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Winter 2010



Nancy King



Ervin Derda



James Coppens



Enoch Weiss

Distinguished Citizens Join Hall of Fame

Eight individuals who have distinguished themselves and improved the quality of life in our community were inducted November 10 into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame. The 2010 class consisted of:

- J. Chester Allen Sr., long-time attorney and civil rights leader who died in 1980.
- The late Charles "Boxcar" Black, who dedicated his life to helping youth, primarily on the west side of South Bend.
- The late James Coppens, who ran the South Bend Civic Theatre during a period of phenomenal growth.
- Fred Kahn, who has served the community since the 1970s as a member of various boards and commissions.
- Nancy King, whose public service has included leadership positions at the YWCA, the South Bend Redevelopment Commission and the South Bend school board.
- Robert L. Miller Sr., a retired judge who has worked tirelessly to support various causes to benefit military veterans.
- Ervin Derda, a WWII bomber pilot who served his community in various leadership roles and assignments including the chairmanship of National Special Olympics
- Enoch Weiss, the 2010 historic inductee, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor who distinguished himself in the Civil War and later in the Indian wars. The banquet, held at Century Center, also featured several special awards.
- The University of Notre Dame received the Corporate Award for support of education in the community.
- The Children's Dispensary received the Distinguished Community Service Award for its 101-year history of serving special needs children in the community.
- The Fed Challenge Team of St. Joseph's High School received a Distinguished Achievement award for winning the national championship earlier this year in the Fed Challenge competition.
- Steve Smith, a retired swimming coach, also received a Distinguished Achievement award for his success as a triathlete competing nationally and internationally.
- Sean Coleman received the Ideal Baldoni Distinguished Public Service Award for his outstanding service not just as county treasurer but also as host of an annual luncheon to raise



Charles 'Boxcar' Black



J. Chester Allen



Judge Robert Miller, Sr



Fred Kahn

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Eunice Stover Carson, Riley '70; Marlene Muckenfuss Stout, Riley '50; Tom Hess, Associate '60.

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June Tomolak, Riley '51; Bob Cebrat, Central '52.

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Memorials

You can make a donation in any amount to the Alumni Association in memory of your deceased friends and/or classmates. We will send a sympathy card to the bereaved acknowledging your donation—no amount specified.

Louis Keszei, Washington '46 by Ron & Shirley Horvath Bella; Gretchen Ruth Essig Frances, Central '51 by Marilyn Kissel Housemeyer; Deceased Central Classmates by Bob Cebrat; Tom Hoyer, Central '38 by Dave & Billie Dunlap; Etheireda 'Rita' Houghton, Central '55, Ron & Shirley Bella, Tom Hoyer by Debbie, Riley '83, & Jim Shafer, Riley '81; Jack Morrical, Central '50 & Gene Fodge, Central '50 by Ron & Shirley Bella; Jerome Hoffman, Central '60 by Dave & Billie Dunlap.

Unrestricted Donations

Bob Cebrat, Central '52; Joe Doran, Central '40; Charllie Ann Romine Campbell, Central '34; Dave and Billie Dunlap, Central '59.

Scholarship Donations

Marilyn Kissel Housemeyer, Central '52; June Tomolak, Riley '51; Marilyn Dulmatch, Riley '50.

Board Members Report

Paul Phair, chairman of the Development Committee, and Tim Baker, Vice-Chair of the Alumni Association, are working on the plan that will be the *Banner*' for an expanded mission of our Association. At this time we are calling the program *Students helping Community helping Students*. The Association is planning to pay co-curricular school groups (Drama Clubs, Bands, Athletic Teams, Orchestras, etc.) for performing community service work in our community. The monies earned and given by the Alumni Association would be used to pay for items tax dollars don't cover. If you believe in the value of school activities you have to like this.

Submit 'your stuff'

We have been told people enjoy reading about former students—their whereabouts, careers, etc. We are also interested in opinions. E-mail us your photos and 'stuff.' Each day we hear about former South Bend students who have had experiences that make interesting reading. Don't be shy about your travels and experiences. If you can e-mail us info and photos it makes it easier for us to reproduce for publication. Thanks.



Afghan Raffle

Lunch Club member Sharon Dill generously donated two handmade holiday afghans to the Alumni Association to be raffled at the November and December lunches. Winner of the raffle in December was Sue March, left, who graduated from Adams High School in 1953. The December lunch raffle also included 29 handmade snowmen donated by the Central High School Alumni Association. Central alums Liz Farr and John Charles Bryant said the person who made the snowmen wanted to remain anonymous. In other Lunch Club news, Chairman Bill Przybysz is taking a survey to see if members are interested in field trips to various places.

Food For the Mind

A man seeks employment on a farm. He hands his letter of recommendation to his new employer. It reads simply, "He sleeps in a storm." The owner is desperate for help, so he hires the man. Several weeks pass, and suddenly, in the middle of the night, a powerful storm rips through the valley. Awakened by the swirling rain and howling wind, the owner leaps out of bed. He calls for his new hired hand, but the man is sleeping soundly. So he dashes off to the barn. He sees, to his amazement, that the animals are secure with plenty of feed. He runs to the field. He sees the bales of wheat have been bound and are wrapped in tarpaulins. He races to the silo. The doors are latched, and the grain is dry. And then he understands. "He sleeps in a storm." My friends, if we tend to the things that are important in life, if we are right with those we love and behave in line with our faith, our lives will not be cursed with the aching throb of unfulfilled business. Our words will always be sincere, our embraces will be tight. We will never wallow in the agony of "I could have, I should have," We can sleep in a storm. And when it's time, our goodbyes will be complete.

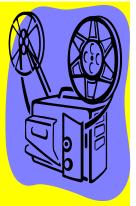
Taken from the book by Mitch Albom Have a Little Faith

Chairman's Comments

I recently heard a comment made by a teacher who was working with students in a very worthwhile learning program after the academic school day. To paraphrase, he said something likerather than have an activity that keeps kids busy after school they can get involved in this



academic program. A bit narrow minded or a faux pas? Contrary to his apparent belief co-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom and thereby are educational, not just babysitting. I invite you to see what these "babysitters" are doing and the results they attain....I welcome your feedback. *We reel-y appreciate* the recent donation from Christine Cushman, daughter of the late Frederic K. Corporon, Central Class of '37. She has given the Alumni Association some Super 8 film from her father's collection. The film includes the 1937 January graduation, the 1937 June graduation, and the 1938 graduates and Camera Club, including a



couple of scenes outside the Ault Camera Store. In addition, it has film of the 35th reunion of the Class of '37 in 1972 and the 40th reunion in 1977.

Riley '55 Makes Contribution

Al Vitale wrote a letter saying the class had completed its last reunion and enclosed was a contribution for the balance of their account. We sincerely appreciate the class's generosity and accept their support. We hope classmates will plan to meet occasionally at the *Alumni Lunch Club*.



Yearbooks

If you have a copy of a yearbook you wish to donate please contact us. Many people are looking for a class book they lost over the

years. If you are looking for a yearbook we may be able to help. We do ask for a donation which helps with our mission....Please go to our web site for complete information.



Book Store

Pretty Good

There once was a pretty good student, who sat in a pretty good class and was taught by a pretty good teacher, who always let "pretty good" pass.

He wasn't terrific at reading, he wasn't a whiz-bang at math. But for him education was leading straight down a pretty good path.

He didn't find school too exciting, but he wanted to do pretty well, and he did have some trouble with writing, and nobody had taught him to spell.

When doing arithmetic problems, pretty good was regarded as fine. Five plus five needn't always add up to ten; a pretty good answer was nine.

The pretty good class that he sat in, was part of a pretty good school. And the student was not an exception, on the contrary he was the rule.

The pretty good school that he went to was there in a pretty good town. And nobody seemed to notice he could not tell a verb from a noun.

The pretty good student, in fact, was part of a pretty good mob. and the first time he knew what he lacked was when he looked for a pretty good job.

It was then, when he sought a position, he discovered that life can be tough. And he soon had a sneaking suspicion pretty good might not be good enough.

The pretty good town in our story was part of a pretty good state, which had pretty good aspirations and prayed for a pretty good fate.

There once was a pretty good nation pretty proud of the greatness it had, which learned much too late, if you want to be great, pretty good is, in fact, pretty bad.

> Charles Osgood The Osgood File Copyright 1986, CBS Inc.

Newman's Musings



A hardbound book with color photographs that reflects on the life and achievements of Don Newman. He writes fondly of his family and friends. An accomplished military and private pilot , he was also a registered pharmacist, businessman and public official. Don relates personal experiences with national figures including Dr. Otis Bowen and Ronald Reagan. Easy reading about an accomplished man who shares his views and opinions. \$25 for the book and shipping. All proceeds go to the Alumni Association.

South Bend Remembered Volume II (Volume I is sold out and will not be reprinted anytime soon.)

This is a beautiful hardbound book filled containing 100s of photographs from



South Bend's pasti Each book sold raises funds for the Alum ni Association. Your purchase helps with our mission and is sincerely appreciated. Cost is \$31.75 including tax if the book is picked up at our office or our monthly luncheon. If you would prefer the book mailed to you, we can do that for an additional \$5 P&H.

Studebaker Remembered



This is a 160 page hardbound book containing 100s of photographs covering the history of Studebaker! This book is a must-have for any Studebaker collector! Each book sold raises funds for the Alumni Association. Your purchase helps with our mission and is sincerely appreciated. Cost is \$31.75 including tax if the book is picked up at our office or our monthly luncheon. If you would prefer the book malled to you, we can do that for an additional \$5 P&H.

South Bend Central Remembered

Another hardbound book in the 'Remembered Series' . It is a photo chronicle of South Bend High School up to 1930 when the school was renamed South Bend



Central. Complied by Anita Clenn and published by the South Bend Tribune, it is sure to revive memories of days past. Love 'em or hate 'em, everyone remembers the school that demonstrated 'class,' that produced many outstanding students who achieved and contributed much. A 'must have' table piece. Price is \$31.75 including tax if picked up. Add another \$5.00 if you want it sent via U.S. Mall

South Bend Schools Home Economics Cookbook In 1921, the teachers of the South Bend Schools Home Economics Dept first issued their own cookbook. This cookbook was revised every few years with its final



printing being done in 1960. The South Bend Alumni Association has reprinted the 1960 edition several times, and books are available for only \$10 each! Your purchase helps with our mission and is sincerely appreciated. Cost is \$10 including tax if the book is picked up at our office or our monthly luncheon meeting. If you would prefer the book mailed to you, we can do that for an additional \$5 S&H. You know how postal rates have gone up.

Kurt Simon—Businessman & Benefactor A nicely written book with photos about a man who was born in Cermany and fled to the United States in 1930, escaping the holocaust. A 1931 Central graduate who earned his college degree at Notre Dame and entered the business world as a salesman then came to be the chief executive of a large food distributorship. The



book tells of his love of family and how he has become a benefac-tor of many charitable and needy causes, particularly in the area of education, children's welfare and religion. Cost \$10 add \$4 for S&H.

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Legends Profiles

In the lore of South Bend high schools South Bend Central held a position of admiration for many years. Partly because it was the first high school in South Bend but mostly because of the people who learned and taught there. The 'new' building was completed and occupied in 1913 and was renamed South Bend Central in 1931 when the south side high school (Riley) began graduating students. Many outstanding students attended South Bend Central, and many people achieved and added to the lore of the school. Far too many of its graduates gave their lives in WWI and WWII.. Many went on to acclaim in the arts and theater. (Permit this writer to name one in each category without doing much research.) Perfoming Arts, Sydney Pollack; Service & Education, John Brademas; Athletics, Eddie Ehlers; Science & Medicine, John Farner. Then, too, some pretty high achievers were on the Central staff, people like John Wooden and Elmer Burnham and James Lewis Casaday. Though the Bears were consistent contenders in athletics there was a period in the late 40's that was a memorable one. In that period two young men stood out as athletes, and both passed away in November 2010. Jack Morrical '50 was eulogized by a guy from Mishawaka (of all places) and pretty much captured the essence of the young and



maturing man. John Moore, Mishawaka '48 wrote: "Jack was mean, he was tough, he was cocky, he was quick and he was smart. He was arrogant, he was good and he'd drive you nuts!!!. And he knew it...In spite of all this, you had to love the guy". Moore added this postscript " This writer competed against Jack in basketball and baseball in high school, and in my

Jack Morrical

estimation he was one of the most competitive athletes of his era. One of the good Central Bears!. He was a winner".

The second man is *Gene Fodge '50*. A quiet, friendly and gentle person who displayed no overt bitter-

ness or disappointment. He played on the fabled basketball teams with Jack and excelled at baseball. Gene was signed and played in the Chicago Cubs system advancing to the major league team on a few occasions. He played on the triple A Iowa team, but later returned to raise his family in his hometown. He was a loyal Cub fan until his death and very likely beyond. His family wore Cubs clothing at his



Gene Fodge

wake and greeted friends in the same friendly manner that was a part of Gene all his life. At times goodness comes in pairs...sometimes it leaves in pairs...Peaceful rest to both Gene and Jack. rb Riley '52

Reunions & Gatherings

The Riley Lunch Bunch,: an organization for alumnae (women only that is), and faculty meets monthly. The ladies meet at various locations. For information contact Marilyn Dulmatch Class of 1950 at 574-291-3185.

<u>The Riley Over 50 Reunion</u>, a gathering of classes that have graduated 50 or more years will celebrate a reunion on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at St. Hedwig Church hall on Western Avenue. Social hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a family style dinner at 6:00 p.m.. Each class has a representative who will be contacting class members. Officers of the organization are President Ed Baer, '51, Vice-president Dick Kish '47 and Treasurer, Jack Zeigert '46.

<u>All Class Central Reunion</u> will be held at the Serbian Hall on Keria Trail on a Friday prior to the 4th of July. Contact Liz Rekos Farr at 574-232-1640 or John Charles Bryant at 574-233-9795 or call Dave Roeder, '68 at 574-233-4566.

Riley '46 Celebrating its 65th at Reunion

A letter was sent in December to graduates asking them to attend the Riley Over 50 banquet on August 13, 2011, that will be held at the St. Hedwig Memorial Center in South Bend. (see above). Betty Rogers Morrison and Bill Slater said they can arrange a Sunday brunch if there is interest, so please let them know. Call Betty at 574-291-6507 and Bill at 574-243 -5646.

Riley Class of 1966 Celebrates 45th Year

The class will celebrate its 45th on Friday, August 19, 2011 with a get-together and meet at The Landing (formerly Hans Haus) for dinner on Saturday the 20th. The Committee asks that you save the dates and to notify the following of your email address: Connie Sweitzer Clauson —<u>sweitz@sbcglobal.net;</u> Katlhy Hoag Elliot—<u>ktell@michiana.org</u> and Charlene Lenyo Hutti—<u>grammacharlie@sbcglobal.net</u>

2011 Golf Tournament

Plans are underway for the 18th annual Superintendent's Scholarship Golf Tournament, which will take place May 18 at the Erskine Golf Course in South Bend. Teachers Credit Union again will be the title sponsor. Other sponsorships will be available for Team Sponsors and Tee/Green/Hole Sponsors. The Golf Tournament is the Alumni Association's main fundraising event. The goal is to raise enough money to fund \$25,000 worth of academic scholarships to be awarded to graduates of South Bend's four public high schools. Any money raised beyond that is placed in PLAN2000, a scholarship endowment fund that aims to fund scholarships in perpetuity, and in the general fund, which is used to pay for the Alumni Association's educational activities. For additional information contact the Alumni office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS



I appreciate the generous contribution of the South Bend Alumni Association to provide funding for Study Tables at Clay and Riley High Schools. The funds are helping us to help students achieve their academic goals. The success of the program will help the school corporation in its application for a grant to continue the Study Tables in the future. Our alumni and Alumni Association support education in many ways. The new co-curricular program of the Alumni Association, which is being developed now, will offer another way for students to benefit themselves and the community. Students will have an opportunity to do community

Editor

James Kapsa service in order to obtain funds from the Alumni Association to help pay for activities that are not supported by tax dollars. South Bend is fortunate to have an Alumni Association that supports its schools and students. Thank you, and best wishes for 2011.



Above: Winners of the 50/50 raffle at the December Lunch Club, are, from left, Jolene Hanna, Riley '55, first prize; Mary and Weir Rummel, both Central '48, third prize; and Joe Cole, Central '50, second prize.

Lower right: Dave Dunalp, SBAA Executive Secretary, left, accepts a check from Bill Gates (center) and Van Gates from the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation.

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An activity of the South Bend Alumni Association for former student members, associate members, faculty, staff & their friends.

Meet, eat & socialize with friends, classmates and colleagues. Program consists of conversation, lunch, entertainment & information. All schools are invited—the fact of the matter is everyone is invited to attend.

The luncheon is on the 2nd Thursday of each month unless there is a conflict and notification will be given.

The Landing Banquet Center 2801 South Michigan St. South Bend (Formerly the Hans Haus) *Reservations are required by the Monday before a luncheon Call 574-283-8153

Doors open at 11:00 A.M... Lunch is served just after noon. The cost is \$9 for SBAA Members or \$11 for Non-Members. Call for information or go to our web site and Click on activities then Lunch Club www.southbendalumni.com



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that may be bigger than other institutions. It's a way to collect a high rate of interest on your money and make a contribution to continue the Alumni Association legacy. Check us out before making a decision or commitment elsewhere.

THE ALUMNI MAILBOX + OTHER STUFF

Ed and *Marilyn Housemeyer, Central '52* were in town this past summer visiting family and friends from their Fort Myers home. They attended the July Lunch Club meeting with friends *Bill and Betty Niedbalski.* Marilyn was a long time secretary at John Adams serving principal *Bill Przybysz, Central '54. ... Larry Giantomos, Central '51* was again published in the Tribune; he wrote of his experiences with Coach *John Wooden* at Central. ... *Andy Toth, Central*

'50 was in town to attend his brother-in-law's (twin sister Liz's husband-*Louie Keszei Riley '46*) funeral in July. Andy lives in Hawaii after residing in Phoenix for many years. Like his father Andy is an architect.... *Thomas Hoyer, Sr., Central '39* passed away in August. Tom was a student-athlete who played football and was a state swimming champion. He served



played football and was a state swimming champion. He served in WWII in the air force and later had a distinguished teaching career in the South Bend Schools. ... Debbie and Jim Shafer, both Riley Grads, she in '83 and Jim in '81, live in South Bend and made a very nice contribution to the Alumni Association in honor of their friend Tom Hoyer, a teacher at Central, Jackson and Riley who recently passed away. ... Charllie Ann Romine Campbell, Central '34 lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona-that's Scottsdate. Charllie also sent a very nice unrestricted contribution in response to the appeal made in the last two Alumnews. She said she reads every word of the Alumnews-that means we better work on our syntax and cut out the 'prattle'....someone is watching and reading thank you very much! ... Did you see the October 25, 2010 issue of Sports Illustrated? There is a short piece with photo in the Scoreboard section about Steve Smith continuing to be a champion in national trilathalong championship events. Steve is not an alumnus of our schools, but he has been a teacher for many years and also coached swimming. ... Two of Central's finest student -athletes passed away in November. Jack Morrical & Gene Fodge, both from the Class of 1950, were proud of their Central experiences. ... We heard that Marilyn Housemeyer, Central '52 is not feeling well, but hopes to get back to Florida fun soon. ... Bob Cebrat, Central '52 sent a very nice check for the Postage Pot and some reminiscences of old (you can find them in another section). He still lives in sunny Florida and loves reporting the weather there to this office from December to April.

Alumni Board news

The Alumni Association is in the process of reorganizing its committees, with an eye toward improved efficiency. A recent change in our bylaws established several committees to help us achieve that, including fundraising, membership, marketing, programs, allocation of funds, service, nominating, finance and development/long range planning. Board Chairman Mark Tarner and Vice-Chairman Tim Baker are busy naming chairmen to the committees. If you would like to become more involved in the Alumni Association and can help on one of the committees, contact the Alumni office at 283-8153.



Throughout the year we get a number of long distance calls and emails asking for class reunion information. When you are planning a reunion give us the details so we can pass it on to callers who want to know *'what's going on.'* and we will post it on our web site too. Nothing to fear—we won't charge.



Top L-R:-The Clay High School Golden Quartet entertained before dinner; Mrs. Charles Black accepts plaque for deceased husband; Bryon Coppens accepts for his late father, James Coppens; Linda Coppens, widow of James, at press conference; Row 1—Hall of Famer Jim Milliken and wife; Emcee Bob Montgomery and Susan Wynn accepting for great grandfather Enoch Weiss; Steve Smith accepts Achivement Award; Dr. Irving Allen accepts for his late father J. Chester Allen; Row 3; Banquet goers; Sean Coleman– Baldoni Award winner; St. Joe High School Fed Challenge team members and sponsor, Julie Chismar; TCU CEO-President Rick Rice accepting thanks from Chairman and Superintendent of Schools Jim Kapsa, Group of Ed Derda's friends; Dee Mattes, President , accepts for Children's Dispensary, Jay Caponigro accepts for the University of Notre Dame; and Mark Tarner, Alumni Association Chairman Mark Tarner welcomes banquet goers.



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