



Alumni Blast - January 2012

Happy New Year

Our 'FALCON NETWORK' in your Mailboxes

Our Alumni and other Fenwick family have received their FALCON NETWORK, our first publication in a while. If you have not received yours, then Fenwick doesn't have your correct address. Please contact us IMMEDIATELY if you have not received your copy.

Reconnecting with our Alumni is a priority; please help by sending us your updates both emails and physical addresses. If you keep in contact with other classmates, please encourage them to do the same.

ALUMNI SAVE THE DATES

February 2, 2012, Tuesday evening at 7 PM, alumni are invited to come to a brainstorming meeting to plan for activities that the Alumni Association would like to have for the 60th Anniversary. Some have already made suggestions but we would encourage all Alumni come and be part of this process.



For more information, please call Mrs. Betty Stueve in Alumni Relations for more information at 513-423-0723, ext. 208, or email her at bstueve@fenwickfalcon.org.



Friday, February 10, 2012 During halftime at the Boys Basketball Game *Fenwick Falcons vs. HamiltonBadin*, on February 10th, Fenwick will recognize the **30 Year Anniversary** of the **1982 State Championship Basketball Team**. Players from the State Team will be introduced at half-time with a reception to follow in Fenwick's Media Center. Come celebrate with us and enjoy the evening.

Looking for Proud Falcons In Service to our Country

Fenwick keeps a list of all Active Service Men & Women Alumni as well as Fenwick Family members in our Chapel and also on our website. These service men and women are prayed for each day at Mass.

The KEY Club, one of our Service Clubs are putting together packages, letters to send to our active service men and women. Please check our list and update so that we can be accurate. If you want to add to our list, please email: bstueve@fenwickfalcons.org with their Service, Rank and present address.



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Alumni Memorial Game



On January 7, 2012, even while the Bengals were in the play-off game, alumni, parents, friends, and students were cheering at the Manchester Road site of John XXIII – the second Fenwick Building.

That evening, the Falcons played their SECOND GAME of the weekend;

the evening before found a sweet victory over the Knights from Alter in a double overtime game. particular evening, the Falcons took on Stivers High School of Dayton and another close win for the Falcons.

That evening, a celebration of the past history of Fenwick brought a salute to our favorite – ‘The Greatest Falcon of All’ – everyone’s friend, Teddy Parrella, longtime manager of Fenwick teams from 1972 to 2007.

Before the game, Coach Pat Kreke saluted Teddy in a tribute that really summed up what many felt – ‘that Teddy made us all better by just knowing him.’ In Teddy’s memory, a chair with #33 will sit among the other chairs used by Fenwick players at home games.



Falcons Baseball Alumni: Baseball Coach, Bob Sherlock wants to connect with any Fenwick Baseball Alumni who shares his Falcon Fever for Baseball. Please check out the Baseball web page if you are interested in knowing more about Fenwick Baseball. Here is the link for your convenience.

<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?cmenuid=1&url=fenwickfalconsbaseball&sid=273830793>

New Choices for our Students

Senior students have a choice as to what Science they take their senior year. Some choose chemistry II, which is now known as Material Science. It is basically the science of ‘Stuff’ – the materials that make up our modern world. Students learn about metals, glass, ceramics, polymers and composites – the fundamental basic of everything you see. This is a hands-on class, a chance for students to see what is happening instead of reading about discovery. This class is a precursor to college science courses, time spent working in labs, field trips to see material science applied to actual tasks and a chance for students to see information from their notes being utilized in real life.

ENGINEERING CLASS OFFERED FOR STUDENTS

Beginning this fall, Fenwick began offering the class introduction to Engineering (IED) taught by Mr. Hugh McPhail from the Warren County Career Center (WCCC) and also on staff at Sinclair Community college. In addition to having Mr. McPhail, WCCC equipped a classroom with thirty desk-top computers loaded with Computer Aided Design (CAD) software, tables, a ceiling mounted projector, dedicated server, circuit board and additional cable drops for computer connectivity. Next year, Fenwick will offer



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Principals of Engineering (POE) and the following year *Aerospace Engineering (AE)*, a specialized engineering class will be added. All of these classes earn students college credits.

NEW FROM THE FALCONS THAT HAVE FLOWN THE NEST

Andrea Gontkovsky '00 has graduated from Xavier with her Master's Degree; she has been blessed working as a counselor at an alternative high school in Cincinnati for at risk youth, a job that she has been focused on since she graduated from Fenwick, Bowling Green, and Xavier.

A young apprentice, **Lauren Koepfle '09**, still learning her trade at Miami University, recently published an article along with Dana Hartnett, another student in Middle Childhood Education in the Ohio Journal of School Mathematics, "*Exploring the Rhind Papyrus*".

The article describes *the Rhind Papyrus* as the foundation of mathematics today, as it includes various mathematical techniques such as proportions, algebra, volume, and geometry. This article explores the ancient Egyptians approach to finding the area of a circle, and activities that can be used in middle school activities to mirror the Egyptians approach as a learning technique.

Sean Cotter '11 visited with some of his teachers after winter break before his return to Notre Dame. He is enjoying college and said that 'Notre Dame is that **and more**'.....

Sara Blank '10 has been accepted to Wright State University Medical School Nursing Program beginning the April Quarter. She has met all of her requirements for acceptance and anxious to get started.

Phyllis Orth Downey '54 was kind to report the passing of her classmate; she also told us some interesting information on her own clan. Bob Downey '80 is a Chemical Engineer, living and working in Leuven, Belgium. She keeps us happily notified of her alumni friends and family. We look forward to the day her granddaughter might attend Fenwick. At present she attends St. Gertrude in Madera! We have students from many parishes, and communities - we are truly a Regional School.

Peter Robertson '04 and Alicia Vassal, a graduate from McAuley High School in Cincinnati, have joined the **WOOFF Project** for a year. **WOOFF** is a worldwide network of organizations; they link volunteers with organic farmers, and help people share more sustainable ways of living. In return for volunteer help, WWOOF hosts offer food, accommodation and opportunities to learn about organic lifestyles. Pete and Alicia will be working for the year in South East Asia.

Jimmy Parks '04 is announcing his engagement to Lindsey Camella and will getting married in September 2012 in Sandusky, Ohio.

From the Wyatt Family, **Garrett Wyatt '11** received a Scholarship for engineering students at University of Dayton **and Cassidy '09** was recognized by Sigma Kappa Sorority at Wittenburg University with a scholarship.

Rob Lauer '09 has finished his third year as a Saints at Thomas More University as an Offensive Guard on their football team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Alumni MIKE EARACH '70

HE KEEPS THE BALL ROLLING!



On November 18, 2011, **Mike Earach '70** was inducted into the **Miami Valley USBC Bowling Hall of Fame** for *Meritorious Service*. Mike has been part of the Middletown Bowling Community since he was a child helping his father, Mike Earach, Sr. in his bowling establishment, **JJ Lanes**, on South Main Street which was in the building that is now occupied by Lovely's Furniture.

Mike has earned many bowling honors and held many bowling positions in his career. He was a Secretary and President of his Naval Bowling League in the 70's. He has been President of the Moose Lodge Bowling League at **Sports Bowl** in Middletown. He is currently President of **the Cookie Butler Memorial Mixed League** at **Eastern Lanes** in Middletown. He is a lifetime Miami Valley Association USBC Board Member and just finished serving as President of the Association in July 2011.

Mike has also been very active in the promotion of youth bowling in our community. He has earned a Silver Certificate as a Bowling Coach. He has helped run a summer instructional league at Eastern Lanes, coached High School bowling **at Bishop Fenwick High School** for three years in 2005, 2006, and 2007 and helped coach the Middletown High School team for a year.

His new endeavor is promoting High School Bowling by running an annual **Mixed Couple Tournament** in Memory of his parents to raise funds for the local High School Bowling teams.

The 1st **Mike and Bonnie Earach Memorial Mixed Bowling Tournament** at Eastern Lanes in Middletown was held on December 17, 2011. Proceeds will go to High School Bowling Teams in the area.

FIRST FALCON OF THE YEAR



Chris '93 and Tricia Barger celebrate the birth of their first child, **Nathan Henry**, born January 1, 2012 at 7:30 pm and they hold the FALCON NEW YEAR BABY AWARD!

Nathan Henry joins with the other Barger Clan Grandchildren: **Julie Barger Arends '87** and her husband have Isabella (12), Emma (3rd grade), Sophia (5); **Rae Ann Barger Dibaggio '85** and her husband have Nicolas (6); **Mary Beth Barger Dirksen '89** and her husband have Katie (1), son is 4 ½; **Andy Barger '90** and his wife Ann Marie have Adam (3 grade) & Patrick Joseph (younger); **Joe Barger '98** and his wife Liz have Wil (1) and Colin (3 ½); and **Katy Barger Klaber '96** and her husband have Natalie (2) & Simon (3 ½).



CONDOLENCES

Father Paul Gebhardt's mother, **Emma Jean Gebhardt** passed away at Christmas time. Father Gebhardt taught and Sheppard Fenwick during the early 90's. Our condolences to Father and his family; Fr. Gebhardt is at St. Vivian Parish in Cincinnati.

Phyllis Hoffman Smith '59 passed away December 13, 2011. She worked as a substitute secretary for Middletown High School and later worked for Clark, Schaefer & Hackett. She and her husband Gene had five sons.

Mary Kaye Harper '58 called to report that her classmate, **Mary Ellen McDermott Rahm '58** passed away in Louisville, KY. She received her Masters of ED from the University of Louisville; She has over her life time been a teacher, business woman, CCD teacher, Brownie and Girl Scout leader, active with Women's Clubs, the Boy Scouts, Volunteer fundraiser for many benefits, and a swim official. She leaves her husband, Herbert, and five children and many grandchildren.

Our sympathy to the family of **Patrick H. Rossi '63** who passed away December 23, 2011: **Nikki Rossi '91**, and **Tony Rossi '95**; and his extended family **Brad Dennis '98** and **Brian Dennis '01**.

The **Class of 1954** celebrates the life of another of their classmates, **Rita Rudicil Hoffman '54**. Rita lived in Carson City, Nevada with her husband Gene; they raised 4 children and were married 50+ years. Her husband Ed graduated from Middletown High School, and they moved out to Nevada and raised their family there.

Our sympathy to the **Pennington Family, Gina & Jeff & son Brian '12**; Gina's mother, Margarite Carballo passed away in Mexico during Christmastime.

Henry 'Hank' Hoover '56, Classmates gathered for a mass in his memory between Christmas and New Years at a morning Mass. Larry Nichols '56 and Paul Nicolas from Holy Family cooked breakfast for the Class of 1956 afterwards.

Our condolences to the family of **Claire Long Marshall '71** who passed away unexpectedly January 18, 2012, her husband, Joe; and her brother **James '71**, **Christopher Michael '79**, **Margaret Long Runyan '73**, **Ann Long Everett '76**, **Cathy Long Mahoney '82**. Claire worked as a nurse in the area for many years, most recently at Lebanon Correctional Institution.

To the family of **James Takach '60**, who passed away January 20, 2012. During his life, he once guarded AIR FORCE ONE; became a 'consummate salesman that could sell ice cubes to eskimos'; remembered as 'kind and funny.' He lived in Winter Springs, Florida with his wife, Helen. Jim had 2 younger brothers: **Joseph '64** and **David '80**, and a sister, Margaret '70 who all attended Fenwick.

Condolences to the very large Fenwick Family of **Mary Martha Dumford Weber**; Mary Martha, parent, cousin & friend of many Alumni, graduated from Mt. St. Joes with a degree in Medical Technology. She worked at Middletown Hospital & was assigned to work with children in the community with leukemia and critical illnesses; later she switched careers and chose to teacher at St.



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Mary's in Middletown, She was an accomplished pianist. Many of our **Fenwick Family** are related to Mary Martha from the early Fenwick years. A devoted daughter, wife, sister, mother and friend, valued her family above all else. In her obituary, her son and daughter, **Tom 'Webber '88 and Susan Weber Worrel '86** describes their mother as '*showing passion in all her activities;*' others describe her as being gentle, kind & unselfish. Mary Martha lived such a wonderful life that her family is proud to celebrate. **Sally Dumford Fierer '58, Bill Dumford '56, Dick Dumford '56** were Mary Martha's brothers and sister.

REUNIONS

Plans are in the beginning stages for the **Class of 1987**; classmates are encouraged to contact **Mrs. Julie Barger Arends '87** for more information, as she has offered to begin the planning steps.

The **Class of 1997** is also beginning to plan their 15th Year Class Reunion. **Ryan Mulligan '97** is looking for ideas with his classmates. Please contact Ryan for more information.

The **Class of 1962** is celebrating their **50th Year Class Reunion** this year. Classmates should have received information from **Barb Angel VonderHaar and Kay Kelly Ivceвич, Lois Gaston Burney** updating information.

Class of 1972 is also planning their 25th Year Class Reunion. Please contact **Diane Glei Childers '72, Joni Thier Earach '72, Theresa Rossi Steinmetz '72** for their plans.

Notice to all reunion planners:

Bishop Fenwick High School would be honored to assist your committee in any way for your reunion planning. Please make contact: Betty Stueve, Alumni Relations at bstueve@fenwickfalcons.org or call directly to 513-423-0723, ext. 208.