



## RILEY NATATORIUM NAMED FOR DAVE DUNLAP

**Riley High School named its swimming pool in January in honor of Dave Dunlap, Central '59, revered former swim coach and teacher at the south side school.**

Dunlap, a long-time member of the SBAA Board of Trustees, taught at the former Jackson High School for eight years, then moved to Riley in 1975 after Jackson became a middle school. He was a teacher and coach at Riley until his retirement in 1995.

Several school officials praised Dunlap during the poolside dedication ceremony.

Dan Kyle, the school's athletic director, listed Dunlap's achievements as a coach, including three state championships won by his swimmers. Dunlap was named the Indiana Coach of the Year in 1971, '78 and '96.

Jim Krider, a retired Riley teacher who worked with Dunlap, said one can't be a great coach without being a great teacher, and that's what Dunlap was. He cited Dunlap's "ability to inspire students" by making lessons relevant to their lives.

Scott Jessup, a Riley graduate who swam for Dunlap, said the coach taught that



*Dave Dunlap, talks about his years as a swim coach at Riley High School.*

character is important. "A swimmer needs talent," Jessup said, "but that comes from hard work, and hard work levels the playing field." Whether in the classroom or in the pool, Dunlap taught that "there are consequences for what you do."

Stan Wruble, a Riley graduate who now serves on the SBCSC school board, said Dunlap "has given his life to this school corporation."

When it was his turn to speak, Dunlap tried to deflect all the praise away from himself and to give it instead to others.

"We took a foundation that had been set for us and added to it and expanded it," he said. Pointing to wall

banners that list the achievements of Riley swimmers, Dunlap said, "This is not one person" who accomplished so much, but a group of motivated individuals.

He singled out his wife and children for their support.

Dunlap said he was honored to have the pool named for him. "I am humbled more than words can express," he said. ■



*Retired Riley High School swim coach Dave Dunlap in yellow sweater at center, stands with some of his former swimmers at a reception following the naming of the school natatorium in Dunlap's honor.*

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Dear Alums,*

I am excited and honored to have the opportunity to lead the South Bend Alumni Association, and I want to thank each of you for your warm welcome. As director, my goal is to remain true to our mission and traditions, but also to embrace and create new ones as well. I will work to raise greater awareness about the wonderful work of the SBAA in order to increase community support and offer even more opportunities for our talented students.

This organization has such a positive impact on our community and supports hundreds of students each year. In 2017, we made **42 Co-Ex grants to 13 schools** totaling **\$53,241**. These awards supported academic and athletic competitions and art performances for our students. Since the start of the Co-Ex Grant program in 2013, the SBAA has awarded 147 grants for a total of almost \$200,000, impacting 10,676 students. This life-changing program is made possible by your support and generosity. We are grateful for your commitment to and passion for our schools.

In 2018, our goal is to increase the amount of grants we can award to South Bend schools. We have some exciting fundraising plans in the works that we can't wait to share with you! We have already started planning for our 25th annual Scholarship Golf Outing, which will take place on Wednesday, May 23, at Elbel Golf Course. The money raised is a key source of funding for our scholarship program. If you are interested in playing in the outing or being a sponsor, please visit our website: [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com). We would love for you to join us!

Lastly, we want to welcome new SBAA leadership. Drew Jeffrey, a graduate of Washington High School, and Laura O'Sullivan have joined our SBAA Board of Trustees. We are lucky to have them on our team!

Thank you again for your continued support of the South Bend Alumni Association. I look forward to getting to know you and working together to build a bright future for South Bend and our students!

*Susie Brennan*

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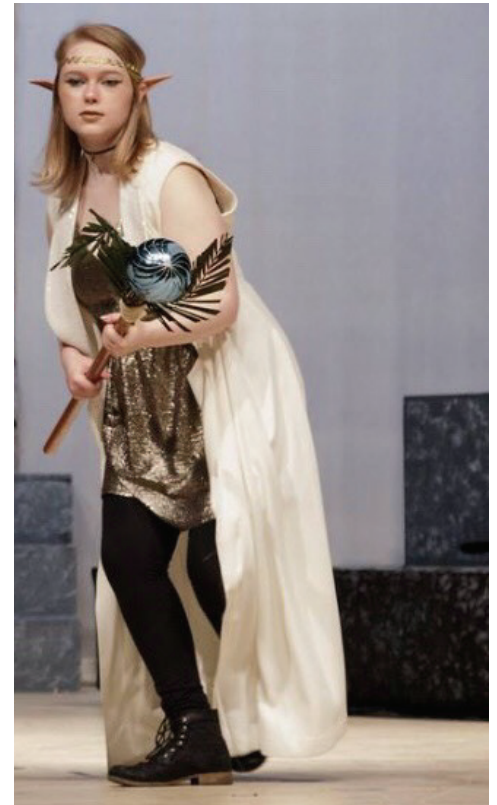


A display promoting the South Bend Alumni Association graced the lobby of the 1st Source Bank in Granger during the month of February. The bank makes room in its lobby each month for local groups to advertise themselves. SBAA board member James Kapsa arranged the display.





*The Cast of "She Kills Monsters" act out a scene during a state contest. A Co-Ex Grant helped the high school thespians compete in a state theater contest.*



## **SBAA AWARDED \$53,241 IN CO-EX GRANTS IN 2017**

"What a wonderful weekend we had, thanks to you," said Meghan Beard, visual and performing arts magnet coordinator for Clay High School.

She was referring to a \$2,225 Co-Ex Grant awarded in December by the Alumni Association to help Clay's theater students compete in a statewide thespian competition. Although they did not win, one of their performers, Cristian Marquez, won the Best Supporting Actor award and another, Lucy Barron, was selected to be a Student Thespian Officer.

The SBAA's Co-Ex Grants Committee awarded 42 grants totaling \$53,241 in 2017 to help fund extra- and co-curricular activities in SBCSC schools.

Thirteen schools took advantage of the program to fund such items as weights for use in gym classes and by sports teams; sheet music for a choir; various sports uniforms; xylophones for use in a class and for an after-school choir; registration fees for competitive events; and kits to build robots and drones.

Dave Dunlap, chair of the Co-Ex Committee, said the community also benefited, because students who receive the grants are required to perform community service. They cleaned up the school neighborhoods; volunteered at local food banks and homeless shelters; helped at various charity walks and runs; and performed at a variety of events.

The Clay thespians plan to conduct a theater workshop at the Boys & Girls Club as their community service.

The Co-Ex Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month to consider grant applications. Complete information, including application forms, is available on the SBAA website.

Dunlap said he would like to reach more schools in 2018. "Money is available for those who choose to apply," he said. ■

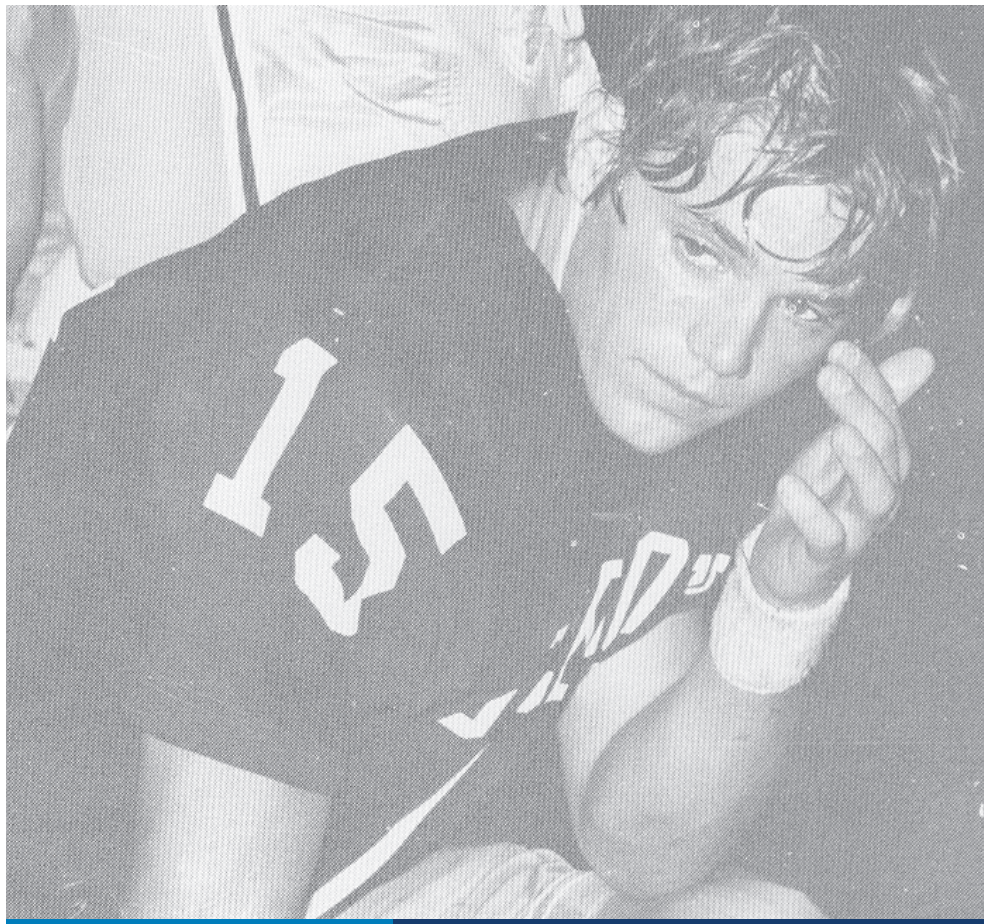


*The cast of "She Kills Monsters" poses for a group photo. A Co-Ex Grant helped the high school thespians compete in a state theater contest.*



# Focus on Alumni

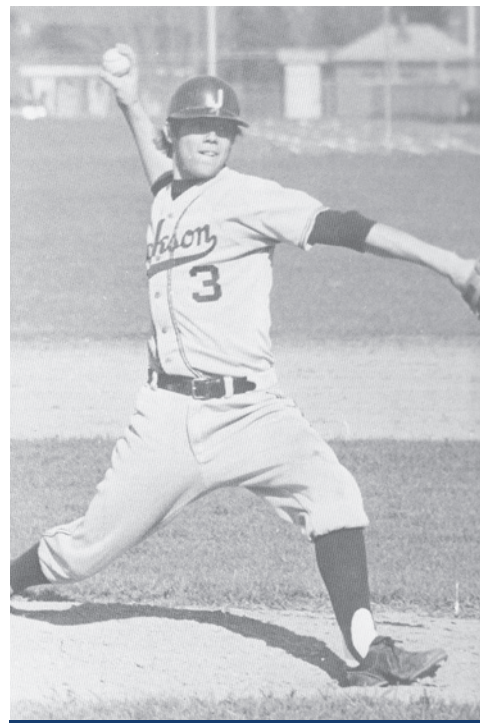
## JACKSON GRADUATE RECEIVES STATE HONOR



*Terry Bartell ponders a play as the quarterback of the former Jackson High School.*



*Terry Bartell goes up for a shot during a basketball game at the former Jackson High School.*



*Terry Bartell winds up for a pitch at the former Jackson High School*

**Terry Bartell, a 1973 graduate of the former Jackson High School, will receive a posthumous Center Circle Officials Award on March 21 from the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.**



Bartell, who died in 2009, was a star athlete at Jackson, serving as quarterback of its football team, a member of the

basketball team, and pitcher for the baseball team. He played baseball at Western Michigan University, where he earned his undergraduate degree in education. He later received a master's degree from DePauw University.

He taught business and physical education at North Montgomery High School in Crawfordsville, Ind. He also coached boys' baseball, girls' and boys' basketball, football and softball. His girls' basketball teams won five sectional championships.

As a basketball official, Bartell worked 21 basketball sectionals, 16 regionals, seven semi-states and three state finals. He served as vice-president of the Western Indiana Officials

Association and worked 10 years as a rules interpreter and clinician for the IHSAA.

The Center Circle Officials award recognizes individuals for their "outstanding contribution to Indiana high school basketball as an official." ■

*Coach Terry Bartell wears the net after a winning game.*



# COMMENCEMENT SCRAPBOOK ADDED TO SBAA ARCHIVES

The email from Janice Turner was intriguing. "I acquired a 1915 South Bend High School personal commencement book at an estate sale in California," she wrote. It had belonged to a school girl named Esther Joan Edgren.

The book, more or less a scrapbook, was "full of personal writings and pictures of friends, plays and athletic teams," Janice said. She thought one of Esther's descendants might want it, so she started an online search. From that, she concluded that Esther no longer has any living relatives.

Janice's search revealed that Esther had married Eugene Flack and had two children, June and John. June, who apparently never married, died in 2006 in Palm Desert, Calif. Janice thinks the commencement book was part of an estate sale after June's death. Janice acquired the book from another estate sale of an antique collector.

So she decided to try to donate it "to a South Bend organization that is dedicated to preserving the history of the school and those who attended." That led her to the South Bend Alumni Association. We were delighted to receive the scrapbook.

We maintain a collection of school yearbooks and other memorabilia that we store at Lincoln Primary Center. Some of the books and other items are from decades ago, and some, like the book donated by Janice, are more than 100 years old.

In some cases, we can make the items available for research, class reunions or other uses. We offer old yearbooks for sale to anyone who wants to replace a lost book.

If you would like to donate an old yearbook or other school memorabilia, please contact our office at (574) 393-6004, or by email at [sbaa@sb.school](mailto:sbaa@sb.school). ■



*A book of memories from the former South Bend High School recently was donated to the Alumni Association by a California resident who acquired it in an estate sale.*

## *SBAA Board VP receives Chamber honor*



*Ryan Kring, left, holds the award he received in February. With him is Steve Luecke, former executive director of the Alumni Association.*

Ryan Kring, vice-chair of the SBAA's Board of Trustees, has received the Outstanding Young Business Leader Award for 2018 from the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Kring, a graduate of Washington High School, received the honor on February 22 during the Chamber's annual Salute to Business lunch at Century Center.

Since 2016 he has been the vice president of business development for Ancon Construction, based in Goshen. Prior to that, he was a senior account executive for Burkhart Sign Systems in South Bend.

At Ancon, Kring works to develop new construction and renovation projects and to maintain current customer relationships while developing new ones. He also is expected to volunteer in the community.

At the Alumni Association, he has worked on several committees and projects, such as the annual SBAA Golf Outing. He was also instrumental in helping to establish a financial record-keeping system for the SBAA through the Neon website. He currently is in charge of a leadership team that is preparing a major fund-raising effort to take place in the coming months. ■

# ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY BEING PLANNED FOR MAY

**The annual TCU/SBAA Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Wednesday, May 23 at Elbel Golf Course, northwest of South Bend.**

Drew Jeffrey, SBAA Board of Trustees member, is serving as chair of the Golf Committee.

The tournament raises funds for our scholarship program. We award five \$4,000 Superintendent's Scholarships each year. One graduating senior from each of the SBCSC high schools is

selected to receive a scholarship, which pays \$1,000 a year for four years.

We award two scholarships that are funded by outside sources. Businessman and board member Jack Champaigne, Adams '61, will underwrite the cost of a \$20,000 (\$5,000 a year for four years), scholarship for a student planning to attend Purdue University. The South Bend Press Club funds a \$500 one-time scholarship for a student planning to pursue a degree in journalism or mass communications.

The SBAA also offers Kurt & Tessye Simon Grants for college students who graduated from a SBCSC high school and who need financial help to defray college expenses.

Scholarship Committee Chair Connie Varga said the deadline for applying for the 2018 scholarships was April 12. Applications for Superintendent's Scholarships must be submitted through the school counselor's office. Applications for the Champaigne and Press Club Scholarships can be mailed or delivered directly to the SBAA office. ■

## FIDDLER'S HEARTH OFFERS ALUMNI DISCOUNT

Fiddler's Hearth, a popular Irish pub in downtown South Bend, offers a 10 percent discount to all South Bend alumni reunion committees that want to meet there.

The restaurant has seating available in its Snug or in the Guinness room. It opens at 11 a.m. daily.

Terry Meehan, who co-owns the restaurant with his wife Carol, suggests that committee members who want to meet at Fiddler's should make a reservation by calling (574) 232-2853. Mention the room preference and the 10 percent discount when making the reservation.

Carol Meehan said graduates in town for alumni weekends also can receive a 10 percent discount if they mention their school and class while making their reservation.

Terry said his class "had a great lunch at Fiddler's" during their reunion weekend.

The restaurant is a sponsor of the SBAA's Lunch Club and golf outing.







# PLANNING HAS STARTED FOR 2018 HALL OF FAME BANQUET

The Community Hall of Fame Banquet takes place each year in November, but organizing it is a year-long process.

Chairman James Kapsa said a Search Committee started in February to narrow a list of almost 150 names to 17 potential 2018 inductees. A Selection Committee now is working to choose the inductees from that shortened list. The Selection Committee also chooses organizations and individuals to receive other awards given at the banquet.

Search Committee members will try to narrow the list to around 20 names that will be forwarded to a Selection Committee. That committee will evaluate the names and choose the six inductees who will be honored this year.

*"Each name in the file is worthy of nomination," Kapsa said. "It's a difficult challenge each year to narrow the list of six names out of 150 for induction."*

To nominate a person, submit a letter to the Hall of Fame Committee that lists the reasons why that person is a viable candidate. At least two letters of support should accompany the nomination. Nominations are accepted year-round. They should be sent to the committee in care of the South Bend Alumni Association, the HOF sponsor. ■

## LUNCH CLUB NUMBERS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

The SBAA's Lunch Club has experienced a drop in attendance over the past year, causing organizers to consider the future of the monthly event, said Chair Bill Przybysz.

At its height several years ago, the lunches attracted around 150 attendees.

Przybysz has organized a committee to explore ideas about how to beef up attendance.

The lunches are held on the second Thursday of each month except January at the Elks Lodge on South Bend's east side. Members are charged \$13 a plate and non-members are charged \$15. The lunches feature entertainment. During the school year, student groups entertain. During the summer, we have a performance by the Summerfly cast and speakers. We also have a raffle for some fine prizes. We would love to have you join us.

# UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

## Adams High School

**CLASS OF 1968.** 50-year reunion is planned on the weekend of July 27-28. It will include a Friday night get-together, with the reunion on Saturday at the Landing in South Bend. For more information, contact Cynthia Eufemi Gray at [cynthia.gray@comcast.net](mailto:cynthia.gray@comcast.net)

**CLASS OF 1978.** 40-year reunion is set for the weekend of June 29-July 1. Plans include a Friday night gathering, the reunion on Saturday at Tippecanoe Place, and an informal breakfast on Sunday.

**ALL-CLASS REUNION.** An all-year reunion will take place June 1 at Hedwig Memorial Center in South Bend. For more information, contact Jim Champaigne at [jfchampaigne@juno.com](mailto:jfchampaigne@juno.com).

## Central High School.

**CLASS OF 1968.** A 50-year reunion is planned for June 30. Contact Kay Mathew Ernsberger for information.

**ALL-CLASS REUNION.** The annual event is planned for June 29 at the St. Peter & Paul Serbian Church Hall. For information contact Liz Farr at (574) 292-1640 or John Charles Bryant at (574) 274-5701.

## Jackson High School

**CLASS OF 1968.** The class will have its 50-year reunion on June 2 at the Studebaker National Museum. For information contact Cindy Postma at [cpostma123@aol.com](mailto:cpostma123@aol.com)

## LaSalle High School

**CLASS OF 1968.** A 50-year reunion will take place July 21 at Hedwig Memorial Center in South Bend. For information contact Kathy Kizer Holcomb at [kathyholcomb@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyholcomb@yahoo.com).

**CLASS OF 1973.** A 45-year reunion will take place July 21 at the American Legion Post 357 in South Bend. A Friday night gathering also is being planned. For information, contact Jan Prawat Thomas at (574) 271-7907.

## Riley High School

**CLASS OF 1968.** The class will have its 50-year reunion August 11 at the Elks Lodge in South Bend. Chairman is Paul Piller, [papiller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:papiller@sbcglobal.net).

**CLASS OF 1998.** A 20-year reunion is being planned for June 14. Details to follow.

**OVER THE HILL GANG.** An annual reunion for anyone who graduated from Riley more than 50 years ago. The 2018 gathering is planned for August 11 at Hedwig Memorial Center.

## Washington High School

**CLASS OF 1968.** The class will have its 50-year reunion on August 11 at Holy Cross Church hall. A Friday night get-together is planned at Pejza's Tavern. More details will follow. Debi McClain Smith is in charge. For information, go the class's Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com/WHSSouthbend68](http://www.Facebook.com/WHSSouthbend68).

**CLASS OF 1998.** Amy Kring is in the early stages of planning a 20-year reunion. The class has a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/Washington-High-School-South-Bend,Class-of-1998-260072671015064/](http://www.facebook.com/Washington-High-School-South-Bend,Class-of-1998-260072671015064/)

*Full details are available on our website, [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com). Click on the Events tab.  
Or click on the Reunions box on the home page for a link to Class Creator.*

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