



50 Year Club Newsletter

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Class of 1964 Plans Reunion

By J. J. Lauer and Gene Julian

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Members of the Class of 1964 are busy preparing activities to celebrate our 50th reunion June 20-22, in conjunction with Alumni Weekend 2014. The planning committee, assisted by Kelly and Janet in the Alumni Office, has been busy planning for a memorable weekend. Pictured below from l-r are: J. J. Lauer, Gene Julian, Dick Brandt, Amy Potesta Weber, Marty Buckley Shields, Dave Haddad, John Aluise and Bob Sladek.



Classmates should have or will be receive calls from the committee to encourage attendance and memory sharing. Those getting a call from Geno Julian should be prepared for him "to make an offer they can't refuse". It is all we can do to control him when a class reunion is on the horizon. It is our hope that even if you've never been to a reunion, or back to campus for a while, that you consider making the effort for the 50th anniversary of our graduation from then Wheeling College. **Fifty years of anything is significant and there have been some amazing changes to campus in that time.**

Friday evening events begin at 5 PM in Troy Theater with the conferring of 50 Year Club diplomas. Moderators will be Frances Panneton Onaitis and Pat O'Brien. Following will be a chance to socialize at the President's reception and then enjoy dinner in the Benedum Room. After dinner get ready to have some fun with entertainment that will include: showing the DVD "Sentimental Journey Class of 1964"; class members who want to share personal memories, maybe some Gambol songs, the "Wheeling College Polka" and a Carolina Kick finale for those who can still, and dare, lift a leg. On Saturday afternoon, our 22 deceased classmates will be remembered at the Memorial Mass.

50 Year Club Diplomas

All members of the class of 1964 will join the classes of '59, '60, '61, '62 and 63 as members of the 50 Year Club. Each member will receive a 50 Year Club diploma from WJU President Fr. Jim Fleming. This will be the fifth formal diploma ceremony. To view the ceremony visit www.wju.edu/alumni. For 50 Year Club information, Senior Ambassadors and the Alumni Scholar in Residence program see **page 10.**

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

Fourth Annual 50 Year Club Lecture/Discussion

Time: Sat., June 21—10:30 AM
Location: Troy Theater

Title: Jesuit positions on issues of social justice and pronouncements of Pope Francis

Panel Discussion Participants

Moderator - Dan Haller '61

Jessica Wroblewski, Ph.D. Professor WJU

Dave Haddad, Ph.D. '64

Memories Class of 1964

Being a Freshman

By Dick Brandt



In 2014, I can remember this as vividly as when it happened in 1960. The drive from Pittsburgh to Wheeling took a little less than two hours at that time. My mother, dad and I began the trip with great anticipation; however, as we got closer to Wheeling College my anticipation was beginning to turn to apprehension. I didn't want the trip to end. I was comfortable in that car with my parents, and had no idea what my comfort level would be in my new environment!

Dick Brandt

As with most children of that era, the longest I had ever been continuously away from home was for the week long compulsory Boy Scout Camporee, where I knew everyone I was going to be camping with. Who were all these "new people" that I was going to meet at Wheeling College?

Where were they from, what were they like? What was this "new world" that I was about to join going to be like, would I fit in? This wasn't high school any more, what was "college" going to be like, how was it different from high school? I knew my roommate's name, but I didn't know him personally, would he like me, would I like him, would we get along? All too soon I was about to learn the answers to these and many more questions!

When we arrived at the college a student "greeter" showed my parents and I to my room where we would soon meet my roommate, Gene, with whom I would share a room and my innermost thoughts for the next four years. He and I talked about small things while our mothers unpacked our clothes and ensured that they were properly arranged in the right drawers, or hung in the closet. To this day I have no idea what our fathers did - they just seemed to disappear, and then reappeared when it was time to leave.

After our parents left, my roommate and I went to dinner in the cafeteria, and then to an "ice-breaker" in the social room. I soon discovered that I wasn't the only new student harboring "apprehensions" about this new adventure we were about to embark upon - there were almost 100 new freshmen in the "same boat" with me. At the ice-breaker we received our "dink hats" identifying us as freshman, and we were required to wear them for the next month. My "new life" was about to begin, and it was neither a life that I will ever forget, nor trade for any other!

Small School by Dick Brandt

Attending Wheeling College in the early years we had a unique opportunity that we didn't realize we had at that time. As small as Wheeling was, we were on a first name basis with most all of the other students, as well as the faculty and administrators. It was not unusual to have Fr. Troy, or any of the other faculty or administrators, ask to join us at our table for dinner or lunch. Or to have Fr. "Gordo" Henderson corner you someplace on campus and tell you that you needed to spend less time in the gym and more time in the library studying.

Fr. McGroarty "campused" me one week-end and told me that he would be checking on me. Sure enough, on Friday night at about 9:00 PM he showed up at my dorm room. He came in, and we talked about "everything under the sun" until about 2:00 AM Saturday morning, at which time he said it was "getting late" and he needed to go! We all have stories like this about incidents, or interactions we had with the Wheeling College faculty or administrators.

When I took my daughter to Penn State at the beginning of her junior year we had dinner in one of their cafeterias and I saw students eating by themselves or in small groups at different tables - there did not appear to be any "human warmth" here. I asked her if there were any faculty in the cafeteria, to which she responded: "Come on dad. We very rarely see any of the faculty, most of our classes are taught by graduate assistants."

It was never so evident to me, what a great opportunity we had as Wheeling College students to be able to freely interact with our faculty and administrators as in that cafeteria at Penn State. We were never "numbers" at Wheeling College - we were always "people!"

Wheeling College a Life-Changing Experience

John Aluise

Wheeling College brought two people into my life who had a major influence on my personal life and my career. I consider them two of my most important "life-changers!"



John Aluise

In the spring of 1964, with graduation looming I was faced with a dilemma. I was completing a degree in Accounting, and had worked the previous three summers in the Accounting Department of International Nickel Company (INCO) in Huntington, the company where my Dad worked for over 40 years. During those summer experiences learning Accounts Payable, Inventory Control, Billing and Collection and many other facets of financial controls and reports, I realized that the 9 to 5 working environment of an industrial office was not where I wanted to begin my career. My dilemma -- how do I tell my strong minded Italian father I did not want to return to my hometown to work for his company.

During the last months of my college life, the Holy Spirit sent an intermediary to guide me. Father James Muldowney, dean of the college, befriended me during my senior year. He would approach me on campus with the salutation -- "How's my hero?" My reply was always, "I haven't seen him today, but when I do, I will give him your regards." During one of our snack bar conversations, I shared my dilemma about my future. In the midst of his busy day, he asked me to come to his office. The only other time I was in the Dean's office, was at the end of my Freshman year when I flunked French and was advised to switch to Spanish and take the introductory courses during summer school at Marshall College.

Father Muldowney, using the Socratic approach, asked me "*what do I want to do with my life.*" I was currently enrolled in an elective course entitled "Industrial Sociology." In this course, I learned the human dimension of industrial life and the essential roles that people play as individuals and in groups to impact organizational culture. As I shared my excitement for this new learning experience, Father said I should pursue this subject in graduate school. I truthfully had never considered graduate school. I was not sure my academic record would be acceptable, but I told Father Muldowney that the idea of furthering my education was appealing. A few weeks later, Father Muldowney called me to his office, to tell me I had been accepted to graduate school

at West Virginia University.

Thankfully, I shared my gratitude to Father Muldowney, because a short time later, he died suddenly while attending a conference in Chicago.

My journey to Morgantown, not only resulted in my Masters of Business Administration degree, but more importantly, meeting my future wife Barbara.

Barbara and I married in Morgantown after I completed my Master's degree. In the summer of 1969, following two years as an instructor in the business school at WVU, I accepted a position with in Marketing Research at B.F. Goodrich in Akron, Ohio. Barbara was pregnant at the time. In June, we attended my five year reunion. During one of the social events, Barbara overheard a conversation involving a Wheeling College graduate who was a doctor in Akron, Ohio. I asked around and found out that this doctor was Ed Shahady

During the Saturday evening dinner, I introduced myself to Ed. I shared our concern about finding a doctor in Akron for Barbara and our soon to be born baby, hoping that he could make a recommendation.

Without a hesitation, he announced, "I know the very best doctor in Akron for your family!" I said, "Who?" Ed said. "Me!" That encounter began a relationship that has continued until this day. Ed, delivered all three of our children -- Joe and Ed in Akron and Gina in Chapel Hill. After four years with B. F. Goodrich, working in marketing and management training, I joined Ed, who was Director of the Family Practice Program at Akron City Hospital.

Ed recruited me to help him train Family Practice Residents in behavioral science and business management. When Ed moved to University of North Carolina as Department Chair, I accepted a position as a faculty member. While at UNC I completed a Ph.D. degree in organizational development. Thanks to the professional opportunities that Ed offered me in Akron and UNC, I was able to apply the principles of human relations that I first learned in the Industrial Sociology course to many healthcare organizations in my role as a management educator and consultant.

My learning experiences fostered by the Jesuits at Wheeling College, especially Father Muldowney and my close relationship with Ed Shahady, our family doctor, colleague and friend were two of the cornerstones of my life. The other two being my wife Barbara and my family, all of whom have benefited from my life-changing Wheeling College experience.

REFLECTIONS OF DAYS AT WHEELING COLLEGE 1960-1964 by JJ Lauer



Approaching the 50th Anniversary of the Graduation from Wheeling College (now Wheeling Jesuit University) I think fondly about the Jesuit faculty when the class started in a college that was only 6 years old, not accredited, and had only 5 buildings and no trees. Would accreditation be achieved before we walked the boards in 1964? In those days the faculty was heavily populated by Jesuits as compared to now. The Jesuits staffed the college with the best the Society had to offer in each discipline in the classrooms and the leadership in the administration. Accreditation was realized in 1962.

When I look back I remember names from the class room like Gannon, Duke, Coll, Gelson, Curran, Kennedy, Hanzely, Lewis, Kerns, Miller, Jenemann, Haig, Scanlon, Kreiger, the O'Briens and even Wallner to name a few. I know I cannot name them all. On the leadership side we had Troy, Muldowney, Henderson and who among the male students could ever forget Father McGroarty. Affectionately known by many of the guys as "The Gooze" May he R.I.P.

I know everyone had their favorites and mine was the Jesuit whom I truly believed was the best teacher I ever had through my 16 years of education and 30 years in the Navy. That would be Stephen J. Laut, S.J. He was an educator "par excellence" I had him for classes for 3 of my 4 years and was never ceased to be amazed by his dedication, knowledge and passion for the subject matter. While he was an English professor his depth of understanding of history and sports was incredible. He paced the podium making his point through example reinforced by animation. He had to be tired after an hour class from moving that large frame across the floor. He challenged you and made you think. I was unlucky to draw him two years in a row for philosophy orals. He tactically backed me into a corner both years so that I was "hoisted on my own petard" But to this day I still remember the answers to the two questions he stumped me on. As a footnote I did get my only A at WC from one of his classes but it took me 4 years.

In our senior year as an unofficial part of a class he was teaching on theater/drama. Several of us took him to a lousy "B" movie about Vikings with a terrible plot; cast and dialogue then went out to the "Cork and Bottle" downtown for a critique of the flick. Even then in the spirit of fun he imparted a wealth of knowledge to all. He, in my humble opinion, was the consummate educator. I was fortunate to be with him as part of the group that went to Europe in the summer of 1963. Again it was a true learning experience thanks to Father Laut.

When he was undergoing the terrible disease of Pancreatic Cancer long after we graduated I remember reading an article in the Chronicle, either by or about him and I remember a quote by him that I have used periodically throughout my naval career and life. He was talking about all the people who he had contact with during his life journey and said **"Our lives have touched, I know mine is better for it, and I hope yours"**

More Memories by John Elekes



The Wheeling College Fireball, a costume dance, was held in downtown Wheeling. The real Sue, my now wife, couldn't attend the dance. I, the beatnik, John Elekes and Bernie Boyle, AKA Sue, my date from home, attended the festivities.

Bernie's attire: skirt, bra and sweater, was acquired from one of the girls in our class. Her name escapes me. I don't know who provided the wig. The initial planning was full of excitement and enthusiasm. When the actual time came it took some encouragement from Max, on the night of the affair, to get into the cab.

At the dance Bernie put on the charm. The guys couldn't get over how tall and homely Sue was. They accepted her as my girl from home very gentlemanly. Bernie became more adventuresome as the evening wore on. Pat Coyne came to our table and I introduced him to Sue and the game was on. Pat was standing and Bernie got up and started flirting with him. Pat back peddled at least twenty paces nodding his head agreeing to whatever Bernie was dishing out. Bernie finally told Pat who he really was. I never saw a man so relieved as when Bernie let him off the hook.

We took a cab back to the dorm, when the dance ended. We stayed in character chit chatting with the cab driver, having a good time. When we were almost at school, Bernie said to the cabbie, "I bet you thought I was a girl." The remainder of the trip was in complete silence. The driver let us out at the door and was gone! .

John Elekes and Bernie Boyle

Three generations of Floria's attend WJU

By Bill Floria

John Aluise called me to find out if I was going to attend the WJU annual alumni meeting this year to celebrate the 50th reunion of the Class of 1964. I told him that I would be there if the Lord is willing. He mentioned that rumor has it we have sent some members of our family to the school over the years since I graduated. Perhaps I have "stuffed the ballot box" over the years by personally counting myself twice (Class of 1961 and 1964); graduating our son, Bill in 1984; Our oldest grandson, Joseph Probert, Class of 2011 and Physical Therapy class of 2013; Our second oldest grandson, Michael Probert Class of 2014, Our fifth grandson, Stephen Probert is currently a Sophomore, Class of 2016; our 8th grandson, Anthony Floria, son of Billy '84, has been accepted and will attend in the fall of this year for the class of 2018; and our 9th grandson, Sam Weir will join with Anthony this fall and also be a member of the Class of 2018. Our 3rd and 6th grandsons applied, were accepted but opted to attend De Sales and St. Vincent. They are eligible to re-apply for membership in our family in two years. Two other grandsons Max Weir and Arthur Troxell are attending community college, and the 10th grandson, Ben Weir is wearing the WJU sweats 24/7. He is currently 11 years old. Our two Princessa granddaughters Eliana 16 and Maria 8 are going to find it tough to get away from their grandfather so, if they go to WJU, I'll have to apply for a third and fourth Class just to be near them. I don't have to think one second what Wheeling College (aka WJU) has meant to our family, but I do wonder why, with that knowledge, they would all want to get that same training as their grandfather?

Quotes from the three grandkids. Michael "I was looking for someplace like Wheeling Jesuit, but I couldn't find anywhere else like it." Stephen, "I was looking for a place similar to Wheeling Jesuit. "When I narrowed down my choices, I found Wheeling Jesuit was the right place for me". The brothers admit its fun hearing their grandfather and uncle tell stories about what Wheeling College was like in the 1960's and 1980's. "It's hard to believe my grandfather lived in Swint Hall and that Donahue was the only academic building back then," said Michael Probert.



Michael Probert, Bill Jr. '84, Bill Sr. '64, Joey Probert '11 and Stephen Probert

Steinway piano donated to Music Conservatory by Mercer Family

The piano (built between 1966 and 1969) was purchased in 1970 by J. Loran Mercer from Wheeling, WV for \$5,000. At the time of the donation in 2013, the piano was appraised at \$25,000 by the Mangus Piano Service, Wheeling, WV.



Beth and Don Mercer

Loran was the director of the nationally famous Warwood High Band in Wheeling, WV (1936-64) and first Music Supervisor for Ohio County Schools in Wheeling, WV (1964-73).

He coached the Wheeling College tennis team from 1957-60. The 1957 team won the WVIAC team championship. This was historical for WC sports for it was the **first** ever conference title won by WC. His son, Don won the WVIAC single championships in 1957-58.

He directed a 75 member glee club choir for three years (1961-1964). The choir was one of the most energetic campus organizations and very successful in spreading the name of WC throughout WV. In 1961 the choir appeared in a WC sponsored Wheeling television show, presented a Christmas show in Charlestown, WV, and performed a Christmas concert with the Wheeling Symphony. In addition, the choir appeared on campus performing Fall, Spring and Homecoming concerts. He served as the piano accompanist to his son Don in several Gambol performances

In 1984 (after Loran's death in 1983), Helen Mercer, Loran's wife sent the piano to Loran's son Don and daughter-in-law Beth who resided in Pittsburgh, PA. Beth held a music degree from West Virginia University and enjoyed playing the piano.

In 2003 Beth and Don downsized to Wheeling, WV and sent the piano for safe keeping to their son John Mercer and his wife Laurie Mercer who reside in Huntington, WV. In 2013, after learning about the new Mt. de Chantal Conservatory of Music and the need for a recital hall grand piano, Beth and Don decided to return the piano to Wheeling and donate it to Mt. de Chantal Conservatory of Music, Recital Hall at Wheeling Jesuit University.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

By Don Mercer, Chairman of Archives Team, Alumni Council

The purpose of Blasts from the Past is to help current WJU students and alumni become more aware of the past events created and experienced by former students, faculty, coaches, and administrators. Today's quiz deals with WJU's Presidents. Listed below are 19 correct matches between a President's name and statements concerning a President's life history and or contributions to WJU. You are asked to identify the one statement that is associated with the wrong President and attempt to match with the correct president.

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| 1. Rev. Lawrence McHugh, S.J (1954-1959) | 6. Rev. George Lundy, S.J. (2000-2003) |
| 2. Rev. William Troy, S.J. (1960-1966) | 7. Rev. Joseph Hacala, S.J. (2004-2006) |
| 3. Rev. Frank Haig, S.J (1966-1972) | 8. Rev. Julio Giulietti, S.J. (2007-2009) |
| 4. Charles Currie, S.J. (1972-1982) | 9. Mr. Richard Beyer (2010-2013) |
| 5. Rev. Thomas Acker S.J (1982-2000) | 10. Rev. James Fleming S.J. (2013- Present) |

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| Arranged to have Janet Reno speak at a WJU Commencement. | 6 |
| Name associated with the first Men's Residence Hall. | 1 |
| Spent time in the Peace Corps (Nepal). | 5 |
| Host of the NBC Television Show, "New World on Campus". | 4 |
| Has a Ph.D. from University of California at Berkeley. | 10 |
| Died at age 47 shortly after leaving WJU. | 2 |
| Name associated with our newest campus building. | 5 |
| A nearby road is named after this President. | 4 |
| Heard Adolf Hitler deliver a speech in Austria. | 1 |
| Suffered serious injuries from a Helicopter crash in New York. | 4 |
| Heard Presidential Candidate, Ronald Reagan speak at the Gymnasium. | 3 |
| Graduated from Olivet College, Michigan. | 9 |
| Car ride on campus with Presidential Candidate Hubert Humphrey. | 2 |
| Renewed emphasis on the mission and identity of WJU. | 7 |
| Served longest presidential term as President. | 5 |
| Helped form a Pep Band for WJU sports, Basketball and Rugby. | 9 |
| Good friend of US Senator Robert Byrd. | 5 |
| Physics Professor at WJU prior to becoming President. | 3 |
| Expelled from Austria by Nazis. | 1 |
| Headmaster at Gonzaga High School in Washington DC. | 2 |

Heard Presidential Candidate, Ronald Reagan speak at the Gymnasium
Correct answer President Currie 4 not President Haig 3.

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

Gaudiosa

(gow - de - ó - sa) n. Joyous Feast

SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS
CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Join Wheeling Jesuit University Saturday, March 29, for an evening of food, drink, entertainment and dancing - all to support scholarships for WJU students.

Go on line at (www.wju.edu/gaudiosa) to learn more about Gaudiosa. Come to the event and share the pride of the 50 Year Club Senior Ambassadors as we announce the results of our fund raising. As of March 10 the total amount was \$170,000. It may be close to \$180,000 by March 29.

Community Day

- March 29, 2014 -

A day of events celebrating WJU's 60 Years in the Community

Stroll around campus and enjoy a relaxing day of activities for all ages. Stay all day or come and go between the many activities Wheeling Jesuit will be offering across campus. All of the programs listed are free and open to the public. For more information email alumni@wju.edu or call 304-243-8166

CHILDREN'S PLAY



MICRONAUTS

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MUSIC CONCERT

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RED & GOLD DAY

WJU RESEARCH



WJU RUGBY



Go to www.wju.edu/communityday to learn more about Community Day

A Message from Rev. James Fleming, SJ, Ph.D. WJU President

Wheeling Jesuit University in the Community

The most successful university-community partnerships are those that embrace and elevate the unique qualities of the partners involved. So it is with WJU and the city of Wheeling. WJU and Wheeling are a dynamic force. We are fortunate to have outstanding Wheeling leaders and organizations as partners who support our mutual goals and share our hope for WJU's bright future.

Jesuit colleges have long understood the importance of the symbiotic relationship between cities and universities. Some 450 years ago, Saint Ignatius was known to value educational institutions that were "in close conversation with the city." A great collegiate downtown helps make a city great. WJU has many initiatives that contribute to Wheeling's vibrancy. They combine and harness the strength of our academics, the quality of our research, and the distinctiveness of our service mission.

The Physical Therapy Free Care Clinic is a great example of applying knowledge to a community's needs. At WJU's Clinic, our faculty and doctoral students provide free, state-of-the-art physical therapy for disadvantaged patients. The Clinic and Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) program were relocated to an historic downtown building providing more accessible care for patients and helping revitalize downtown. In the near future, we will be integrating our Nursing students into the work of the Clinic. It will allow our students to develop professional skills...patients will be served...and Wheeling will gain a valuable resource.

The DPT students, like so many others at WJU, are committed volunteers. At WJU, we believe that service is a privilege. I am proud of the volunteerism of our students—logging 27,000 hours in 2013. This distinguished record earned WJU a place on the US President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Many WJU faculty members volunteer alongside our students. Indeed it is the example of our faculty, I believe, that brings so many of our students to offer their energy and time. I am pleased to share some of their stories.

To celebrate our 60th Anniversary and our relationship with the local community, on March 29th WJU will host a Community Day, showcasing the many facets of our university. Later that evening, we will hold the Gaudiosa fund raising dinner with all proceeds going to scholarships for WJU students. Please join us for both!



WJU Community Garden



Lian Guryeva – Family Nurse Practitioner Major

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50 Year Club



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

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".

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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Class of 1959 will Celebrate its 55th Reunion in June
Contact Sr. Joanne Gonter (jmgonter@yahoo.com)
Or Barbara Yeager (byeageruc@aol.com)

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 2013-2014 in November is \$100, 000. At the time of this publication \$156,000 was raised. The deadline is March 29th in time for an announcement at the Gaudiosa celebration.

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.



Jim Dissen receiving his 50 Year Club diploma from President Rick Beyer