

THE GRAPEVINE

The Newsletter for Friends and Alumni of Prince of Peace College Preparatory, Mater Dei High School, St. Mary's High School, Mt. St. Clare Academy and Our Lady of Angels Academy

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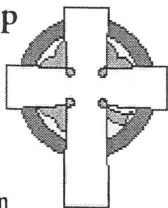
Prince of Peace Prep is pleased to resume publication of *The Grapevine*. We apologize for the absence and look forward to keeping you informed and involved in happenings at your alma mater in Clinton.

Look for *The Grapevine* twice a year. If you are a parent receiving the newsletter for a child who has moved, please pass along his or her address. Simply complete and return the form on the bottom of page 6. We'd love to hear your updates so we can publish them in our next issue!

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Sister Martha To Retire After 22 Years at Prince of Peace

After 22 years of teaching in the Clinton Catholic Education System, Sister Martha Ryder, BVM, has announced her retirement. The beloved, petite, 78-year-old nun has been a fixture in the math and physics department at Prince of Peace Prep and before that, at Mater Dei High School.

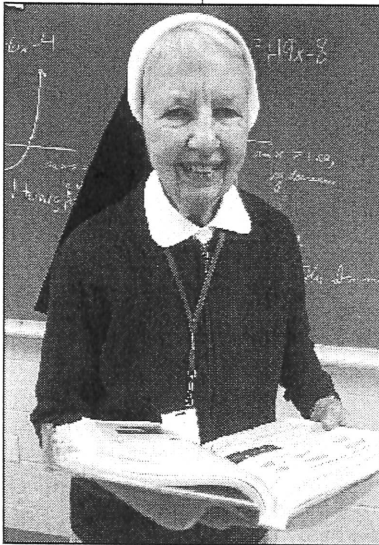


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After graduating from college in 1948, Sister Martha took her first vows to join the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She taught one year in Chicago, then 20 years at Clarke College in Dubuque before taking a leave to care for her parents in St. Louis.

It was in 1983 that Sister Martha came to Clinton, one of 12 BVM sisters in town. Today, she is the last religious to teach with Prince of Peace Catholic Schools.

Sister Martha converted to Catholicism during college. She is highly educated and

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Prince of Peace Schools
312 S. 4th Street
Clinton, Iowa 52732
or sign her online guestbook at
www.prince.pvt.k12.ia.us

holds two master's degrees in physics. She is endorsed to teach mathematics, physics and chemistry.

An Open House honoring Sister Martha was held July 10. During the event, the Prince of Peace School Board dedicated the mathematics room in her honor.

"I think Sister Martha's presence has been an enormous value, not only her ability as a teacher, but beyond that, her witness to the religious life." Prince of Peace Pastor, Father Tony Herold, stated. "Her beautiful way of proclaiming the Gospel, not always in words, but always in actions, her lifestyle, dedication, joy and commitment to the Lord, have served as an inspiration to our students."

Sister Martha will retire to Dubuque to live with other BVM sisters there.

Decker Named Presidential Scholar

Prince of Peace College Prep Senior Brenna Decker was one of 141 American high school seniors named a 2005 Presidential Scholar. Only one other Iowa senior was selected.

Presidential Scholars are selected based on academic achievement, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of leadership and community service. The Commission on Presidential Scholars selected the 141 winners from a pool of 2,700 candidates. Brenna received a letter in January inviting her to apply, based on her exceptional scores on both the ACT and the SAT.

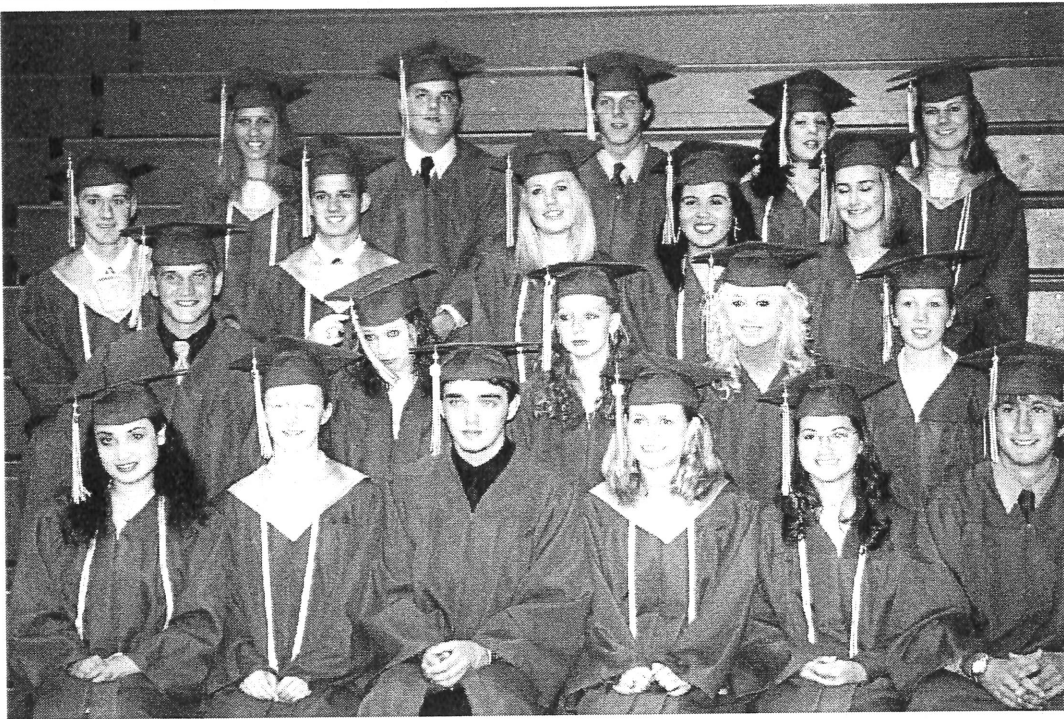
This year's Presidential Scholars enjoyed a private audience with President George W. Bush at the White House. Each scholar received a Presidential Medallion and was honored during a Salute to the Scholars at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The winners received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. that included special receptions

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Alumni
Shootout / Spikeout
March 17-18, 2006.



The Class of 2005



Twenty-one students graduated from Prince of Peace Prep on May 27. Co-valedictorians were Brenna Decker and Joshua Roling. Co-salutatorians were Sean Roling and Nicole Wood. Social Studies teacher Paul Meyers gave the commencement address.

Xareni Zarai Aguilar, daughter of Silvia Araceli Perez and Antonio Aguilar of Mexico resided with Tom and Jane Bitler. She plans to attend Universidad Ibero Americana in Puebla, Mexico, to study nutrition.

Brenna Decker, daughter of Stephen and Laurel Decker, plans to study architecture at the University of Notre Dame.

Brandon Dopson, son of Steve and Mary Jo (Williams, SMHS '79) Dopson, plans to attend Minneapolis College of Art and Design to study graphic design.

Daly Salinas Flores, daughter of Arturo Flores and Idalia Salinas of Mexico, who stayed

with Barbara Suehl, will attend Instituto Culinario de Mexico, Mexico's University.

Brianna Flood, daughter of James and Abbie Flood, will study nursing at Mount Mercy College.

Bridget Goldbeck, daughter of Terry and Christi Goldbeck, will attend Clarke College.

Erik Isenhour, son of Andrew (SMHS '80) and Tammy (Vicks, SMHS '80) Isenhour, will attend Ashford University.

Benjamin Jensen, son of Eric and Mary (Dehner, SMHS '73) Jensen, plans to study criminal justice at Clinton Community College (CCC).

Christine Kampe, daughter of Harold and Ruth Kampe, will attend CCC for nursing.

April McCutcheon, daughter of Becky McCutcheon, will study nursing at CCC.

Brittany Merdian, daughter of Mike (MDHS '81) and Renee Merdian, will study marketing

at Scott Community College.

Kristin Roggendorf, daughter of Richard and Susan Roggendorf, plans to attend CCC for business.

Joshua Roling, son of Paul (SMHS '78) and Linda Roling, will study engineering at Marquette University.

Sean Roling, son of Paul (SMHS '78) and Linda Roling, was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Romanova Anastasiya, daughter of Olga Romanova of Kazakhstan, who resided with Marty (SMHS '73) and Sandy (Miller, MSCA '78) Krogman, will study ecology and environmental issues, combined with international relations.

Sarah Schumacher, daughter of Steve and Terese (Smith, SMHS '71) Schumacher, will attend CCC.

Alleylene Suehl, daughter of Barb (Graf) Suehl and the late

The Class of 2004

Prince of Peace College Prep held graduation ceremonies on May 28, 2004, with 17 students joining the ranks of alumni of the Clinton Catholic School System.

Oliver Glen M. Ancheta
Maggie Kathleen Bly
Jack Allen Boser
Karl Joseph Foster
Angela Nicole Hartman
Owen Patrick Howard
Andrew Mark Jensen
Morgan Elizabeth
Guthrie-Kramer
Aaron John Leslie
Nicole Kathleen Mangin
Kristopher Michael Matje
Catherine Anne Nelson
Bridget Anne Nixon
Margaret Gloria Peart
Justin Edward Sanderson
Jaclyn Nicole Sisneros
Nicole Alene Tucker

Harvey Suehl, will enroll at Western Illinois University for pharmacy.

Jace Ugarph, son of Kristine Anderson and Dave (SMHS '80) Ugarph, will study criminal justice at CCC.

Stephen Ugarph, son of Tom (SMHS '77) and Cindy (Mussman, SMHS '79) Ugarph, will study engineering at Ashford University.

Amanda Van Buer, daughter of Paul (MSCA '78) and Cathi (Tobin, SMHS '79) Van Buer, will study fashion design and merchandising at Iowa State University.

Nicole Wood, daughter of Jere and Kathy Wood, will study psychology at Coe College.

IN MEMORIAM

1920s

Leora E. (Sodeman) Boeker, 93, of Clinton (SMHS 1928), 10-20-03
Julia Brick, 94, of Clinton (OLA 1928), 11-10-04

1930s

Marjorie (Smith) Hundley, 92, of East Moline (SMHS 1930), 1-3-05
Evelyn (Lynch) Kearney, 90, of Clinton (SMHS 1931), 8-18-03
Robert Lonergan, 89, of Clinton (SMHS 1932), 2-6-05
Bernadine C. (Ernster)
Dalrymple, 88, of Clinton (OLA 1933), 11-18-03
Adolph G. "Oddie" Kunavich, 88, of Clinton (SMHS 1933), 11-9-03
Margaret Dillon, 86, of Clinton (SMHS 1936), 2-14-05
Mary (Curran) Domsalla, 83, of Clinton (SMHS 1937), 1-10-04
Mary (Cavanagh) Andersen, 83, of Fairfax, Va. (SMHS 1938), 11-22-03
Kathleen "Kay" Coleman, 84, of Clinton (SMHS 1938)

John Martin Herrity, 83, of Seattle (SMHS 1938), 11-21-03
Raymond T. Walton, 83, of Bettendorf (SMHS 1938), 1-14-05
Darlene (Sullivan) Byers, 81, of Clinton (SMHS 1939), 6-6-04

1940s

William Ries, 81, of Clinton (SMHS 1940), 3-14-04
James M. Schmidt, 80, of Clinton (SMHS 1940), 9-13-03
Patrick Ambrose Cavanagh, 82, of Allen Park, Mich. (SMHS 1941), 1-13-05
Helen Katherine (Klinkner) Kjerregaard, 80, of Clinton (SMHS 1941), 3-16-05

Phyllis (Madden) Shaw, 82, of Clinton (SMHS 1941), 11-16-04
Alice Miller Ritchie, 79, of Mishawaka (SMHS 1942), 2-5-05
Richard J. Dunk, 77, of Savanna, Ill. (SMHS 1944), 11-29-03
Dr. Joseph Monahan, Jr., 77, of Clinton (SMHS 1944), 4-28-04
Phyllis (Evans) Toner, 76, of Maryland (SMHS 1944), 10-2-03
Shirley (Richeal) Freudenberg, 76, of Clinton (SMHS 1945), 10-10-04

Geraldine (Jackson) Stuer, 77, of Clinton (SMHS 1945), 10-8-04
Lois (Mawr) Klare, 74, of Clinton (SMHS 1947), 5-24-04
Richard "Dick" DeWitt of Elmhurst (SMHS 1948)
Donald Fier, 73, of Clinton (SMHS 1948), 1-19-04
William Hullinger, of Arcadia, CA (SMHS 1948)
Janet Banker Baugh, 73, of Clinton (SMHS 1949), 11-1-04

1950s

Joan (Lynch) Short, 71, of Clinton (SMHS 1951), 5-29-04
Patricia (Blumer) Bartels, 69, of Camanche (SMHS/OLA 1953), 6-9-04
Thomas F. Stewart, 65, of Davenport (SMHS 1956), 10-26-03
James Bebensee, 67, of Cedar Rapids (SMHS 1957), 7-4-04

1960s

Thomas E. Hill, 60, of Clinton (SMHS 1961), 9-27-2003
Barbara (Horst) LaCourse, 60, of New Mexico (SMHS 1961), 4-30-04
Jay S. Petersen, 60, of Harvard, Neb. (SMHS 1961), 12-9-03

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

The Beatitudes

Cynthia (Charnoski) Strunk, 59, of Clinton (SMHS 1962), 8-28-03
Richard D. Dodd, 58, of Clinton (SMHS 1963), 7-31-03
Gregory Dahl, 57, of Clinton (SMHS 1966), 4-11-05
Robert Blessington, 55, of Clinton (SMHS 1967), 11-27-04
Jane (Manion) Brown, 54, of Clinton (SMHS 1968), 4-26-04

1970s

Joseph McLaughlin, 51, of Clinton (SMHS 1971), 3-2-05
John White, 49, of Clinton (SMHS 1973), 12-13-04
Larry Moeller, 48, of Clinton (SMHS 1974), 5-16-04
David J. Hansen, 43, of Lemont, Ill. (SMHS 1978), 1-25-04

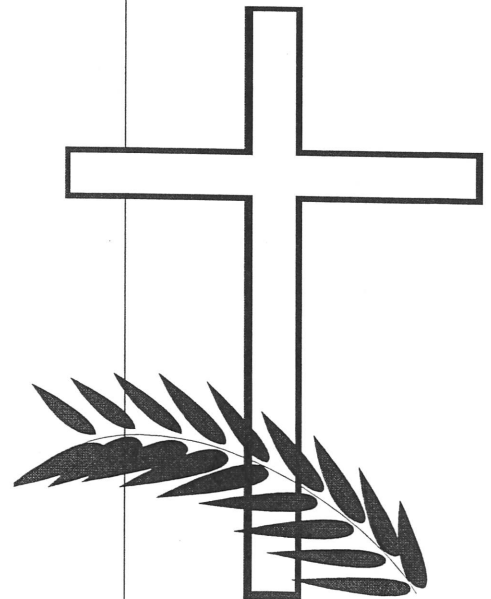
Faculty and Friends, Alumni (Year Unknown)

listed by age at time of death

Sister Ricardo Price, BVM, 95, of Dubuque (former OLA & St. Irenaeus teacher), 3-13-04
Veronica M. (Walsh) Sanderson, 95, of Clinton (MSCA/OLA), 10-19-03
Ward Markley, 94, of Fort Worth, Texas, 1-12-04
Sister Catherine Ann Fay, BVM, 91, of Dubuque (OLA teacher/principal 1954-60), 3-8-04
Thomas W. Oakes, 91, of Clinton (SMElem), 12-31-03
William J. Pollastrini, 89, of Clinton, 10-8-03
Juletta (Krebs) Bartow, 87, of Clinton (OLA), 10-1-04

Marian (McGovern) Barker, 85, of Clinton (SMHS), 1-20-04
Mary (DeHaven) Martin, 82, of Galveston, Tex., 10-10-03
Sidney Fogg, 81, of Clinton (SMHS), 9-9-04
Rev. Francis W. McDonnell, 80, of San Diego, 11-19-03
Mildred (Reckenberg) Pray, 80, of Clinton (SMHS), 11-3-04
Harvey Suehl, 74, of Fulton, Ill., 9-6-04
Margaret K. Ludvigsen, 68, of Johnston, Ia. (MSCA), 7-31-03
Gerald P. Holle, 62, of Clinton (SMHS), 1-12-05
William P. York, 53, of Bettendorf (St. Pat's Elem), 12-12-03
Patricia "Patti" Kagemann, 52, of Clinton, 6-6-05

Thank you to Alma Nichols who clips obituary notices for The Grapevine. Alumni are also asked to mail or e-mail notification of any classmates' deaths, so they can be remembered here.



Sports Shorts

- The Irish boys Cross Country team raced to a second-place finish at a Bellevue invitational, third at conference and were ranked in the top ten 1A teams in the state.
- Kelli Krogman was the sole POP girl to run cross country and medaled at several meets.
- The POP Volleyball team won the school's first match in several years under first-year Coach Stacey (Jensen, MDHS 1994) Kenneavy.
- The Irish girls basketball team won their second straight district championship before losing to Bellevue Marquette in regionals. The girls finished the season with a 19-5 record.
- In boys basketball, the Irish came on strong at the end of the season, sporting an eight-game win streak. They lost the district final to Bellevue Marquette.
- POP students Joshua Lawrence and Tom Deering qualified for the state tennis meet, playing for Clinton High.
- The boys soccer and girls golf teams narrowly missed advancing to state.
- The Irish softball team is ranked 10th among 1A Iowa teams at press time.
- Junior Varsity baseball will return to Prince of Peace in summer 2006.

Irish Girls Qualify for State Track

Though small in numbers, the 2005 Irish girls track team was large in heart. Winning an invitational meet at Assumption High School early in the season, the speedy squad of just ten athletes continued their winning ways all the way to Des Moines, where they competed at the 1A State Track Meet.

The team included Alle Suehl, Daly Salinas Flores, Tori Isenhour, Michelle Hartman, Kelli Krogman, Lauren Ryan, Katie Flood, Alyssa Kenney, Xareni Zarai Aguilar and Ana Romanova. They were coached by Jerry Andersen.

Speech Contestants Named All-State

Junior Emma Nelson and Sophomore Marissa Decker received All-State recognition as Outstanding Performers in the Iowa High School Speech Association individual events state contest.

Nelson presented a literary program, "Feminine Strength," and Decker gave a storytelling performance of "Rumpelstiltskin." The Prince of Peace speech team earned eleven "I" and two "II" ratings at state in various categories.



Rev. Jeffrey Belger chats with the second-grade class during a visit to the school this spring. Father Jeff, who is parochial vicar for Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, was reassigned to St. Mary's Parish and the Newman Center in Iowa City, effective July 1. Father Jeff is an outgoing and personable priest who will be missed by students, teachers and parents. Prince of Peace Schools held a farewell party for Father Jeff on June 3.

Roling Twins Earn Impressive Honors

Sean and Joshua Roling, twin sons of Paul and Linda Roling and 2005 Prince of Peace graduates, were both honored this spring. Sean earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY.

After being nominated by U.S. Senators Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley and Congressman Jim Nussle, Sean completed a physical aptitude exam, wrote application essays and took part in congressional interviews. He is one of only 1,200 appointees to West Point. Upon graduation, Sean will be commissioned a

lieutenant in the United States Army.

Joshua was awarded an Ignatius Scholarship for Academic Excellence from Marquette University. It includes a \$36,000 stipend to the Milwaukee Jesuit school.

Active in basketball, student council, cross country, National Honor Society, track, soccer and drama at Prince of Peace Prep, Joshua showed great leadership in creating and producing a student newspaper, "The Irish Press." His weekly updates were enjoyed by students and teachers alike.

Quiz Bowl Wins Conference Title

The Prince of Peace College Prep Quiz Bowl team placed first at the Big East Conference Quiz Bowl held March 22 at

Midland Community High School in Wyoming, Iowa. Team members were Nathan Ancheta, Brenna Decker,

Marissa Decker, Chris Outzen and Luke Roling. Prince of Peace Director of Student Services Betty Stone is the

team's coach. It was the first conference championship ever claimed by the school. The team meets weekly to practice.

Gifts Enable Technology Updates

Through the generosity of friends of Prince of Peace Schools, major improvements in technology have occurred during the past two years. In 2004, the school purchased a new HP server, 55 new HP Compaq computers, eight DeskJet color printers and one color LaserJet printer. A \$50,000 donation

from Bob and Ruth Kehl, another \$25,000 anonymous gift and Rick and Cyndi Winter's \$11,500 donation were the lead gifts among a total \$100,000 donated for technology.

"Keeping up with technology is vital in today's educational environment, yet private schools such as ours often lack the resources to purchase new equipment,"

Administrator Nancy Peart remarked. "All of our students and teachers have greatly benefited from the new computers and peripheral equipment."

Last summer's improvements allowed all new computers in the middle school/high school computer lab and the library, new computers for teachers and upgrades to computers in the elementary lab. Several mandatory and elective technology classes for faculty were also arranged by the Technology Committee. This summer, 13 new computers are being installed in the elementary lab, allowing those upgraded computers to be moved into classrooms.

The next project is to create an ICN room so that high school students can take classes through Iowa Learning Online. Business Manager Sue Bergman (SMHS '69) said another goal is to purchase a mobile laptop computer lab that can be transported between classrooms, but additional funding is needed before that goal can be met.

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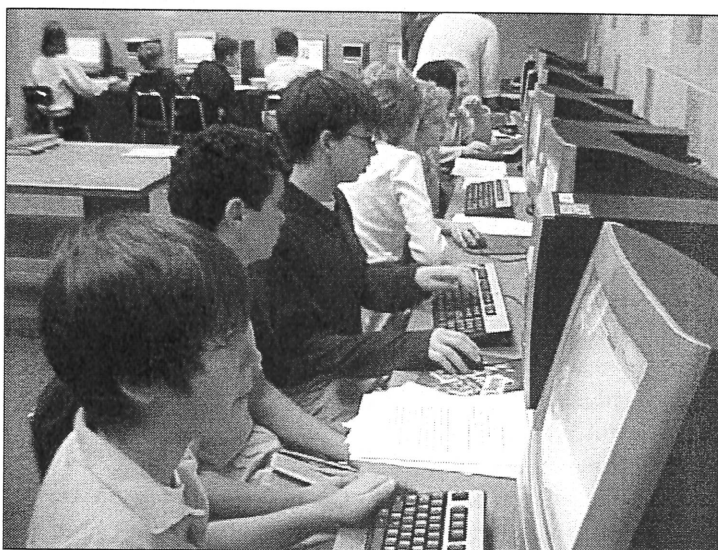


and guided tours. Brenna was further honored as one of just 12 Presidential Scholars chosen to travel to China through a program sponsored by the Chinese government.

Brenna identified Sister Martha Ryder, BVM, mathematics teacher at Prince of Peace Prep, as her most influential teacher. Sister Martha accompanied Brenna to the nation's capital for a Teacher Recognition Ceremony.

"I've had her every year since seventh grade for math. She's awesome," Brenna said.

Brenna is the daughter of Dr. Stephen and Laurel Decker of Clinton. She will attend the University of Notre Dame and major in architecture.



Prince of Peace Academy 6th graders utilize new computers in the middle school and high school computer lab. The purchase of the Hewlett Packard computers was made possible through gifts secured by the school's Technology Committee. Staying current with technology is a major goal at Prince of Peace. Donations to the technology fund are welcome and appreciated.

Technology Donors

Bob & Ruth Kehl.....	\$50,000
Anonymous.....	\$25,000
Rick & Cyndi Winter.....	\$11,500
Mike Witt.....	\$5,000
Jim & Juanita Byrnes.....	\$2,000
Nelson Foundation	\$2,000
Jim & Mary Connell	\$1,000
Harvey & Barb Suehl.....	\$1,000
Kevin & Pam McKee.....	\$1,000
Dwayne Van Buer	\$500
Jeff & Sheila Small	\$500
Custom Pak.....	\$500

School Holds 11th Annual Sunset Social, 4th Annual Pot O' Blue & Gold Raffle

Prince of Peace Schools held the 11th annual Sunset Social on Friday, June 3, at the Clinton Country Club. Local businesses and friends donated over \$20,000 in cash and in-kind sponsorships for the event. At the Sunset Social, six winners' names were drawn during the fourth annual Pot O' Blue & Gold Raffle. This year's grand prize of \$25,000 was won by Jamie Dean on a ticket purchased for the young woman by her grandparents. Winning \$7,500 was Gerald Schaefer, who purchased his ticket from the raffle's top salesperson, Dan Naeve. Other winners included Mary (Witt) Connell (SMHS '77), \$3,000; Catherine Evans, \$1,000; Ed Kross (SMHS '67), \$500; and Ken and Lynne (Horst) Determan (SMHS '80), \$250. Profit from the two events combined was more than \$38,000, which will be used for operating expenses at POP Academy and College Prep.



NOTEWORTHY ALUMNI

Eugene F. Stanford, SMHS 1940, of Racine, Wisconsin, remembered his alma mater with a \$1,000 gift in January. Thank you, Mr. Stanford!

Hazel J. (Meyer) Miller, SMHS 1946, wrote in 2003 that classmate Msgr. Francis Henricksen invited the Class of '46 to his home for a lovely dinner. "There were 15 of us. We had a fun night," Hazel wrote, "always glad to hear about my classmates."

Robert "Rip" Collins, SMHS 1948, wrote that his classmate **Bill Hullinger** could not attend their class reunion in 1998 as he had double bypass surgery a month before the reunion. In Oct. 2003, Rip reported that Bill had recovered, but was upset that surgeons had used a valve from a Minnesota pig instead of one from an Iowa hog. "Being the native Iowan that he is, you can very well imagine his feelings in this regard," Rip wrote. *Editor's note: Bill passed away in April, 2005.*

William "Rip" Collins, SMHS 1955, left his 15-year post as director of the Clinton County Commission of Veterans Affairs in 2004. Rip was an advocate for veterans' benefits and recognition and retired after it was announced the county would reduce his position to part-time due to budget cuts.

Lorna (Bos) Tucker, MSCA 1958, was featured in a 2003 *Clinton Herald* salute to volunteers. Since the mid-1990s, Lorna has donated numerous hours helping animals at the Clinton Humane Society, feeding puppies, cleaning kennels,

administering medicine and giving toys to animals. She said one of her favorite tasks is bringing joy to animals that spend most of their time in cages. Lorna is married to Tom, a retired city engineer.

Mike, SMHS 1961, and **Mary Rupp** earned the Certified Preplanning Consultant designation from the National Funeral Directors Association in 2003. Mike and Mary are consultants with Snell-Zornig-Dennis A. Lemke Funeral Homes and Crematory in Clinton. The certification helps standardize the practice of helping families plan funeral services in advance.

Mike Rastrelli, SMHS 1963, is the proud owner of the attractive new Tuscany Special Events Center on Main Avenue in the Lyons Shopping District. Tuscany's is a 6,700 square-foot addition to Rastrelli's Restaurant that can seat up to 400 guests. Rastrelli's family business first began in 1939 as an ice cream and candy shop and moved to its current site in 1950.

Father Gerald Stouvenel, SMHS 1964, was appointed dean of the Keokuk Deanery, effective July 1. He is pastor of Ss. Mary & Patrick parish in West Burlington and pastor of St. Mary parish in Dodgeville.

Jim Thyne, SMHS 1970, an avid hot-air balloonist, owns RHA Service, Inc. in Clinton. He's been President of the YMCA Board of Directors, serves with the Clinton Community College Alumni Association, Clinton High School Athletic Boosters and Balloons Over Iowa. His other passion is running. He and his

wife, Diane have a son, Jason and daughter, Amy.

Colleen (Witt) Van Kampen, SMHS 1970, along with her husband, Patrick, run a successful family business, Van Kampen Therapeutic Massage Center. Most of the couple's seven daughters also work at the Clinton massage center in some capacity. Colleen and Patrick left traditional medical careers to start the holistic medical practice 18 years ago. They offer a variety of services and expanded their office space at 113 4th Ave. S. last year.

Brian Pape, SMHS 1974, was featured in a *Clinton Herald* 2004 Progress edition. He shared his love for sports, especially bowling. He plays in three separate bowling leagues in Clinton and Camanche. He and his wife Julie, frequently attend Clinton Lumber Kings home games and Brian is still playing softball after 30+ years. He is the third generation owner of Pape Funeral Home. Brian and Julie have a son, Mike and daughter, Katie.

Mary Ellen (Lemke) Carano, SMHS 1975, was named coordinator of the Cancer Resource Center at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames. Trained as a nurse, Mary Ellen is a breast cancer survivor and served as patient services manager for the Iowa chapter of the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society before taking the Mary Greeley position.

Cynthia Schnier, SMHS 1976, is chief information officer for VeriFacts Automotive LLC, headquartered in Newport Beach, California. She is responsible for implementing information technology solutions for the company's Shop Coaching Program and also building management

reporting systems for VeriFacts' customers. She holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Clarke College, Dubuque and a master's degree from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.

Mary Jo (Williams) Dopson, SMHS 1979, is an active community volunteer and Manager of Gateway Travel and Cruise in Clinton. A former Miss Clinton County, Mary Jo has been treasurer of the Miss Clinton County pageant, co-chaired the Mardis Gras parade for over 15 years, volunteered for Junior Achievement, serves on the Prince of Peace School Board and is drummer for weekly Life Teen Masses at the parish. She recently went to Peru with fellow parishioners and met members of Prince of Peace's twin parish, La Virgen Pura y Limpia. Mary Jo is married to Steven and they have two sons, Brandon, a 2005 Prince of Peace graduate, and Benjamin, a senior.

Gerry Freudenberg, SMHS 1979, has been president of the Clinton Rotary, a Little League coach, commodore of Clinton Riverboat Days, Clinton Jaycee, POP parish council president and president of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Lori, have a daughter, Anne and a son, Zachary. He is a teacher at Clinton Community College.

Paul T. Roth, SMHS 1979, wrote in 2003 that it was his 20th year at McEleney Auto Center. His wife, Christy, has worked over 20 years at the Iowa Department of Transportation as a supervisor. They have four children, with three at Prince of Peace. Twins Cameron and Shannon will be in 8th grade and Nicholas will be in 4th grade.

Brian Kenney, MDHS 1981, is principal at Washington Middle School in Clinton. Kenney holds a bachelor's degree in English from Iowa State University and master's degree from Western Illinois University. He formerly was principal at Morrison High School in Morrison, Ill.

George Lemke, MDHS 1984, and his wife, Tina, own and operate two funeral homes in Clinton, including the site on N. 2nd St., that they purchased in 1999. Lemke Funeral Home South, at the intersection of Manufacturing Drive and U.S. 30, was obtained after a merger with Nelson Heesch Funeral Home and Clinton Lawn Cemetery in 2003. The Lemke's have completed several improvements since then and are in the process of constructing Gil's Ballroom, a restaurant and banquet facility on land near the cemetery.

Father Christopher David, MDHS 1985, was temporarily blinded due to diabetes. He lacks sight in his right eye and lost sight in his left eye in January. Vision was successfully restored this spring after multiple surgeries. Father David is Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart and Ss. Mary & Joseph parish in Fort Madison and during his blindness, presided at Mass with assistance from parish deacons. Back in Clinton this May, Father David visited Prince of Peace Prep for the first time since the new addition was constructed and spent time at lunch with his brother, Jacob, a POP junior, and other students.

Father Patrick Hilgendorf, MDHS 1988, will become administrator of Ss. John & Paul parish in Burlington, effective July 1. He has been parochial vicar there since 2000.

Jeff Bergman, MDHS 1991, is planning director for the city of Columbus, Ind. as well as of Bartholomew County. In July 2005, he and his wife, Lisa will be part of a group of city leaders visiting their sister city of Myosia, Japan.

Heather Hilgendorf-Cooley, MDHS 1994, is an avid community volunteer and director of Alumni and Career Services at Ashford University, formerly Mt. St. Clare. She helps with Junior Achievement, the Red Cross, Relay for Life and other organizations. Her job involves planning special events, homecoming activities and producing an alumni newsletter, as well as assisting

students with obtaining employment and internships.

Matthew B. McGee, MDHS 1999, graduated from University of Iowa's Tippie College of Business with a finance degree in 2003 and was in graduate school at Iowa, pursuing a degree in urban planning when he last wrote.

Jason Mangin, POP 2001, is in the Officer Training Program with the U.S. Navy. He is attending Auburn University for mechanical engineering. Jason recently married Cayce Mundell from South Carolina. The couple are expecting their first child in February.

Arthur and Georgene Krogman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 21, 2004. They reside in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee. Georgene was an elementary teacher at Prince of Peace, Sacred Heart and St. Pat's. They have five children.

Yellman Returns to Jeopardy!

Philip Yellman, SMHS 1965, a legal assistant from Seattle, was invited to return to the television game show "Jeopardy!" for its Ultimate Tournament of Champions this year. Phil won \$61,400 in five straight games in 1992, then the game limit. Former champions were invited earlier this year to return in a playoff format to face Ken Jennings, who holds the show's longest winning streak.

Phil won \$68,601 in his return appearance and finished 12th among 145 former champions invited to the Ultimate Championship. In his player profile, Phil said he enjoys tennis, birdwatching and playing pub trivia.

Tell us about yourself or provide new address...

Please send news of special events in your life to share with your fellow alumni. We'd love to hear about your career, military status, educational achievements and family!

Name (include maiden): _____

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School you attended and class year: _____

Spouse's name: _____

If s/he attended our schools, please indicate school and class year: _____

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BEN'S STORY

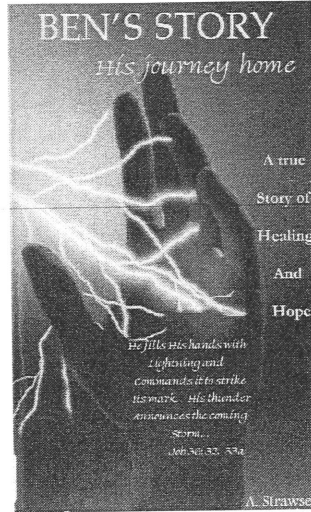
Anne Strawser wrote a tribute for her sister recalling the last days Karen shared with her husband, Ben, who died of Lou Gehrig's disease in August 1999.

Ben Jess was a 34-year-old Clinton firefighter in 1991 when he was diagnosed with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He and his wife, Karen, had three young sons. Within a few years, Ben needed a wheelchair. ALS is an incurable disease that leads to paralysis and finally, death.

It was during Ben's final days in the hospital in 1999 that Karen's sister, Anne Strawser, began taking notes, intending to give the compilation to Karen as a legacy to Ben. Later, Anne's

writings were published in book form as *Ben's Story: His Journey Home*. *Ben's Story* is an inspirational journal filled with anecdotes, comments made by family members and Scripture verses. The personal battle the family overcame in Ben's last days is a testimony to the close-knit families of both Ben and Karen.

Anne (MDHS 1981) and Karen (SMHS 1977) are two of six children of St.



Mary's alums Richard "Dick" (1954) and Dorothy (Horst, 1954) Lingle. Ben also was one of six. His parents are Arnold and Diane Jess.

All proceeds from book sales go to

Clinton Firefighters Local No. 609 Ben Jess Memorial Scholarship Fund and to ALS research. Copies of *Ben's Story* are available at Words of Wisdom Christian Books and Gifts in Fulton, Ill., or contact Anne Strawser at 1strawser@mchsi.com.

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- Sept. 3, 2005: Irish Boosters Golf Outing
- Fall 2005: Next Issue of *The Grapevine*
- November 2005: Alumni Annual Appeal
- January 21, 2006: Irish Auction
- March 17-18, 2006: Shootout/Spikeout
- June 2, 2006: Sunset Social Pot O' Blue & Gold Raffle

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