

Before us lies the timber, let us build . . .

TIMBERS



St. Gregory the Great High School

February 2007

WALL OF FAME 2007! Mike Manning '61 ★ Joe Locke ★ Leah Joyce Steele

They responded to the call drawn by the spirit of place, history alive in their veins like it was yesterday, each of them imbued with the Catholic ethic to serve. For six years they generated the energy to keep moving forward as a team through a passage that at times felt like the eye of the needle. Together, they prevailed. Please join us as we count our blessings and celebrate the dedicated service of each of these three very special people.

Michael F. Manning '61 hardly needs an introduction. As a family of 16, living across from the school, the Mannings were one of the clans that helped to mold the SGHS "family" reputation.

Mike '61, Dan '69 and Marty '70, attended SGHS. Parents, Mack and Ginny were



familiar faces providing support and legal counsel to the parish. Even after graduation, Mike returned with his buddy, **Jerry Ritt '59** to coach starry-eyed grade schoolers eager to grow into championship Greyhounds. Through his work as Director of the Elks National Veterans' Service Commission,

Mike organized visits to the North Chicago VA Hospital with students who spent the days playing cards, games, reading and listening to the stories of the disabled vets. The students had a taste of the devastation of war impressing everyone with their sensitivity. The experience touched Mike deeply. "St. Greg's provided the moral compass that directed the path of my life", he once said. For six years Mike worked tirelessly to ensure a legacy of faith and excellence for future generations.

Joseph J. Locke arrived first bringing impressive business credentials to the table. An involved member of the St. Giles Parish and School in Oak Park (where his wife, Lauren teaches) and as Chairman of the Executive Club of Northern Illinois University (where he was responsible for creating and building the Endowed Scholarship Fund) Joe was never a stranger in the realm of stewardship.

Over his six year term, Joe's friends became our friends! During St. Gregory's annual phonathon, he would arrive with an entourage of callers that seemed to grow in skill, numbers and enthusiasm. He generated interest among his colleagues in support of students, events, the Protégé Program and of course, the Socha/Stark Golf Outing - Joe's personal passion!



Always conscious of faculty morale, Joe master-minded the sumptuous "Welcome Back to the School Year Barbeque and Banquet" providing an occasion for Board, faculty and staff to mingle and begin the year in step together. Joe continues to be supportive and involved.

"Cheerleader" is the word that comes to mind for **Leah Joyce Steele '65**. Smart as a whip, effervescent, capable of inspiring teamwork, loyalty, and spirit; Italian to the bone!

After three years serving as a member of the Board, Leah was elected President. The timing was critical in the history of St. Gregory High School. The closing of the elementary school, 9/11 and the recession were three strikes that sent enrollment into decline.



With vision and determination, Leah navigated rough waters on behalf of her alma mater. As director of the Sulzer, Chicago's largest regional library, Leah was no stranger to challenge. Throughout her term of six years, Leah worked her community contacts in support of St. Gregory. Through her intercession thousands of dollars in financial aid and program grants were funded. She was always available to listen and provide counsel. During all that time, Leah kept her team energized with a can-do attitude and an unwavering belief in the value of a St. Gregory High School education.

When: Saturday, April 21, 2007. Cocktails 6:30PM/Dinner 7:30PM/Award Presentation 8:15PM
Where: Monastero's Ristorante 3935 W. Devon, Chicago
Cost: \$50 per ticket includes dinner/dancing/entertainment/Live music by Cameron Scott. **CASH BAR**
How: Tickets and congratulation ads may be purchased by returning the form in Timbers or call 773/907-2114.

AUCTION AND RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Lt. Col. Charles L. Barry '64, U.S. Army Retired ★ George Vrechek, former School Board President ★ Rev. George Rice, President, Sulzer Family Foundation

2007 WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Anne Clarke Calascibetta '76, Frank Corbett '61, Helen Giese '75, Jane Ignoffo '65, Ken Lydecker '67, Ginny Teister Morton '73, Jerry Ritt '59, Nancy Fraser Schaul '76, Alice Giese Simon, Sue Parlow Stark '65, Jacquie Fraser Toigo '74, Judy Becker Ward '65,
Board Members: John Dreves, Leigh Anne Kazma, Michael J. Pope '61

ST. GREGORY HIGH SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

In a caring, structured environment empowered by Gospel values and rooted in the spirit and tradition of Catholic faith, St. Gregory challenges students of diverse backgrounds:

- to develop their intellectual, spiritual, social and physical potential
- to become well-informed, responsible citizens of a global society
- to become life-long learners
- to respect themselves and others as well as all of creation.

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Coming Events

SAVE THE DATE!

●**PHONATHON:** February 26 to March 1.
(5:30 - 9:00 PM)

See us on your Caller-ID? Pick up the phone! This is your chance to talk with a student, teacher or alumni volunteer. It's our way of making a gentle reminder for support and, of course, always to say "Thank You!"

●**WALL OF FAME:** Saturday, April 21. See story and details in this issue of Timbers or go to www.TimbersOnline.org

●**LEGS 4 LEARNING:** Saturday, May 12: A 5K Walk in support of the Scholarship Fund. Beginning and ending at the Monsignor Klasen Gym. Registration is at 7:30 AM/Walk begins at 9:00 AM. Call 773-907-2108 for further information.

●**INTERGENERATIONAL GRADUATION** 1957 and 1982: Reception in school, Thursday, June 7, 6:30 PM. Graduation Friday, June 8 in St. Gregory the Great Church. This is a chance to wear a gown of gold or silver in celebration of your 25 or 50 years and to lead the Class of 2007 into its commencement ceremony! Welcome Home!

●**SOCHA/STARK GOLF OUTING:** Saturday, September 29 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. 9 AM Shotgun Start. See: www.TimbersOnline.org for a photo gallery of last year's event.

Dear Alumni & Friends of St. Gregory:

On Saturday April 21, 2007, the St. Gregory High School WALL OF FAME will honor three individuals who have served St. Greg's as distinguished members of its school board. **Michael F. Manning '61**, **Leah Joyce Steele '65** and **Joseph J. Locke** will be honored for their years of service and invaluable contributions to the betterment and preservation of St. Gregory High School.

This year's event will be held at Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon Ave. in Chicago, beginning with a cocktail reception at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:30. The award presentation will follow dinner at approximately 8:30 PM. Music, dancing and both a silent and live auction will light up the evening.

The Wall of Fame committee was extremely reluctant to move the ceremony out of the church and the party out of the Monsignor Klasen Gymnasium. However, it was considered necessary in order to accommodate the growing number of alumni attending and to enable the committee to expand the event in the future.

As the newest member of the School Board and its only alumnus, I have mixed feelings about the decision to leave the gym as it holds many fond memories for me and the many others who hold St. Gregory's close to our hearts. Let me assure you that a great deal of thought went into the decision.

The main goal for all of us particularly on this occasion is to come together as "family" to show our appreciation to Mike, Leah and Joe for their six years of selfless contributions.

Together we can work to see that SGHS continues in existence providing a quality education to the students it serves. With your support we will be able to forward our mission, expand our student body, improve our facilities and return St. Gregory High to that wonderful school we all so fondly remember.

Please plan to join us, April 21, 2007 at Monastero's for the Wall of Fame Ceremony, Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser.

With best regards,



Michael J. Pope '61



Mike Pope with Jim McKay at Coach Socha's Wall of Fame

AUCTION HOTLINE WISH LIST

The Wall of Fame Auction and other event fundraising raffles are growing and have the potential to become a major source of revenue. With your help, we can build on that success.

Perhaps you hold season tickets to sporting events or theaters and could donate a pair of tickets for dates you're unable to use. Maybe you own a restaurant, a bed & breakfast or time-share, catering business, bike shop, salon, jewelry store or art gallery and could donate a gift certificate. If you are a local tavern owner with a party room, how about donating a party for 10-20 at your venue? Of course, we're always on the hunt for electronics (I-pods, digital cameras, etc.). These are just some ideas, let your imagination and generosity take over.

Your gifts are tax deductible and support the vital cause of education at your alma mater. Please contact Joan Riise in the Alumni Office: 773-907-2114 or riisearch@stgregory.org. Thank you!

FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE

Through the generous support of the following foundations, SGHS has been able to offer much-needed tuition assistance to over one-third of the student body. Many thanks to:

Helen Brach Foundation
Philip H. Corboy Foundation
Cuneo Foundation
Donald P. and Bryd M. Kelly Foundation
Mazza Foundation
Dr. Scholl Foundation
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Please be assured that St. Gregory the Great High School does not sell, rent, lend, or otherwise disclose your personal information to any group or agency. We do, however, send mailing lists to classmates organizing SGHS reunions.

WALL OF FAME 2007

6:30 PM • Saturday, April 21
 Monastero's Ristorante
 3935 W Devon • Chicago



It is not an easy task to populate a Board with members who are fired with a spirit to forward the mission, who value history and tradition while visioning the future, who are willing to serve through good times and lean and who have the capacity to contribute generously of their own time, talent and treasure.

A year and a half after their "retirement" from the School Board, St. Gregory the Great High School is pleased to announce that the 2007 Wall of Fame will recognize three such individuals.

Michael F. Manning '61, Leah Joyce Steele '65 and Joseph J. Locke came onto the Board within the same year. Together they served through six years of challenge and change. Working in concert with the full Board, they fostered growth while respecting roots. They met the students, were inspired by the need, became involved and found themselves deeply committed to working together to ensure a secure future. Leah led the Board as President from 2001-2004.

Please join us Saturday, April 21, as we gather to count our blessings!

"St. Gregory prepared me for the world. They helped me keep my moral compass "true north" by reinforcing my faith. Not a day goes by that I don't think of the faculty. Their compassion, understanding and teaching are still a part of my life. Every decision I make is based on what I learned from them."

Michael F. Manning '61
 Director Elks National
 Veterans' Service
 Commission



★ All proceeds of the Wall of Fame auction/raffle/program book support the Scholarship Fund ★

An ad in the **WALL OF FAME PROGRAM BOOK** is an opportunity to recognize, support, advertise and congratulate.

Full page ad: 7" H x 4 1/2" W ★ **Half page:** 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" W ★ **Quarter page:** 1 3/4" x 4 1/2" ★ **Covers:** 8" H x 4 1/2" W

You may send camera ready art or allow us to design the layout for you. Questions? Joan Riise: 773-907-2114

DEADLINE FOR ADS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 16! Ticket & Auction donation deadline: Monday, April 2.

Name _____ If Applicable -Year of Graduation _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Business Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

PROGRAM/AD BOOK: Please check one: _____ Full Page /\$100 _____ Half Page /\$50 _____ Quarter Page /\$25
 _____ Back Cover /\$200 _____ Inside Back /\$150 _____ Inside Front /\$150

RAFFLE/AUCTION: I would like to support the Scholarship Program with the donation of _____

The item can be (please check one) delivered to the school picked up by someone from the school Value _____

TICKETS: Please reserve # _____ tickets in my name (\$50 per person)

TABLE: Please reserve a table for ten in my name (\$500) _____

Be a SCHOLARSHIP ANGEL: I would like to support students in need of financial assistance with a donation of _____

Please make checks payable to St. Gregory the GREAT High School or you may charge to:

Visa Master Charge Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Total amount to be charged _____ Cardholder Signature _____

Mail to: St. Gregory the GREAT High School - 1677 W. Bryn Mawr - Chicago, IL 60660 - Questions? 773-907-2114

Alumni Updates

CLASS OF 1941

Sr. **Kathleen O'Donnell** celebrated her 60th jubilee as a Sinsinawa Dominican in June.

Marion Steffen Schaul enjoys her seven children, 23 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1943

John Hoffelt is doing his best after losing his wife of 53 years two years ago.

Mary Helen Michaels Ladner and her husband Dick celebrated their 60th anniversary in May with their children, 23 grandchildren and one great grandchild. They spend six months a year in Chicago and the other six in Fort Myers, FL.

from **Dolores Cilia Niederer**: "This has been a bad year. My husband of 58 years, John, died August 10. I still keep in touch with **Rose O'Donnell Pattutto, Mary Reid Kennedy, Pat Murphy Brown, Marian Krieter Radzik** and **Gertrude Heiser Knuerr**."

CLASS OF 1946

John Wilson is recuperating from a leg infection and getting around on his new power wheelchair.

CLASS OF 1951

In August, **Helen Streff Cico** and her husband Pete welcomed a new granddaughter for a total of five grandchildren. Their son, **Andrew Cico**, graduated SGHS in '88.



CLASS OF 1952

Marilyn Even Lindeen writes: "I moved last June because I could no longer take care of one acre of yard work due to arthritis. However, I continue to volunteer at the local hospital, go to the Y for water exercise classes three times a week, walk when possible and make quilts. I also manage to read good books and I'm a dyed-in-the-wool Bears fan."

CLASS OF 1953

Catherine Mulvanny Kopp sent New Year's greetings to all.

CLASS OF 1954

from **Carol Graf Natke**: "The Class of '54 held a mini reunion in September '06 at Calo's on Clark Street. In attendance were **Nancy Agnes Dancy, Grace Bozzelli Grass, Barbara Kruse Ritt** and husband Bob, **Barbara Stiens Mendelsohn, Joann Stuermer DeWaele, Marian Vogty Brueckman, Carol Graf Natke** and **Jo Ellen Wolfe Sereno**."

Catherine Hemesath Osada writes: Our six children still hear stories of St. Greg's. Remember the demerit system and working them off at the 'old convent' . . . our uniforms, ties, what's a dink, clip on bows, long nylons. . . eight to ten volleyball players on a team with two hits for each player . . . underhand free throw shots in basketball . . . making the sign of the cross on the free throw line with the basketball . . . a long time ago, but some of the best of times, Now my husband and I are beekeepers, have a large

vegetable garden and play duplicate bridge if we promise not to get angry with each other. We still have my sister Marie and brother George in the Chicago area."

CLASS OF 1955

Marilyn Fergus sends greetings to her classmates and would love to hear from them.

Robert and Maureen O'Connor Kuhn are still talking about the great time they had at the 50th reunion in '05. They enjoy life in Arlington Heights and look forward to their spring trip to Marco Island.

CLASS OF 1956

Thomas Emerick is retired and enjoys traveling with his wife. They have six grandchildren who keep them busy.

CLASS OF 1957

C. Thomas Dienes has begun phased retirement, teaching half-time at George Washington University Law School as Lyle T. Alvarson Professor of Law. He will retire in 2010.

From **Bernard Zehren**: "We moved from Skokie in 2002 to be near our kids. We lost our 32-year old son May 2, 2004; what a shock. We now have four grandkids. Are we having a '57 reunion? I have not been in the old neighborhood for years. . . maybe this year. My best to all."

CLASS OF 1958

Rita Champagne Dakin welcomed grandchild #11 into the family in July. Proud parents Michael and Michele Linden now have three boys. "Who knew life could be this much fun!" writes Rita.

CLASS OF 1959

Reynold Boitano "loves" the life of a condominium suburbanite in Arlington Heights. He particularly "enjoys shopping at WalMart."



The 1959 Rockettes. . . those were the days my friends . . . we thought they'd never end . . .

CLASS OF 1960

Joseph Ferrara sent holiday greetings from Pompano Beach, FL where he is retired. His dad celebrated his 98th birthday in December.

Philip May was selected as the 2006 Chicago Direct Marketer of the Year by the Chicago Association of Direct Marketing.

CLASS OF 1961

from **Ken Berg**: "I had a great time dancing with my old dancing partner **Jackie Tiltges Moran** and seeing all my classmates at our September reunion. Let's make sure we're all together for our 50th in 2011."

from **William Kane**: "I very much enjoyed our 45th reunion in 2006 and hope and pray you can stay in business and keep up the great work."

J. Blair Raftree retired May 1 and celebrated with a trip to Cozumel.

Richard Schaefer writes: "Our family is doing very well. My daughter Chrissy graduated with honors from Boston University. My son John's soccer team at Maine South High School won third in the state. The best to all 1961 alumni."

On December 18 **Virginia Schambari** celebrated the 10th anniversary of her liver/kidney transplant, thanks to her late donor, Becky. She is thankful for her gift of life.

Jim Taylor enjoyed seeing old friends and classmates at the '61 reunion a few months ago. He's in the process of moving to Johnsbury, IL after living his whole life in the city. He's already looking forward to reunion #50. See Photo Gallery '61 Reunion at www.timbersonline.org.

CLASS OF 1963

In August, **Richard Morrissey** (center) got together with **Ben Marshall** (left) and **John Hassel**. Rich's oldest son just received his submarine dolphins.



CLASS OF 1964

Diane Raymond Rohwedel and **Jayne Massey** enjoyed a month long South Pacific cruise. It was Diane's 23rd cruise!

CLASS OF 1965

Richard Poppenga finally attained his life-long ambition of learning to fly when he passed the FAA flight test last July and received his private pilot's license.

CLASS OF 1966

Rich Rzadzki, former faculty member and coach from '70 to '73, has joined Credit Decisions, International in Elk Grove Village, as its Legal Coordinator.

CLASS OF 1967

from **Lore McAdams**: "On November 6, 2006, **Michael T. McAdams** (Mike) passed away in Tucson, AZ. He was president of the senior class, yearbook president, president of the junior class, secretary of the sophomore class, participated in school plays and was a male cheerleader. He graduated from Loyola University in 1973 with a BA in political science. He and his wife Lore have been living in Tucson for the last nine years. Mike was employed by Hertz Corp. at the Tucson Airport."

Wendy Keinger Siniscalchi and her husband are looking forward to son Michael's marriage in July in Breckenridge, CO.

CLASS OF 1969

Anita Cassaretto Lewis lives in the UK

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where she is an ESOL lecturer and teaches English to adult asylum seekers and refugees from Iran, Afghanistan and Iraq. Her mother and brother still live in Chicago, so she tries to get back a couple of times a year.

CLASS OF 1971

Paula Fraser Birren's son Jack manages the Stir Crazy Restaurant in Warrenville. He and his wife are proud parents of Paula's first grandson. Her son Jason is a dealer at Wynn Casino in Vegas and daughter Becky attends graduate school at Midwestern University.

Larry Jones works as a critical care RN in the open-heart ICU at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago. He hopes not to see any of us there!

CLASS OF 1972

Carlos Patterson and his wife Elka are proud grandparents of a two year old granddaughter and are awaiting another in February '07.

CLASS OF 1976

Dan Rutter received one of five leadership awards for 2006 at Rush-Copley Medical Center.

CLASS OF 1978

Andrea Raila and her dad spent a day in November at Studs Terkel's home. Studs put on a Lance Armstrong LIVESTRONG yellow bracelet Andrea gave him. He spoke with



great concern about one of America's bravest peacemakers, Kathy Kelly, who is in Amman, Jordan on yet another peace making fact finding mission. Kathy visited SGHS in 2005 thanks to Andrea.

CLASS OF 1980

After serving 20 years in the Navy, **Andrew Parenteau** is now a building engineer.

CLASS OF 1982

From **SSG Rob Brea**, U.S. ARMY: "Hello all. Hope that you and your familias are doing well and are safe. This past weekend I went back to Chicago and one of the places I went to visit was **SGHS**. The school was closed but two teachers opened the door for me and I informed them that I used to go school there and graduated in 1982. They were very nice, of course, for Greyhound teachers. I also told them to tell Ms Riise that I was in town and wanted to say hello. My next stop was the church, but it was closed, then it was off to our gym. Let me tell you, I had to just stand there as all these emotions hit me at once.



Memories of the games there and the dances at the school. I went in, the basketball coach talked to me for a bit and about the shape of the gym as it was in the past. I told him that the windows were not boarded up in my time. It was good to just stand there and look at the students practice basketball. Thanks coach for taking the time to talk to an old student. I miss my old coaches, especially Coach Socha. Well guys, take care of yourselves and familia. The stroll down memory lane was worth the 10-hour drive from Maryland. **GREYHOUNDS RULE.** roboam33@yahoo.com "



from **Joanne Strangaritch Polifka '82** (right): "Just wanted to let you know that we Greyhounds are working together (that's **Janet Phillips Mazella '69** on the left). I also want to say 'thank you.' If it were not for the support of teachers and the compassion of Sr. Mary Cornille I would not be what I am today.

CLASS OF 1989

Jim Dooley would love to have alums come visit him at the Lamp Post at the corner of Ridge and Touhy. Bring friends for mini reunions!

CLASS OF 1992

Daniel Negussie is a software engineer in South Carolina.

CLASS OF 1997

Kimberly Williamson is married and works as assistant treasurer for Navy Pier.

CLASS OF 1999

Araceli Guasso Melamed and her husband just bought a condo and are looking forward to starting their own business.

CLASS OF 2000

Jonathan Hudson graduated from UI at Urbana with a degree in speech communication and has returned to school to pursue a degree in nursing.

Gaetano Simeti was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May after graduating with a BS in marketing from UIC. He returned from Army Airborne School in December and moved to Ft. Hood, TX in January.

Rob Weninger is a fulltime student at Loyola University and hopes to begin law school in a few years.

CLASS OF 2002

Antonio Davis is on his way to becoming a correction's officer.

Nick Hays is studying law enforcement at Oakton College.

Charles Ribordy is the proud father of a son born in December. Charles works as a repo agent.

CLASS OF 2003

Jose Alvarado studies at the American Academy of Art.

CLASS OF 2004

Kevin Howerton works as a security guard at a Chicago school and attends Northeastern University.

Reunions in the Making

CLASS OF 1957 . . . the BIG 5-0!

We are starting to plan a 50th reunion; if you are interested contact **Leroy Blommaert** at jlcochran1886@yahoo.com (773/728-1498), or **Tom Cushing** at the-cush39@sbcglobal.net.

CLASS OF 1968

Our class of 1968 still has two years to go before we can celebrate a 40th reunion, but I would like to see how many of you are interested in having one. Please e-mail **Jeanette Giese Schneider** if you are interested in planning and/or having a 40th reunion at schneidersoxfans@comcast.net.

I would be willing to help organize and promote a reunion for either the **Class of '67**, or a joint one with the **Class of '68**. Any feedback or interest? Contact **Ken Lydecker '67** at klydecker@planning-concepts.com.

CLASSES OF 1975 & 1976

If you would like to join the committee to plan a combined Classes of '75 and '76 reunion, contact **Anne Clarke Calascibetta '76** at annemcalas@aol.com

Annual Report Corrections

Helen M Kuhn Carey '57 should be listed as a Lifetime Investor (\$10,000-\$19,999).

Thomas H. Curry, USN (RET) '49 should be listed in the Benefactors League (\$20,000-\$29,999).

Our apologies.

ALUMNI . . . IN MEMORIAM

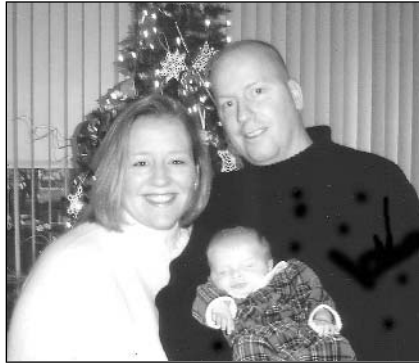
Joseph Dolan '42 (02/01/06)
Patricia Carney Berndt '52 (12/07/06)
Joseph Mulvaney '56 (11/06)
Diana Olker Roos '56 (09/24/06)
Michael McAdams '67 (11/06/06)

FAMILY OF ALUMNI

Husband of **Dolores Cilia Niederer '43**
 Wife of **Gerald C. Meyers '50**
 Wife of **Dr. Bernard Pennino '52**
 Brother of **Mary Lou Eischen Quinn '54**
 Husband of **Maureen Durkin Bick '55**
 Wife of **Tim Conners '62**
 Father of **James Handley '72** and **Eileen Handley Curtis '76**

IT'S A GIRL!

Welcome to beautiful, red-haired Baby Abigail Bowles! President/Principal Erika Mickelburgh gave birth to Abigail Anne on October 27. She and husband, Tony Bowles, are pictured here in their home during Abby's first Christmas. This is an historic first at SGHS! Mom and baby are doing fine. Erika will return full time from maternity leave in February but is already back at work one day a week and back to school herself at Loyola University. Aaahhh . . . the life of a working Mom! Our cup runneth over! Molly Montenaro, Director of Corporate and Foundation Giving, gave birth to Baby Kate in August. Congratulations!



For You and By You - www.TimbersOnline.org!

The ordinarily reliable fall mailing of Timbers experienced an undetermined technical difficulty. Many of you never received the issue that launched the new alumni site designed by one of our own - **Dave Burman '74**, web designer for S & C Electric. Dave designed this new site to put you back in touch with each other, to share news, carry on conversations, post photos, plan reunions and even advertise your business by taking an ad or becoming a site sponsor. Please take a moment to visit. To enter the decade forums (where the fun begins) you need to register in a simple, one-time process. It's easy and user friendly. So what are you waiting for?

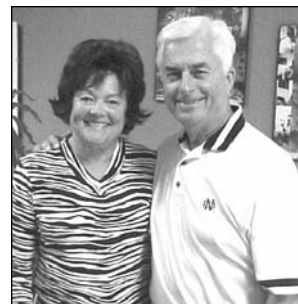
CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Class of 1953** celebrated its 53rd reunion in September and was treated to commemorative gift bags from Fifth Third Bank. The quirky connection came about thanks to the brainstorm of Protégé Program Director, Suzanne Stone who contacted the bank to tell them of the interesting 5/3 connection and event. Fifth Third responded immediately! 1953 was the first class to initiate a Memorial Scholarship at SGHS.

The **1953 Memorial Scholarship** was further enhanced through a generous \$5,000 gift from the estate of **Joan Graf '53**. As executor for her sister, **Carol Graf Natke '54** presented the gift to the school.

The **Class of 1955** continues to grow its Memorial Scholarship as well. The Scholarship established in 2005 during their 50th reunion has an anonymous Angel who will match donations up to \$2,000 annually! The fund is overseen by Ron and Jean Gordon who took time for a leisurely visit to their alma mater last fall. They toured the school meeting with many students and faculty. **Scholarship coordinators**

Jean and Ron Gordon



The **Class of 1956** is off to a good start with close to \$300 in their newly established scholarship, adding to the generous gift of \$2,800 given after their reunion in September.

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