



NOTRE DAME
HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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Veteran's Day Celebration

On Sunday, Nov. 14, NDCP held a celebratory mass in the school's chapel to honor the many Dons who served our country in the military. We've mentioned previously that NDCP is unique in having a Military Wall of Honor in the library. In the Spring and Summer 2021 issues, we documented the service of all 73 Dons from the Class of '62 who participated in the military. Because it was the Viet Nam War era, our class has the largest number of names on the wall, including 32 new names added because of our research.

For the record, the '62 Military Dons include 49 Army, 14 Navy, 7 Air Force and 3 Marines with Army Colonels Jerry Krueger and Gary Wilke serving 25 years and Navy Commanders Jim Frantz (Subs) and Mike Strubel (Fast Boats) 20 years. Thank you for your service, especially Navy pilot

Brian Mathison who gave his life for his country.

60th Reunion

By the time you read this we should be about to confirm the date of our 60th Reunion from NDHS. Co-Chairs John Zei & Ray Neihengen and the Reunion crew are planning an evening mass, reception and dinner at the Hilton in Northbrook on a Friday in September of this year. Optional activities are being considered for the weekend. **Breaking News: Save the Date...Sept. 9!**

1962: A Great Vintage!

Sports:

Cincinnati beat Ohio State in NCAA Basketball
Decidedly won the Kentucky Derby
Celtics beat Lakers in NBA Championship
Maple Leafs beat Blackhawks in Stanley Cup

Yankees beat Giants in World Series
USC won the NCAA Football Championship

Entertainment:

Johnny Carson becomes host of *The Tonight Show*
Beatles record their first single, *Love Me Do*
West Side Story wins Oscar
Moon River wins the Grammy

Stories In Their Own Words

Bob Buonincontro, Chippewa Falls WI

After NDHS, attended Univ. of Dayton graduating in '66 with a degree in accounting. Went to work for Armanetti Liquors, a family-owned business with 21 liquor stores in the Chicago metro area. Married Mary Robbins from Des Plaines in 1967 and ended up with eight children: four girls, four boys and 21 grandkids! What a gift God gave us.

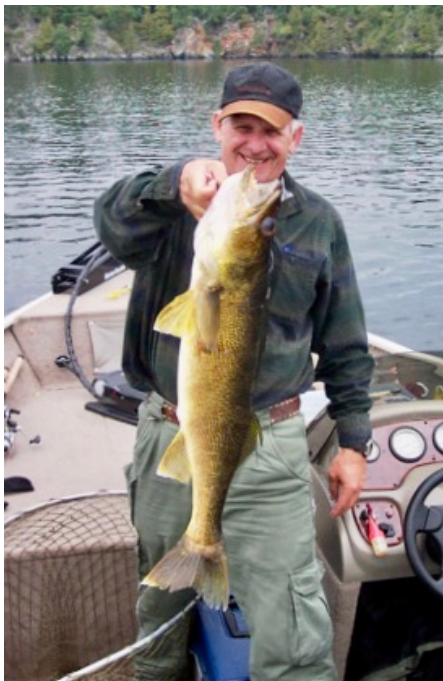


In 1968, I went to work for Schieffelin & Co. importers of Moët & Chandon, Dom Perignon champagne, Hennessy cognac, Sichel French and German wines, Ruffino Italian wines, and Teacher Scotch. Promoted to Midwest wine manager in 1970 and earned Man-of-the-Year award in 1971 from Schieffelin & Co., the youngest man the company to win the award.

Also in 1971, my brothers and I opened an Italian restaurant on Barrington Rd. and the Northwest Toll Rd. It was rated one of the top ten restaurants in Chicago area for five years. Sold it in 1976 and moved to Chippewa Falls WI on Lake Wissota. Opened Buono's restaurant in Eau Claire WI. In 1985, bailed out of the restaurant business due to bad economies in the Eau Claire area.

In 1986 we got out of the food and liquor business and went to work for a home improvement company

in the Twin cities as a sales manager. Moved to Fort Atkinson WI and opened a new office for them in Milwaukee. Been in the home improvement business for the last 25 years.



In 2007, we bought a cabin on Lake Wissota, just a few lots down from our old house on the lake. In

2014 I retired and moved up to our Lake Wissota cabin where we live now, and I fish daily.

We both love the four seasons and don't mind the winter. Three of our children have bought and live in Chippewa Falls, two of them on our road.

God is good!!

Editor's Note: Yes, she is, Bob. For our 50th I developed an assortment of data for the 72 mates that attended the celebration, including how many went to what college, how many were retired, how many from each state, and the one that got the most bragging rights...how many grandkids did you admit to.

I remember kidding Alan Loboy that we had the same # (11), but he did it with two beautiful wives and 9 kids! OMG, I can barely handle one redhead and the four boys! Jim Cowan also had a large family: 6 kids and 12 grandkids. But the champ back 10 years ago was Buono (or should I say Mary) with 8 kids and 16 grandkids. Well, for the 60th, my guess is a Buono repeat as his # has risen to 21; we gave up at 12.

Dick Cook, Overland Park KS

Thanks for your work in keeping us informed with the Quarterly Newsletters which are very enjoyable to read. After reading about my good friends, Bruce Dickman and George Burgett in the Fall Edition, I decided it was time to send you an update.

After HS, George and I both received Chick Evans Caddy Scholarships to Marquette. Although my game has gone significantly downhill recently, I played 3 years of Varsity Golf at Marquette and earned major letters. Following graduation, I received a master's degree in Industrial Relations from Loyola while working there as Associate Dean of Students.



I then worked as a Corporate HR Manager for McDonalds in Oakbrook. Finally, I went to work for Interstate Bakeries Corporation (Wonder Bread, Hostess Cakes and many other regional brand names).

After 35 years, I retired from IBC in 2010 as Vice President of Labor Relations. Since then, I have done a bit of Consulting in the Labor Relations arena. After a few years in Syracuse NY, I moved to the Kansas City area (Overland Park, Kansas) where I have resided for the last 40 years.

I have been married to my wife, Kathy, for 53 years and we have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. I have fond memories of my days as a Don and the excellent teachers who helped develop me as a person.

Bill Scanlon, Oakhill VA

I was part of the horde that went from NDHS to UND. Not having any career in mind, I dabbled with multiple majors —Great Books, Math, and finally History -- history courses did not have to be taken in sequence and finishing in 4 years became possible. Still without an identified goal, I applied for graduate programs in Economics not having taken any undergraduate economics courses. Shockingly, I got into several schools and ended up at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Expecting to spend a year studying undergraduate economics, but discovered Economics was transitioning to become essentially a branch of applied mathematics. My time as a math major probably explained why I was admitted in the first place. I ended up in all graduate economics courses--- okay because they were predominately math rather than traditional economics anyway.

After graduate school, I joined the Urban Institute in Washington DC. It is a research/evaluation organization set up by the Johnson Administration to mirror for domestic programs what Robert

MacNamara did in the Defense Department. I worked initially on school finance and labor markets. In 1975, I found my niche— started working in health economics and have been doing that ever since. Spent 9 more years at Urban and then 9 at Georgetown Medical School researching paying physicians and the grim subject of paying for nursing homes and long-term care.

In 1993, I went to the General Accounting Office (GAO) on a year's leave from Georgetown. GAO is the Congress's investigative/research arm. The work turned out to be fascinating and I stayed for 11 years ending up as director of GAO's health work. Instead of being a researcher buried in the details of a couple of topics, I was involved in 60-70 topics at a time---an incredible learning experience. It was also eye-opening to be in government and see how government functions behind the scenes instead of what happens on-camera for the evening news. Not to ignore the shortcomings of government (probably none of the 700+ health reports GAO issued while I was there said everything was okay), but governing is hard for a lot of reasons.

Left GAO in 2004 in part because the work while exhilarating, was also intense and exhausting. Have still stayed engaged with health policy. I have been a member of different governmental advisory commissions and committees. Also have worked as a consultant for different private sector groups, mostly for those trying to improve



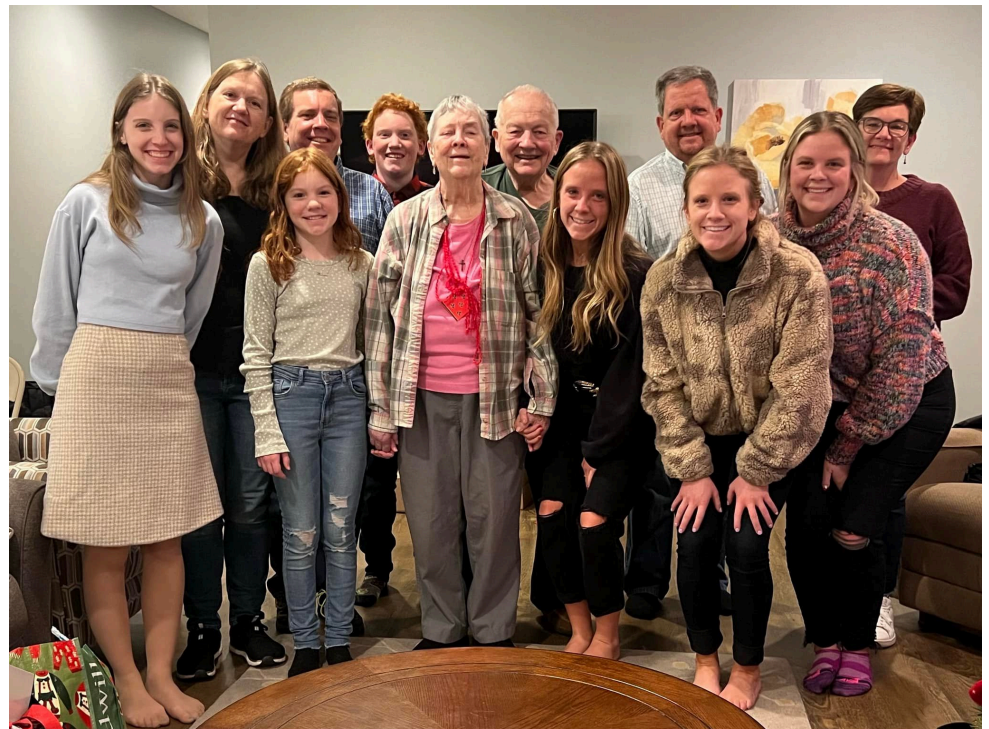
the system rather than just interest in making more money and improving their bottom line. Too much money already being spent on health care is a huge problem. When I started in health policy in 1975, health care was about 7 percent of GDP; it is now almost 20%. People constantly say spending more is unsustainable, but healthcare spending just keeps growing.

I met Martha, my wife, as a graduate student—we shared an office while working for the same faculty members. We did not date until we both had moved to DC. Martha was an economist and an officer at the Federal Reserve Board. Her specialty was capital markets and therefore involved some tense times when the stock market swung wildly. She retired in 2002 and sensibly left economics behind to pursue a wide variety of more interesting areas—music, painting and drawing, poetry, international relations—to name just a few. Our two children, Andrew and Anna, live in the DC area. They and two grandchildren are the magnets that prevent us from pursuing our long-ago vision of retirement—a summer home in

a cool climate and a winter home in a warm climate.

Retirement is an idea that pops in my head occasionally. My glib rejection is “Can’t retire, don’t have a hobby”. Currently I am on a Congressional Commission on Medicaid. My term ends in 2023 so as I approach 80, maybe retirement should get more attention.

Christmas Update from Mayo, Rock Island IO



This was a special Christmas for the McCarthy family. It marked the first time in six years that all 12 of us have been together. The last time was at our 50th anniversary celebration in 2015. We celebrated for a day and a half. We started mid-day Friday and went until after 11PM on Christmas Day! Can't remember the last time Tina and I were still awake that late.

Pete and Rachael and their family are on the left side of the picture with daughters, Noelle (20), Margot, aka Maggie (12) and son, Ethan (16). Mike and Angie and their family are on the right side of the picture with daughters, Erica (29), twins Paige and Rebecca (25). Paige is next to Tina; Rebecca is next to Paige.

God has blessed us with the gift of good family.

Four Years of Advice by the '62 Seniors

Continuing the replay of the last issue of *FOCUS* dated May 18, 1962, including the Class Will, Four Years of Advice, the Year of Accomplishments, and nearly four pages of (embarrassing) photographs...

“Go to work!” That was the most succinct and should be the most

memorable of all the advice that the sometimes serious, sometimes flamboyant, senior class has to offer.

On the serious side of the senior nature came this multiple response of **Bob Moynihan**, “Don’t bug anyone, pick good friends, and study hard.” **Bill Scanlon**, still campaigning, asked the underclassmen to “support the student council for it is the most important organization.” Down to earth **Mike Mayer** injects this comment, “Don’t hang it up senior year.” Both **Ed Dasso** and **Al Loboy** used two words for their last comments, “Be respectful.” **Bob Lemancik**, also very brief, stated “Take care.”

Comments about scholastic life ranged from **Don Kertz**’ “Do assignments when assigned,” to **Tom Gorman**’s “Take the advice of the teachers, they know what they are talking about,” to **Bob Hanson**’s “Work hard and don’t get an outside job if possible,” to **Tom Cassidy**’s “Remember teachers are human,” to **Randy Snyder**’s “Enter and participate in extra-curricular activities.”

The more aesthetical opinions of senior minds are shown through comments by such as **George Burgett**’s “Study plus God equals success,” and **Denny Howland**’s “Receive the sacraments frequently and study hard.” The golden rule, expressed by **Jim Cullen**, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” is always good advice.

Ray Felitto said what Fr. O’Neill has been saying all year, “Notre Dame is not a playground. Accomplish something for it, and it will return the effort to you.” “Go out for sports,” were the parting words of **Bruce “Goose” Dickman**. **Pete Stout** ended the serious replies with his words, “It is a pleasure to look back on four successful four years of hard work.” It’s a pleasure to look back even if the four years weren’t successful and you never did the hard work.

The work couldn’t have been hard judging from the following replies. **Gene Dwiggins** talks like a man of experience when he says, “Bail out before it’s too late!” Two more men who seem to speak from experience are **Jeff Anthony**, “Don’t leave term papers for the last night,” and **Bob Godek**, “Be on your guard when Fr. Markos smiles.”

Steve Kasper, a possible cousin of **Mike Kraus** warned, “Always have a good supply of No-Doz.” **Jim Devine** says, “Don’t strain yourself!” which is in complete accord with **John Posch**’s, “Work, work, work; Rest, rest, rest!” **Tom Pedtke** doesn’t bother with work, he says, “Remain delirious (you can tell he didn’t work) till the last day or you’ll never make it.” A sit-and-wait attitude was taken by **Doug Packheiser**, “Don’t goof off at the beginning of the year – wait until the second semester,” which is strangely similar to **Tom Morgan**’s comments, “Study hard at first and then when you’re a senior you can coast out.”

A ’62 complex has taken hold of **Dennis Hagele**, “Love your upperclassmen as yourself,” **Charlie “Speed” Miller**, “Look up to the senior class of ’62 for inspiration,” and **Ozzie Schwartz**, “Always respect the seniors.” **Jim Cukla** would never have been a senior if he followed his advice, “go to Taft!”, nor would **Dennis Bielinski**, “Don’t enter to begin with,” or **Jim Blum**’s parting comment, “Transfer, QUICK.”

Two of Fr. Foley’s friends, **Bill Lomasney** and **Dick Hamill** offer, “Keep your hair combed,” and “Get your hair cut short,” to the freshmen. A few more of Fr. Foley’s acquaintances should follow **Bob Cole**’s advice, “Don’t cut school” or, if they want to meet Father, they can listen to **Phil Kemp**, “Stay away from school as much as possible but don’t go to Stan’s when you’re late,” or **Bob Eiter** who says, “Skip the first three periods.”

Here’s a quick list of advice and its contributor. **Ray Braun**’s “Don’t fight it, you have four years to go.” **John McNally**’s “Don’t go near the bookstore with loose money.” **Paul Corrado**’s “Keep your big mouth shut.” Big **John Devona**’s “Don’t invest in a Dons’ jacket right away.” **Bill Faerber**’s “Come to this school prepared for anything.” **Jack Gerken**’s “If you’re a conservative, leave the school.” **Jim Halloran**’s “Learn to read and spel goud.” **Wayne Heindl**’s “When in doubt, shut your mouth.” **Dick Harrer**’s “Don’t use the senior door until mid-semester.” **Jeff Herrion**’s “Be just like me, ‘nobody’.” **Joe**

Krupicka's "Don't take 'Fisics'."
Tom Lydon's "Have a high IQ and be a natural athlete and you got it made." And **Dave Pettinger's** "Don't do nothing I did."

Dick "average Don" **Sarno** wants everyone to know, "Dis is a great school and I hope ya like it." **Don Schultz'** "Don't leave your lunches in the hall." **George Ratajik's** "Study hard and stay away from Linda!" **Lee Plasmier's** "Wear elevator shoes so the upper classmen don't step on you." And **Bob Mehleck**, who seems to be very anxious to get out of school, "T-180 and counting."

And to prove that you haven't been reading in vain, one last comment is offered by **Tony Crement**, "Don't take advice from outgoing seniors." (Editor's Note: Couldn't have said it better Tony. Scares me that John Zei and I didn't delete this entire column when we published the Senior Issue of *FOCUS*.)

School Happenings

The annual Notre Dame College Prep *Spirit Gala* returns Saturday, March 19, as an in-person event with an online silent auction. The



Spirit Gala will be held at Chateau Ritz in Niles and honor Peter Newell '67.

The Last Word...In Passing

Behind the Golden Dome at Notre Dame, on the road to St. Mary's, sits the quiet wooded area seen in the photo below. Home to all of the gentleman priests who helped make us what we are.



Gracious God, you have given us the mother of your Son to be our mother and protector. With the support of her prayers may we grow in holiness and experience the rewards of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Rev. LeRoy Clementich, C.S.C.

We've reported earlier that the last of these giants, Rev. LeRoy E. Clementich, C.S.C., passed away on July 16, 2021, at the age of 96. And yet, he's still around. For years, Clem was one of the main contributors to FaithND, a daily prayer service on the university web site. Even in death, Notre Dame has continued to use the beautiful prayers that Clem crafted in his solitary room at Holy Cross House (for retired priests). In fact, this prayer greeted me the first day of 2022...

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