



50 Year Club Newsletter

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Class of 1964 Celebrates 50th JJ Lauer and Geno Julian



Thanks to the efforts of our planning committee and the world class support of Kelly Klubert, Janet Nolan, Noah Mull, Al Reed '60 and Ed Shahady '60, our class had a memorable Reunion, with 40 classmates attending all or part of the weekend. Unfortunately, 5 classmates had to cancel at the last minute. They were missed, but not forgotten. Despite that, we had about 45% of the living class present including John Elekes and Alice Malone who had never attended a reunion.



Francis & Pat

The weekend began Friday afternoon with 25 classmates attending an informal get together at "Generations, formerly known as the "Swing Club," which I am sure was off limits to us when we were students. From there we cleaned up and made our way to Troy Lounge for the 50 Year Club Diploma Ceremony. Our class moderators were Frances Panneton Onaitis and Pat O'Brien. They did a masterful job of moving the event along. Prior to the event, they dedicated a significant amount of time working with Al Reed in the development of the script, which was evident. They came up with the unique idea of honoring our deceased classmates with a special prayer and reading their names as part of the 50 Year Club Diploma Ceremony. Three honorary diplomas were awarded, along with 9 diplomas for members of the Class of '59, and 40 diplomas to members of our class. This was the most diplomas awarded and completed in the shortest time frame. We were very pleased and honored to have Frank Haig, S.J. in attendance, as he was the president in 1964.

In his remarks, Fr. Jim Fleming referred to us as "The Famous Class of 1964." Not sure where that came from, but we will take it. Following his comments, Jim Smith presented the Class of '64 gift to him, which was a symbolic check for \$250,000, representing the amount of money received or pledged for the Class of 1964 Ignatian Scholarship Fund. The idea was conceived at our 45th Reunion with the goal to raise \$250,000 by our 50th Reunion and present our initial scholarship at that time. Thanks to the generosity of the Class, the extreme generosity of some anonymous donors, assumed to be classmates, and a last minute push recommended by John Aluise and organized by Noah Mull, we reached the \$250,000 on June 19, 2014. Overall, we had 56 classmates contribute to the gift, which equated to almost 60% of those who were able to contribute.



Fr. Fleming, JJ Lauer, Jim Smith,

The Ignatian Scholarship Fund will serve as a memorable and lasting legacy of the Wheeling College Class of 1964 long after we are gone. Following the presentation of the Class gift, John Aluise presented the initial Ignatian Scholarship Award to Hunter Dylan Onderko, a rising senior from Fairmont, WV, who attended to personally receive the award. A plaque for listing awardees had been prepared with Hunter's name as the initial recipient. It will be displayed in the Alumni Center in the CET Building.

After the diploma ceremony, we socialized at the Presidents reception in Troy Theater, followed by dinner that featured food from the Alpha. It was a great opportunity to share memories with classmates, especially those unable to attend the afternoon soiree at Generations. Following dinner, we retreated once again to Troy Theater, where we showed a "silent version" of the DVD Sentimental Journey Class of 1964 produced by John Aluise for our 45th Reunion. **(continued on next page)**

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Despite the lack of sound, it still triggered our memories of Wheeling in the 60's. Jeanne Henry Neff in addition tickling the ivories for us, was kind enough to prepare song sheets with such old favorites as "The Wheeling College Polka", "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and the infamous "Carolina in the Morning" for those who could not remember the words.



When the DVD finished, the class sang the Alma Mater. With Jeanne on the piano, we had a sing-along, prior to 20 classmates climbing up on the stage and rendered their best effort of the Carolina Kick. Thankfully, no one toppled over. We had hoped to have "The Eternals" at the reunion, but as luck would have it only Bernie Brunner was available. Tom Benek, Gene Julian and Bob Ruggieri attempted to help Bernie harmonize. We then called it a night. One important thing we learned over the past 50 years was to never give Tom Benek a stage and a microphone.

The Friday Night festivities presented a great opportunity to share memories, renew friendships, and appreciate the growth of our College. It grew from 5 buildings and no trees, to a full-scale University with a magnificent campus. To close out the evening J.J. Lauer offered a toast using words provided by Linda Sigismondi Giannini, which went like this:

To the Wheeling College Class of 1964

To those who were not fortunate to have survived the past 50 years

To those of us whose lives take them elsewhere and

To those of us who are here,

May God continue to give us endless days so we may continue to let our light shine.



Saturday morning began with the 50 Year Club Lecture with Dave Haddad participating in the panel discussion. Dave was instrumental in the development of the lecture topic. We had about a dozen classmates attend the lecture and some contributed to the discussion. Following the lecture we gathered in the performance gym in the McDonough Center for a wonderful lunch, socialization and class pictures. Thanks to Gene Julian, who worked with Doug Aigner '61 (owner of Carolina Printworks), we all had white and cardinal red shirts with Wheeling Jesuit University 50 Year Club embroidered on the shirts with an added "WC 64" on the left sleeve. We had 37 for the class picture and all with WJU shirts. When it came time for the Class of '89 to have their class picture taken, we graciously augmented their representatives to fill the picture with a few more warm bodies. We were honored to have Jim O'Brien, S.J. in attendance.



After a quick turn around and change of clothes, we gathered at the Chapel for the Memorial Mass, where our deceased classmates were once again remembered along with deceased members of all 5-year reunion classes. J.J. Lauer offered one of the readings and again read the names of our 25 deceased classmates.

There was no formal photo scheduled, but thankfully Bill Jones brought his professional model camera. Since we were all dressed up, Susie Elekes used Bill's camera to take a formal photograph of 35 of our classmates on the steps in front of Swint Hall. (*see next page*) As we were waiting for the picture to be snapped, one of our classmates started humming the *Alma Mater*, and soon then the entire group broke into a super rendition of the same. The gang then trouped into the Benedum Room for dinner, Alumni Awards and remarks by Father Fleming. Our classmates elected J.J. Lauer and Gene Julian as the recipients of the Class of 1964 Hall of Honor award, in thanks for their efforts over the past 15 years as Class Agents. The evening ended once again by socializing with classmates and others in attendance.



(L-R) Geno Julian, Alice and Chuck Roedersheimer, Evelyn Julian, Bernadette Brandt

(Continued from page 2) On Sunday morning at the farewell breakfast it was time for us to say, "...until we meet again". It was obvious from the positive feedback that the weekend was a rousing success, as our classmates did not want it to end. The breakfast was scheduled to end at 11 AM, and after 11 there were still about 20 of us exchanging

e-mail and phone numbers. With the exception of a few members of other classes sitting visiting with Father Jim O'Brien, the majority of those in the dining area were from the Class of 1964. Some recall the same experience at our 20th reunion. In some ways, it is as if we never left this campus 50 years ago.

We were pleased that so many classmates made an effort to attend such a memorable weekend and that so many contributed to the Ignatian Scholarship Fund, which enabled us to live up to the billing we received over the weekend as "The Famous Class of 1964". With our scholarship, we leave a legacy we hope other classes may emulate for the continued growth and success of the University. I think the words of Deanne Aigner and Mack Hill succinctly and accurately describe the weekend and our class. Here is some of what she wrote while driving home on June 22;

"We are so, SO proud to be members of "THE FAMOUS CLASS OF '64"! You know what it is that makes our class so special. It is that we genuinely love one another, one and all, including spouses, regardless of how "close" we were or were not during our four years at WHEELING COLLEGE. We are so fortunate to share, with each other and with this University, a level of affection, which is simply remarkable. It is not something that can be imitated, but may the other classes strive to do so, and in so doing assure that the alumni continue to play a positive role, helping God to grant "great years, endless days" unto our beloved Alma Mater"

Once again we would like to express our appreciation to all the classmates, specifically Frances, Pat, Dave and Jeanne who helped make the weekend a success and again our thanks to Kelly, Janet, Ed Shahady, Al Reed, Dan Haller and Doug Aigner for working with us on the shirts.

To future classes planning your 50 Year Reunion: Start early, involve as many classmates as is feasible in the planning, seek guidance from Ed, Al, the 50 Year Club president, the wonderfully efficient Alumni Office and above all, **communicate, cooperate and coordinate.**



Class of 1964

1st row (l-r) Fitzgerald Shulock and Patty McLaughlin Hennessey. **2nd row (l-r)** Joe Polka, Chuck Roedersheimer, Deanne Aigner Hill, Marty Buckley Shields, Jeanne Henry Neff, Dick Brandt, Frankie Panneton Onaitis, Maryann Canuso Ruggieri, Tom Benek, Geno Julian, and Jim Smith. **3rd row (l-r)** Bill Jones, Alice Malone, Amy Jo Potesta Weber, Judy Glasser Carroll, Bob Sladek, JJ Lauer, Denny Blake, Mary Jo Clarke Bierer, and Frank Welsh. **4th row (l-r)** John Aluise, Pat McGrath, John Elekes, Bob Ruggieri, Don Finney, Frank Carroll, Pete Goewey, Dave Haddad, Bernie Brunner, Corky Korth, Tim O'Hanlon, Mack Hill and Joe Dunn.

50 Year Reunion Memories – Continued

Dick Brandt

I finally made it back home on Tuesday (24 June)! I had some business to finish up in PGH regarding the sale of my parents' home a couple of years back, and I took the opportunity to spend some time with my cousin. We rode home listening to "Music from the Sixties" compiled by John Aluise. What a weekend!

I want to Congratulate and Thank all those who helped to Organize our 50 Year Anniversary, and to those that Orchestrated the proceedings at Wheeling College, aka Wheeling Jesuit University. But most of all I want to thank those who attended the bash, without you it would not have been the success that it was! And to those who were unable to attend, I'm sorry that you missed the reuniting and rekindling of those friendships that we made during our 4 years at Wheeling. Put the date on your calendar in 2019 - the 3rd weekend in June!

Congratulations and Thanks to all those, whose contributions made our Class Gift to Wheeling College such a memorable event. It's no wonder that: We Are - THE FAMOUS CLASS OF 1964! Let's see another Class top that. Finally, congrats to our Class Agents, JJ & Geno, for being elected into the Hall of Honor! You have done such a great job as our Class Agents the last 50 Years that I think we should elect you to represent us for the next 50 Years!

Life Member of "THE FAMOUS CLASS OF 1964"!

Deanna and Mack Hill

We made it all the way home to Worcester, arriving just after midnight. Whew! Many thanks to Dick, Amy, John, Bob, Marty and of course and especially to Hall of Honor inductees JJ and Geno for arranging a fabulous and successful 50th! We are so, SO proud to be members of "THE FAMOUS CLASS OF '64"! You know what it is that makes our class so special? It's that we genuinely love one another, one and all, including spouses, regardless of how "close" we were or were not during our four years at WHEELING COLLEGE. We are so fortunate to share, with each other and for this University, a level of affection that is simply remarkable. It is not something which can be imitated, but may the other classes strive to do so, and in so doing assure that the alumni continue to play a positive role, helping God to grant "great years, endless days" unto our beloved Alma Mater. Since there were not enough hugs exchanged last weekend, hugs to all from us.

Joseph Polka

The experience for me was like coming home after a long journey. I enjoyed putting my feet on familiar ground and renewing old friendships.

Class of 1964 Ignatian Fund Awards Initial Scholarship

The Ignatian Fund, conceived by the Class of 1964 during its 45th Class Reunion in 2009, made the initial scholarship award on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of their graduation from then Wheeling College.

The purpose of the endowed fund is to be used solely for scholarships for students who, in the eyes of the University, will benefit most from a Jesuit education. Recipients must have the academic merit and potential to succeed at Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU) and need financial aid to be able to attend Wheeling Jesuit. Scholarship recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA).

The initial awardee, chosen by the University, is Dylan Hunter Onderko, a senior philosophy major from Fairmont, West Virginia. Dylan has a 2.9 plus GPA and was greatly in need of financial assistance to complete his education at WJU.



John Aluise and Dylan Onderko

The Ignatian Fund reached its endowed goal of \$250,000 the week of our 50th Class Reunion this past June. It is envisioned that the Fund will continue to grow from additional contributions from classmates. The "Famous Class of 1964" can be justifiably proud of this exceptional achievement and for leaving a memorable legacy of their four years at Wheeling. Hopefully, the Fund will contribute to the long-term viability of WJU and be of important financial benefit to future deserving and qualified students who, like us, will have the opportunity to **"Let Their Light Shine"**.

Arrupe, the Council, the Jesuit Mission Today and Catholic Social Teaching

Jessica Wroblecki, PhD.



Even these fifty years after Vatican II, there is ongoing discussion of whether the developments of the Council should be interpreted as fundamentally continuous with the tradition that preceded it, or whether its conclusions represent a more significant rupture with prior doctrine and practice. In terms of the foundations of Catholic Social Teaching—that is, the recognition of the sacred dignity and social nature of the human person—one can certainly see a great deal of continuity in the Council's teaching, but with a new twist: namely, the Council brought a much greater sense of the importance of history (the “signs of the times”) to the Church's mission, as well as deeper awareness of the concerns of the peoples of the developing world, many of whom had recently achieved independence from colonial powers but continued to face terrible poverty. This “turn to history” and “turn to the poor,” as well as a more positive stance toward the modern world overall, was a shift in the style if not the substance of the Church's social teaching, and it certainly had an impact on the ministry of the Society of Jesus.

When Pedro Arrupe was elected Superior General of the Jesuits in 1965, he participated in the Council's final session which was responsible for drafting the influential *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)*. Throughout his time as General, he was an advocate of the Council's reforms and the promotion of justice emphasized in post conciliar documents like the 1971 Synod of Bishops' *Justice in the World*. In an introduction to a collection of Arrupe's writings, Kevin Burke, S.J., writes, “Arrupe embodied a view of religious leadership rooted in collegiality, discernment, and service. He promoted the thoroughgoing renovation of the Society of Jesus, and his immediate impact on Jesuit religious life has been viewed as nothing short of a refounding of the order.” In its decree on “Jesuit Mission Today” the 32nd General Congregation (1973) stated that the service of faith and the promotion of justice is the “integrating factor” in Jesuit ministries, and this theme was affirmed by subsequent General Congregations (meetings of Jesuit provincials which take place every ten years and are responsible for establishing current priorities for the order). Though Arrupe's writings and addresses are voluminous, there are a number of prominent and recurring themes that can be detected within them, and many of these have a direct relationship with the teachings of the Council. In one noteworthy address to the International Congress of Jesuit Alumni (“Men for Others,” 1973), Arrupe emphasizes that “a love for God which does not issue in justice for men is a farce,” and that a primary outcome of Jesuit education must be to form men and women

for others: people whose lives demonstrate a readiness to face new challenges and a determination to resist the modern temptations of materialism, power, and absolutizing ideologies. Arrupe's work demonstrates a keen awareness of structural sin and injustice such as racism and hunger in the developing world. His own experience at Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped in 1945 cultivated a deep sense of dependence on God and compassion for those who suffer unjustly. Arrupe emphasizes that the Christian message requires not only words but also the witness of a whole manner of life, and Jesuits (and the men and women who they educate) should be willing to live simply and to use their social privilege on behalf of the world's oppressed in order to live out this mission of faith and justice. Yet he is equally emphatic that the Jesuit mission is not simply the promotion of justice in this world, but attains its fullness through openness to the Holy Spirit in contemplative union with Christ. Arrupe maintains, “any renewal [of mission] must always be inspired by those fundamental graces that St. Ignatius received for himself and the whole world.”

Perhaps we are seeing some of the fruits of those graces in the way that Pope Francis has restored some of the credibility of the Catholic faith. Francis' humility, his simple way of life, and his strong critiques of an economy of waste, inequality, and exclusion have been refreshing. A recent article states that “Behind that Jesuit label lies a centuries-old tradition and a unique blend of spiritual formation that go a long way toward understanding who Francis is and where he is taking the Church. From his passion for social justice and his missionary zeal to his focus on engaging the wider world and his preference for collaborator over preemptory action, Francis is a Jesuit through and through.” Though few sources have discussed Arrupe's influence on the Pope at length, given that he was ordained while Arrupe was Superior General of the order (1969), it seems reasonable to draw connections, particularly when one sees the deep resonances at the heart of their thinking. Pope Francis explained, “A Jesuit is a person who is not centered in himself. The Society also looks to a center outside itself; its center is Christ and his church [which provide] two points of reference for its balance and for being able to live on the margins, on the frontier.” One cannot help but hear the echo of Arrupe's words to Jesuit alumni some forty years earlier, as he explained the central mission of Jesuit education as the creation of men and women who live for others: “Man, gifted with conscience, intelligence, power, is indeed a center. But a center called to go out of himself, to give himself to others in love—love which is his definitive and all-embracing dimension, that which gives meaning to all his other dimensions. Only the one who loves realizes himself as a human.” The full development of the human person in all his or her dimensions remains at the heart of Jesuit education as it has always been, but thanks to the influence of Fr. Arrupe, we carry out this mission with a renewed sense of how that development takes place in dialogue with the needs of our world.

50 Year Club Lecture-Discussion

Catholic Social Thought in Higher Education

David Haddad '64

In her talk, Dr. Wrobleksi concisely summarized Catholic Social Thought that traces its roots from the Gospels, Rerum Novarum, Vatican II, and, in a special way for Jesuits, Fr. Pedro Arrupe. Since Fr. Arrupe, Catholic Social thought has profound impact and played a central role in Jesuit education.



In 2000, I had the privilege of hearing Superior General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach address the leadership of all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities. The title of his talk was "The Service of Faith and the Promotion of Justice in American Jesuit Higher Education. The service of faith "proposes Jesus and his message of God's Kingdom in a spirit of love to everyone. ... The initiative must come from the Lord laboring in events and people here and now." The promotion of justice "requires an action-oriented commitment to the poor with a courageous personal option."

In speaking about Jesuit higher education in America, Fr. Kolvenbach quotes Fr. Arrupe, "Today our prime educational objective must be to form men [and women] for others; men who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ -- for the God-man who lived and died for all the world; men who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors." Fr. Kolvenbach also quotes Fr. Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J. (the martyred former President of the (Jesuit) University of Central America in El Salvador), "A Christian University must take into account the Gospel preference for the poor. The university should be present intellectually where it is needed: to provide science for those who have no science; to promote skill for the unskilled; to be a voice for those who do not possess the academic qualifications to promote and legitimate their rights." Fr. Kolvenbach also drew on the thoughts of Pope John Paul II: "We must therefore raise our Jesuit educational standard to 'educate the whole person for solidarity for the real world.' Solidarity is learned through 'contact' rather than through 'concepts'." Fr. Kolvenbach summarizes, "But the measure of Jesuit universities is not what our students do but who they become and the adult Christian responsibility they will exercise in the future towards their neighbor and the world."

To accomplish this, Jesuit education has evolved since 1964. To be sure, there are still required courses in Theology and philosophy, though not as many.

There are more required courses in a common core and capstone that integrate the service of faith and promotion of justice throughout the curriculum. Students and faculty learn about the life of St. Ignatius, the Ignatian practices of discernment, examine of consciousness, and finding God in all things and persons. They have the opportunity to make a retreat based on St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. Students are heavily involved in service for and with the community, for which they are prayerfully prepared beforehand and upon which they collectively reflect upon afterward. A number of courses incorporate service learning, where students use the knowledge in the course in their community service and bring this experience pack into the classroom. So there is not as much "prime matter and substantial form" but much more active involvement in their education, faith, and the world through the Jesuit way of proceeding described above.

Since the numbers of Jesuits on campus have greatly diminished since 1964, Jesuit education is implemented through Jesuit-lay collaboration. Lay faculty and staff undergo continuous development in Ignatian pedagogy and the Jesuit way of proceeding starting with their orientation and continuing throughout their careers at a Jesuit university. Dr. Wrobleksi is a prime example of the wonderful lay faculty at Jesuit universities.

We can be proud of the education students are receiving at WJU today. The graduates are men and women for and with others, leading and contributing to their professions, and community. At the reunion Presidential Dinner, we had the opportunity to meet and listen to several alumni's inspirational accomplishments.

I am closing with a prayer shared with us at Mass in Baltimore by one of the Wheeling Jesuits.

Saint Catherine of Siena

(1347 - 1380)

God speaking to Catherine:

I [God] ask you [Catherine] to love me with the same love with which I love you. But for me you cannot do this, for I love loved you without being love. Whatever love you have for me you owe me, so you love me not gratuitously but out of duty, while I love you not out of duty but gratuitously. So you cannot give me the kind of love I ask of you.

This is why I have put you among your neighbors: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me -- that is, love them without any concern for thanks and without looking for any profit for yourself. And whatever you do for them I will consider done for me.

from The Dialogue, Chapter 64

Class of 1964 Created Homecoming Event

The initial "Homecoming" took place in the fall of 1963. A student by the name of John Valan came up with the idea which was realized and exploited by Tom Benek, John Aluise and JJ Lauer. The weekend revolved around an intramural flag football game between Benek's *Bruisers* and Lauer's *Tornadoes*. The night before the game a mixer was held in the snack bar, as we did not have *The Ratt*, to introduce the 4 candidates for Homecoming Queen, one from each class. Festivities began with a parade of campus clowns astride wavering bicycles and streamer decorated convertibles transporting the volunteer cheerleaders and the candidates for Homecoming Queen. During halftime Peggy Evans '64 was crowned Queen. After a hard fought contest the *Bruisers* defeated the *Tornadoes*, 21-14. John Aluise provided play-by-play commentary of the contest peppered with off-the cuff witty remarks. The weekend was considered a success and it was hoped that this would continue after our class walked the boards on May 17, 1964.



Above Peggy Evans '64
crowned queen.

**John Aluise providing
play by play commen-**
tary.



WJU'S First Archive Exhibition to Be on Display at the 2015 Alumni Reunion. Don Mercer '60

This is the first attempt of the Archives Alumni Committee formed in 2013 with Don Mercer '60 as chairman and John Egan McAteer '61 as Assistant Chairman to directly communicate with reunion attending alumni.

Five exhibit areas will be available for review. An Archive Exhibition program will be available at the registration desk to help you locate all five exhibits.

Exhibit One Identification of unknown photos will require the assistance of alumni to identify classmates and events n old WJU pictures. If you have any photos you want to have archived, please bring them to this exhibit area.

Exhibit Two Championship Sport Teams: volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis and golf. Graphic posters with pictures and stories about these teams will be available for viewing. In addition, life stories of three athletic directors; Lewis , McGroarty and DeFruscio will be featured.

Exhibit Three will outline and feature the accomplishments of our WJU presidents.

Exhibit Four will feature the accomplishments of special faculty members, (Fr. Gannon's Gambol and Fr. Jim O'Brien's 50 years of service) will be highlighted.

Exhibit Five will feature the creation and growth of WJU's Instrumental Program. Its ties to Dr. James Gourley, director of the River City Brass Band of Pittsburgh and head of the WJU Instrumental Program, will complete the first Archive Exhibition of 2015.



The Archives needs pictures—like seen above—of the temporary offices for Wheeling College (circa 1954.) Pictured above (l-r) are Brother Michalowitz, Frs. Powers, Lewis, Drane and McHugh.

Class of 1960 to Celebrate Their 55th and Perform Another Gambol

The class of 1960 will celebrate their 55th reunion June 19-21, 2015. The celebration will again include "Gambol Revisited-55 Years Later." The class with many energetic 70 year olds did it in 2010 and now with even more energetic 75 year olds will give it another try.

This is what the first newsletter in the Fall of 2010 had to say about the 50th reunion for the class of 1960.

"The class of 1960 stormed the campus in June and recreated memories from 50 years ago. Friday evening began with the **inauguration of the 50 Year Club**. Al Reed '60 the originator of the Club, gave an overview of the club's purpose and along with Phyllis Faber (pictured) and University President Sister Francis Marie Threlkill, distributed 50 Year Club diplomas.



Following the ceremony and dinner the crowd was treated to what a bunch of 70 plus year olds could remember about the **Gambol from 50 years ago**. The opening prayer was given by Fr. Joe Doyle and this was followed by an emotional tribute to the memory of Fr. Ed Gannon the originator of the Gambol by Sandy Piper Sonneborn. The chorus line consisting of Carolyn Cannon (leader and motivator), Phyllis Faber Kelley, Barry Kerrane, Bob Maybury, Ed Dennison, Joe Doyle, Marc McKonic, Sandy Piper Sonneborn, Skeet Burke (pictured below) entertained us with "Hey Look Me Over", "On the Sunny Side of the Street", "Carolina in the Morning" and "Those Were the Days".

More great memories were provided by Fred Caruso ("Day-O"), Pio Tei ("Sorrento" and "Long Ago and Far Away"), John Mensore ("Songs by Sinatra").



Don Mercer led us through a medley of "Beatles Songs" on his clarinet. Ed Shahady (pictured with John Mensore) was MC. Ed brought Ducknik back to the stage.



John Mensore and Ed Shahady

"2015 will see a repeat by the above performers and Carolyn is busy putting the chorus line together."

Class of 1959 Celebrates Their 55th



(L) Bernie Glenn receives 50 Year Club diploma from Fr. Jim Fleming



(R) Jim Weaver '59, Sister Joanne Gonter '59, Connie Megna Weaver '60

Senior Ambassadors Fund Raising Drive 365

The Senior Ambassadors (SA) are composed of the leaders of the first 10 classes from WC/WJU. This is the third year that the SA are involved in a fund raising activity for the University. The first year contributions were \$70,000 in two months and last year \$185,000 was raised over a 4 month period. This years campaign started on July 1 and will last a year until June 30, 2015. The overall goal is \$ 1 million. But the Senior Ambassadors have set a lofty goal of \$365,000 so calling it **DRIVE 365** is a natural. Sarah Kelly VP for advancement at WJU expressed her appreciation to the Ambassadors and indicated that the Ambassadors are the alumni leaders for fund raising and believed a goal of \$365,000 is achievable.

Any contribution from a member of the first 10 classes during the fund raising period will count towards the goal. We understand that many of you are contributing to class gifts and scholarships but if not indicate that your pledge or donation is for **DRIVE 365**. This provides WJU the freedom and flexibility to respond to the evolving needs of students and capitalize on opportunities for growth. **DRIVE 365** will impact the following: Financial Aid, Scholarships, Athletics, Academic Achievement, Educational Excellence, Programs of Distinction, Immersion Trips, Service Learning, Community Outreach. **Checks should state the intent for use in DRIVE 365.**

Our President Father Jim Fleming states that donations to **DRIVE 365** strengthen and sustain Wheeling Jesuit University's mission to educate for Life, Leadership and Service. Father Jim states this is a special year and that **DRIVE 365** will raise much needed dollars for WJU.

Your donation or pledge is needed no matter what the size. We need to raise the level of donor participation. The class of 1960 has set a goal of 100% participation and an amount of \$75,000. The class of 1960 challenges the other 9 classes to at least match the 100% participation goal.

DRIVE 365 donations provide WJU the freedom and flexibility to respond to the evolving needs of its students and capitalize on opportunities for growth that emerge on campus **365** days a year.

Make checks payable to Wheeling Jesuit University and send to Wheeling Jesuit University, Office of Institutional Advancement, 316 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003. Also look on the WJU website for drive 365.

Planned Giving

Planned giving is not just for the wealthy. Many of us with modest means will have remaining assets when we leave this world. With proper planning, you can provide for your loved ones and Wheeling Jesuit University. The most common planned gift is a bequest in your will or a living trust. Other planned gifts include:

- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Retirement Plan Assets
- Life Insurance Policies
- Remainder Interest in Your Home

It is never too early to plan... but it can be too late!

For more information go to <http://www.wju.edu/advancement/plannedgiving.asp>



Message From Our President



Presidents Welcome (taken from WJU site <http://www.wju.edu/about/welcome.asp>)

Welcome to Wheeling Jesuit University!

I believe you'll like it here and feel even better about WJU and about yourself before you leave. If you are a prospective student considering Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU), I encourage you to learn more about our institution. Of the many excellent reasons to choose WJU, let me highlight five for your consideration.

Fr. Jim Fleming

Education that stands the test of time - WJU is part of a 450-year Jesuit tradition of educational excellence that prepares students for moral decision-making, about important topics that affect their lives and their world. Our students gain service-based experiences at WJU that help prepare them for their life's work in boardrooms and classrooms, medical centers and center stage, laboratories and labor relations. In short, WJU graduates make a difference in the world in which they live--and hence the world in which we all live.

Measurable student outcomes - Forbes Magazine ranks WJU in the top 10% of all colleges in the nation. Again this past year WJU was named a regional leader in the US News and World Report. For the past decade, our students have achieved near 100% acceptance rates for graduate programs in medicine, dentistry, law, and engineering. This past academic year, 100 percent of our students who applied passed their certification boards in Nursing, Nuclear Medicine, Respiratory Therapy, Athletic Training and Physical Therapy. Finally, 100 percent of WJU students who applied were accepted into law school. The pattern is clear: WJU students succeed.

Research university - WJU is a national leader in undergraduate research-oriented education. WJU students are twice as likely as their peers at other colleges to participate in research with their professors. Our research partners and programs include National Institutes of Health, NASA, Appalachian Institute, Center for Educational Technologies, NASA-sponsored Classroom of the Future, Challenger Learning Center, and the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center. WJU is a practical, research-based university.

Beautiful and safe learning environment - Less than an hour from downtown Pittsburgh, our campus is safely located in the rolling hills of the northern Ohio Valley and offers a campus community that is conducive to intellectual and moral development. WJU offers more than 300 activities for students, ranging from the excitement of 19 NCAA Division II sports programs, to fine and performing arts, to cultural clubs and student organizations. WJU students are healthy, well balanced human beings.

In a time of ever increasing university costs, still a superb value - In fact, Wheeling Jesuit University is perhaps the best educational value in America. As a research institution that prepares its students to address the important challenges of our time, we offer an affordable option to students seeking new challenges and opportunities.

Come visit our campus, talk with our dedicated faculty and coaches, meet our Alumni. Let us be part of your preparation for life, leadership, and service. I welcome you to contact me personally for a meeting or conversation regarding Wheeling Jesuit University - president@wju.edu.



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



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class gift from each graduating class. For more information, read our [50 Year Club Bylaws](#).

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 Reed 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. Its functions include honoring the 50 year graduates, conducting an annual lecture during the 50 year reunion, creating and assisting with the senior ambassador, creating and assisting with the Alumni Scholar in Residence program, assisting 50 year classes with planning their reunion and encouraging a

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. Explore the links to the left to read recent newsletters and see great memories of recent reunions. 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 an alumni member about a topic of general interest. Visit the Alumni Scholar in Residence page to learn more about past speakers. Past topics include "What's new about [educational programs](#) at WJU" and "Jesuit values at WJU - are they still here?" and "Value of a [liberal arts education](#)-is it important".



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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. Several newsletters have been published. These newsletters 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.

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50 Year Club information and by-laws

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. Geno Julian '64'

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 thru '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 raise \$70,000 in pledges and donations. The goal for 2013-2014 in November was \$150, 000. \$185,000. was raised. The goal for 2014-2015 is \$365,000.

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 Ed Shahady, M.D. '60, was on campus in 2011. Joan Doverspike Davison Ph.D. '78 the second scholar was on campus in 2012. The third scholar Dick Riley, Ph.D. '84 was on campus in 2013. Jim Smith '64 is the scholar for 2014. The Alumni Scholar Program has been very successful and demonstrates the quality of WJU graduates to the students and faculty of WJU. Anyone with teaching experience and a desire to **pay it forward** is invited to submit their resume to eshahady@att.net.



Fr. Fleming gives 50 year diploma to
Marty Buckley Shields '64