

Homecoming Weekend is September 18/19th!

Clip this schedule out and put it somewhere handy

YOU'RE INVITED TO HOMECOMING!

You won't want to miss these festivities!

Friday, September 18th

5:30 pm Pasta Dinner at St. Joseph's Hall

7:00 pm bonfire, OLL campus

Saturday, September 19th

10:00 am Annual Alumni Association Meeting, Parish Center

1:00 pm Homecoming football game at OLL Campus

5:30 pm, Alumni Mass OLL Church

After Mass

Informal all class gathering at

Overtyme Grille and Tap Room around 6:30 pm,
located at 4724 Dixie Hwy. in Waterford

Class of 1999 10 Year Reunion 8:00 pm at Overtyme

9:00 pm Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen - OLL High School Gym

REUNION NEWS

Class of 1969

The eighth graduating class of Our Lady of the Lakes, the Class of 1969 is celebrating its 40th Anniversary October 16, 17 & 18, 2009. Festivities will begin 6:00 p.m. Friday evening at Havi-Land, hosted by Mike and Linda Haviland. Saturday will bring outdoor activities followed by dinner at the Overtyme Grill and tap Room, which will begin at 6:00 pm. Sunday we will attend 11:00 a.m. Mass at O.L.L., followed by brunch at Bartelli's in Waterford. Please contact Doug Ritter at dougritter12@gmail.com or (248) 674-8947 to RSVP and get additional details.

Class of 1975

Plans are getting started for the 35th reunion next year. The planning committee is looking for these classmates:

Paulette Ashbaugh	Mike Slivensky
Kris Gallo	Paul Weston
Tim Gibbs	Ron Nelson
Kevin Heisler	Julie Vivian
John Bishop	Paul Valentino
Don Jaruzel	

If you can help with any contact information please forward it to:

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Cecilia (Gingras) Smith at cec.smith@att.net
Jeanne Kelly at zelleandpico@yahoo.com
Jeff Rogers at jrogers@midwest-corp.com or
Louie Ward at louisbw@yahoo.com.

Class of 1975

Lynn (Similuk) Wolschlager – Lynn and her husband Rich live in Rochester Hills and are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this November. She has worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance for 32 years.

Class of 1979

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, September 5th! It's going to be an informal gathering at Overtyme Grill and Tap Room at 4724 Dixie Hwy. in Waterford at 6pm. Classmates from 1978 and 1980 are also welcome and encouraged to attend! Contact Diane (Similuk) Clemo at dclemo1@comcast.net or Chris Nuss at cnuss18@sbcglobal.net for any questions.

Class of 1989

The date is November 27th 2009 (Friday, the day after Thanksgiving) at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Classmates are encouraged to join our group on Facebook "Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes - Class of 1989," there are already over 50 of us there! Further details about the reunion and updates can be found through the site. Or, please contact Rick Kulick at (734) 741-7537 or rkulick@umich.edu. There are still some classmates we are trying to track down.

Class of 1999

The date is Saturday Sept 19 at Overtyme Grill and Tap Room at 8:00 pm. Please RSVP to Christine (Rashid) Torosian at ctorosian09@gmail.com or Nikki Bussard at n.bussard@yahoo.com.

Alumni Updates

Class of 1983

Vince Apolloni – Vince and wife Deb have been married 7 years and live in Lenoir City, TN. He is a corporate HR manager for Suncoke Energy. He has a Master's in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from UDM and has a Senior Professional Human Resources certification. He also has a step son named Austin (19 years).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 3rd ANNUAL HALL OF FAME DINNER DANCE

This year's Dinner Dance is scheduled for

Saturday, February 6, 2010

Nominations are now being taken for Hall of Fame Inductees! Please see the form in this newsletter. Please call Carl Uberti at the high school for more information at (248) 623-0340 or check the high school website www.ollonline.org.

Welcome to the Alumni Association Class of 2009!

Collin Adler
Kaitlin Avery
Mary Balogh
James Bastian
Rachel Burckhardt
Alyssa Cabrera
Adam Caceres
Stephanie Carrico
Heather Cottrell
Alexandra DeNio
Chelsea DeNio
Andrew Dickerson
Jamie DiDio
Alexander Ender
Alexander Franko
Hannah Grimaldi

Scott Gutzeit
Jamie Irwin
Christine Kowalczyk
Ethan Laugal
Dana Leigh
Marykathryn Longo
Jennifer Losiowski
Colin Mallory
Megan Martin
Lauren McAdam
Meagan Mooney
Christian Mulligan
Trang Nguyen
Alexandra Olds
Christopher Peralta
Maggie Phelps

Virginia Ponkey
Ptryk Rak
Allison Robb
Karl Romkema
Eliseo Roque
Megan Scarlett
Miranda Sheena
Phillip Skillman
Connor Spence
Matthew Spillane
Taryn Stevens
John Stolarski
Carly Vaught
Abigail Walbrook
Louis Zednik

Are you a Hockey Fan or a Hockey Alumnus?

Every year the current OLL Hockey Club enjoys playing the past Alumni hockey players. This year, as in the past, the game will be scheduled to be played between Christmas and New Years. The specific date is TBD but watch for info on the OLL website ollonline.org.

We need fans of hockey too to make this a memorable and fun event!

Dues

Dues of \$20 or suggested and too put it lightly, desperately needed! We are currently not covering our costs to put the newsletter out twice a year and are looking at alternatives to saving costs. Thus, the electronic versions of the newsletter and no return envelopes included anymore. Our next step may be to go down to one newsletter a year. Please send in your dues so we can all continue! Thank you and God Bless!



Mark your Calendars for Oktoberfest!

This is a great, fun afternoon that helps raise money for the school. The third annual event will be held this year on Sunday, October 4th. It's held right on the school grounds and offers lots of German food, fun and music. They could use lots of volunteers this year especially so if you can help please let the Alumni Association know at dcleo1@comcast.net.



Check out the OLL High School website

www.ollonline.org

The Alumni have a link so if you missed some newsletters, want to see our list of Honorary and Distinguished Alumni or need information, keep this website handy!



Also, now on the website is a form to fill out for nominating someone for the Distinguished Alumnus award. Check it out! Send one in any time.

The Parish website is also a handy reference

<http://woll.catholicweb.com/>



Dates to Remember

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| Sept. 5 | Class of 1979 Reunion
Classes of '78 & '80 welcome |
| Sep. 18/19 | Homecoming Weekend
See front page for schedule of Events
Class of 1999 Reunion |
| Oct. 4 | Oktoberfest - OLL Campus |
| Oct. 16 – 18 | Class of 1969 Reunion |
| November | Annual Tuition Gift Drive begins |
| November 27 | Class of 1989 Reunion |
| December 7 | Alumni meeting
7:00 Parish Center |
| Feb. 6 | Hall of Fame Dinner Dance |
| April | Spring Newsletter Comes |

Be Green!

Remember – If you want your newsletter to be sent electronically versus getting it in the mail please send us your e-mail address. This is starting to catch on but we only have about 20 names on our list so far.

Updates can be sent to Diane Clemo at dcleo1@comcast.net.

2009 Distinguished Alumnus Bill Brazier

He was Vice President of a beer distributor; a job that some may jokingly say is a noble vocation. Today, as Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, he is overseeing the provision of truly essential needs for those who would otherwise go without. His outstanding leadership inside and outside of the Catholic Church; and his assistance to absolutely anyone on the street who happens to need it, are the reasons that Bill Brazier of the Class of 1969 is this year's recipient of the Patrick J. Wolfe Distinguished Alumnus Award here at Our Lady of the Lakes.

Bill comes by his devotion to the Church and to service to others, by family environment and the example of his parents Bob and Mary. The Braziers were charter members of Our Lady of the Lakes and were very active in the parish. His father was a charter member in 1963 of the Pope John XXIII Knights of Columbus Council in Clarkston, being instrumental in the construction in 1969 of the Council hall on Maybee Road. His brother Tom, a 1965 graduate of OLL is very active and a longtime officer at the K of C, as Bill and his brother Bob (OLL Class of 1967) are brother Knights as well.

Bill and Bob actively assisted at Colombiere Center through their high school years. Bill's sister MaryJo and her family are OLL parishioners today. Her elementary years were at Lakes.

Bill married his high school sweetheart and classmate, Barb Mauro in 1974. Having graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Economics; and serving 25 years at the beer distributor, in his faith Bill felt a calling to change fields, to do something for youth and for families in need. He completed a two year Internship in Ignatian Spirituality at Manresa Retreat House. He then did a brief stint as Director of Development for Holy Cross Family Services, which includes Boysville, a home for disadvantaged youth and family reunification. Five years ago, he became Executive Director for the St. Vincent DePaul

Society for the entire Archdiocese of Detroit. This is a pretty enormous responsibility; all the more now with the greater workload for the need of families here in Metro Detroit. The hardship goes well beyond just the troubled auto industry; and Bill seems to be in his element serving others, although by way of some very long workdays. He oversees the operation of 80+ employees, over 2,000 volunteers, 10 Thrift Stores, 2 Summer Camps and various other good works. He is the right guy for the job at a time when there is the most need of his organizational talents and charity for others.



Our thanks to Barb Brazier, whose willing sacrifices are the key to helping Bill help others. They are founding members of Divine Mercy Parish in Davisburg Michigan. Bill serves on the Boards of Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, Men of the Sacred Hearts and Legatus Detroit Chapter. He has served on the Michigan Public Service Commission – (utility rates) Low Income Task Force and also serves on the Wayne County Health Coalition Task Force. Bill and Barb reside in Clarkston and

have two sons, Joe and Dan and daughter-in-law Ashleigh.

Bill likely won't object to our saying that if you can lend a hand with a charitable gift or some volunteer time, or on the other hand, if you need assistance yourself, to please contact your nearest St. Vincent DePaul Conference, which may well be right there at your home parish. Also, you may have noted that there are no quotes from Bill in this article. It seems Bill just doesn't like to talk about himself. You might correctly guess that this is typical of someone like Bill Brazier, who does so much for others, morning, noon and night.

Please join us at the beginning of the Homecoming Game September 19, 2009 when we present Bill with the Patrick J. Wolfe Distinguished Alumnus Award. Congratulations Bill and God bless you and thank you for the work you are doing to keep families together, for providing youth programs and for keeping people in need fed, clothed and housed.

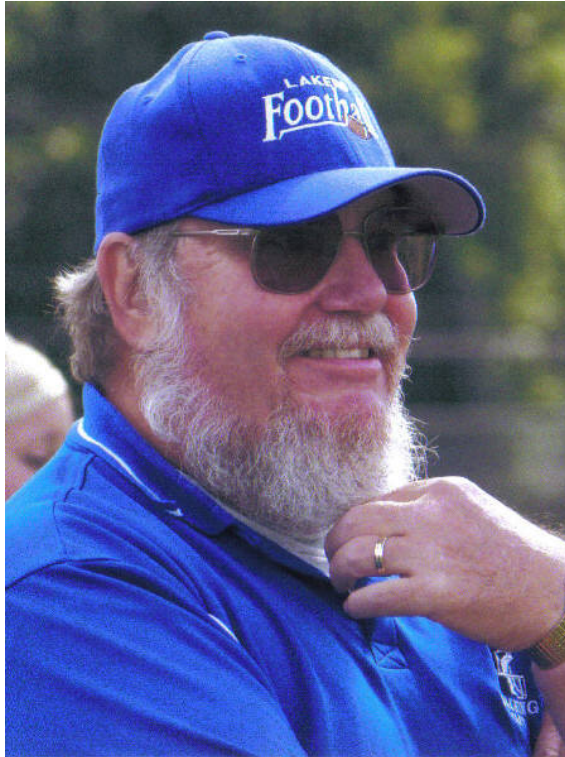
Honorary Alumni

Once again it is time to announce our newest Honorary Alumni and we are pleased to welcome Dean “Jake” Jacobson and his wife Ruby to our Association! We appreciate their tremendous support of our schools and athletic programs over the last fifteen years!

The Jacobson family were members of the nearby St. Perpetua parish when they began shopping for a school for their daughter Andrea. They visited the Lakes campus and were impressed with the availability of K-12 education in a Catholic setting. They enrolled Andrea in the fourth grade in the fall of 1989. The family joined the Lakes parish and began attending Sunday Mass in their new community. Ruby remembers, “We all enjoyed the wonderful sense of belonging to Lakes. We were making friends and feeling connected to our Parish and school.”

Jake always enjoyed football and had been very involved coaching little league games with Andrea older brothers. As they became active in the schools they began attending games at Lakes too. When Andrea entered high school she joined the cheerleading team. Jake began driving the girls to competitions and games. Soon his love of football got him involved at the sidelines and next thing he knew he had the volunteer job of equipment Manager. A position he continued even after Andrea graduated in 1998! He is so dedicated he even purchased a golf cart which he brings

to all the games, home and away, to haul equipment and carry injured players to the sidelines. Jake estimates he volunteers over one hundred hours each season. He also volunteers as time keeper for basketball games when needed. Some health concerns limited Jake's participation last season but he is looking forward to resuming his post at the sidelines for the 2009 season this fall!



Over the years that Andrea attended Lakes the Jacobson family hosted seven exchange students. “We saw a notice in the church paper and thought it would be a perfect opportunity for our family.” Ruby explained, “Andrea was the only child living at home then and we felt it would be good to share our family life with these students. It was a great experience.” Not all of these students attended Lakes but those who did enriched the whole community.

When not working on the sidelines at Lakes, Jake enjoys family life. He and Ruby have ten grandchildren they enjoy spending time with. “We also have a standing invitation to visit our exchange student families in Europe. We could have a pretty great trip if we ever took up the offers!” she laughed.

The OLL Alumni Association appreciates the fine example set by the Jacobson's sharing their family life and demonstrating the Laker spirit with these students over the years. We are grateful for the dedicated service Jake has given to the football program and acknowledge Ruby's support and patience too! We are pleased to name them as our newest Honorary Alumni!

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Name of Alumnus _____

Graduating Year _____ Date Nominated _____

Person nominating _____

Please note achievements while at Our Lady of the Lakes High School

Please note Personal and Professional achievements since High School

How is this person a role model for current and future OLL students?

Additional Comments

Please forward completed form to: Hall of Fame Committee
c/o OLL Alumni Association
5481 Dixie Hwy.
Waterford, MI 48329

Thank you for your nomination!