred to him as "Uncle Ju Ju." His first composition assignment was prefaced by the caution "Don't give many any pious, namby-pamby nun drivel." (Sister Gertrude's reaction is not on record. Perhaps fortunately.) His composition assignments became instant legends: "In your next essay, you may use only Anglo-Saxon words. The dictionary is full of them," and "Go visit St. Joseph's Cathedral and write me a three hundred word letter telling me what you saw."

His prized English majors and potential majors, he held to his bosom, sometimes too tightly, perhaps. His lectures on English literature were informative, sparkingly delivered, and, make no mistake, definitive. But when Clayton Hudnall challenged him on his interpretation of *Hamlet*, Kernan told him "Alright. You will conduct the next class and explain and defend your position." Hudnall did not particularly like Kernan, but "I honor him as a teacher. He encouraged me and he validated me."

Possibly his first love was theatre. Within ten days after the first class, in September, 1950, he had formed the unfortunately named "*Caviar Club*." "It is not, as you

might think by looking at me," he would say, stroking his stomach, "an eating club. No. It is devoted to putting on plays." Within a month the club had staged three one acts in the basement of the Mount, and took part in the Jesuit Play Contest the following Spring. In January '57 there was a moving "*Our Town*" in Swint Lounge. Falling in love with an original play by a cloistered nun about Bernadette of Lourdes, "*The Smallest of All*," he insisted that its world premier be at the Virginia Theatre. The audience, most importantly, the Co-Adjutant Bishop of McDonnell, liked it. Consequently, with the Bishop in the front of the bus, the cast travelled around the state on weekends and school breaks, putting it on in Catholic high school auditoriums.

Othello, staged outdoors in the amphitheater in Oglebay Park in November '58 was probably Kernan's most memorable and ambitious production. He took Charlie Bishop to New York to find good costumes. He set Bob Kammer to work building a stage on the top of empty beer casks. His Desdemona he discovered in a summer production he had directed: Sheila Naum. She was not, when discovered, a Wheeling College student but "no problem." By September, she was, and in November, she was a good Desdemona. He refused to listen to John Mensore's insistence that he could not be in the play. "With basketball and my class work. I don't have time." In November, Mensore was a very credible Iago. The weather refused to be so compliant. He had gambled that a comfortable outdoor production in November was possible but snow ended the first performance after about twenty minutes. The bad weather continued while the cast, in light clothing over winter underwear, did its best. The final and reasonably effective performance was staged indoors.

On July 1, 1959, the night before leaving for his new assignment at Georgetown, Kernan dropped in at the home of Paul and Jean Orr. There, drinking tea on the veranda, he reviewed all the wonderful students he was leaving behind. One by one, in detail, he talked about their strengths and their problems. He quoted from essays written, verbal comments made. It was less like a passing of the baton than a parent handing over children to a dangerous future. Then Orr drove him back to campus and it was "Good by—God Bless."

As Father Troy wrote to Joanne Gonter a day or so later. "Gerry loved you all. He was, above all, a deeply sentimental Irishman"



Dr. Paul Orr

WJU Archives Project by Don Mercer '60

The Alumni Council asked the 50 Year Club to champion the Archives Project. Don Mercer was appointed project chair. Don recruited John Egan McAteer '61 and Chris Kreger '96 to assist with the project. One of the many archive activities they are working on is to create an on-line /on-demand viewing of all year-books. Please see <http://www.wju.edu/alumni/manifest.asp> to view yearbooks from your years!

The Archives Project is designed to collect and preserve valuable documents, pictures and artifacts relating to the school's history. A permanent site for the archives is pending, as the library has no adequate space. The process of organizing archival material and the preliminary discussions for the hiring of an archivist has begun. Many pictures from the past have been saved, but the people (students, faculty, administrators) and the occasion/year of the pictures need to be identified prior to archiving.

We need your help!!

Please send—to WJU archives- photographs, or other items from your collection that you believe should be included in the archive. Provide all known information pertaining to this material. **Have fun** while helping us develop the WJU archives into an outstanding historical representation of our university. Your comments about the recovery project are welcome. Send pictures and comments to the Alumni Office: at alumni@wju.edu attention: Don Mercer, Archives Chair.

Suggested Archival Items

Important administrative meetings - subject matter, minutes

School presidents - resume, accomplishments

Newspaper articles—school and local Wheeling papers

see WJU website for press releases (news and events, back to 2001)

Alma mater, school fight song— recording of songs

School catalogs, directories, student handbooks, course catalogs and policy materials

School yearbooks - see above web link all yearbooks in place

School photographs not found in yearbooks or newspapers - organize by year, boxes found in library

Architectural maps and drawings of campus and buildings - Swint, Donahue, Whelan and others

Memorabilia — class rings, dinks, trophies, mascot uniform

Video tapes and programs of school athletic events - Varsity and Club Sports

Special awards received by the school - ranking by US News, others

History of school musical programs - gambol, music ministry, glee club, chamber choir, symphonic and pep band

Student organizations (clubs)—Social events—dances, last blast, others

Records of plays—programs, scripts

NASA Center for Educational Technologies, National Technology Transfer Center, Challenger Learning Center—See WJU Web site for current status and information

Commencement speakers - Janet Reno, others

Celebrity visits - John F Kennedy, Robert Byrd, Chubby Checkers, others

Other suggested archival items- books by faculty, graduates, letters by presidents

Message From Our President



Fr. Jim Fleming

The start of the academic year was bittersweet. We welcomed 300 new faces to campus and mourned the death of one of our own: we watch as a new recital hall rises up in the first floor of the CET and saw crews tear up the old playing field. The start of the 2013-14 academic year can best be described as one of great hope and sadness. The tragic death of senior Kevin Figaniak was a great loss to our community. I am proud of the way our students reacted with dignity, respect and care in the aftermath of Kevin's death.

Since classes started, there have been many new and exciting happenings at Wheeling Jesuit. This progress shows all of us what teamwork can accomplish.

In early September, the Physical Therapy Department moved into the former Stone and Thomas Department Store, known now as the Stone Center in downtown Wheeling. The classroom facilities, located in the fourth floor of the building, are filled with students and faculty. Finishing touches are being made to the free care clinic and auditorium on the first floor.

On October 1, Wheeling City Council approved a request to rezone a portion of Washington Avenue. The move will allow the construction of 36 townhouse apartment just to north of the main entrance. The University will partner with Bedway Reality, who will build the structure. The apartments will be used for graduate student and employees.

Construction continues on the Mt. de Chantal Conservatory of Music, which is located in the ground floor of the Center for Educational Technologies building. This legacy that honors our former neighbors, the Sisters of the Visitation and Mt. de Chantal Academy, will be dedicated in mid-November. The Conservatory features a recital hall, practice areas and room that will house some artifacts from the Mount.

And, dirt is flying at the outdoor athletic complex as crews have removed the grass and are grading the surface in preparation of the installation of new turf. This first phase of upgrades to the outdoor athletic facility is the start of three years of renovations planned for our athletic facilities.

While there is much happening at your alma mater, there is still much to do. Your continued support of Wheeling Jesuit is vital to our success. Soon you will be receiving the President's Challenge, our fall fundraising appeal. I ask you to make a gift. You can target your gift into a number of areas from academics or athletics to student life or mission and identity. Your support is needed so that we can continue to provide this generation of students the benefit of an affordable, Jesuit education.

As always, thank you for your support of Wheeling Jesuit. Please continue to keep the University community in your prayers as we continue to heal from the death of our fallen brother, Kevin Figaniak.

Luceat Lux Vestra!


Rev. James J. Fleming, S.J.
President




50 Year Club Web Site created. Go to <http://www.50yearclubwju.org>

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50 Year Club Wheeling Jesuit University

The idea for the Club was created by Al Reed during the class of 60 reunion planning. The other members of the planning committee composed of Phyllis Faber Kelly, John Mensore, Carolyn Cannon, Sandy Piper Sonneborn, and Ed Shahady enthusiastically endorsed the idea. Al did all the research and provided the structure for the first [diploma](#) ceremony that was conducted in June of 2010 during the 50 year reunion of the class of 60.

The Club is an adjunct organization of the Alumni Council. It's functions include honoring the 50 year [graduates](#), conducting an annual lecture during the 50 year reunion, creating and assisting with the senior ambassador, group, creating and assisting with the Alumni Scholar in Residence program, assisting 50 year classes with planning their reunion and encouraging a class gift from each graduating class. A copy of the by laws is available by clicking [here](#).

The Club conducts a [yearly ceremony](#) at the time of the reunion to honor the 50 year graduates. The President of the University provides certificates to each member of the class. The banners above will lead you to the prior newsletters and great memories of recent [reunions from the classes of 60 and 61. 62](#)

Members of the class who are unable to attend will receive a certificate by mail. The **50 Year Club** lecture provides an opportunity for alumni to hear from faculty and a alumni member about a topic of general interest. The 2011 topics were "What's new about [educational programs](#) at WJU" and "Jesuit values at WJU- are they still here?" The topic for 2012 was "Value of a liberal arts education-is it important".

Being a **senior ambassador** is an honor and a responsibility. Ambassadors volunteer to aid the university with fundraising, enrollment and student mentoring.

The **Alumni Scholar in Residence** is a visiting professor program where an alumnus/a spends a week on campus [teaching classes](#) in his/her discipline. Seven [newsletters](#) have been published. These newsletter contain some excellent stories from alumni about their time at WJU (Wheeling College). Some are serious and many contain some very humorous memories. Take a look at the newsletters to bring back many of these memories.

Assisting the 50 year class with their [reunion and planning of their class gift](#) is available if desired by the reunion planning committee.

Go to this site to review the many activities of the 50 Year Club
<http://www.50yearclubwju.org>

50 Year Club

The following individuals were elected as Club officers and board members to serve June 2013-June 2015. President-Dan Haller '61, 1st Vice President-Al Reed '60, 2nd Vice President-Don Mercer '60, Secretary-Carolyn Cannon '60, Past President-Ed Shahady '60, Members at Large - Barbara Creamer Yeager '59, John Eagan McAteer '61, Fr. John DiBacco '62, Terri Haid '63.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Ambassadors: Senior Ambassadors are part of the WJU 50 Year Club. Inaugural nominees will be graduates from the classes of 1959 through 1968 who have distinguished themselves through one or more of the following: volunteer community service, humanitarian efforts, academic accomplishments and a successful career. **Being a WJU Senior Ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility.** Ambassadors are asked to commit their time, dedication and expertise to the school that helped lay the foundation for their successful careers. **This commitment will include one or more of the following: Recruit potential students to WJU, Aid current students with career advice, Cultivate interest in WJU and its projects, Encourage fellow alumni and others to support WJU fund raising activities.** The first Senior Ambassadors group met June 24, 2011 to discuss their future activities. There are 54 individuals who have volunteered from the classes of 59 through 63. The group meets yearly at the time of the reunion and then by conference call during the year. Senior Ambassadors have been very dedicated fund raisers for WJU. In November of 2012 the ambassadors from the first 10 classes contacted classmates and were able to obtain \$70,000 in pledges and donations. The goal for 2013 in November is \$100,000.

Alumni Scholar in Residence: This program, initiated by the 50 Year Club in 2011, represents a partnership with the university faculty and administration. A committee representing all three groups selects the scholar and coordinates the campus visit. **The scholar will be a visiting professor to the University for up to one week and all expenses will be donated by the scholar.** The initial scholar was Ed Shahady, M.D. '60, was on campus in the fall of 2011. Joan Davison Ph.D. '78 was the second scholar and was on campus in the fall of 2012. The third scholar was Dick Riley, Ph.D. and he was on campus in the fall of 2013. The Alumni Scholar Program has been very successful and demonstrates the quality of WJU graduates to the students and faculty of WJU. Anyone with extensive teaching experience is invited to submit their resume to eshahady@att.net.



Steve Haid '63 receiving his 50 Year Club diploma from President Rick Bayer.