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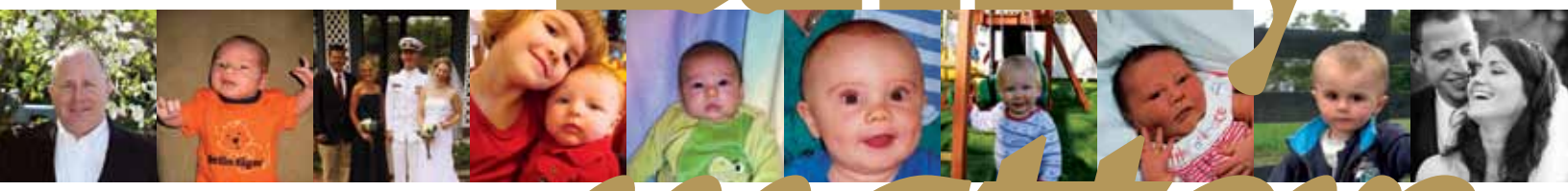


FALL 2009 *www.geneva.edu/alumni*

For four years you spent every waking moment with your college friends. Now, after jobs, moves, graduate schools and children, it may have been years since you've heard what's going on in their lives. That's why the Geneva College Alumni Office has created the Geneva Alumni Place (GAP), an online community that makes it easy to keep in touch with the college and your classmates.

"This is a gift for all alumni to use to hopefully find their friends, make professional career networking links and rekindle the memories of their time at Geneva," says Ben Becze '00, director of alumni relations.

The GAP has a variety of features that allow alumni to connect and communicate. "The main feature is the alumni directory," says Joanie Baumgartner, an independent alumni relations consultant who helped the college develop the GAP. "Alumni can send messages to fellow grads and chat in real time. They can also update their own information at any time, helping the college and fellow alumni to stay connected with them in a streamlined way."

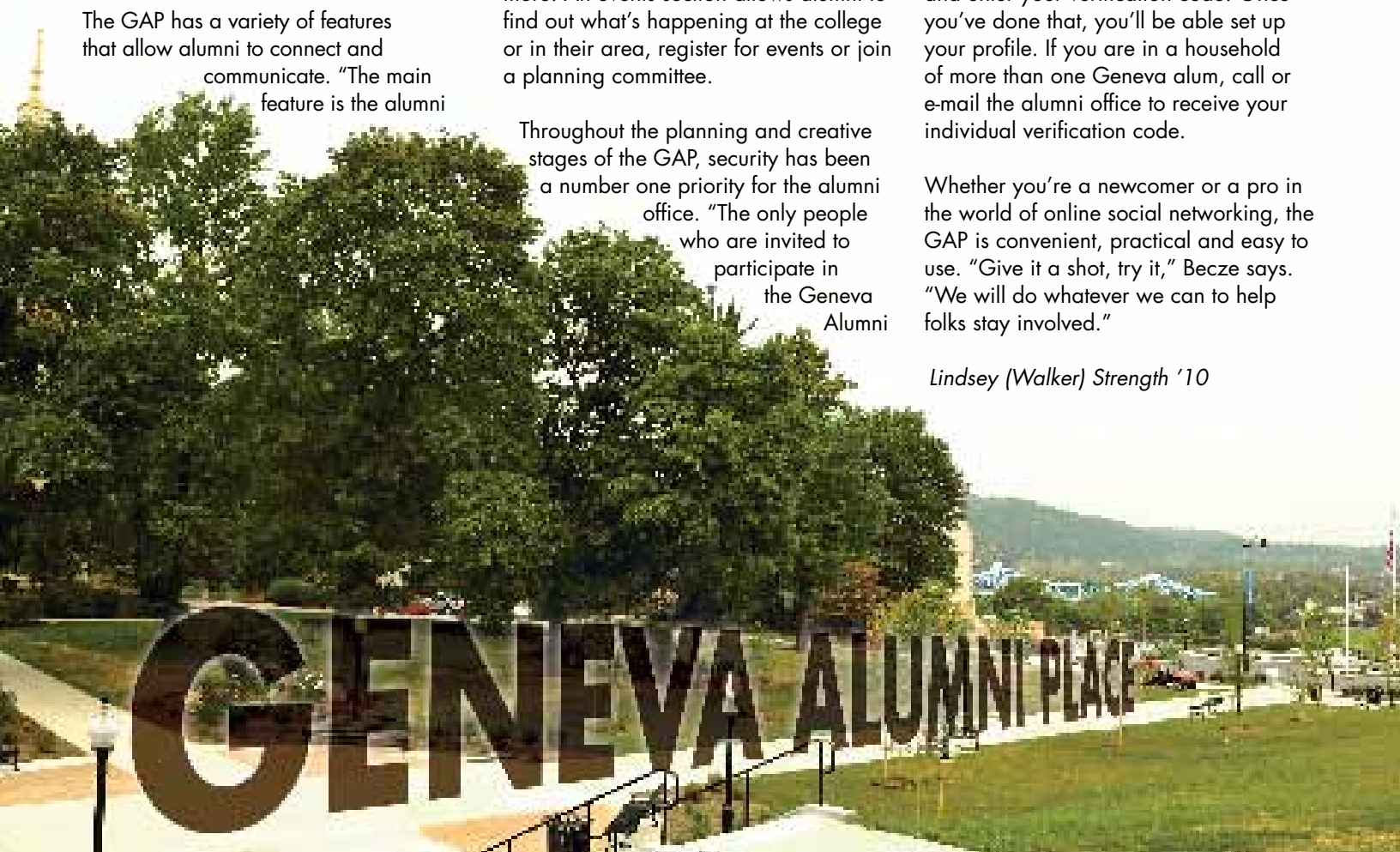
Other features include a class notes section where alumni can view and post updates on jobs, births, marriages and more. An events section allows alumni to find out what's happening at the college or in their area, register for events or join a planning committee.

Throughout the planning and creative stages of the GAP, security has been a number one priority for the alumni office. "The only people who are invited to participate in the Geneva Alumni Place are graduates of this school," Becze says. "Everyone is given an individual log-in name and password and will have the capabilities to set privacy levels as to how much will be shared with other members of the GAP."

To get started, simply look on the back mailing label of this issue of *Family Matters*. You will see next to your name a unique GAP verification code. Go to www.gap.geneva.edu and click on FIRST TIME LOGIN. Search to find your name and enter your verification code. Once you've done that, you'll be able set up your profile. If you are in a household of more than one Geneva alum, call or e-mail the alumni office to receive your individual verification code.

Whether you're a newcomer or a pro in the world of online social networking, the GAP is convenient, practical and easy to use. "Give it a shot, try it," Becze says. "We will do whatever we can to help folks stay involved."

Lindsey (Walker) Strength '10



From the Director

If you're receiving this issue of *Family Matters*, odds are that you're a member of a group that spreads far and wide around the world. On your path to becoming a member of this group, you met many people (maybe even your spouse), learned more than you ever thought you could, enjoyed new experiences, and created memories that will last a lifetime. This group has over 20,000 living members worldwide with one common bond, one that I'm proud to share with you — the bond of being alumni of Geneva College.

It's important for the alumni office — your alumni office — to do everything we can to help you reconnect with the Geneva community. The people and programs that shaped your life during your time as a student can still have a powerful impact on your life today. I ask that you become involved in our future alumni events, whether here on campus or in your neck of the woods. Share your memories and your news with us so we can spread the success of our alumni though *Family Matters* or the new Geneva Alumni Place.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Connie Shroyer, the newest member of our alumni office and a great addition to our team. We are here to serve you. Please give us the opportunity to bring Geneva back into your life.

Pro Christo et Patria!

Ben Becze '00

CLASS NOTES

Photos appear within or after the corresponding class note.

1960

Calling the Class of 1960!
Interested in planning your class's 50th reunion? To volunteer, please contact Ben Becze at 724.847.6880 or bbecze@geneva.edu.

1962

Dr. Howard Peters was recently awarded the Diversity Ambassador Award by the American Chemical Society (ACS) at their 237th national meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

1968

Peggy Evans of Cooper City, Fla. writes, "I retire at the end of this school year after being in the classroom for more than 25 years. I thank Dr. Ann Paton and Ms. Margaret Cowmeadow for their inspiration." Peggy was an instructor in the English department at Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

1971

Andrea J. (Schenker) Houk retired this year from the Ellwood City Area School District in Ellwood City, Pa. after 38 years of teaching at Hartman School. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Geneva College.

Penny L. (Tanner) McCronich retired this year after teaching all 38 years of her career in the Ellwood City Area School District in Ellwood City, Pa. She earned her bachelor's degree from Geneva and her master's from Westminster College.

Carol L. (Fusco) Todorich retired from the Ellwood City Area School District in Ellwood City, Pa. after 28 years of teaching. She majored in education and Spanish at Geneva College.

1974

Rev. Thomas J. Curry served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959-63. He was stationed in Wyoming for two years and in North Africa for two years. When his time of service was completed, Rev. Curry held the rank of Airman 2nd Class.

1978

Marilyn (Eanes) Baer has successfully completed 31 years of teaching in Patrick County Virginia.

David Valeta recently published his book, *Lions and Ovens and Visions: A Satirical Reading of Daniel 1-6*. David is an instructor of religious studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Terry (Lynch) Haddock has recently moved to North Carolina to accept a position in the financial aid office at Wake Tech Community College in Raleigh, N.C.

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1979

Diane (Louise) Stevens received her master's in elementary reading and literacy from Walden University and is currently employed as a teacher by the Charles County Board of Education in La Plata, Md. Diane and her 16-year-old son, Patrick Michael Jackman, reside in Waldorf, Md.

1981

Gary Avant (a.k.a. Gary Nist) is president and founder of Wisdom Matrix (www.wisdommatrix.com) based in San Diego, Ca. The company is celebrating 10 years of successful business. Gary is also the current president of Christian Executive Officers (www.christianexecutiveofficers.com), a group of Christian business men who are impacting the San Diego business and ministry community.

1982

Jonathan Wilkin is residing in Alpharetta, Ga.

1985

Jeffrey Wrobel was promoted August 1, 2009 to the position of Executive Vice President of IS and Underwriting at the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia in Richmond.

1988

Ronald Burick is currently serving as plant manager for the Accuride Corporation in Erie, Pa.

1990

Larry Bettencourt (MSOL '09) recently published his first book, *Put It Behind Ya.* In his book, Larry shares ways to get beyond our mistakes and move forward. Although the book's primary focus is to encourage teens that God's purposes prevail regardless of our mistakes, all ages will find encouragement through the book's illustrations of God's love and grace. For more information, visit www.finishlineministry.com.

1993

Stephen and **Hope (Woleslagle) Kellam's** daughter, Charlotte Hope Kellam, was born on February 27, 2007. She joins sisters Bethany and Susannah in Vinton, Va.

Tonya Yoder is pleased to announce the birth of Dean Lucas on January 6, 2009.

1994

Samuel and **Tannis (Brown '97) Blair** are living in Gibsonia, Pa. and are members of New Community Church in Wexford. Samuel is currently serving as chaplain and director of spiritual services at Gateway Hospice in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bernadette Ann Rozman and Michael Zachary Bellas were united in marriage at a morning ceremony on Feb. 14, 2009, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Ambridge, Pa. The Bellases reside in Baden, Pa.

1995

Brian Bowser, wife Janelle, and children Ethan (10), Michaela (7) and Aleena (2) recently moved to Altoona, Pa. The Bowser family is heavily involved in Scouting, baseball and their church.

1996

William Hardie writes, "I completed training for the ministry, although the Lord has had different plans for my life from what I'd anticipated. I'm now working night shift at a residential treatment facility for troubled boys, and involved in a serious relationship with an awesome Christian lady who also works there. I graduated

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with a master's in theology in May of 2008 and a doctorate in theology and doctorate in sacred music (all from Evangelical Bible College and Seminary in Greenacres, Florida) in February, 2009. God has been blessing me richly, and I'm grateful. I look forward to the next phase of my walk with Him, and eventually (in His time) to full-time ministry, together with my beloved."

Mary Alice Hueber and Christopher A. Treib were united in marriage on July 4, 2009 in Syracuse, N.Y. Chris is employed at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters located in Washington, D.C. Mary and Chris reside in Arlington, Va. Heather (Nutter) Smith was matron of honor, and her husband, Pastor Paul Smith, was best man. The Smiths celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on July 4.

Phillip Jorgensen and wife Leilani announce the birth of their son, Kevin Lee Jorgensen, on October 23, 2008. He joins Jennie (7), Kellie (5) and Justin (3). Phillip is an Army Captain and has been deployed three times since 2002, once in Kosovo and twice in Iraq. He is currently the Company Commander for Alpha Co., 45th Special Troops Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

1997

Brown see Blair 1994

Jill (Haught) Baumgartner and her husband, T.R., announce the birth of Trent Daniel on July 28, 2006. (Pictured are big sister Holden Alleyne and Trent).

Daniel and Sarah **Reed** announce the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Kait, on October 16, 2008. She joins sisters Savannah (5) and Caroline (2) in Canonsburg, Pa.

1999

Jamie (Fowler) Elder has completed her 10th year of teaching at North County High School in Glen Burnie, Maryland. Jamie is currently earning her master's degree.

Shawn King has been named the head soccer coach at Granville High School, Granville, Ohio.

2000

Timothy and **Denise (Kuhn '02) Baird** announce the birth of their second daughter, Katherine "Katie" Abigail, on February 26, 2009. She joins sister Rachel (2) at home in Aliquippa, Pa.

Aaron and **Natalie (Tyson '02) Shaw** announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Tyson, on December 22, 2008. He joins brother Caleb Richard (4) at home in Nampa, Ind.

Ray and **Adela (Hessey) Tsai** announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Louise, on December 4, 2008. They reside in Dallas, Texas.

2001

Leslie Bergbigler (ADCP–HR 118) received her Master of Science in Human Resources Management from LaRoche College in May 2009.

Benjamin and **Faith (Noack) Burchfield** announce the birth of their son, Braden William, on February 28, 2009. They reside in Lititz, Pa.

Nathaniel "Nate" and **Lisa (Detar) Kobb** announce the birth of Tyler James Kobb on June 9, 2007.

Loren Silbaugh and his wife Karla welcomed Sydney Anne into this world on July 2, 2009. The Silbaughs reside in New Cumberland, Pa.

2002

Tara Clark writes "As of June 7, 2009 I have taken a job with the United States Army Corp of Engineers, Europe District, located in Wiesbaden, Germany. I will be working as a mechanical engineer." Tara has also obtained her MBA from the Citadel and is a licensed professional engineer in Pa.

Christopher A. and **Mindy S. (Etter) Hackman** announce the birth of their son, Christian Alan, on April 23, 2009. Christian joins sister, Kiley Joy. Mindy is currently a stay-at-home mother and Christopher teaches seventh grade social studies. They reside in Harrisburg, Pa.

Kuhn see Baird 2000

David Mason writes "My wife and I just had our second child, Ashley Nicole Mason, on May 29, 2009, and I just started a new job at NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc. on July 1, 2009 as a senior electrical engineer."

Pena-Ariet see Zimmerman 2004

2003

Tyson see Shaw 2000

Robert Lowe recently received his Master of Divinity with honors from the North Park Theological Seminary.

William and Hayley (Swesey) **Mudron** were married on April 25, 2009. They reside in Pittsburgh.

2004

Brenda Coughenour (ADCP–HR 162 & MSOL 44) has applied to the Doctor of Educational Leadership program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Brenda has recently served on the board of directors for the Cambria-Somerset Outstanding Young Woman (OYW) Program where she has served as served as competition judge, received the OYW Director Leadership Award, and was named honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa Beta Epsilon Omega. Brenda currently serves as director of financial aid at the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

Levi and **Amanda L. (Book) LaGree** were married on February 28, 2008. They reside in Westminster, Colo.

Jeremiah and **Beverly (Perry) Kvasnik** welcomed Amber Michelle to their family on February, 10, 2009. Amber joins sister Anna Pearl and brother Micah Job.

Kelly and **Chanelle (Pena-Ariet '02)** Zimmerman's son Jadidiah was born on June 28, 2007. They reside in Cape May, N.J.

2005

Jessica Joy (Lemock) Crossley received her Master of Education from Edinboro University on December 13, 2008. She is a special education teacher at Erie School District. Jessica and her husband Scott reside in Erie, Pa.

Heather (Hairhoger) Kessler is residing in Elizabethtown, Pa. with her husband Brad and son Bradley Thomas (10/31/08). Heather is currently a middle school learning support teacher at Camp Hill Middle School near Harrisburg. She is also earning her master's in school counseling at Millersville University.

2006

Noah Bailey received his Master of Divinity from Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 22, 2009. He is originally from Kerhonkson, N.Y. Noah and his wife **Lydia (Shafer)** live in Beaver Falls, Pa. They have three children, Katherine (3), Michael (2) and baby Julia. Noah is a deacon and pastoral intern at First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Beaver Falls. In May, the Baileys will relocate to Enid, Oklahoma where Noah will plant a church as associate pastor for the Stillwater Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Andrew Bender is working as a clinical account specialist for Biosense Webster, a Johnson & Johnson Company, in Pittsburgh. Andrew and his wife Amanda reside in Cranberry Twp., Pa.

Allen J. Hart (ADCP–CM 026) of Pittsburgh has been promoted to Director of Technology for Burns, White & Hickton, attorneys at law. Allen oversees all computer and communications systems among the firm's five offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Wheeling, Wilmington and Princeton. Allen previously served as the firm's technology and security manager.

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Sara (Cooper) Wertz writes "My husband and I reside in Moon, Pennsylvania where we are working as youth coordinators for a small church in Coraopolis. I also work as a TA for a local childcare. We are also flipping houses to sell."

Toby Warner received his Master of Divinity Degree at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary on May 22, 2009. He grew up in Titusville, Pa. He is a member of Covenant Fellowship Reformed Presbyterian Church in Wilkinsburg and has preached at several churches as a seminary student. He hopes to serve in the ministry following graduation.

2007

Stacey McKotch married Eric Clark on May 22, 2009. The Clarks reside in Warren, Pa. Stacey writes "I am currently employed at Youngsville Elementary/Middle School as a middle level mathematics teacher. Over the course of the past two years, I have received the honor of being named a Keystone Technology Integrator at the school level in addition to the 2008 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for Warren County. I am presently seeking my Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction."

David Stamile has accepted the position of Assistant Residence Hall Director at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

2009

Brian Guessford (ADCP–HS 06) and his wife Ruth reside in Schellsburg, Pa. with their children Christopher (7/17/95), Stephen (6/16/99), Joseph (5/08/01) and Leah (10/30/02).

Daniel Terracciano has joined the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO). He will be serving the students of Brookdale Community College in partnership with the Lincroft Bible Church in Lincroft, N.J.

IN MEMORIAM

30s

Bert F. Carothers Jr. '36
on February 21, 2009

Mary A. (Acree '36) Larson
on March 17, 2009

40s

Ruth "Doll" H. (Causer '40) Cleland
on November 10, 2008

Dr. Vernon W. Myers '40
on February 22, 2009

Genevieve E. (Curry '40) Rodgers
on May 6, 2009

Gwendolyn L. Panner '41
on April 27, 2009

F. Eleanor (Harsh '42) Cummings
on February 14, 2009

Dr. Alfred S. Fornataro '43
on April 5, 2009

William "Bill" C. Martin '43
on April 11, 2009

Mary E. (Rosser '44) Cornelius
on April 13, 2009

Marvel D. (McLaughlin '45) Hutchison
on September 9, 2008

Floyd D. Stinson '48
on April 26, 2009

Arno Scoccia '49
on May 17, 2009

50s

Walter J. Arbutina '50
on February 11, 2009

Robert A. Bell '50
on July 27, 2009

Pete Britz '50
on February 17, 2009

Frank C. Buchholz '50
on March 25, 2009

Charles J. Loll '50
on April 11, 2009

Ronald C. Whitlatch '50
on February 9, 2009

Sam J. Fazio '51
on March 28, 2009

Garvin W. Timms '51
on July 28, 2008

Shirley M. (Ross '51) Rukas
on June 14, 2009

Paul R. Schell '51
on March 2, 2009

Jack S. Courtney '52
on February 26, 2009

Rev. George W. Kelley '52
on February 24, 2009

William "Bill" O. Martin '52
on February 20, 2009

Professor Joseph A. Baj II '54
on January 4, 2009

Marian (Gilmore '34) Harris

Marian (Gilmore '34) Harris was born in Washington, Pennsylvania and grew up in Cadiz, Ohio. After graduating from Geneva College with a Latin degree, she taught high school students and spent the summers working towards her master's in speech pathology. During World War II, she served as a recreational director for the Red Cross in Army Hospital and later developed a speech program for disabled children for the State of Delaware. She then went on to teach at Case Western Reserve University and at the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center.

In 1961, Dr. Harris returned to Geneva College where she taught as an associate professor of speech and founded the speech pathology program, now the communication disorders major.

"She fiercely defended that program when a round of cuts was being made," says Professor Emerita Dr. Ann Paton. "Without Marian that program would have been long gone. I can also assure you that 'her' majors always did well in graduate school. She was greatly respected on campus and in her profession."

Dr. Harris later served as Geneva's dean of women and retired from teaching in 1978. For her exemplary service to the college and community, she received the Lifetime G award, Geneva's highest alumni honor.

"Marian was a person of strong faith and conviction, upright in posture and behavior," Dr. Paton says. "As dean she had zero tolerance for improper or immoral behavior, yet she had a compassionate heart, and would fearlessly go to bat for any student that she thought was being unfairly or unjustly treated. I think 'rectitude' is the word that most succinctly summarizes Marian … She was a demanding, excellent, beloved teacher."

Dr. Harris died December 8, 2008 at the age of 95 in Manassas, Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Colonel Frank W. Harris, her sister Elizabeth Dennison, brother Charles, stepsons Frank and Christian, stepdaughter Abigail, and six grandchildren.

Robert D. Cather '55
on December 23, 2008

Dorothy (Reese '55) Hulton
on June 27, 2009

Steven M. Skorupan '57
on February 20, 2008

Paul R. Schaff '58
on May 13, 2009

60s

Erwin "Bud" L. Campbell '60
on May 31, 2009

Charles Philip "Flip" Hill '60
on April 22, 2009

Dr. John "Jack" Pinkerton '60
on May 6, 2009

Frances "Dutchie" A. (Kolavic '63) Guy on April 25, 2009

Beatrice "Betty Ann" (Sheets '63) Morgan on February 12, 2009

David C. Peck '65
on March 9, 2009

Patricia R. (Shaner '68) Beeson
on July 9, 2009

Claire (Bashaw '69) Allshouse
on October 3, 2008

70s

Redith F. (Frame '70) Porters
on April 1, 2009

Ronald E. Norman '72
on April 1, 2009

Richard A. Brown '74
on February 15, 2009

Joseph C. Cavallo '74
on April 11, 2009

80s

Fred R. Crognale '82
on February 25, 2009.

Viola M. (Houk '82) Yost
on March 14, 2009

Carol (Robinson '89) Sinchak
on May 10, 2009

90s

Mary L. Gutermuth '92 (ADCP 017)
on April 29, 2009

Jeffrey J. Roe '92 (ADCP 018)
on May 27, 2009

Richard G. Wolbert '95
on June 5, 2008

Drew R. Burkhead '95
on July 3, 2009

Donna M. Gogal '96 (ADCP 059)
on July 24, 2009

Friends

Dr. Charles W. Akers
on February 1, 2009

Donald L. Alleman
on July 13, 2009

Dr. William "Bill" H. Russell
on May 6, 2009

Blanche B. Seraphine
on June 28, 2009

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov. 6 – Jack Pinkerton Campus Memorial Service

Nov. 7 – Genevans Dinner and Concert

Dec. 2 – Shane and Shane Concert

Dec. 4 and 5 – Genevans Christmas Concert

March 1 – Colloquia Series Lecture

March 18 & 19 – Bitar Lecture Series

March 26 & 27 – Choir Concert

April 16 – MSOL Leadership Conference

April 16 – Class of 1960 50th Reunion Dinner

April 17 – Founders Day (Reunions: Classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980)

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