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Hall of Fame Inducts Class of 2012

SOUTH BEND—Six individuals and one couple were inducted on Nov. 14 into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame at Century Center. Also honored were seven individuals or organizations for their service and achievements.

The 2012 Hall of Fame class of inductees are:

Bonnie Baxter, a founder of the Southold Dance Theater in South Bend. Baxter, who grew up in North Judson, has been a moving force for dance in the South Bend area for almost 40 years. She was named artistic director of Southold in 1982 and held that position for many years. She has taught dance to hundreds of local students at various area schools and at the Dancenter, a school she opened in 1975 in Granger. In 2005 she created the Children's Dance Workshop and created the Michiana Dance Ensemble at the Dancenter.

John Charles Bryant, a descendant of the Farrow Powell family, one of the first black families to move to the South Bend area in the 1830s. He has traced his family back to 1755, and he still lives in a home that has been in his family for 112 years. Bryant is a noted authority on black history in South Bend. He has donated African-American historical documents to local libraries and the Civil Rights Heritage Center. Earlier this year he received a Trailblazers Award from the Civil Rights Heritage Center. He also co-chairs the Central All-School Reunion each year.

Jack Colwell, Tribune columnist and retired reporter. A native of Ottawa, Ill., Colwell came to South Bend in 1960 to work for The Tribune. In 1963 he broke the story about the closing of Studebaker, and in 1965 he was the lead reporter for the Palm Sunday tornadoes. In 1964 he became the paper's political reporter, a position he held until his retirement in 2003. Since 2000 he has taught journalism at the University of Notre Dame. On April 15, 2000, Colwell was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame. He also has appeared frequently on television as a host for programs on WNIT-TV.

Elmer Crockett, a co-founder of The Tribune. Mr. Crockett, who lived from 1844-1924, is the 2012 historical inductee. In addition to co-founding the newspaper in 1879, Mr. Crockett served in the Civil War, then became involved in South Bend's rise in economic, social and political prominence for the next 50 years. He served as postmaster in the 1880s and '90s and supported the creation of the Northern Indiana Historical Society and the South Bend Clinic.

Anthony Johnson, award-winning football player and team chaplain. Born in Indianapolis in 1967, he grew up in South Bend, where he attended Stanley Clark School and graduated in 1986 from Adams High School. He then enrolled at Notre Dame, where he played both soccer and football. He was a member of the National Championship football team in 1988. He was a second-round pick in the 1990 NFL draft by the Colts. He later played for the Jets, Bears, Panthers and Jaguars. In 2008 he was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. After retiring from football, Johnson accepted a position with Athletes in Action as the chaplain for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Charles and Joan Lennon. Charles Lennon, a native of Joliet, Ill., settled in South Bend in 1961 after graduating from Notre Dame. He served as director of several local public agencies, including South Bend's Model Cities Program and the city's Redevelopment Department. He became director of the ND Alumni Association in 1981, and in 1999 was named associate vice president for university relations. He retired earlier this year and is now on emeritus status. At Notre Dame's 2011 commencement, he received an honorary doctor of law degree. He accepted an assistant baseball coaching position at Ave Maria University in Florida.



Pawlowski



Colwell



Gilot



Crockett



Johnson



The Lennons



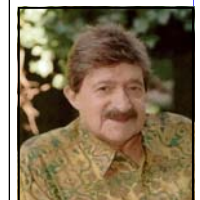
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NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Maxine Frank, Central '66; Michael Kruk Riley '69; Earl Stahl, Riley '50; Barbara Lean Pogni, Riley '54; Ann Carol Nash LaSalle '74; Donald Rowe, Adams '57; Barbara Rowe, Associate; James Demaegt Wash-Clay '61; Robert Frank, Central '59;

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Connie Varga—LaSalle

Rev. Sylvester Williams—Central

Mort Ziker—Adams

Memorials

Please refer to Memorials on page 7 of this newsletter.

Rupert T. 'Duke Ferrell, Central Principal & SBCSC administrator, by Ron & Shirley Bella and Dave & Billie Dunlap; Robert 'Beans' VanCamp, Central '41 by Makrouhi A. Oxian, Central '52; Dave & Billie Dunlap; Joe Redling, Washington '38 by Ron & Shirley Bella; Dale Fozo, Washington '54 by Ron & Shirley Bella; Tom Dobski, Central '59 by Ron & Shirley Bella, Dave & Billie Dunlap; Elmer Danch, Riley '31 by Ron & Shirley Bella

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Joyce Fragomeni, David Nufer, LaSalle '70; Anna Mae Coryell, Central '57; Kurt Simon, Central '31; Dave & Billie Dunlap, both Central '59; Gary Gilot, Associate

A little home cooking!

Go Irish

January 7, 2013



Still need stuff...won't you share Please !

We have been told people enjoy reading about former students—their whereabouts, careers, etc. We are also interested in opinions. Email us your photos and stuff. Each day we hear about former South Bend students who have had experiences that make interesting reading.

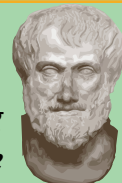


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A BIT OF Truth !

There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents.

Thomas Jefferson



(Visit our Hall of Fame in downtown South Bend)



Honor Virtutis Praemium

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Joan Lennon was a co-founder in 1976 of the Shamrock Pre-School. In 1994 she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and since then she has been a leader in the fight against the disease. She founded the Women’s Task Force of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend to provide support for cancer patients. With the help of the Secret Sisters Style Show, the Task Force has raised more than \$1 million to fund mammograms for women who cannot afford them.

Richard J. “Rick” Rice, retired president and CEO of Teachers Credit Union. During more than 30 years at TCU, most of them as its president, Rice was committed to the credit union’s mission of promoting education and being a positive force in the community. TCU grew during his tenure to become a \$1.6 billion statewide business, the largest credit union in the state. He served as a member of numerous boards and organizations, including Memorial Home Care, Project Future, WNIT-TV, Coalition for Educational Successes in St. Joseph County, United Way and Junior Achievement. He was the 3rd District representative to the State Board of Education from 1998-2002 and was on the Holy Cross College Board of Trustees. In 2002, Rice received a Distinguished Hoosier Award from former Gov. Frank O’Bannon.

Luther Taylor, former South Bend fire chief. Taylor joined the fire department in 1972 and was promoted through the ranks, becoming chief in October 1985. He held that position for 21 years until his retirement in April 2007. In 2004, Mayor Steve Luecke granted Taylor a one-year leave of absence to serve as director of the State Emergency Management Agency under former Gov. Joe Kernan. He currently is manager of emergency preparedness at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. He also is a member of the South Bend Board of Public Safety.

Recipients of the

Ideal Baldoni Distinguished Public Service Awards: Joan Janicki Pawlowski and Howard Buchanan. Pawlowski recently retired as executive secretary to the St. Joseph County Council. In that capacity she aided the general public and helped to set agendas, prepare legal advertisements, and create legislation pertaining to appropriations, transfer of funds, salaries, zoning issues and other matters. Buchanan retired earlier this year after 39 years as a firefighter, the last five as South Bend’s fire chief. He was named the Indiana Fire Chief of the Year in 2011. He has served on numerous boards and organizations.



Community Service Awards: The Boys & Girls Club and Mamas Against Violence. The Boys & Girls Club has been in the South Bend community since 1974. It was founded in response to rising gang activity involving youths. It works with at-risk children and teens to provide them a safe place to develop their academic skills, along with health and fitness and character development. Mamas Against Violence was started 10 years ago by Bobbie Woods, whose 28-year-old son was shot and killed. It hosts an annual remembrance service and walk in memory of those who died similar deaths, and an annual conference for children in fifth through 12th grades to help them learn how to avoid violence. The group also gives out a scholarship and learning materials.



Distinguished Achievement Award: Gary Gilot and the late Ed Friend. Gilot served for 12 years as South Bend’s public works director under former Mayor Steve Luecke. He retired, then agreed to remain as a volunteer on the Board of Public Works until Mayor Pete Buttigieg could name a replacement. In June the city hired him as a full-time consultant to run the Department of Public Works. Gilot has been responsible for overseeing the city’s street maintenance, sewer and water operations and waste management. Friend, who died May 10, was a South Bend police officer whose courteous demeanor earned him the nickname of Captain Friendly. He started his career as a patrolman, then progressed through the ranks, doing a little of everything over the years. He also hosted a local TV show aimed at children, and a radio show that featured country music. He was an outstanding ambassador for the city, working to improve the relationship between the police and the community.

Contributions to Education Corporate Award: 1st Source Bank. In 2011, 1st Source donated almost \$1 million to the community to support education; social welfare and human services efforts; the arts; and other community programs. Of that amount, almost 40 percent was directed to education, including \$102,000 for the New Tech High School, \$20,000 for the Public Education Foundation and funds for the South Bend school corporation’s Spelling Bee.



2013 Scholarship Program Announced



Connie Varga, chairperson of the SBAA scholarship program, announced that scholarship applications are being accepted in the Alumni Association office. Active students in SBCSC high schools should apply through their school guidance office. Students from other schools that qualify for grants and endowed scholarships can get application forms online at the Association’s web site.

Hall of Fame Banquet Photos



1st Source Bank president, Jim Seitz accepts Corporate Award supporting education



SBAA board member, Josie Doyle welcoming attendees



Rev. Sylvester Williams who gave the the Invocation & inductee Bonnie Baxter



SBAA Chairman Tim Baker (right) discussing final details with James Kapsa, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, and Committee member Nancy Sulok.



Mayor Pete Buttigieg greets Kurt Simon and board member Mary Lou Gordon



Clay High School Strings performed for guests



(L-R) SBCSC Supt. Carol Schmidt & School Board member Dawn Jones share a moment with Hall of Famer Nan Tulchinsky

The American Way of Life – Its Privileges

Valedictory address delivered by Ann Condit, Central High School, Class of 1940

For youth, America is indeed the land of opportunity and happiness. No other country in the world offers so much. When I think of starving Chinese children herded in primitive boats on the Yangtze, of European youth exchanging toys and books for guns and cannons, waking to the midnight roar of enemy planes, and living in dread of the air raid signal – I wonder at the matter-of-fact spirit in which we, the youth of America, take our fortunate lot.

Ours is a wealthy and powerful nation; we enjoy its protection. Ours, too, is a nation of peace; we enjoy its security. Above all, it is a nation of free people whose human and civil rights are protected, not thwarted by laws. And because we are a free people, we keep our sense of humor. A worried, frightened people does not laugh. The American way is to laugh at our mistakes – a fact which can never be understood by some foreign nations. We poke fun at the government. We lampoon our leaders. We take criticism with open minds. These are evidences of our freedom.

One other valuable privilege of our American way of life is education. That is something young people take for granted, sometimes even with a bit of grumbling. Few countries provide twelve years of public education for every child. Our schools are open to all, regardless of race, creed, color or financial status. The rich and poor alike attend the same public schools, study from the same textbooks, learn from the same highly trained teachers. Our teachers are free to teach facts as facts, free from personal or class prejudice. Every conceivable subject is available to everyone—from aviation to basket weaving, from the social sciences to cooking and sewing.

The American school system is the handmaid of democracy. Our forefathers early saw the necessity of education in a democracy. Wherever they settled in the bleak hills of New England, they always built side by side a church, a townhall, and a school. These three, they believed, were the pillars of democracy.

Education and Democracy – the two must go together. Only an alert, fully informed, independent-thinking citizenry is really capable of carrying out the democratic processes. An uneducated public means an unintelligent vote. An unintelligent vote means an inefficient government. And an inefficient government means ultimately the end of democracy.

To you, our parents, who made this day possible, we give our thanks. You cared for us, you sympathized with us in our troubles, you rejoiced with us in our achievements, and you encouraged us in our work. To you, our teachers, we also give thanks. Through many trying years, you stood by us loyally, guiding us along the American way of life.

To you my fellow graduates, one final word. Let us remember well the lessons of true Americanism we learned here. Let us remember that we are the most privileged persons on earth. We are Americans. Let us then be worthy of the name.

Question; Is joining the South Bend Alumni Association the same thing as joining my high school's Alumni Association? In some ways yes and in other ways no. The SBAA is working to be the 'blanket organization' for all high school Alumni groups without infringing on existing organizations resources. We would like to identify each high school group as part of their high school's **CHAPTER** within the Association. If someone joins the **South Bend Alumni Association** they would be assigned to the Central, Riley etc. **Chapter**. We know of no school that has an association of alumni that regularly involves all graduating classes. Central has a planning group for their annual all class gathering held around July 4th and Riley has a dinner for classes that graduated 50 or more years ago. We are not sure if there are high school groups that charge dues to members or for any other purpose these groups have. Please go to our web site to know more about what the South Bend Alumni Association does. www.southbendalumni.com





The Lunch Club

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

Meet, eat & socialize with friends, classmates and colleagues. Program consists of conversation, lunch, prizes, entertainment and 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.

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2801 South Michigan St.
South Bend

(Formerly the Hans Haus)
*Reservations are required by
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Doors open at 11:00 A.M...
Lunch is served just after noon.
The cost is \$12 for SBAA Members
or \$14 for Non-Members.

Lunch Club Takes Trip

Not wanting to break from traditionthe Lunch Club took a trip with the Teachers Credit Union Travel , to Battle Creek, Michigan on August 15....no snap crackle and pop tour here...the hearty passengers went toyet another...gambling resort—*Fire Keepers Casino*. The price was right and the company was good.

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MAILBOX & OTHER STUFF

Makrouhi Oxian, Central '52 made a nice donation to the Alumni Association in the name of **Bob 'Beans' VanCamp, Central '42**. She said he was one of her favorite teachers at Muessel School. **Jim Powers** gave us a 'tidbit' about **John Wooden**. Seems Coach Wooden played a little golf too. According to golf archives he is one of a handful of golfers who scored an ace and a double eagle in the same round. He did it at Erskine Park with an ace on #6 and the double eagle on 16. **Ed Baer Riley '51**, chairman of the Riley Over 50 Annual Reunion, reported that nearly 500 graduates and friends attended the 2012 banquet on August 11th. Ed and his committee **Joyce Katona '53, Bill Cole '53** do an outstanding job. Three of our grads are pushing for the 'century mark'. **Lou Baker, Riley '35; Kurt Simon, Central '31 and Leon Caenepeel, Central '33**. All three are looking good. If you know them send them a card. **Posi Tucker, Adams '62** recently donated John Adams yearbooks that were the property of Dr. Harvey Bender's children....We like it when people participate like this; **Margaret Beres, Washington '42** donated some Jackson yearbooks that belonged to her children. At the Riley OTH August gathering **Earl Stahl, '50 and Barbara Lean Pognoni '54** joined as Life Members of the Alumni Associations Riley Chapter and **Mary Ann Steele '52, Helen Wirth Obenchain '48** and **Ann Stephens Schroeder '59** all renewed their memberships. Earl is living in Neenah, Wisconsin, Barbara in Three Rivers, Helen splits her time in Bridgman, Michigan and Lake Placid, Florida and Mary Ann and Ann spend most of their time in paradise known as South Bend. **Joyce Tebo from Henderson, Kentucky** donated photos and her aunts diploma from the class of 1930 at South Bend High School...she also donated a 1930 yearbook in mint condition. **Paul Bowers, Riley '52** donated a number of Riley and Adams yearbooks he secured from a collector friend. **Central grads David Baim class of 1950 and Betty Baim '51** are living in Muncie, Indiana but still renewed their memberships...thank you both very much. **Robert 'Skip' Dudeck, Greene '52** is recuperating in a local rehab facility. Skip was the county's leading basketball scorer in his senior year the year after **Don Schlundt, Clay '51** held that record...remember him?



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Class Reunions

LET US KNOW THE DETAILS OF YOUR REUNION AND WE WILL POST THEM ON OUR WEB SITE AND IN THIS NEWSLETTER...NO CHARGE AND WE CAN HELP...



Superintendent's Comments

I am thankful for many blessings in my life, one of which is being the superintendent for the South Bend Community School Corporation. I have experienced over and over, the compassionate work of our staff with families and the children in this community. I have observed over and over, the hard work devoted to the families in this community. I have found pride over and over, in the way our employees approach this work of improving young lives by providing *Quality Learning for Every Student, Every Day*. Please accept my gratitude and appreciation for your work on behalf of the students in this community.

Carole L. Schmidt, Ph.D

Vietnam War Casualties Project

Dave Hine, USAF Retired, of Greenfield, Indiana asked for assistance collecting photos of men and women inscribed on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. He reported that St. Joseph County had 54 casualties and 31 of those have a South Bend record. The Alumni Association has the names of these people and will publish the list on our web site soon. If you will help Dave in this project please contact us and we will email you the list of names or you can contact him personally at mrdauidhine@att.net



December 2013
Lunch Club Luncheon

Liz Farr, Central '70 presents Leon Caenepeel, Central '33 with a drawing prize. Center- Associate Member, Cyd Maravolo thanks Bill Przybysz and his volunteers for planning and administering the event each month and Joan Hans, Washington '53 shows off her door prize

Bill Moor Does Biographies

Former *Tribune* sports editor and feature writer continues to write a weekly column for the *Tribune* and now is writing biographies of South Bend High School graduates. These one page features are titled 'Our Stories'. Bill tells us that you can contact him if you would like him to do a page on you and a page on your spouse. The stories are for your private use and then you might just show up in one of Bill's weekly feature stories. You can contact Bill at ern14est@yahoo.com



June VanOverberghe, Adams '59 does a great job giving thanks for our blessings., Gus Brenner, Riley '49 appears happy with his drawing prize and Joan Orisich, Riley '51 likes what she won too.

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From New York City to South Bend

Submitted by Greg Humnicky, Central '63 Clay High School Athletic Director 1992-2009



A native of New York City, Marie graduated from high school during WW II and attended East Stroudsburg State Teachers College in Pennsylvania where she graduated in 1945. After graduation she got involved with the All-American Girls' Baseball League where she played for several teams in the Mid-West, starting and finishing with the South Bend Blue Sox.

Following her baseball career she settled in South Bend permanently and started a 38 year career teaching physical education in the South Bend schools. She spent time at South Bend Central High School from the mid-1950's until it closed in 1970. She found her way to Clay High School in the 1970's until she retired in the mid 1980's. It was at Clay High School that she crafted a coaching legacy in girls' athletics, which got started in the early 1970's due to Title IX legislation. She coached

the first Clay High School softball team the first five years, well before the sport was recognized by the Northern Indiana Conference and the Indiana High School Athletic Association. She made her greatest impact in girls' swimming and started the girls' program at Clay and coached it for ten years, compiling a 123-10-1 won-loss record, which included 4 IHSAA state runner-up finishes, 4 NIC championships and 7 consecutive sectional crowns. She coached several individual state champions and three relay teams to state titles

After retiring from teaching after 38 years in the South Bend Community School Corporation, she became a regular attendee at annual reunions of the All-American Girls' Professional Baseball League. Marie is a part of the Women in Baseball display at the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum in Cooperstown, NY that was installed in 1988 at the Hall of Fame.

In 2005, Marie Kruckel was awarded the SBCSC Sam Wegner Award, given to an individual who contributed to the welfare of SBCSC student-athletes. She was the first Clay HS coach to be so honored. *The Sam Wegner Memorial Award* has been in existence for 36 years since 1977 when it was created to honor Sam Wegner's memory as a South Bend athletic administrator and teacher-coach, but more to recognize his character and the way he treated his fellow teachers, administrators and most importantly the student-athletes with whom he worked.

Marie passed away in South Bend on Saturday, July 21, 2012. Her obituary was posted in the South Bend Tribune on Wednesday, July 25. For more information regarding Marie go to Wikipedia and type in her name.

Cook Books Still on Sale

This book should be on the 'Best Seller List' of some organization. We keep getting orders. They are nice gifts. \$10 donation to Alumni Association and \$5 for the Post Office. You can save \$5 by picking up the book at the Alumni Office. Call before you come.



2013 TCU/Superintendent's Scholarships Annual Golf Tournament

Susan and David Nufer, chairpersons of the 20th scholarships golf tournament announced the 2013 event will be held at Elbel Golf Course on May 15th. Proceeds fund \$25,000 in scholarships each year and the tournament is a major fund raising event of the Alumni Association. Visit our web site for more information. Serving as Honorary Co-Chairs are Superintendent Carole Schmidt and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

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