

## 4th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Forever Blue

The 4th annual Hall of Fame Induction was a huge success attracting over 175 people to the event held on Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup>. This year's tradition added a new twist – the induction of the past OLL Distinguished Alumni into the Hall of Fame. Going forward we will honor the current year's Awardee at the Hall of Fame dinner.

The Distinguished Alumni that were inducted this year include all the past awardees:

Lt. Patrick Wolfe Jr.  
Patty McCulloch  
Floyd Shotwell  
Tom Newcombe  
Mike McColgan

Damian Bushart  
Joe Seeterlin  
Pat Benincasa  
John Dean  
Bill Brazier

The 2011 Hall of Fame Class of the Our Lady of the Lakes includes the following:

**George Sharpe** (Class of '63)  
**Dan Sioma** (Class of '68)  
**Dave Calme** (Class of '70)  
**Pat McColgan** (Class of '70)  
**Mike Councilor** (Class of '73)  
**Dan Webster** (Class of '80)  
**Ann Serra Lowney** (Class of '85)  
**1972-1975 Football Championship Teams**  
**1972 Girls Basketball team**  
**1987 State Championship Softball Team**

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Coach Mike Boyd, noted that this deserving group not only had their achievements while at Our Lady of the Lakes, but have gone on to lead successful lives, raise fine families and serve as great role models for all current Lakers. Mentioned by several of this year's recipients were the great friendships, the wonderful families and core values Lakes instilled in them during their years at OLL. The speeches took many of the attendees down memory lane! It really was a great evening. We congratulate all of this year's inductees as they join an outstanding list of Hall of Famers dating back to 2008!



Don't miss the 2012 Hall of Fame Induction that will now be officially held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February each year. Mark your calendars for Saturday February 4, 2012 for the 5th Annual Hall of Fame.

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# HOMECOMING WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER!

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming, 2011 at the OLL campus. This year's events will be held the weekend of September 24th. You won't want to miss these festivities!

## **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

5:30 pm, Alumni Mass OLL church

Informal Gathering at Overtyme Grill and Tap Room (Dixie Hwy and Floradale)

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

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

It may be that only a few of the 2,600 or more graduates of Our Lady of the Lakes High School know that our first graduating class was 1962. 2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It's a wonderful reason to have a party, and if you please, a big party!

There have been repeated suggestions to the Alumni Board over the years to have an All-Time Reunion; and this seems a perfect occasion to do just that. 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. As of yet the 2012 Football schedule will not be finalized until next winter.

Even while no definite date is currently set, we ask that individuals from each class begin now to see us for their class list. Mailing this newsletter twice a year has helped us maintain the current contact information for many, but be assured, 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 [dougitter12@gmail.com](mailto:dougitter12@gmail.com) or (248) 736-7513 to obtain your class list.



Lakers Varsity Basketball Team has done it again! They are repeat winners of the Class D State Championship doing it again at the Breslin Center in East Lansing! We were so proud when they won the first; we're even more proud now that they have won back to back Championships. Congrats Lady Lakers! You are all truly Champions!

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## Honorary Alumnus Sandy Gennari

The Alumni Association is very grateful to Sandy Gennari for stepping forward to support our schools and parish. She selflessly gave of her time and talents beyond parent involvement hours and became an active volunteer leader who put the fun in fundraise with her creativity, organizational skills and can-do attitude.

The Gennari family moved to Waterford in 1996 from Troy. The family had been very happy with their school experience there but wanted something more now that they were leaving the Troy public schools behind. "We had friends in the parish and Our Lady of the Lakes schools came highly recommended," Sandy recalled. A good Catholic school with an emphasis on learning and family values seemed just what they were looking for. Daughter Alexis began OLL in Kindergarten in 1997 and Sandy began volunteering her time. Over the years she has helped with CYO sports, Girl Scouts and the Booster Club. She was instrumental in starting the grade

school walkathon at Springfield Oaks and spent five years with the PTG. Sandy worked concessions at Laker sports events and worked charity events at the Palace on behalf of the schools. Sandy still helps with the annual Silent Auction and organizes the Parish raffle each year. She has enjoyed working closely with so many other good Laker families and volunteers. "I've made good friends here at Lakes that go beyond having kids in school together," she stated. Alexis graduated from Lakes in 2010 and has gone on to Bowling Green University in Ohio where she is studying biology. "Lexie stays in close touch with her OLL friends," she shared. "We've found that Lakes is a family where you make friends for life."

In honor of her dedication and service on behalf of our schools and parish we are proud to name Sandy Gennari as our newest Honorary Alumnus. Thank you for all your hard work!

### LinkedIn and Facebook

Join the Our Lady of the Lakes Group at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Our Lady of the Lakes has over 2,500 alumni across the globe. The ties to this strong community can continue today both personally and professionally. Remember it's not always what you know; it's who you know that can help you succeed in life. Utilize this group as a professional link to many others that share common ground.

If you're a Facebook user take a minute to join the OLL Alumni Group. In the search bar type Our Lady of the Lakes Alumni and join the group. There are over 500 Alumni in the group already!



Thirty-one years after he returned to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes to serve as an assistant to Head Coach Mike Boyd, Assistant Coach Joe Seeterlin is now alongside Mr. Boyd in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) Hall of Fame.

Joe, class of '74 was one of 14 Hall of Fame inductees honored at the MHSFCA's Induction Banquet at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Joe!

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## Dates to Remember

<b>June 6</b>	Alumni Meeting Everyone Welcome 7:00 pm Parish Center
<b>August</b>	Come help collate the newsletter Call the Parish Center for details
<b>Sept. 23/24</b>	Homecoming Weekend See above for details
<b>November</b>	Annual Tuition Gift Drive Begins
<b>December 12</b>	Alumni Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Center
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Hall of Fame Dinner
<b>Feb. 6</b>	Alumni Meeting Everyone Welcome 7:00 pm Parish Center
<b>April 2</b>	Alumni Meeting Everyone Welcome 7:00 pm Parish Center

## Patrick J. Wolfe

### Distinguished Alumnus Nominations

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Please send nominations to the OLL Alumni Association by June 30th.

***We will be recognizing our Distinguished Alumnus at the Hall of Fame dinner on Feb. 4, 2012.***

On the OLL high school website is a form to fill out for nominating someone for the Distinguished Alumnus award. It helps with guidelines for nominating someone. Check it out!

[www.ollonline.org/Alumni](http://www.ollonline.org/Alumni)



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## Alumni Updates

### Death Notices

Wesley Borys '64  
Scott Rubenacher '97

### Pastors/Faculty

Fr. Leo Broderick, OLL Pastor from 1989 – 1994, has been a priest for 54½ years. He is currently at St. Catherine's in Algonac, MI. He has been at St. Cabrini, St. John's Ypsilanti, St. William's Walled Lake, St. Augustine Richmond, St. John's and St. Nicholas Capac. He was the founding father of Holy Trinity EMU and a seminary instructor. He's been a senior priest since 2000.

### Class of 1970

Kathy (Soave) Barnum is working as a Respiratory Care Clinical Specialist at the University of Michigan, Mott Children's Hospital. She is part of a team that takes care of kids that require chronic mechanical ventilation. She is also a volunteer for Trail's Edge Camp that for 21 years has been taking ventilator dependent kids to camp.

She has been married to Ron for 18 years and has 2 adult step children. They live in Northville, MI.

### Class of 1972

Debbie (McCarty) Mick is married to Dave and they live in Oxford, MI. She is in management at Consumer's Energy and has a BS and an MSA from Central Michigan University. They have 2 grown, married sons and 2 grandsons.

### Class of 1975

Bryan Farnsworth is married to Denise and they reside in Austin, MN. Bryan is a Vice President, QA at Hormel Foods Corp. They have 2 daughters, ages 32 & 38 and 4 grandchildren.

### Class of 2003

SSgt Anthony J. St. Dennis is a Marine and has been recently wounded in Afghanistan by an IED. He has 3 purple hearts and has been deployed to Iraq twice. His job is as a EOD Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist. We understand he is doing much better but please pray for his speedy recovery.

### Class of 2010

Alissa Reddy is a freshman at Albion College. She is single and calls Ortonville home. She's also an Albion cheerleader.

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## Paver Bricks Aplenty

Memorialize your Laker history and pave the way for the future. Lakes is offering a fundraising program where you can purchase an engraved brick to be placed in the Walk of Honor in front of the Statue of the Blessed Mary at Our Lady of the Lakes School.

Your message can pay tribute to a graduate, student, parent, faculty member, alumni, team, coach, organization, company, sponsor, sports championship or team, an event or a loved one that is no longer with us. It can be placed in the walkway that will record our history and give a voice to the memory of "Lakers" of yesterday and today.

This is a great gift idea for anyone involved in the Lakes Community for Christmas, birthday,

anniversary, wedding, graduation, or a special honor.

To get all the information you need and an order form go to the link at [www.ollonline.org](http://www.ollonline.org). 4" X 8" and 8" X 8" bricks are available for \$100 and \$200 respectively. Buy them separately or combine them for a larger message with family and friends.

Proceeds will go directly to the school for support of Catholic Education at Our Lady of Lakes Schools. The Commemorative Walk began installation in August 2010 and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held. Contact the High School Office at (248) 623-0340 if you have any additional questions.



### Our Lasting Legacy . . .

Graduating in 2011 are children of Alumni from left: Mason Roy, son of Ed Roy '76, Chantelle Ludwig, daughter of Richard Ludwig '88, Kristyn Kulick, daughter of Matt Kulick '80, Sarah Nuss, daughter of Dave and Debbie (Foran) Nuss '76, Lauren Robak, daughter of Steve Robak '85, and Tyler Rogers, son of Jeff Rogers '75.

## Dues Thank You!



The OLL Alumni Association thanks all those who sent in their dues in order for us to continue bringing you the newsletter! When we needed you, Lakers came through! If you still haven't sent them in it's not too late. Recommended dues are \$20 per year. Please use the enclosed envelop to mail in your dues.

If you would rather receive the newsletter through e-mail please contact Diane Clemo at [dcleo1@comcast.net](mailto:dcleo1@comcast.net) to be added to the on-line distribution list. It's good to be green!

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## REUNION NEWS

### The Class of 1968 Gets Together - Both Debbie Ogg and Nancy Hartman wrote us....

Our group may have been small last Sept. as we gathered together for sun and fun, but a great time was had by all. To top it off, we couldn't have had more beautiful weather for golf, eats and laughs. Our group consisted of Marietta, Pam, Debbie, Nancy (Hartman) Sharon and Greg, Brian, Steve, Terry and Dave. We plan another reunion this year as well and hope to see even more of our classmates.

Submitted by Nancy Hartman

Last year our class met in Traverse City and stayed at the Marriot. Some of us went golfing while others went shopping! We then rented a party bus to take us to Steve Dunkley's house for a party and then back to the hotel, WHAT A GREAT TIME WE ALL HAD!! Of course we all had to go to dinner at a restaurant. We ate breakfast at the hotel and then said our goodbyes till next year, which we are planning to get together in 2011! I hope other classes get together and keep in touch also!!!!

Submitted by Deborah (French) Ogg



### Class of 1971 – 40 Year

A reunion is starting to be organized by Carole (Wheeler) Snider. She could use some help and can be contacted at [cgs2853@yahoo.com](mailto:cgs2853@yahoo.com). She's also on Facebook as Carole Wheeler Snider. The date and time are still being worked out but the class would like to invite the classes of 1968 - 1974 to join them. Look for something in the summer or fall.

### Class of 1976 – 35 Year

Dan Muscat and Erin Shaughnessy Asdell are organizing the reunion slated for July 16<sup>th</sup> at The Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Rd. Clarkston MI. It will be very casual, buy your own meal & drinks. Anyone who reads about it in the Laker Link is welcome to join them! They are hoping to have a class gathering at 11am Mass on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> and possibly a tour of the school followed by a casual brunch. Contact Dan Muscat at [Daniel\\_J\\_Muscat@whirlpool.com](mailto:Daniel_J_Muscat@whirlpool.com) for details.

### Class of 1986 – 25 Year

The class will be planning a gathering around Thanksgiving weekend 2011 on Friday or Saturday night at a TBD Waterford location. Contact John Similuk for more details as the date gets closer at [Jnjsimiluk7@att.net](mailto:Jnjsimiluk7@att.net).

### Class of 1991 - 20 Year

The event will be Saturday, July 30th 6:30pm at The Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Rd. Clarkston MI. For more details and RSVP call 248-505-1099 or e-mail Monica (Frisch) Kuhn at [monicakuhn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monicakuhn@sbcglobal.net).

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## 2011 – 2012 Tuition Gift Awards

As always our alumni, parents and friends have shown an outpouring of generosity to our current students with many donations. The Alumni Association was able to award \$9,000 to 20 students from 14 families!

One family will receive \$1,000 in tuition credit for the next school year in honor of Matt Townsend. Another family with three students was awarded \$1,000 while 4 families received \$750 each and the remaining eight each received \$500 towards their tuition.

\$1,000	Christian Bodenmiller	\$ 500	Elizabeth Casolari
\$1,000	Charlie, Renee, and Samantha Campbell	\$ 500	Jamey Cattran
\$ 750	Ross and Zach Nickels	\$ 500	Dominic Hendrix
\$ 750	Alexa and Nicholas Robak	\$ 500	Luke Oliver
\$ 750	Adam and Ryan Romkema	\$ 500	Anna Robb
\$ 750	Devon and Denise Valent	\$ 500	Cassie Stoutenburg
			Ryan Sullivan

**Congratulations to all the Awardees and their families this year!**

**Thank you Alums, Family and Friends! We can't do it without you!  
The students are always so grateful!**



Top: (left to right) Ryan Rokema, Ryan Sullivan, Ross Nickels, Christian Bodenmiller, Luke Oliver, & Nicholas Robak.  
Standing: Zach Nickels

Front: (left to right): Adam Rokema, Dominic Hendrix, Charlie Campbell, Elizabeth Casolari, Alexa Robak, Anna Robb, Samantha Campbell, Jamey Cattran, & Devon Valent. Not pictured: Denise Valent, Cassie Stoutenburg or Renee Campbell.

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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 publishing of the newsletter (\$20 recommended per year).

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