

HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE!

The week of Homecoming still has that fun, exciting buzz that you remember. From getting the floats ready, spirit week, the pep rally on Friday to the seniors always winning spirit week. It's almost here and we want you to come and be a part of it again! This year's events will be held the weekend of September 24th. Make room on your calendar for these events!



Friday, September 23rd

6:00 pm Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph's Hall

7:00 pm bonfire, OLL campus



Saturday, September 24th

10:00 am Annual Alumni Association Meeting, Parish Center

1:00 pm Homecoming football game vs Allen Park Cabrini

5:30 pm, Alumni Mass OLL church

Easy School Donations

Looking for an easy way to give back to the school without an extra outlay of cash? Just collect the UPC part of the label from Campbell soup cans, Box Top for Education labels, Coke rewards, Tenuta's and VG's grocery receipts. Turn them in to the parish center or school if you're local or mail them in if you prefer. The school gets valuable classroom equipment or money to purchase things they need.

Do you buy things using **Amazon.com**? Here's another way to help the school - just by doing your regular shopping. Go to **www.ollonline.org**, scroll to the bottom left of the school's home page and click on the "School Rewards" logo and shop as usual. Up to 10% of your purchase comes back to the schools without any additional cost to you! It's that easy! Thank you for your support!

Don't Forget Your Paver Brick

There are still plenty of paver bricks left to purchase with the name of a special grad, a family of alumni, in memory of a loved one, or just for a wonderful donation to the school. For more information and a form to fill out please see the school's website.

www.ollonline.org/development/Brick by
Brick Paver Program

Be Decked Out in Blue for Homecoming

Need to update that wardrobe to include something to show your Laker Spirit? Just log onto the school's website www.ollonline.org/boosters and you'll find a complete catalog of many different styles of clothing and accessories to order. You pick the logo you want, size, style and fill out the order form and in 2 – 3 weeks you'll be wearing and showing your Laker pride!

Honorary Alumnus Anne Broderick

For her many years of volunteer work in our schools the OLL Alumni Association is pleased to name Anne Broderick as our newest Honorary Alumnus.

Anne and her husband Elliot were both educated in Catholic schools. Anne on the west side at Our Lady Gate of Heaven for grade school and Bishop Borgess and Gabriel Richard Riverview for high school. Elliot, an east-sider, attended St. Clare of Monte Falco and Austin High School. As newlyweds they were living in Cass Lake apartments. They were shopping for a parish and when Amanda was born in 1989, they decided to build a house in Jayno Heights. The schools and parish atmosphere at Lakes was a big draw according to Elliot, who felt a Catholic education was valuable. "If it was good enough for us, it's good enough for our kids." The kids were enrolled at Jayno Adams for kindergarten and Amanda did so well with reading skills that Anne was reluctant to move her. Elliot put his foot down and stood in line to register Amanda for first grade. She got in and the rest is history.

Amanda graduated in 2007, Brianna in 2011 and Sean will graduate in 2012.

Anne began her involvement as a volunteer at Lakes when all three of her children were in school all day. She began first working with Miss Hunter in the Centers program, which were fun, parent-led activities outside of the classroom, which freed up



the teachers to spend time working with students identified for extra one-to-one instruction time. This led her to sign up to drive on field trips and then with her background in food service she was a natural to help in the kitchen. When Sheila Denne retired she went on to work with Sandy Ferro in the middle and high school kitchens. In 2006 when Sandy's kids had all graduated, Anne stepped up to the lead position. Since then she has been the go-to person for the daily school lunch program, the annual Homecoming spaghetti dinner and Silent Auction. With son Sean on the football team, she also is in charge of the pre-football game meals. She is proud of all her Laker years and is looking forward to the fall football season with son Sean in his senior year as Captain of the team. Anne commends the dedication of all the Laker football parents and appreciates their willingness to help. When asked for advice to our Laker Link readers she advised, "Volunteer when you can. Your child looks forward to showing you off, even though they'll never admit it. It's a way of telling people that they have someone who really supports them."

The OLL alumni Association would like to thank Elliot Broderick for his persistence in choosing to send their children to Our Lady of the Lakes. We would like to extend our appreciation to Anne for her many years of dedicated service to the students of OLL and are happy to welcome her into our Alumni Association.

Class of 1971 40 Year Reunion

New Date

Oct. 8, 2011

Where: The Fountains Golf and Banquet Facility
6060 Maybee Road, Clarkston, MI
When: 7 pm Saturday, Oct. 8th
Who: Classes of '68 – '74 but all are welcome!
Cost: Donations at the door, cash bar,
& kitchen open.
Contact: Carole Wheeler Snider -
cgs2853@yahoo.com
For Golf: Jim Schmidt – jim@imaus.com

Class of 1986 25th Reunion

Please join your fellow classmates at:

Overtyme Grill & Tap Room
4724 Dixie Hwy, Waterford, MI 48329
(248) 674-4507
Saturday, November 26, 2011
6 pm or later

Just a casual get-together to see and catch-up with old friends. Come just to chat, have a drink, have dinner or whatever. Have questions? Contact John Similuk at jnjsimiluk7@att.net, Michelle (McCarthy) Boyd at boydster01@aol.com, or Julie (Hedding) Mitchell at mitchellj@huronvalley.k12.mi.us. See you there!

Distinguished Alumnus Jim Rausch (2 selected this year)

Dr. James Rausch OLL class of 1965 was nominated for the Distinguished Alumnus Award by his classmate Jon Weston. Jon was impressed by Jim's success not only as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine but by his 10 years of service as a State Representative in New Hampshire. His biography is impressive and our school can be very proud of Jim.

Jim graduated from OLL in 1965 and MSU in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science. He continued at MSU to earn his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1972. After graduation he moved to New Hampshire and owned and operated Salem Animal Hospital Professional Associates until his retirement in 2000. He was active in the veterinary professional association serving as President of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine for several years and then as President of the New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association.

In addition to being active in veterinary medicine Jim believes in community service and has served on numerous community Boards and Foundations including the Alexander Eastman Foundation, Salem community Benefit Foundation, Derry economic development corp., Salem Lion's Club, Salem Animal Rescue League and the Board of Directors at the Salem Co-op Bank.

After retiring from Veterinary medicine Jim did not rest on his laurels. He ran and was elected as a New Hampshire State Representative from Derry and served five terms from 2000 to 2010. In 2010 he was elected as a State Senator representing District 19 which includes the communities of Derry, Hampstead and Windham.



As a Senator he is very active. He serves as Chairman of the Transportation Committee and as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Capital Budget Committee, Long Range Planning and Utilization Committee and the Capital Budget Committee.

In his current campaign for re-election Jim says, "I am running for State Senate once again to make New Hampshire a place for prosperity and opportunity. When I started my veterinary practice here, New Hampshire was business-friendly and a great place to raise a family . . . as your State Senator, I commit to controlling state spending and providing the leadership to get our state moving in the right direction again." When asked what he would like to accomplish in his next term he explained that he hopes to see improved technology in the schools.

He feels quality education is a very important component of the rebuilding of his state's economy.

In addition to his busy professional and civic life, Senator Rausch has been married for many years to his wife Lorinda and they have three adult children, Chuck, Sue and Heidi.

When asked how Our Lady of the Lakes was a part of his successful life, he did not hesitate, "Sister Raymond was a tremendous influence. Her passion for science was a great influence for me in my choice of career in veterinary medicine."

The OLL alumni Association is proud to acknowledge Senator James Rausch, class of 1965 as a Distinguished Alumnus.

50th Anniversary Celebration

2012 marks the 50th anniversary of our first graduating class of 1962. It's a wonderful reason to have a big party!

Your input and participation are welcome for the formation of this event. Currently, we would like to hold such a reunion on Homecoming Weekend 2012. Since the 2012 football schedule will not be finalized until next winter we don't have a

date yet. Watch for the date in the next newsletter.

We ask that individuals from each class begin now to request their class list. Each class list has its share of students for whom no current contact information is available. This is the opportunity to fill those openings with current information. Please contact Doug Ritter at dougritter12@gmail.com or (248) 736-7513 to obtain your class list.

Distinguished Alumnus Robert Wheeler (2 selected this year)

Robert Wheeler, OLL class of 1963 was nominated by his sister Carole Wheeler Snider. Carole writes that he was not only a wonderful brother but also an extraordinary individual. Unfortunately since his nomination in 2008, Bob had a serious and unexpected illness and passed away in 2009. He lived an exemplary life not only as a business leader but as a good family man and a community activist. Our school can be proud of his success and we hope that his family will take comfort in the recognition of this Distinguished Alumnus Award posthumously.

After his graduation from OLL, Bob received his undergraduate degree from Cleary College. He was drafted and served his years in the Army and did a stint in Vietnam. When he came home he returned to school in Indiana and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Bob was hired by General Mills Corporation in 1976, at their cereal plant in Toledo, Ohio. He held positions of increasing responsibility as human resources manager for career planning, director of the packaged foods operation and human resource director in Canada. For over 23 years he was manager of the plant in Lodi California. Nearing retirement, Bob was quoted as saying he was so involved in the community for two reasons, "General Mills encouraged it and I have a little trouble saying no!" In addition to his tremendous work responsibilities he was very active in serving his community. In San Joaquin county, where he worked and lived, Bob was known as a "mover and a shaker." According to Darrell Pendersen, Field Director for the Greater Yosemite Boy Scout Council, "He's a man with tremendous clout. If something needs to get done, Bob makes the calls . . . if something goes wrong he'll just jump in and get it done." Pendersen stated, "He's a very refined man, and he's one of the most effective public speakers I've ever heard."



Bob's involvement in the Lodi Boys & Girls Club and the Boy Scout Council of Greater Yosemite are only two of his many commitments. Programs for economic development, youth, and nonprofit community service groups have all benefited from his talent and dedication to improving the opportunities for youth and enriching the opportunities for economic growth that fund these efforts. Richard Jones, the President and CEO of the Lodi Boys & Girls Club calls Bob a "huge force in helping the club." "When you have a big heart, you have a tendency to do more things for the people of the community . . .," Jones said. Wheeler was instrumental in raising over \$1.4 million for the construction of facilities for the Boys and Girls Club which included a very generous personal donation which helped to spearhead the drive.

One major success for Bob was his work with the San Joaquin Partnership designed to help grow business and industry in the county. He served as Vice Chairman of this group and his Co-chair Bob Kavanaugh states, "People respect who he is, and that's influential. He isn't a personality who drives his own agenda. He looks for solutions."

At the time of his retirement, Bob and his wife Dianne were living in Woodbridge California with their adult children Bobby and daughter Carrie living nearby. With all of these lifetime achievements he was quoted as being proudest of one thing, "a good balance of family, community involvement and work."

The OLL Alumni Association is very pleased to acknowledge the achievements of Robert Wheeler and offer our sincere condolences to his family.

Class of 1976 Reunion!!

The theme for the 35th class reunion was “keep it casual, fun and friendly.” Thirty two members from the class of 1976 along with spouses, significant others and a few from class of 75 & 77 too, gathered on Saturday July 17th. Dan Muscat got the ball rolling by gathering up classmates by e-mail, surveying for a time and then spreading the word. Sandy Kase Novess, Mary Macuga Mumper, Cathy Collier Wiedman, Debbie Foran Nuss and Lisa Gallo scouted a few venues and decided to use the Fountains Golf and Banquet Center on Maybee Road in Clarkston. It was a great choice with a Laker connection to Jim Schmidt class of '74.

Andy Hull organized a golf outing for Saturday morning that included about 14 classmates. The golfers met for breakfast (thanks Mark for picking up the check) and went on to golf 18 holes at the beautiful Fountains course. That night the classmates started meeting at about 6:30 in the lower level area, where dinner and drinks could be ordered by individuals as they wished. The classmates mingled in and out doors and the atmosphere was warm as everyone got reacquainted. Many cameras were flashing and many memories and photos were shared as we brought each other up to date. Friendship and laughter were definitely in the air.

Mary McMahon Oliver initiated a donation drive to support the schools and many of the group came prepared with their checkbooks. A group of about twenty met for 11am Mass on Sunday (thank you Virginia Seeterlin for reserving seats in front!) Our class took up the offertory gifts, Father gave us a special blessing and the congregation gave us applause! After Mass we were given a tour of the high school by President Carl Uberti and we presented over \$5,100 to him for the Tuition Gift Program.

An informal group then convened at the Overtyme Grill and Tap Room on Dixie Highway for lunch and more conversation. Some groups gathered for swimming and boating, parents were visited, suitcases were packed and out-of-towners got to the airport. Many friendships were renewed and everyone felt a reconnection to each other. The reunion weekend was a roaring success!



Left From rear: Gordie Theisen, Marty Similuk, Patti O'Neill, Mark Serra, Dave Nuss, Steve Szabo, Andy Hull, Mary McMahon Oliver, Kirk Oliver, Dan Muscat, Dan Boncella
 Next Row: Bob Tenuta, Steve Sibel, Joe Laveque, Gerry Stevenson, Ed Roy, Brian Hodges, Mark Goemare
 Next Row: Teresa Soave, Vicki Evanoff Mouthaan, Erin Shaughnessy Asdell, Annette Janette, Cathy Collier Wiedman, Virginia Seeterlin, Margie Dowsett Kerwin, Jeannette Melani Puccio,
 Front Row: Sheryl Kloss Ford, Laurie Klein Harrison, Kim Coleman Bondy, Lisa Gallo Burdick, Sandy Kase Novess, Debbie Nuss Foran, Mary Macuga Mumper

Don't forget the next

OLL Hall of Fame Dinner, February 4, 2012 in OLL's St. Joseph's Hall. This year will feature a presentation to two new Distinguished Alumni. All family and friends are welcome especially from our two newest inductees. It's a GRAND night you won't want to miss! Look for details on the school website ollonline.org or call the school 248 623-0340.

Class of 1981 Reunion Set

The date is September 17th at The Fountains Golf and Banquet Facility at 6060 Maybee Road in Clarkston, starting around 7:00pm. Of course you can order food and drinks. It would be great to see you all and catch up. Contact Rhonda (Councilor) Gardner at rmgardner21@hotmail.com for more information.

The Class of '76 Challenges YOU!

It began with an informal e-mail discussion of giving back to the schools that gave us so much. How do you say thank you to our parish school community for the amazing accomplishments, spiritual foundation, personal happiness and success that so many of us received as part of the Our Lady of the Lakes experience? Our parents sacrificed to send us and the parish family continues to operate the schools working hard to maintain funding in these difficult economic times.

The class of 1976 raised over \$5,100 in a quick informal collection that was presented to Carl Uberti after he so graciously came in on a hot Sunday afternoon to give us a tour. Carl felt the dollars would best impact the tuition gift program that directly funds tuition for students identified through an alumni tuition gift program. During our tour we saw many signs of the current building renovations being funded by the Archdiocesan "Changing Lives Together" program. Our schools are rich in spiritual and athletic traditions but after the tour we realized that much more was needed to keep our schools competitive in the area of science and technology.

The class of 1976 made a beginning collection but we hope to be just the start of a larger effort. We hope firstly that all classes who gather will seriously consider taking up a collection for the schools as part of their reunion event. Secondly we hope to be part of a major fundraising effort to support technology on the Lakes campus. In 2012 the schools will mark the 50th graduation class and as part of the celebration a major fundraising campaign is being considered. Please look for more information in the Laker Link or contact the High School office. If you send in a donation be sure to include your year of graduation as we hope to track donations by class.

How do you put a price on the Laker experience? How do we thank our parents and community for the deep spiritual foundation we received and built our lives on? If our unique K-12 Parish School can continue into the future and compete with other larger schools we need to step up and show our support with a major funding campaign. Please contact the OLL Alumni Association if you wish to be a part of this campaign. **Our Lady of the Lakes, pray for us!**

Class of 1991 Reunion

The Class of 1991 met at The Fountains Golf and Banquet Center in Clarkston on July 30th for their 20th reunion. Everyone had a great time catching up, meeting spouses and watching a DVD show of old pictures! We missed those who could not attend but hopefully we will see you at the 25th!

Submitted by Monica Kuhn



From left: Matt Meyers, Katy Bauman (Sowden), Monica Kuhn (Frisch), Nicole Grant (Harris), Kristen Schonschack (Reed), Vicki Asai (Meyers), Jennifer Denike (Crowley), Sue Robak, Chris Newell, Kelly Scanlon (Adams), Brian Hernandez, Kristi Sharpe (Oliver), Tony Morrow, Ryan Ball, Eric Tupa, Adam Miller, Danny Allen

Alumni updates

Class of 1962

Nicholas Aninos and his wife Noreen live in Charlevoix, MI where he is a Realtor.

Class of 1967

George Lee and his wife Betsy live in Plainwell, MI. George is a Retired Principal from the Plainwell schools. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Class of 1968

Marietta (Wall) Harbert is retired and living in Tarpon Springs, FL with her husband Larry.

Brian Haskins is retired from GM and living in Clarkston, MI. He graduated from Ferris State University in 1974 with a degree in Human Resources Development. He has one son Matthew (1984). His special interests are all sports, including golf.

Class of 1974

Suzanne Hanson is living in Roberts, WI where she is the Vice President of Global Benefits for Ecolab in St. Paul, MN. She has been married for 22 years to Jon Cumpston.

Class of 1984

A.J. Magnan is enjoying a quiet, semi-retired life with his wife Carrie and their boys (13 and 10 years old) on their farm in Upstate NY.

Class of 1984 (cont'd)

Jacquie (Rutherford) Nahom is married to Robert and they live in Paradise Valley, AZ where she is a homemaker for their sons Michael (15) and Andrew (11).

Class of 1993

Gary Campbell is a physics teacher at Rochester High School. He lives with wife Chastity and they just welcomed their 6th baby to the family in 2010, Caitlin Faith Campbell.

Class of 1997

Emily (Kirchner) Ford is the Director of Donor Relations at the University of Denver. She received her B.S. in Sport Science from Grand Valley State University, and has an MA in Sport Management from WMU. Emily and her husband Michael had twins born in September 2009, a son Leyton and a girl Ella-James. They live in Castle Rock, CO.

Class of 2006

Caitlin Doback is a Jr. Project Manager for ad agency Team Detroit in Dearborn, MI working on the Ford account. She graduated with a degree in Advertising from MSU in May 2010. She lives in Waterford and has been dating Derek Dobias since 2004.

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ALUMNI NOTES

FULL NAME:

SPOUSE:

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

MAIDEN NAME:

SINGLE _____ MARRIED _____ OTHER _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION:

OCCUPATION:

EMPLOYER:

WORK ADDRESS:

CITY:

HOME PHONE #:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

INDICATE OTHER INFORMATION

(Education, children - names, ages, births, awards,
special interests, civic activities, anniversaries, promotions, etc.)

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ to support the
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