

# Assumption Newsletter

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## ANNUAL REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS

On Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004 the Alumni of classes 1944, '49, '54, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84 and '89 crowded the **newly renovated rooms** and hallways of their **Alma Mater**. A delectable meal prepared by the Assumption Culinary Arts students led by their **Chef and teacher, Diane Nehmetallah** was enjoyed by the **170 lucky ones** who made dinner reservations. After savouring their meal, classes were called to the gym for their group picture and then led on a tour through the school and new board offices by grade 12 students of Miss Sisti's and Mr. Klymko's religion classes. They returned from their tour to continue with their reminiscing of past and present memories.

**Special Thanks to the Following Reunion Helpers: (it would not be a success without you!)**

**Wayne Churchill** ('70), who spent many, many hours helping Fr. Cullen during the summer and after school during the fall to prepare the newsletter for print. Then he helped in the folding, labelling and sorting in order to get them to you on time before the reunion.

**Ron Lawson** and **Chuck Durocher** who cleaned the cafeteria before setup for the reunion dinner.

Classes of **Mary McNamara** ('77) and Brenda McIntyre (new staff member) who set up the cafeteria with tables and chairs and **Denise Hebert's class** ('81) who cleaned the gym and bleachers for class pictures.

**Mike Delisle** and the **wrestling team** who fin-

ished setting up the cafeteria and gym and then put everything back after the event - an enormous job well done!!

**Gary Fera** and members of the **hockey team** who checked your coats so politely.

**Mr. Dennis Palamides** ('68) and **Assumption's Student Parliament** who graciously took your money for the car drive and filled in wherever they were needed.

The welcome committee of **Sue Rau, Lois Calsavara, Doris Lescanec, Louise Kelly** and **Carole Dywelska** who immensely enjoy returning every year to greet you and "catch up news" with you.

Refreshment tickets - **Laurie Browning, Paul Huggard** and **Pauline Kenney**, loyal to the end.

**Diane Nehmetallah** and the **students** of the **Culinary Arts Program** and staff of St. Basil's Cafe', who prepared, served and cleaned up after the wonderful meal. (You missed a real treat if you did not eat here!)

**Mark Monforton** ('70) of **Monty Formal Wear** (Tecumseh Rd. E.) who graciously outfitted the servers with the very attractive tuxes. We especially like Mark's nice touch of the purple vests!!

**Martha Drobitch, Mary and Frank Gaiarin** who helped in the dining room. Again, faithful volunteers who return every year!

**Alumni Reporters, Tour Guides, Parking Attendants**, etc. of **Miss Sisti's** and **Mr.**

**Klymko's** grade 12 religion classes who also filled in wherever needed and did a wonderful job! **Miss Sisti** also helped with laminating posters and signs so that you would not get lost!

Photos - **Walter Manzig** ('78), **Peter Scarpelli** ('62) and **Marlena DeLuca** ('00) for getting you to smile for that group picture.

For **your own copy of any picture taken at the reunion**, please check Walter's website - **www.windsoronphoto.com**.

Decorations, Posters, Pictures, Plants, etc. etc., - **Alma Hogan** ('73), **Steve Polewski** ('82), **Lil Dumouchelle** ('75) for providing the "material" to talk about during the evening.

Alma and Steve have a wonderful gift of transforming the "pumpkin" cafeteria into a "cinderella" dining room.

Videos of the present school renovations and video of the former high school (Dillon Hall - 1950 class) - **Rick Dumouchelle** ('74). Rick also helped in many other areas in an effort to keep his wife (Lil) sane!

**John Devine** ('63), our libations engineer who took care of every detail for the bar, from planning, purchasing, executing, organizing a bar crew, returning extra libations, cleaning up, statement of bar account, etc. etc. We could not have done it without you, John. Thanks also to his bar attendants who tried to keep the drinks flowing: **Dan Gagnier** ('93), **Matt Souchuk** ('92), **Tom Milanis** ('82), **Gerry Tousignant** ('82), **Ron Binks** ('76) **Eugene Klymko** (staff) and **Denise Hebert** ('81) who filled in when needed.

**John Devine** also spent many hours at the school labeling and sorting newsletters so that they could get to you on time before the reunion. (If you don't let us know that your address has changed, we can't mail it to you!)

**Mike Duchene** '76 and **Ron Binks** '76 for providing licence plates, yearbooks, history books, etc. for sale and for their help to clean up in the wee hours of the morning. Thanks guys!!

**Denis Malette** who helped get the newsletter out in time and also helped during the evening to close up and secure the building.

**Eugene Klymko** for his many consultations with Lil Dumouchelle ('75) to make sure things



*Jim Hartford, Bernardine Hartford, Lido Sandre', Lisa Sandre', Ian Gauld, in front of Ian, his dad, Ferris, Vanessa Raven, Ed Zemla*

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

would go smoothly. Also, helping to setup, take down, clean up, etc. etc.. Thanks, Eugene!!

Thanks to the Alumni present that evening that took the time to answer the many student letters addressed to the alumni. (look for some of these letters and responses in this and subsequent newsletters)

Thanks also to **Fr. Stortz**, Alumni Director, **Fr. Cullen** ex-officio director, **Glen Holland**, Basilian Father's Treasurer, **Hunt Hool**, President, **Mark Fathers**, Treasurer and **Lil Dumouchelle**, Reunion Coordinator for helping to make sure the night was a success.

The next reunion proves to be even better!! Stay tuned for **Nov. 5th, 2005**.

**GO RAIDERS!!!!**

## THANK YOU!

To Ferris Gauld, '54 for making a beautiful 'Assumption Crest Face' clock which will hang proudly in the Alumni Office.

## CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

Top right hand corner is the year we have on file for your graduation year. If this is incorrect, please notify us by mail, or by e-mail.

## CLASS OF '95

10 YEARS! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT! COME HEAR WHAT YOUR CLASSMATES ARE UP TO NOVEMBER 5TH, 2005. LET US KNOW OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE. HELPERS NEEDED TO CONTACT YOUR CLASS. CALL 256-7801 EXT. 299.

## WEB SITE

**ASSUMPTION ON THE INTERNET**  
**ADDRESS IS: [www.wecdsb.on.ca](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca)**  
**Then: OUR SCHOOLS**  
**Then: VISIT OUR SCHOOLS - ASSUMPTION**  
**Then: Open the front door.**

## Entry Form

### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FR. SHEEDY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAT., JUNE 4, 2005 AT ROSELAND GOLF CLUB

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tee times: 11:20 A.M. - 1:52 P.M.

(Limited to 80 players)

**Call Gary Ulicny to reserve time (519) 944-4403**

**(Deadline May 21, 2005)**

I have arranged to play with:

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover :

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf and dinner for \$80 per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner only: \$30 per person

Please return to: Assumption Alumni Office  
 1100 Huron Church Road,  
 Windsor ON N9C 2K7

**All proceeds to aid Alumni activities**



**Servers in tuxes: Christie Baltzer, Dane VanDenDriessche, Dia Ravja, Adrienne Drouin, Mike Delong, Sarah Theriault, Skye Findlay, Phil Morin**

## REDEDICATION OF ASSUMPTION

The re-dedication of Assumption was celebrated on Sunday, November 7th, 2004. Many members of the Assumption Community attended. Graduates, parents, current and former staff members, students, Board Administration and Trustees gathered for Mass in the Armstrong Gym. **Father Bill Kornacker**, graduate and priest chaplain was the main celebrant. **Fathers C. Cullen, G. Beaune, J. Stortz, Q. Johnson, J. Redican** and **Hathaway** concelebrated.

Before Mass, **Michael Moher**, Director of Education, **Janet Ouellette**, Superintendent of Education, **Patrick Keane**, Trustee, **Rosemary Limarzi**, School Council Chairperson, and **Gregory McLean**, Architect shared greetings and congratulations. Five former Principals were acknowledged and thanked for their contribution to the building of the Assumption tra-

dition: **Father Ron Cullen, Fr. Joe Redican, Joseph Berthiaume, Kevin Mulvey** and **Frank Marcon**. Father Kornacker shared his thoughts about the journey Assumption continues to make commenting that we are always under construction. Father Quentin Johnson spoke of the Basilian charism as it is revealed at Assumption through its openness, flexibility, and perseverance.

Mass opened with a **procession** of staff and students **carrying the crucifixes** to be blessed and placed throughout the building. The Assumption choir and musicians led the singing and provided inspiration for the celebration. Representatives from the school community carried up gifts representing the many aspects of the life of the school and the construction project.

At the end of Mass, **Fr. Kornacker blessed the crucifixes** and sent staff and students to place them throughout the building. He then led the congregation to the **original cornerstone which was re-dedicated**. We then processed through the building to the statue of Mary (in memory of **Mary Kulyk, first female Vice-Principal** of Assumption). We prayed that Assumption continue to be blessed and **protected by Mary, the Mother of God**.

A beautiful granite plaque placed at the new entrance to the school commemorates the renewed Assumption. It is a gift of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

Following the formal celebrations, everyone gathered in the new cafeteria for a reception that was prepared and hosted by the Assumption Hospitality students.



*Rededication*

*from left to right: Fr. R. Cullen C.S.B., Fr. G. Beaune C.S.B., Fr. Bill Kornacker, Fr. J.J. Stortz C.S.B., Fr. Q. Johnson C.S.B., Fr. J. Redican C.S.B., Fr. Hathaway C.S.B.*



## THANK YOU CLASS VOLUNTEERS !!

It really **DOES** make a difference when class volunteers make the effort to call and organize their fellow graduates for their special reunion. Thanks to all those volunteers for making this year's reunion such a success.

Thanks to **Paul Monforton '44, Leon Durocher, Joe Matz** and **Ferris Gauld** of 1954, **Mark Fracas, Harold Remark** and **Joal Zakoor** of 1974, **Hunt Hool '79, Chris Scott '94** and **Fina DiMaggio '99**.

WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH YOUR REUNION FOR NOV. 5TH, 2005?

Please call the alumni office at 256-7801 ext. 299, if you are interested in helping to organize your class. Don't worry!! We will help you get started.

So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact:

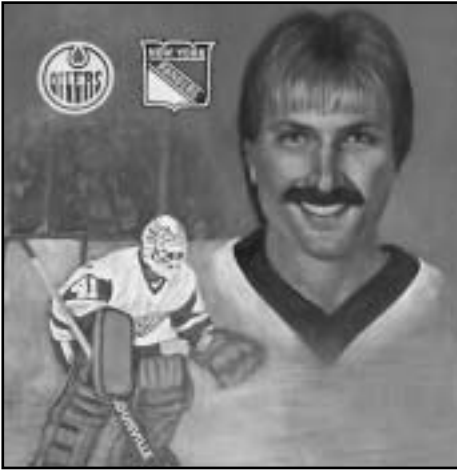
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<b>1985</b>	Joe Siddall	519-969-8903	jojosid@aol.com
<b>1990</b>	Joe Barile		jbarile@martinibarile.com

# FEATURE - MIO, WALKER

## Mio and Walker Enter Windsor/Essex Sports Hall of Fame

(Dave Waddell/Mary Caton Windsor Star)



**Eddie Mio '71**

**Eddie Mio, '71** and **Bruce Walker, '73** join the likes of Fr. Charles Armstrong, Fr. Ronald Cullen and Reno Bertoia to name a few, in being inducted into the Windsor/Essex Sports Hall of Fame at ceremonies that took place on October 16, 2004. Can you name the other eleven Assumption Alumni Inductees? Answers found somewhere in this newsletter.

**Mio** helped lead the Assumption Purple Raiders to three consecutive city hockey titles in the late 1968-71. Eddie Mio won a WSSA Championship in 1971 and 1972, nevertheless attended Colorado College on his way to seven years in the NHL.

"Bruce and I didn't only play together at Assumption, we played football and baseball together", said Mio at the induction ceremony.

**Eddie** was acknowledged for his success in the National Hockey League while **Bruce** was acknowledged for his accomplishments with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian League.

**For more information on Mio, see Alumni Newsletter #77, pg.15 (Feb. 2004) in which he was featured in the sports section.**



### Attention: Raider Football Alumni

The 2005 Raiders need your help! We don't have enough football helmets on the shelf and we don't have the financial resources to replace the old ones. If you or your company would consider making a donation to cover or partially cover the cost of a new helmet, please contact Denise Hebert at the school 256-7801 ext. 259.

In 1972, **Bruce Walker** played quarterback for the WSSA championships. He played basketball in '72,'73 and in '74. Walker, with his team won the WSSA, SWOSSA and were semi-finalists at the Ontario High School Championships. In '74, he quarterbacked the WSSA Champion Football team. He then became an all-Canadian receiver with the University of Windsor Lancers. After graduating in 1979, Walker played six seasons with the CFL's Ottawa Rough Riders.

### VERY PROUD

"As anyone up here can tell you, I'm very proud for people to know I'm from Windsor," said Walker, who has lived in Ottawa for over 20 years. "It's quite an honour to be recognized by your hometown. It was a great place for any athlete, who had aspirations of going to the top level, to grow up. There are so many great coaches: Bernie Soulliere, Harry Lumley, Gino Fracas and Father Cullen, available to us."

Walker's accomplishments with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League, along with an impressive high school and college career, were celebrated by a large contingent of relatives and friends.

### EXCITED ABOUT THIS ONE!

"I don't really get excited about championships or individual awards, but I am excited about this one," Walker said in a telephone interview from his office as vice-president of sales and marketing for the Ottawa Athletic Club.

Walker said: "It's not often you get a chance to thank all the people who had such an influence on your life."

### A STAND-OUT

Walker was a standout in football, baseball and basketball at Assumption under the direction of high school legends like Jack Hool, Ed Petryshyn, Bob Mailloux, Gerry Philp and John Upham.

"I think baseball was a sport I played really well," he said. "Basketball was the sport I enjoyed most and football was the sport I made a career." In a baseball game in Detroit, a Tiger Scout raved about Bruce's prospects to play Major League Baseball. Bruce chose football.

He recalled how Rev. Ronald Cullen would open the Assumption gym and that's where he and



**Bruce Walker '72**

his buddies could be found, shooting hoops at 10 o'clock on a Saturday night.

### FOOTBALL!

Walker attended North Dakota State University on a football scholarship for one year but returned in 1975 and began a successful four-year run with the University of Windsor Lancers under coach Gino Fracas. He won an OUAA championship with the Lancers in 1975 and he was a CIAU all-Canadian wide receiver in 1978.

He still counts the decision to come home and play for Fracas as among "one of the best I've ever made. I'm a big proponent that it's beneficial for young athletes to play in their home town. Sometimes, you get caught up in the idea of a U.S. scholarship but it's not the be all and end all."

Walker, 49, played for the Rough Riders from 1979 through 1984, making one appearance in the Grey Cup in 1981.

### GIVING BACK

These individuals are giving back to their communities. Eddie co-chairs an annual event that supports the Windsor Make a Wish Foundation. Bruce, in addition to working with physically disabled kids and speaking at over 120 events annually, is also honorary chairman for Ronald McDonald House in the Ottawa area and race director for "Do it for Dad" an event that has raised over a half a million dollars over the past five years for prostate research and care.

Portraits of the latest inductees are currently on display at Windsor's Devonshire Mall.

## ALUMNI REPORT

What a year it has been! And now I am writing letters and articles for the Newsletter. If only Fr. Finke could see me now. Which brings me to my first point. I can make free-throws, but I am not a writer. Anyone interested in joining the committee to write for the Assumption Newsletter is more than welcome. Also, please continue to submit stories and updates because they are very important. The Newsletter has been in existence for 27 years now. It is the life line of communication to all Alumni, to keep you informed about the past, present and future of the **greatest school ever**. That's the truth. If you could meet all the other proud alumni and hear all the stories that I have, you would definitely agree.

The Assumption Alumni Committee has been hard at work the past couple of years because it is a crucial time for all of us to keep the tradition alive. There are monthly meetings and several others in between. Fr. Cullen and Fr. Stortz have done an incredible job for all of us for more years than I can count. I personally

would like to specially thank them both, and ask for their continued patience as myself and other members learn what it takes. Believe me, it takes a lot. Therefore, if you would like to get involved in any capacity, please contact us.

Next, a beautiful office has been provided for the Alumni and the move into it required tremendous effort. Thanks to Mary Margaret Parent and Bruno Limarzi, and countless others for their help. We are currently working on "incorporation", so that the tradition of Assumption College High will always continue, whether it's the reunions, the Newsletter, golf tournament, etc. **Did you know that needy students are provided uniforms, bus passes and bursaries to continue their education?** The Alumni has started to get involved with this, along with the "old" Dads and Mothers Clubs that raised funds that still provide these things. It is the Committee's intention, not only to continue this support, but to increase it with your help. Can you imagine having a "Spring Fair" again?

Here comes the sales pitch that I'm so terrible at. The Century Club receives numerous donations, \$100 a year or more, from generous Alumni. It is a charitable donation, and thus a tax receipt is issued. The Newsletter alone, costs \$8,000 per year. Please consider an annual donation to the Century Club, so that Assumption can continue to be the best.

Lastly, I wish to thank everyone, especially Liliana (Caira) Dumouchelle ('75), Wayne Churchill ('70), Mark Fathers ('71), Mike Duchene ('76), John Devine ('63), Sante Salvador ('66), Gary Ulicny ('66), Dennis Malette (new committee member) Glen Holland, Eugene Klymko and Preney Print. If I missed anyone, thank you also. The work, care and pride these people have for this school is AMAZING.

Please remember Norbert Rammler and other departed alumni in your thoughts and prayers.

Hunt Hool. ('79)

## LOST ALUMNI FROM CLASS OF 1980

### 1980-WE'VE LOST A FEW

We've lost the addresses of some of your fellow '80 grads. If you can help us find them, call the alumni office at 519-256-7801 ext. 299.

Ahern, William Raymond	Laporte, Gene Charles	Renaud, Michelle (Durocher)
Auger, Mrs. Erin	Lee, Christopher Fan Wing	Robinson, Lee
Azzopardi, Thos G.	Lepera, Teresa Asmara	Rondot, Geraldine
Bergeron, Marc	MacDougall, Maureen	Ryan, Janice
Bowman, William W.	Marcussi, Christopher	Samson, Michael
Ceolin, Marc Anthony	Marentette, Linda Ann	Schieck, Michael
Coates, Mrs. Mary Joanne	McNeil, Diane Marie	Seguin, Phil
Cole, Leslie Marguerite	Musick, Paul William	Sexton, Kevin
Coyle, Pat	Papia, Victoria (Boucher)	Skov, Erin (Mahon)
Curran, Paul H.	Pare, Brian	Slama, John Joachim
Cushman, Don James	Pastovich, Dina	St Denis, Glen
Cvornyek, Karen Marie	Patel, Rahul	Stodolny, Christine Theresa
Dabrowski, Kevin	Peltier, Kevin Michael	Taylor, Tim
Dalton, Mark T.	Petricola, Mario	Tesolin, Elena Elizabeth
Daoust, Mrs. Cathy	Pidgeon, Jacqueline Majella	Thomas, Sunil
Deluca, Alesandro Anthony	Pignanelli, Bill	Thompson, Susan (Dockerty)
DeLisle, Susan Blanche	Pomainville, Gail Marie	Tighe, Angela Lynn
DiGiorgi, Frances	Pradhan, Atul	Tonkin, Julie
Duquette, Barry	Pu, Theresa Lai-kwan	Turner, Elizabeth A. Turner
Ferreira, Julie Maria	Rainone, Sandy	Tucker, Susan M.
Kong, Annette	Reid, John Francis	White, Barbara
Kong, Cecilia	Reid, Kevin Gerard	Zampa, Michael



Lil Dumouchelle '75 presenting an appreciation award to Mark Monforton '70 of Monty Formal Wear (1190 Tecumseh Rd. E.) for his contribution of the attractive 'purple vested' tuxedos for the servers at our reunion dinner November 6, 2004.

### Class of '90

Remember your fifteen year reunion, November 5, 2005. Let us know of any address change. Helpers needed to contact your class. Call 256-7801 ext. 299.

## FROM THE FIELD TO THE BENCH



**Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Evans '90 (Reneé Janisse '92) and sons Josh and Jacob**

by Bob Duff, Windsor Star

Two years ago, alone with his thoughts in the Windsor Stars' dugout, designated hitter Jay Evans stared downward toward nothing in particular. He dabbed at the perspiration on his forehead with a towel, but nothing could wipe away the frustration. There is no consolation in a trip to the bronze-medal game.

Only disconsolation. Especially when it's your last chance at glory. "You work all year for the gold medal and, when it's gone, that's kind of tough to take," Evans said.

Windsor's oldest everyday player during last year's Canadian Senior Baseball Championships, Evans, 33, has reached that point in life where his heart and his body wage war for control over his mind.

His physique no longer resembles the lithe mould that earned Evans all-city honours as a high school athlete at Assumption in volleyball, baseball and football.

Finding words to express his disappointment over this scenario was difficult for Evans.

Finding words to express why he still thrives on being part of such scenarios was much easier.

"Games like this," he said. "I still get nervous. I still get excited. I still feel the exhilaration of victory and the pain of defeat."

### Driving force

"That's what keeps me playing, even though my body is telling me it's time to go." Boys will be boys, even when they have boys of their own. Evans and his wife **Renee Janisse**, '92, have two sons, Josh, 3 and Jacob, 5. "My wife and my family have been wonderful to me in enabling me to play the game this long," he said. "The juniors won the gold medal and there's four or five of them ready to move up," Evans said. "It's time for younger players to pick up the torch and carry on the tradition of

the Windsor Stars." Baseball has opened up a world of opportunity to Evans. A college education, more than a dozen trips to national championships and the thrill of representing Canada at the 1989 World Championships.

Now, Evans is prepared to give something back.

"I want to coach," he said. "I'd like to work with younger kids. I definitely feel that I have something to offer as a teacher."

This summer, Jay is Head Coach and Manager of the Prestigious 17-18 year old Midget Selects, assisted by **Jim Curtis**, '91.

As Evans packed up his gear for the final time as a player, Josh and Jacob waited patiently at his side.

They don't care whether daddy's team won or lost. They only care that he's daddy.

After Assumption, Jay was assistant coach at Wayne State University, MI for 3 years - hitting, outfield, 1st base coach. He earned his degree in Child Development at Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN on a baseball scholarship. He was Freshman of the year and was voted All-American.

Jay married Renee Janisse, '92 - the owner of a small cake business named Cakes Etc. on Grand Marais at Dominion.



## 1974 CLASS PICTURE TAKEN, NOV. 6, 2004

Top Row: Robert Magri, Bruno Delicata, Livio Quaggiotto, Mike Valcke, Mario Iatonna, Rick Dumouchelle

3rd Row: Randy Parent, John Ashworth, Dennis Kelly, Gerry Finnegan, Tim White, Mark Fracas, Chris Reid, Harold Remark

2nd Row: Mark Zucchetto, Chris Malette, Laurie Collard (Steptoe), Kris Phillips (Zetner), Wendy Truant, Alan Hickey, Rudy Feimer

Front Row: Jody St. Louis-Byrne, Cathy Boyce (Reeb), Karen Drouillard (Durocher), Ann Dahlinger (Nicol), Joal Zakoor, Cathy Zucchetto (Nadalin), Cathy Kehoe (Yakubowich), Jackie Weatherby (Beer), Lee Batte, Robin McNeil (Slattery)

## YOU'VE HEARD OF "PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES"... AND STILL MADE IT TO THE REUNION!



**Monica Courey, '79**

by Dr. Monica Courey, '79

It was wonderful to see everyone at the reunion. I did not know about the reunion until I talked to Patty Pallisco sometime in the fall. When she told me the dates, I was unsure I could make it because I already had a trip scheduled to Austria for two different meetings. I had more than a full day in between arriving home and having to leave again, so I thought that even with my luck, I would be able to get to Windsor in time even if there were some delays. I had planned to arrive early Friday morning so that I could sleep and deal with jet lag before our class get together Friday evening. It was not to be.

### Here we go ...

Before I left home, the airline had changed me to an earlier flight in the morning. On Nov. 3rd, we left on time with clear skies. Because of thick fog in Amsterdam, we were diverted to Dusseldorf, Germany. With about twenty other planes, we sat on the tarmac for over 3 hours. When we finally arrived in Amsterdam, so did everyone else and the airline did NOT handle it well at all. Needless to say, I did not make my connecting flight. The electronic "take-a number" system was not working and instead of handing out numbers or setting up lines, there was just a mass of humanity pushing towards the counter. It took over four hours to get to the front, only to be told that I could not leave for another 24 hours! During the four hours we stood in line, a half a dozen flights left for the US. The irony is that had I been on my original flight there would have been no delay because by that time the fog had lifted. When I reached the front of the line, I learned the reason for this unusual, very dense fog. Apparently, a few days earlier there was a volcanic eruption in Iceland, an underwater eruption, no less and it was wreaking havoc with weather all over Northern Europe.

### Houston, we have a problem

Rather than stand in another line for accommodations, I found my own hotel room and I made sure I was the first in line the next morning to get my boarding pass and an aisle seat for the 10 hour flight. I was the first one at the gate. At the time we were supposed to board, nothing happened and I kept waiting and waiting, until finally, an airline representative informed us that the flight was not cancelled BUT there was a problem with the sliding mechanism of one of the doors and FAA regulations stated that the 60 seats surrounding this door had to remain vacant. Yes, you guessed it. One of those seats was mine. Unfortunately, many of the seats affected were in Business Class so those passengers were taken care of first, so by the time it came around to me, the only seat available was in the center of a row of five.

### "I was not a happy camper."

I told the attendant that at least they could have given preference to the people who had been stranded there the day before. She said there were more than a hundred of us on that flight. I replied that not all were in one of the 60 seats. She said they had no way of knowing who these people were. I told her that we would be more than happy to provide evidence that we had been there over 24 hours! My displeasure must have shown in my face because as I boarded the plane, a very perky flight attendant accosted me, asking if there was anything she could do for me. She said she knew that the delay had been very trying for everyone, but that I looked particularly upset. All I wanted was for everyone to leave me alone so I could just get settled, but when I got to my seat, there was no room for my carry on necessitating another walk up the aisle.

### Sparks flying

I must have had sparks flying from my eyes because when I sat down, the couple on my right asked me if I was okay; the couple on the left wanted to know if there was anything they could do for me. I had to reassure them all that in a few minutes, I would be just fine and that I would not bite their heads off or destroy their trip. We left Amsterdam four hours late. I was ready to kiss the ground when I arrived home, but I didn't have time. I arrived home 36 hours later than I was supposed to and the first leg of my flight to Windsor was a mere 2 hours later. I knew there was no way I could get home and back in time for the flight, so I came home, unpacked, repacked and did laundry while I made phone calls and searched the internet for other options. I slept for two hours before going back to the airport for a 6 am flight to Las Vegas.

### Party Central

No chance for sleep there. I had Party Central on my plane. How can people drink alcohol at 6 AM??? From Las Vegas to Detroit, I had to go on standby. The first flight left at 9 am. Of course, I did not get onto that flight, but the agent at the counter next door heard me talking about Amsterdam and asked me if I wanted to go there. I practically screamed, "NO!" and begged him not to send me back there. When I told him I was trying to get to Detroit, he told me I could take his flight to Minneapolis and there was a connection to Detroit that would get me there sooner than if I waited for the next direct flight. Once he assured me I did not have to be on standby in Minneapolis, I took it. No problem... until it was time for the flight to leave from Minneapolis. Apparently, someone noticed a faulty tire during the routine pre-flight check.

### More delay!

No problem. I'm glad someone noticed before we tried to land. Well, then we get the announcement that there will be a further delay because someone brought up the wrong size tires. I arrived in Detroit Friday night 13 hours later than I was supposed to. I wish I could say that was the end of it. I rented my car and headed out to the freeway to get to the bridge. I am very familiar with Detroit, but two freeways under construction with multiple detours, at night, with little to no sleep; of course it took me longer than it should have. I presented myself, exhausted, at the check in counter at the Hilton, just longing for a shower and a bed. She told me the original room was not available because it was "out of order". (What does that mean???). I said I didn't care as long as the room was non-smoking. She assured me that it was. When I got to the room, it was actually a business suite with a big conference table and clearly a smoking room i.e. ashtrays everywhere, smells like smoke. I figured, "What the heck, I've been up this long."

### Not acceptable!

So I trudged back to the desk and told them this room WAS NOT acceptable. This second person explained to me that the first room is "out of order" because it is undergoing some construction. Okay. So I get my new non-smoking room, turn on the heat and jump in the shower. At 10:30, I am ready to fall into bed. Just one more little problem NO HEAT! Cold air was spewing from the wall unit like it was an air conditioner. I turned it off, jumped into bed and into sweet oblivion. (They had to replace the entire unit the next day).

And the moral of my tale of woe is that, in spite everything, I made it to my 25 year reunion and I had a great time! THE END (I hope).

## ROGER AND AUDREY THIBERT HONOURED



**Dr. Audrey & Dr. Roger Thibert '47**

Last June, Roger Thibert ('47) and Audrey were both honoured by the University of Windsor. Roger was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science; Audrey, the Doctor of Laws.

Roger, a '47 graduate, has been a vociferous supporter of Assumption High School, attending many social, athletic and musical events, especially those involving his sons Mark and Robert.

Mrs. Thibert dedicated her time and multiple talents to Assumption High School as Treasurer and President of the Mothers' Club; a seven year volunteer of the math testing department; and more importantly, as executive director of the High School Alumni Association from '78 - '93. Her advice and commitment have been invaluable.

### **Some of Dr. Thibert's Awards**

An elected Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

An elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A Fellow of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

A Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

Listed in the Canadian Who's Who, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Dictionary of International

Biography, and the American Men and Women of Science. (Selected from the Award Address by Dr. Richard Carom)

Dr. Thibert is remembered by most as a teacher and mentor. He has won: The

SmithKline Clinical Laboratories of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry

Award for Outstanding Efforts in Education and Training.

The University of Windsor Alumni Award for Distinguished Contributions to University Teaching. The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations' Teaching Award.

The Beckman "Education Excellence Award" of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists.

The University of Windsor Alumni Award for Excellence in Mentoring.

### **Spare Time**

In addition to his research, teaching and program building, he carried a full administrative load. He has served as Associate Dean, Department Head, and has participated in special projects for all of our presidents and in his spare time, he plays guitar and watches and cheers for the Montreal Canadiens. Through all he has done, it is clear that he is proud of his two sons, both of whom are M.D.'s

"Roger, there is at least one "first" that I didn't mention, because I was saving it for last. All of your colleagues and friends agree that for all that you have done, for your dedication to your friends and your students, for your honesty, integrity, and pursuit of excellence, you are 'first in our hearts' ". (Selected from the Award Address by Dr. Richard Carom)

### **Audrey Thibert, Doctor of Laws**

Audrey is an accomplished individual who takes great pride in her own achievements, as well as those of others. She is a straight shooter, always on target and a tireless volunteer who has honoured her commitments to countless Boards and committees, including her first love, Assumption High School.

### **Schooling**

Audrey's love for learning began at St. Anthony's Elementary School, followed by St. Mary's Academy, where she was awarded an academic proficiency scholarship prior to graduation. A woman ahead of her time in

every way, it is not surprising that Audrey was a member of the first co-ed class of Assumption College in 1950. She later attended the Detroit Memorial Hospital School of Radiologic Technology. Audrey received her educational and professional training in the Windsor-Detroit region, with the exception of a post-graduate year in Boston, Massachusetts.

Following graduation, she immediately joined the Alumni Association Board of the newly incorporated University of Windsor. In 1966 and '67, she served as Vice-President, and in 1969 she became the first woman President, serving for eight years. In 1972, she received the University of Windsor's Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to the University and its Alumni Association. In 1992 to 2000, she served on the Board of Regents of Assumption University. In 2003, Audrey received the Charles Clark Award for outstanding voluntary service to the University of Windsor.

### **Community Involvement**

Beyond the walls of the institutions she has helped to move from good to great, Audrey has also contributed considerably to various community and civic causes including the March of Dimes, Cancer Society, the Heart Fund and the City of Windsor's Strategic Planning Committee. She co-founded the Windsor Separate School Board's Music Program and chaired the Southwood Lakes Townhome's Journal. Today, she is Management Consultant for Townhome Developments.

Audrey is an extraordinary person who continues to aspire to greater heights, serving as a champion of higher education. Professional and poised at all times, she is an exemplary role model for all of us. (Excerpts from the Presentation Speech by Amanda Dellman)

The Thibert family is one of high accomplishment - and the influence of this dedicated spouse and mother is great! She and Roger have two sons. Mark and Robert both of whom are medical doctors, Mark, a plastic surgeon and Robert, an internist.

### **Class of '75**

Your 30th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5th, 2005. Come yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '75 Grads, call 256-7801 ext. 299.





## 1984 CLASS PICTURE TAKEN, NOVEMBER 6, 2004

Top Row: Tim Gregorian, David Muzzatti, Tom Hacker, John Walker, Jeff Paquette, Vito Saputo, Steve Murphy  
 3rd Row: Alex Doumani, Tamara Siddall (Warwaruk), Linda Jean (Fantin), Katia Mauti (Palazzi), Dave Boyce, Lisa Friesen (Stroud), Maureen Kelly, Emmanuele Novelletto, Paul Quattrin  
 2nd Row: Becky Gbadebo (Ledingham), Sue Girimonte (Nostadt), Karen Zsargo (Duchene), Mark Lucier, Anne Marie Fleury (Nantais), Louanne White, Greg Fabris, Madelyn DelleValle, Susan McCrindle, Lisa Carnelos  
 Front Row: Christine Scott (Freisinger), Eleanor Sedge (Franco), Lena Kiritis (Milanis), Mariann Reimer (Hood), Tammy Bechard (Hall), Natalie Skiba (Barker), Colleen Marchand (Barker), Greg Daoust, Bill Ruesink

## CENTURY CLUB JUNE 2003 - JUNE 2004

The Century Club is composed of former students and friends who have donated \$100.00 or more a year to the Alumni Fund. These monies are used to help needy students to aid school programs and to sponsor Alumni activities. Your gifts are tax deductible in Canada and the U.S. Thank you for your contribution.

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## ST. BASIL'S GRILL



**Diane Nehmetallah**

**St. Basil's Grill** is the home of the **Assumption Culinary Arts** program which began in the fall of 2002 by Paul Borrelli.

It now has a new home in the newly constructed addition to the back of the school (which is now actually the "new" front of the school).

**DID YOU KNOW THAT** St. Basil's Grill is named after the patron saint of the **Basilian Fathers, St. Basil**? How appropriate and fitting!

St. Basil's Grill has a new Chef and Culinary Arts teacher, **Mrs. Diane Nehmetallah** replacing Mr. Borrelli who has taken a leave of absence. She is a wonderful addition to the

Assumption staff who keeps everyone happy and well fed. The students love her! The Culinary Arts program allows the students to succeed where they might not otherwise.

The students learn all the aspects of planning, purchasing, preparing and serving a meal. They also learn safety and health issues as well as the components of a healthy diet. The students also provide examples of their cooking for sale to staff members during lunch on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### WE'RE VERY PROUD!!

Besides catering our own alumni reunion on Nov. 6th 2004, the students also catered the grand opening of the new Catholic school board adjacent to our school along with numerous other events sponsored by the board. They are also entered every year in the Annual Battle of Hors D'oeuvres where their confidence and abilities allow them to compete alongside renowned chefs from the Windsor area. They have received much acclaim for their talent and professionalism. We

wish them much success in their future endeavors.

Many thanks to the culinary art students for a stupendous job at the reunion. They are **Christine Baltzer, Danielle Bastien, Joe Chouinard, Mike Delong, Adrienne Drouin, Laura Eardley, Cher Evon, Skye Findlay, Patricia Garant, Sara Geavreau,**

**Phil Morin, Gordon Nicholls, Monica Peters, Dia Ravja, Nevair Salman, Sarah Theriault, Dane VanDenDriessche and Carly Westfall.** A very **BIG** thanks to their wonderful teacher, **Mrs. Diane Nehmetallah.**



**Gr. 12 Hospitality Class**

**Charles LaCombe, Dane VanDenDriessche, Phil Morin, Laura Eardley, Gordon Nicholls**

**Christie Baltzer, Danielle Bastien, Dia Ravja, Joe Chouinard, Patricia Garant**

**Sarah Theriault, Nevair Salman, Skye Findlay, Adrienne Drouin**

### Assumption Raiders Prove Community Spirit

(from the Windsor Star, Nov. 11/04)

The completion of Assumption's annual Coats for Kids Drive proved once again the Raiders' spirit for caring for the community.

The Coats for Kids campaign ran for three weeks at Assumption. The students brought in coats from home, relatives and friends. This year, the Raiders pulled together and doubled last year's total, bringing in 157 coats. A special thank you goes out to all those students who participated in the campaign. Honourable mentions going to Calen Hamelin bringing in 12 coats and Matt Grandmaison for his contribution of 10 coats.

Assumption student council would also like to thank Rivard Cleaners for cleaning and delivering the coats.

RACHEL BALTZER  
Windsor

### NEWSLETTER TWO A YEAR

We regret that a lack of volunteer workers has forced us to cut production.

### CLASS OF '85

Your 20th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5, 2005. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '85 grads call 256-7801 ext.299.

# MISSING GRADS

## LOST ALUMNI FROM CLASS OF 1955

1955-WE'VE LOST A FEW

We've lost the addresses of some of your fellow '55 grads. If you can help us find them, call the alumni office at 519-256-7801 ext. 299.

Blahitka, Marvin G.	Gihula Aurthur S.	Jolie, Roger H.	Normandeau, Louis P.	Soulliere, Doug
Bloink, William A.	Gilmour, Terrence R.	Keltz, Richard M.	O'Neil, Ed	Strong, Richard
Blanchard, Ronald J.	Graham, Rev. Willima Victor	Kish, Andrew J.	Olsen, Jack	Taber, Ken
Bolton, Joseph Noel	Greenwood, Charles T.	Kusluski, Eugene C.	Ouellette, Gene	Tines, Nikolaus
Calvet, George	Herron, Len	Lemieux, Andre S.	Pare, Lawrence Felicien	Tremblay, Carl
Caparowich, Al	Hill, William J.	Levis, Laurent F.	Parent, Ron C.	Trinca, Louis
Chauvin, Thomas Joseph	Hiller, Edwin S.	Maraz, Dr. E.V.	Poulin, Armand	Trombley, Carl Alfred
Clement, Raymond A.	Hogan, John	Marentette, Allan A.	Provost, John	Turner, Thomas A.
Cole, Charles Darby	Hogonson, John J.	Marsh, Marvin Keith	Ross, Bob	Vanthounout, Gary
Czap, Theodore J.	Hole, Frederick G.	Matchett, AlFred	Rouble, Ambrose J.	Watson, Robert
Docherty, William Gary	Husak, George T.	Mayne, Robert Paul	Ruppert, Al	Weintraub, David M.
Donohue, Bill	Jennings, Lyle	Meloche, Rev. Alphonse	Sheehan, Bernard Leo	Wing, Maurice
Faubert, Eugene A.	Johnston, Paul G.	Myers, Paul R.	Smyth, Brian	Yoe, John

## LOST ALUMNI FROM CLASS OF 1970

1970-WE'VE LOST A FEW

We've lost the addresses of some of your fellow '70 grads. If you can help us find them, call the alumni office at 519-256-7801 ext. 299.

Brennan, Robert Francis	Hackett, Michael David	McCarney, Patrick Joseph	Reaume, Robert Raymond	Sutandar, Tjahjono
Bryant, Wayne Douglas	Imeson., Clayton Wallace	Milligan, Ray Oliver	Renaud, Robert Louis	Taylor, Leigh
Charette, Gerard Paul	Jamieson, Ian Muir	Murphy, Daniel Thomas	Richard, Michael Robert	Thomas, John Wm
Cummings, James	Joyce, Patrick Joseph	Murray, Walter Jerome	Reid, Anthony Walter	Tourigny, Roland
Denomme, Kenneth Michael	Ladouceur, Paul	Nikita, John	Robinet, Lawrence	Tullock, Daniel M.
Dolan, John Francis	Lauzon, Neil Lawrence	Pare, Daniel Edward	Roney, Edward	"Scotty"
Eagen, Kerry Girand	Lawrie, David R.	Pare, John	Schofield, Martin Joseph	Vaughan, William Noel
Fortin, Jacques Joseph	Maini, Ronald Patrick	Pienta, Paul Alan	Smith, Gary	Ward, Mike
Gibb, Roy Anthony	Mardegan, Walter	Philpolt, Greg	Soler, Dr. Alex	Watson, Scott
Girard, Michael Patrick	Marentette, Navarre Alphons	Quagish, Burhan Yacoub	Spindler, Paul Gerard	Woods, Michael

## LOST ALUMNI FROM CLASS OF 1975

1975-WE'VE LOST A FEW

We've lost the addresses of some of your fellow '75 grads. If you can help us find them, call the alumni office at 519-256-7801 ext. 299.

Anderson, Daniel William	Creacy, Gary William	Lam, Hing-Cheung Thomas	Racuikaitis, Joseph Benjamin
Arupa, Linda (Tesolin)	Demarse, Earnest Peter	Leblanc, Debbie	Regier, Teresa (Gladys)
Bachynski, Tery	Devoy, Chrisitne	Lui, Lai Cheung Frederick	Rondot, Katheryn Mary
Bacic, Catherine	DiCesare, Cesar	Mahmoudian, Fariborz	Sandre, Robert
Balen, Nina (Fox)	Dolan, Rossanne (Bornais)	Maitre, Catherine	Silvaggi, Mrs. Maureen (Wilkinson)
Bauer, Alfons	Ducharme, Shirley (Crowley)	Maitre, Donna (Bechard)	Simpson, Mrs. Carl (Janisse)
Beckworth, Sarah	Eansor, Donna Marie	Mak, Tak On Michael	Smith, Rhonda C.
Belleperche, Bob	Evelyn, Brain Andrew	Markham, Denise	St. Pierre, Mrs. Bonnie (Westrop)
Black, Alexander Joseph	Garbula, Robert	Marleau, Wayne	Syn, Chau-Tau Edward
Bookmyer, Brad	Giacchini, Albert	Masaro, Janet	Taylor, Mrs. Cyndy (Squires)
Bornais, Roseanne	Glaves, Martha	Masse, Joan	Thibert, Darlene (Brunelle)
Bourdeau, Michael Raymond	Gravelle, David	McCarthy, Dan	Thompson, David
Brown, Annette	Gray, Margaret	McKenzie, Kevin	Thompson, Gregory Peter
Brush, Mark	Greenwood, Gordon	Mecher, John	Tonkin, Patricia Ann
Bugeia, Janet Rita	Hindi, Mary (Azar)	Menard, Daniel	Vella, Joseph Charles
Burke, Frank	Hughes, Theresa (Beneteau)	Moroun, Fred	Wong, Suk-Ching
Chan, Cho-Yi Alex	laquinta, Rosa	Neilson, Mark	Wong, Yuen-Ching
Chan, Hang-Cheung David	Jones, Sue (Rivard)	Owen, Catherine	
Chen, Ting-Hoi	Kirby, Thomas Bernand	Pastorius, Marguerite	
Courey, David	Konyha, Susan Carol	Pomainville, Rita	

# 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



## CLASS OF 1954 TAKEN NOVEMBER 6, 2004

*Top Row A.J. Mascarin, Ben LaRocque, Joe Matz, Art Murphy, Dino Marcuz, Joe Molinari  
 Third Row Ed Zemla, Donald Sines, Leo "Digger" Durocher, Len Greaves, Jim Hartford, Des McGuire, Bernard Sheehan, John Britton  
 Second Row Lou Rainone, Harold Hanson, Ron Sooley, Richard Maheu, John Burns, Patrick Pope, Ray Ohlman, Marty Kubanek, Larry Bannon, Phil Zakoor, Ferris Gauld  
 First Row Tom Dea, Don Carom, Homer Duguay, John Dooley, Erv Peitz, Don McIntosh, Paul LaBute, Dom DePalma, Clayton Lajeunesse, Lido Sandre, Paul Lecours*



**Students serving in kitchen:**  
*from left to right: Monica Peters, Phil Morin, Mrs. Diane Nehmetallah, Joe Chouinard, Carly Westfall, Esmeralda Mejia-Morales*



**Four Ladies from '79 class:**  
*Madeline LaCivita (DeLuca), Miria Angilieri (Fantin) Antonietta Spada, Maria Gabriele (Simone)*



**Group of '79 grads: Dean Bannon, Mary Bannon (Ulichny), Tim Hennessy, Josi Ienna (Scabba), Hunt Hool, Geralyn Mady**



**Picture with the Bishop**  
*from left to right: Fr. J.J. Stortz C.S.B. ('43), Bishop Eugene LaRocque D.D. ('44), Dr. Ray LaRocque M.D. ('46), Ted Seewald ('41)*

## THANK YOU

Marlena DeLuca, '99  
and family who folded,  
addressed and mailed the  
newsletters for our U.S.  
Alumni. Your help is greatly  
appreciated!!

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Nov. 5, 2005  
Relax with your friends  
Talk to your teachers  
Visit with everyone  
Gossip - who needs it?  
Learn the latest news  
**ALL FRIENDS OF  
ASSUMPTION  
WELCOME**

## CLASS OF '55

Your 50th Anniversary of  
Graduation, November 5, 2005.  
Come Yourself. Tell your fellow  
grads! If you know the whereabouts  
of any of the '55 grads call 256-7801  
ext. 299.

## ACS ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT

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PHONE NUMBER:  
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## CLASS OF 1979 TAKEN NOVEMBER 6, 2004

**TOP ROW:** Marilyn Woodrich (Power), Laura Santarossa (Munn), Madeline La Civita (DeLuca), Miria Angileri (Fantin), John McCarthy, Chris Holmes, Kurt Sutts, Peter Deck, Joe Trocchi, Louie Calsavara, Jerry Hughes

**5TH ROW:** Paul Paolatto, Monica Courey, Tim Hennessy, Andrea Read (Panontin), Sandy Reagen (McCarthy), Terri Caputo (Blain), Anne Marie Schofield (Grier), Domenic Giglio, Larry Modolo, Jim Campbell, Steve Kipping, Kevin Kenney, Mario Pennesi

**4TH ROW:** Sandra Boglitch (MacKinnon), Paulette Nicodemo (Garswood), Cathy Mombourquette, Michael Maio, Steve Ratko, Gerry Bezaire, Patti Bezaire (Zakoor), Brian Parent, Mary Bannon (Ulicny), Dean Bannon, Dan Bouzide, Jerry St. Denis

**3RD ROW:** Janice McCarthy (Kulyk), Laura Niziolek (Mooney), Josette Kett (Thibert), Kim Bode, Walter Romano, Michelle Romano (St. Denis), Yvette Sztorc (Mayea), Bill Sztorc, Michaelena Froats (Pare), Beth Marshall (Ethier), Rosemary Colucci

**2ND ROW:** Patty Pailisco, Michelle Brugge (Godin), Maria Gabriele (Simone), Antonietta Spada, Jackie Beneteau, Daniela Pastorius (Sorrentino), GERALYN Mady, Jackie Godin, Josi Ienna (Scebba), Gina Fracas, Sharon Eagen, Virginia Zubrickas (Kuras), Hunt Hool

**FRONT ROW:** Deanna Graham (Steptoe), Cathy Ruisi, Frances DeBenedictis (Frederico), Cathy Uliyett, Kathy Drouillard (Lauzon), Rosemary Power, Carole Tobin (Fontaine), Mugsy Rondot, Jane Kipping (Ryan), Maureen Markham-Moffat, Tom Murray, Angela Knapp (Panontin), Anne Ryan (Sheehan)

## LETTERS FROM PRESENT DAY STUDENTS TO ALUMNI



Dear Alumnus of 1954,  
I am a student in grade 9 and I am attending Assumption College School. You have graduated in the year of 1954, which is 50 years ago! The one unique thing about Assumption is its rich history and I want you to know that your graduating year will forever be in Assumption history for all its trophies in various sports. I cannot believe that you were all taught by priests and nuns back then and that you people had dormitories. What the point of this message is that I hope you have a

wonderful time tonight meeting old friends whom you haven't seen in over 50 years. Sincerely, **Vlad Baluta**

### **Tom Dea, Pat Pope and Dez McGuire from class of '54 respond:**

A long, long time ago on a galaxy far away .....there was an old brick building near a river. Boys went to school there and even though many people walked around in long black dresses, the boys stripped and changed in the halls since there were no girls in the school and the black dresses were worn by men!!! The men were teachers and they were developing a motto "Teach me discipline ..."

It was fun dodging chalk and books etc. and picking up stones on the ball fields. Yes, the convicts, I mean borders had dorms but I was a "day dog" and had to change in the hall at my locker. Day Dogs were a breed unto themselves. They had smiles on their faces and regular girlfriends. It's been said, I attest it so there would be no sports excellence without names such as Armstrong and Cullen at Assumption. These are legends, recruiters, dedicated mentors and teachers and producers. Now is the time for those who follow to build new and more in tune with the times to carry on this admirable tradition. **PURPLE AND WHITE !!! GO TEAM!!!**

### **Another letter to Alumni:**

I am a grade nine student currently attending Assumption College School, well, to make it easier, the same school you attended years ago! Assumption has changed drastically since you attended. First, it has gone through major physical changes, which make it look more state of the art. Second, the staff have changed greatly, bringing teachers from all sorts to Assumption. I enjoy Assumption greatly - it has many challenges to take along with great sports and extra-curricular activities. The population has decreased, but we will hold out for we are Raiders! As for the curriculum, starting this year, a new programme has been introduced to the school - the International Baccalaureate Programme. It challenges students to the



fullest with greater academic work and stricter course choices. I attend this programme and work with all of my brainpower to succeed. Now enough of my time at Assumption - I would like to read about your time at Assumption. What was it like for you and how different is it from now? Yours truly, Assumption student

**Ray Ohlman '54 responds:** We were taught the lessons of life at Assumption, but we didn't realize it in the '50-'54 years. Listen well and take it all in.

**John Dooley '54 says :** To receive an education from Assumption was a great experience and well rewarding.

**Pat Keane '56 (trustee for our school board) writes:** I graduated in '56. All our children attended ACHS. All graduated ACHS - all are successful - AM I PROUD? Good luck with the I.B. programme. I know you will ace it!

### **Ashley Huber (Rm 018 Ms. DeFroy) writes:**

Hi, my name is Ashley. I'm in grade 12 here at Assumption. I came from St. Francis grade school where I went since JK to grade 8. I came to Assumption in the year 2001 and I am going to graduate in the year 2005.

The teachers from my grade school told me that Assumption was a good high school to come to and that I will enjoy my years here. Since I have been here, I have learned a lot about the school and the changes that have taken place here. I'm hoping that this year will be my last!

ENJOY YOURSELVES!!!!

### **Responses from the Class of '54:**

My wife Mary Ann graduated from St. Francis and went to St. Mary's Academy. Assumption was an excellent school in 1950-54. We're happy to hear it is still carrying on the traditions!!! Good luck and God Bless. **Joe Molinari** (former editor of the paper)

My husband, Ben and his friend Bernie Sheehan are graduates of 1954. I went to St. Francis grade school also. Wishing you the best in the years ahead!! **Edna and Ben LaRocque, Gloria and Bernie Sheehan.**

### **Calen Hamelin, gr. 12 class of '05 writes to Class of '74:**

My name is Calen Hamelin. I'm a 17 year old grade 12 student at Assumption College High School. I am an athlete as well, currently participating in cross-country, basketball, baseball and track and field. This past cross-country season, I was one position from qualifying to O.F.S.S.A. in Guelph. This coming December, I will be running in the Canadian Junior Cross-Country Championships in Toronto, Ontario as a member of the Windsor Legion Cross Country team. However I have been running for Assumption for the past 3 years. This past summer I attended the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece with a group of students from all over Essex County. In your graduating year at Assumption, my friend's father, Mr. Campigotto, was the male athlete of the year, which was an honour to receive in 2003-04 for me. Assumption is such a great school and environment for students and I believe that the renovations will bring the Assumption Spirit back home to where it was years ago.

**John Ashworth Class of '74 responds:** Hi Calen, a fellow runner!! I got to OFSSA only once - grade 13 which I guess you will not have a



chance to do. One of the great things about Assumption was that I learned to balance sports (running) with school. It has served me well as I still run several times each week and I started at Assumption. Keep running and keep in touch with Assumption!!

**Laura Stannard, gr. 12 class of '05 writes to Alumni:**

I am a grade 12 student at Assumption High School. I have attended Assumption all through my four high school years and enjoyed every day here.

There have been a lot of changes here at Assumption, just since I came.

I can't even imagine how much it has changed since you attended here. When I was in grade nine, we had two gyms, student access to the courtyard, a beautiful library and a huge cafeteria, and our hallways were all connected. Since the renovations and the school board moving in, our building has really changed, but the people are still the same. Since my first day of school here, I loved every single class and teacher I had, and the students were always awesome. My friends and I have so many great memories here that we'll never lose, no matter how much of the building we're losing. The spirit at Assumption always cheers you up, no matter how bad times are elsewhere. We have awesome sports teams, even though we don't always win. I played for our girl's volleyball team every year so far, and well, we were never champions ... that's all I'll say. But we had the best times of our lives during those seasons, and I'll never forget those memories. No one really cared if we weren't left undefeated, or even made the play-offs because we were having too much fun together in the meantime.

I hope I can still say the same 25 years from now when I am at my own Alumni reunion. It must be awesome to see all your friends again and think back to all the great memories you share. I hope this reunion is one you will also never forget.

**Rick Dumouchelle '74 responds:** Hi Laura. It was great to meet you as you helped at the reunion. It is well known that being a champion really isn't 'winning everything' but about 'being a winner'. After meeting you for a short time and seeing you work and feel your spirit, you will always be a WINNER! P.S. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT 25 YEARS TO COME BACK FOR A REUNION. YOU ARE WELCOME ANYTIME!!**

**Tomas Yousif, class of '05 writes to Class of '79 :**

My name is Tomas Yousif and I go to Assumption Catholic High School. I am currently in grad 12 and I came from St. James Catholic School. I have been here for 5 years and there is a lot of spirit in this school. I enjoy this school very much.

The reasons I enjoy this school is because people here are very friendly and the sports are incredible. The teacher knows how to treat the students here in Assumption. They are very respectful and their classes are

interesting. When I came here I met a lot of new and interesting people in this school.

Well, I hope you meet your old friends now and see how they are doing and have a great weekend.

**Responses:**

Assumption has always been a very special place. Many friendships are established here during your high school years and your Assumption BONDS are strong even with those who are only brief acquaintances.

Study hard but have fun. Treasure your time and your friends at Assumption.

Best of Luck. **Geralyn Mady '79**

Enjoy your time here and Good Luck! – **Josi Ienna '79**

I feel the same way; the school spirit was awesome 25 years ago. I am glad to hear



the spirit is still here. I will always treasure my days here and I hope you will have many unforgettable memories like I did. I also went to St. James. **-Dean Bannon & Mary Bannon (Ulicny)'79**

I'm here tonight with 3 people who are still my dearest friends after 25 years. Keep in touch with your high school friends. **J. Godin '79**

The friendships made during high school will last a lifetime. Enjoy! **K. Lauzon '79**

Assumption gave me the discipline I needed to achieve all my goals in life. Think of it as a gift. Good Luck! **D. Graham '79**

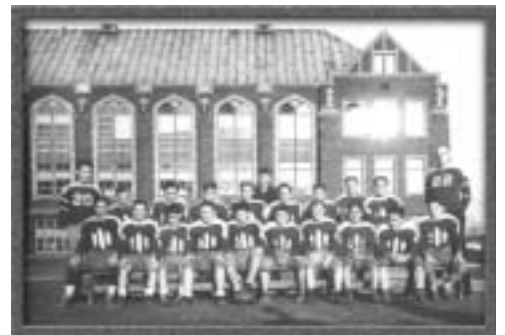
Make Friends now. Have a blast with them for the rest of our life. **D. Sorrentino '79**

**Abigail D. writes to class of '84:**

My name is Abigail. This is my first year at Assumption and I love it!!! I remember in grade eight, I never wanted to go to high school, but now, I don't know what I was thinking. I love Assumption, I'm really glad I came here. The events that have happened so far have been the best!! Frosh Fest, first dance of the year, the Halloween dance and the semi-formal is coming up in two weeks and I can't wait!!!! We never had dances at my grade school so it was a great new experience for me. What was Assumption like for you guys?!!

**Eleanore Sedge (Franco) '84 responds:** First year at Assumption?!!

Enjoy, remember the past – its funny how the future and the past eventually become one. Assumption was great when I attended and I believe it will continue to be great – remember you get back what you put into it.



# LETTERS

**Maureen Kelly '84 writes:** Coming from a small town and a small school it was overwhelming at first coming to Assumption and not knowing anyone. I have made some wonderful friends who have had a wonderful impact on my life. Enjoy your time here as Eleanor stated. You do get back what you put into it.

**Madelyn DelleValle '84 says:** Assumption had 1800 students when I went - many people who remained strangers even by the end of 4 years!!

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**Sarah Favot, Co-Prime Minister 2004-05** writes:

Dear Assumption Alumni:

Welcome to our new building! Our school has undergone many changes over the past months, but now that the construction is coming to a close the final result is beautiful.

I am currently a grade twelve student and I have been at Assumption throughout my entire high school career. I cannot explain to you how much I love this school. As you know, Assumption has a wonderful history because our teachers and administration care so much about their students. Even though we are a small school, I believe that we have the greatest school in the city.

I have been actively involved throughout my high school career. I have taken part in athletic activities as well as clubs. Student Council has been a way that I have been able to feel a part for trying to make the school a better place. Our most important activities that still go on today are our involvement with the Missions and our annual Canned Food Drive. These two activities are the focus of our school. During the Can Drive we are able to reach out to those who are in need. While I have gone door-to-door I have met some of you, our Assumption Alumni, and you have been extremely giving because you remember your time at Assumption when you would go collecting.

Today at Assumption we still try to carry on the traditions of the school that were established by you - our Alumni. Never forget that there is Raider Pride and purple blood in all of you.

I hope you have an enjoyable reunion, because I know of the hard work and dedication that was taken on by our staff and students to provide this night for you.

**John Ashworth '74 Prime Minister in '75** responds: Good work on the Student Council. The people skills you have learned will serve you well as they have all of us.

**Cathy Zucchetto '74 First Female Prime Minister at Assumption:** Good Luck!

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Sharon M. (Germann) Karai, '77, writes: I married my childhood friend, John Karai in December, 1990 in Kitchener, Ontario. We have two children, Joey (12) and Meagan (10). They attend St. Aloysius School, one that I went to before I moved to Windsor in 1970. I work with Special Needs Children as an Educational Assistant for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and my husband works for BF Goodrich Tire Plant in Kitchener, Ontario. I send greetings to the class of 1977 and hope to see all my old friends at our Thirtieth Reunion in 2007.

Thanks for keeping us grads well informed.

With Warmest Regards

**Sharon M. Karai, '77**

Dear Fr. Stortz: I recently stumbled upon your website while tiring away at my desk. It has been years since I have read a Newsletter and very much enjoyed the Jan. 2004 issue. Please update your records with my new information: After graduating from the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law in 1989, I was called to the Ontario Bar in 1991. In 1995, I married Joe Kireta (Brennan) and we have two terrific children, Olivia (1998) and Calvin (2000). After practicing law in Windsor for 11 years, I returned to Windsor Law as the Director of Career Service. The position gives me more time with my family and also allows me to play an important part in the development of future lawyers. My current address is in Tecumseh, Ontario. I look forward to reading the next issue of the Newsletter. Thanks again.

**Francine A. Herlehy, '89**

Director of Career Services

University of Windsor Faculty of Law

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Greetings: After 8 years of teaching in elementary schools (Revelstoke, BC and Calgary AB) I'm now a stay-at-home mom for my children: Andrew (5) and Elizabeth (2). My husband of 11 years (Rodney Case from Ingersoll, ON) just started a job for the freight division of SNCF, so now we're living in Paris, France. Hello to my class of '86 and merci beaucoup MMe. Laird, M. Bortolin et M LaRocque (my French teachers at ACS, of course!)

**Ozelle (Patolot) Case, '86**

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**Michael Arent, Sr., '54, writes:**

I married Mary Lou Bartlett in 1958. I graduated from the University of Michigan in 1959 with a BS degree and in 1961 obtained a MBA degree.

Mary Lou and I brought into the world 6 children. My career was all in Information Systems. I started as a systems analyst and ended as vice president. As of this date, I have five children living (our oldest boy died of cancer at the age of 42), nine grandchildren and I am a double amputee due to a genetic gene carried by my mother.

If anyone is in the state of Washington, call and drop in. I am at 419 S. Grant in Kennewick and my phone is 509-735-1007.

After graduating in 1952, I joined the Dominion Bank, now known as the TD Canada Trust. I was employed with them for 36 years - 23 of these years as a Branch Manager at various branches and then retired in 1989.

Blessed with 5 children, 3 of whom graduated from the University of Windsor; 10 grandchildren and a beautiful wife of 43 years, who succumbed to eternal life in 1999.

I was fortunate to meet someone else I enjoy and remarried in 2003. Enjoying life, playing a little golf and being a volunteer at our local Catholic Church. I am enclosing \$50 to help defray the cost of the Newsletter which I enjoy reading.

**Gerald Alexander, '52**



Dear Father Ron

I have many wonderful memories of Assumption High School, and working in your Grade 10 English class on Julius Caesar and Captains Courageous during 1950-51.

I later took an M.A. in English at the University of Toronto (living at St. Mike's in the old St. Mary Street residence), went into professional theatre, and then taught English and theatre at Seneca College in Toronto for 20 years. So memorizing those wonderful Shakespearean speeches was not in vain!

With kindest regards, Mike (& my wife Joan) Maloney, '53

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I moved to Vancouver in the summer of 1982. My career has been in the hospitality industry. I am currently working as the Marketing Manager for the American owned Morton's of Chicago Steakhouse. I have been married for 13 years and my husband is a Corporate Solicitor. I have two children: Nathan is 12 and Katherine is 9. I regretfully missed the 25 year reunion because we moved into a new house, but I have marked my calendar for the 30 year. I still keep in contact with a few friends from my graduating year: Rose Colucci, Michelle Price (nee Goudreau), Tom Murray and Rose Power. I would love to hear some news about everyone else.

Best Regards,  
Irene (Byrne) Laronde  
ilaronde@shaw.ca  
Sales and Marketing Manager

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To Whom It May Concern: I was recently sitting in my office, surfing the web to try to find an Assumption Web Page. When I graduated from ACS, there was no "Net" or "World Wide Web" and I waited with anticipation to receive a hard copy of my newsletter by "snail-mail." I am happy to report that I found the ACS web site, and consequently your e-mail address.

I would like to receive the Alumni Newsletter, if possible, at my office in Port Colborne.

Here's an update...

After leaving the hallowed halls of Assumption, I spent a brief stint in University, a few years in residential construction, a dozen or so years in retail management all over the province, until finally getting myself "squared away." I re-united with my high school sweetheart, Jeni ("Sound of Music" fame in 1984 or 1985, as well as many other stage productions at ACS) and embarked on a career in Financial Services. I now have my own State Farm office in Port Colborne, Ontario. (Port Colborne is in the Niagara Region, where the Welland canal meets Lake Erie.)

We have a beautiful 11 year-old son, Dakota who keeps us pretty busy. Jeni works as a Communications & Fundraising Coordinator for a local not-for-profit agency. I am also involved with quite a few community service initiatives, including the United Way of South Niagara, and Port Colborne Community Association for Resource Extension.

Jeni has agreed to attend our "20-year" reunion with me, so she looks forward to seeing many of my good and bad influences then!

Warmest regards,  
Mark Guilbeault class of '86

Dear Fathers,

Many thanks to you, and all that assist you with the Assumption newsletter. It truly is an Alumni paper as it contains articles, pictures, etc. dating back over a half century. A couple issues back, I recognized myself in a picture that showed 1948, 49, 50, Alumni looking at "the good ol' days" memorabilia, such as some issues of the school paper, "the reporter", and the Windsor Daily Star. Unfortunately, some of the items reported in the newsletter must include sad tidings, such as the passing of Bill Pataky, '48. I was sorry to read about Bill, but I recall happier days when Bill was all-city in basketball and football. He was a member of one of Assumption's finest football squads, the 1947 team which won the Windsor City and W.O.S.S.A championships, with a record of eleven wins, no defeats. Another obituary also brought back memories. As a boarder, I recall the fun we had going to watch

'Red' Nantais coach the college basketball team as they played in St. Denis Hall. For a "Boarder", it was like a "night out".

On a happier note, I notice that Marty Sullivan created a dvd of the 1950 class'. Although I'm class of '49, I always felt "adopted" by the class of '50 because in my senior year, I lived with many on the 3rd

flat, since there wasn't room available on the senior boarder flat, top floor in the old college building. Anything done by Marty is top rate. I remember in 1975, Marty arranged to have class of '50 pictures shown on Cleveland area television because it was

his class' 25th reunion. Since some arrived late to view the show, Marty arranged to have the show repeated. That took courage, and dedication to his Assumption classmates.

Enclosure is for the dvd and the newsletter's continued success.

Best regards always,  
Tom O'Neill '49

## ACS ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW Alumni Office Phone Number:  
**(519) 256-7801 ext. 299** with voice mail

**Fr. Cullen** (519) 256-2337  
**Fr. Stortz** (519) 256-1811



*Paul Quattrin, Mrs. Quattrin, Emmanuel Novelletto, Greg Fabris*

## DO YOU KNOW ASSUMPTION HISTORY?

It is now in book form. John J. Kelly, '68 has completed his study of our school's history. On sale at Assumption \$25 CAN: by mail **ADD \$5** to mail in Canada, \$6 to mail in the U.S.A.

# LETTERS

**ASSUMPTION STUDENTS STAND SECOND TO NONE:** I am the mother of a son and daughter who graduated from Assumption College Catholic School and I feel compelled to respond to Kevin Fader's attack on their alma mater.

Had Mr. Fader been interested, he might have attended our monthly PTA meetings and seen the spirit of Assumption and learned of the dedication of the teachers, administration and support staff firsthand.

My husband and I held positions on the council over six years. It is true, that in many ways, the Assumption of today is a memory of its former self. The enrolment has dropped as the community at large shamefully denigrates it as a west-side school, and not as the birthplace of Catholic education in southwestern Ontario.

Yet, to this day, it remains a seat of learning without boundaries for any who desire a Catholic education. Under renovation and without a gymnasium, it is no surprise they have lost the senior boys basketball program this year. High school football is struggling across the province and the smaller schools will naturally be the first to show it.

But in the spirit of giving, whether it is the annual can drive, the Father Armstrong Missions, Coats for Kids or simply taking care of two teenagers without a mother this Christmas, Assumption and her students stand proudly second to none.

And under the leadership of the administration, Assumption will be the first publicly funded secondary school in southwestern Ontario to offer the International Baccalaureate program, a higher standard of learning that will be a benefit to all of Windsor.

As for ACS being located in the most polluted part of the city, his opinion stated is an unproven fact, I await Mr. Fader's calls to close and relocate the University of Windsor, whose students breathe the same air only a football field away.

CLAIRE TYRRELL Windsor

(taken from Windsor Star - Feb. 2004)

Dear Father, It has been 34 years since I walked the halls of Assumption and it just amazes me how fast the years have gone. Those four years I spent living in the dorms and attending class have stayed in my memory and brought many smiles to my face. That four year experience continues to impact my life today. I have experienced great joy with three children and now two grandchildren.

My life has been very blessed. I have a great career, I am still working in the automotive industry, and it's been a challenge these last few years, but by the grace of God I continue to keep moving forward. I hope to continue my work until my wife Pat retires and then we will move to a warmer climate.

My heart was saddened when I read in the last newsletter that Norb Rammler passed away. I went to grade school with Norb and followed him to Assumption. When I see names that I know it really brings reality home. We are only here for a short time and we need to remember to take care of each other. I can only say thank you, without your guidance and a good swift kick in the pants, I am not sure if I would have accomplished as many things in my life as I have or hope to do. Assumption taught me the discipline to deal with life challenges, but you showed me

that it takes courage to do what is right, love God, take care of your family, and remember those that have helped you along the path. God Bless you Father!!

Jim Wiess, Class of 1970

Good day,

I was just reading an Assumption Alumni Newsletter on the web. I graduated from Assumption College School in 1995.

My name is Jennifer Provencal (nee Gillis). I would like to start receiving an Alumni Newsletter.

I am a member of the Canadian Forces. After graduating in 1995, I joined the forces, (instead of going to University). I was posted to Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, ON from 1996-2001 and now I am at Canadian Forces Base Borden since 2001.

I am so happy that I chose the career path that I did. I have seen and done many different things in my life because of the military. When I was at Assumption, I was part of the winning Women's Volleyball team 1992-1995. Playing sports at Assumption were some of the most memorable times that I have in regards to high school. Now I am a member of the Military Women's National Volleyball team. Last December I went to Sicily, Italy to compete at the World Military Games (comparison to the Olympics....but all Military Teams participate from over 80 countries in the World), and in June 04, I participated at the Military World Championships. I owe a lot of my Volleyball accomplishments to the girls that I played with and the coach that we had (Ms Denise Hebert) back when I was an Assumption Raider.

Thank you for your time

Jennifer



**Laurie Browning (Administrative Secretary at ACS), Paul Huggard (teacher at Catholic Central), Mary Margaret Parent (Principal at Assumption)**

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**John Girard, '73**, is currently principal of St. Christopher S.S. This past spring was his 25th year taking students on a canoe trip to Algonquin Park. Thanks Fr. "Q" for getting me hooked. All the best.

**Catherine R. (Ogryzek) Cully, '85**, - was married in June of 2004 and moved to Toronto. Her husband, Terry, and she enjoy working in Toronto and spending weekends at their cottage. Catherine says: "I miss all my friends in Windsor but enjoy the excitement of married life. Cheers."

**Sr. Sandra Stewart, RNDM, '72** writes: I love getting to Windsor to see family and friends. I am newly elected to the provincial leadership team for my community, the Sisters of the Missions; have been a member for almost 25 years and continue to be involved in full-time ministry as a spiritual director/companion. While my Assumption badminton days are behind me, I did enjoy a game recently. Thanks for the memories, coach **Bob Mailloux**.

**Anne Louise Bannon, '82**, is a teacher and actress; happily married for 13 years to actor Bill McMillan (recently seen in a principal role in the movie 'The Day After Tomorrow'). She writes: "We have a wonderful 10 year old child named Maggie. Close Assumption friends are **Kanan Patel, '82, Stefan Polewski, '82, David Hogan, '82** and **Stuart Savage, '82**. We will forever miss **Michael Gertsakis, '83** and **Kerry McNamara, '82** who died 18 months apart. We carry them with us in our hearts."

**Jack Haggarty, '80**, writes: "Hi All: Holly, Daphne (13) Leon (12), Moira (10) and I have been in Thunder Bay for nearly seven years. Our real winter allows for weekly cross-country ski passion. Jack winter-camps as a break

from his psychiatric practice. Special hello to the class of '80 - see you at our 25th in 2005."

**Fr. Andy Dwyer, '68**, has been appointed Chaplain to the St. Clair Catholic District School Board for three year term effective August 30, 2004.

**James Wilson, '75** writes: In May, 2004, I accepted the Chief Administrative Officer's position with the County of Haliburton which resulted in my wife Pat and I moving from Stratford, Ontario, to a property located on 12 Mile Lake which is just north of Minden, Ontario.

**Bruno Bertucci, '75** is now a captain in the Windsor Fire Department He married Kathy McCann, Massey, '76. They have 2 boys, Sal and Matthew. Bruno is still trying to stop pucks in the net.

**Doreen Sztorc, '75** and her husband Leigh Leblanc are drivers for Ian (grade 8) to hockey and soccer and Kacie (grade 6) to gymnastics and soccer. Doreen and Leigh celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last November. Doreen is a sister of **David, '78** and **Bill, '79**.

**Don Murphy, '63** writes: I am retired after being a principal in Peterborough for 25 years. I'm still playing rugby after 50 years. I'm playing in San Diego in May, and then New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in July.

**Bill and Elizabeth (nee Piechura) Vaillancourt - Bill ('87)** is a teacher with the WECDSB and **Elizabeth ('88)** is a pharmacist with Shoppers Drug Mart in Windsor. We are blessed with two very healthy boys, Jake age 3 and Zachary 6 months. Many thanks to Ms. Pat Emond who introduced the two of us to each other in grade 13 Enriched English.

## AMONG THE BEST

### 2004 CAN DRIVE TOPS

Our alumni boast of their great Christmas can drives, never to be equaled. Move over and let the students of 2004-05 tell you how fewer than 700 Raiders collected over 46 000 cans, an average of 63 cans per student- only second to the '68 class.

Recall your advantages, you had your own cars. The boarders earned extra days at home for a specified amount of cans.

Congratulations to the 2004-05 classes led by Mr. Dennis Palamides, assisted by the Student Council, led by co-Prime Minister Emily Limarzi, daughter of Bruno '72 and Rosemary Szilva (Staff 1983-86). Phil Hanslein organized the Holy Names of Mary St. Vincent de Paul Society who drove the students on their charitable quests.

"Assumption's not a big school, but it has a big heart," Limarzi said. The food was donated to the needy families within the school's community.

## THANK YOU

**John Devine, '63, Sue Rau, Doris Lescanec, Carole Dywelska** who helped to address and sort thousands of newsletters so that you could enjoy it right now!

## ATTENTION: CLASS OF 1979

As a continuation of our great 25th year reunion, it has been decided to get together for a picnic on Monday, Aug. 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Mic Mac Park. Everyone is invited, including families, for fun and games. Please bring your own food and drinks and don't forget about the waterslide. See you at the picnic!

## ASSUMPTION ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Rev. Charles Armstrong	Oct. 17, 1981	Dick Dupuis	Nov. 2, 1991
Rev. Ronald Cullen	Sept. 18, 1982	Stanley Nantais	Nov. 2, 1991
Reno Bertoia	Sept. 18, 1982	Bill Butcher	Oct. 16, 1993
Hank Biasatti	Sept. 18, 1982	John Upham	Nov. 4, 1995
Frank Wansbrough	Sept. 29, 1984	Dr. Frank DeMarco	Oct. 19, 1996
Bruno Bitkowski	Sept. 17, 1988	Jimmy Hogan	Oct. 16, 1999
Gino Fracas	Sept. 16, 1989	Medo Martinello	Oct. 13, 2001

## Ron Butihen, '93



**Ron Butihen, '93**

Friends and former classmates of Ron were saddened to hear of his death this past September. Ron was 30 years old. He died at University Hospital, London, from heart complications during a liver transplant. He had been suffering from a hereditary liver ailment for

about eighteen months prior to his death.

His father and mother, Pedrito and Herminia, and younger sister Florence, are devastated by the loss of their only son and brother. Ron's parents had immigrated to Canada from the Philippines in 1974, the year Ron was born.

Ron's family not only extended to Canada and the United States but to Hawaii, Australia and his native Philippines. Among his close friends and classmates at Assumption were Vince Lepera, Mike Harwig, Stephanie Gouin, Evan and Edwin Maravilia, Adam Orszt, and numerous others.

Ron has been described by those who knew him. well as 'everyone's bodyguard'; he always looked after his family and friends. Dan, a long time friend and 'little brother' to Ron, eulogized him, saying, "If God ever needed a bodyguard, He has one in Ron."

Besides a keen interest in basketball and the martial arts Ron would say that his claim to fame (tongue in cheek), was that he even worked out at the University of Windsor with his Principal Fr. Joe Redican.

Marlborough School, Assumption High School and St. Clair College, where he played varsity basketball, all claim him as an alumnus. As a member of the Katilingban Sang Ilongo, Ron expressed great pride in his Philippine heritage. The Philippine Community returned that fidelity by offering a traditional 40-day period of prayers and mourning in support of his family during this difficult time.

The funeral mass for Ron was offered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with cremation following and his remains will eventually be returned to his birthplace in the Philippines.

Ron had worked at the new Best Buy Canada store on Walker Road - a stopover, no doubt, as his greatest aspiration was to become a police officer. It is little wonder - Florence remarked that "he was always there, the protector..."

Your cherished memories or marks of affection for Ron may be sent to the Assumption Newsletter and will be forwarded to his family if you so wish. Our Assumption family extends its prayers and condolences to the Butihen family on their loss.

## Albert "Dume" Dumouchelle, '34



**Albert "Dume" Dumouchelle, '34**

**Albert "Dume" Dumouchelle**, age 88, died July 13th, 2004 at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Windsor Western Campus. Beloved husband of Gertrude (nee Menard who passed away 4 months after on Nov. 18th, 2004)

Dear father of Elaine and George McNeil of Georgetown, Lois and Vince Castonguay of

Wheatley, Jim and Jan Dumouchelle of Raleigh, North Carolina, Sue and Roy Vanderkwaak of Courtice, Ontario, Dan ('72) and Penny Dumouchelle, Rick ('74) and Lil ('75) Dumouchelle, both of Windsor, Ontario. Brother of Robert Dumouchelle of Windsor and Norma McMurdie of Amherstburg. Seventeen grandchildren and 5 great- grandchildren survive.

**Al was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario. After graduating in 1934 from Assumption, Dad** worked in the theatre business in Detroit until his marriage to Mom on July 18th, 1942 after which he left for Britain to serve in the second world war. In London, England he worked behind the scenes in radar.

After returning from the war, he worked at Waddell's T.V. repair until his retirement in 1978. He then worked for the Ontario government in the apprenticeship program through St. Clair College. All the while, he was involved with the Christophers' group through his parish of Holy Name of Mary and was also very involved in other parish work such as the Missions group and Mass lector.

### Always full of life!

When Dad wasn't chasing one of the kids or grandkids, he enjoyed watching all kinds of sports and also playing golf, sailing, swimming, biking, etc. , not to mention the vacationing in sunnier climates of North Carolina, Florida, Cayman Islands, etc. He was very active until his stroke in August of 1999. Although his physical recreation decreased, he continued to enjoy reading, playing bridge, watching every sport possible on t.v. , traveling with his wife of 60 years plus and socializing with family and friends. He was someone you could go to for some good ol' fashioned advice.

### Will be missed!

Even though he is not with us physically, we know he is with us spiritually! With Mom's passing just a short 4 months after his death, we like to think that they are together again strolling along one of their favourite beaches. Here's to you, Mom and Dad!! We love you and will never forget you!!!

**The Dumouchelle Family**

## Bill Pataky, '48



**Bill Pataky, '48**

Memories of his peers. From Gino Facas, '48 Bill Pataky died on June 24, 2004 in Sarnia Ontario at the age of 74 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was born and raised in Windsor Ontario and played for the Assumption High School Purple Raiders in football and basketball. In 1948 he was named to the first team all city in both sports making him one of only two athletes to accomplish that feat in the same season. Following high school he played football under head coach Frank DeMarco at Assumption College in 1950 in the junior ORFU league.

During the 1950's he played short stop with Windsor Sterlings. In 1951 he played semi-pro baseball in Sudbury for the Frood Tigers with football team mates Gino Fracas, '48 and the late Joe Schiller, '48.

In 1951-52 Bill was top scorer on the University of Western Ontario Canadian University Basketball Champions. In 1952, Bill played in the Helsinki Olympics with the Tillsonburg basketball team. In 1953 he came to Sarnia and played one season for the legendary Sarnia Imperials football team. Then, for 33 years he taught, coached, and was a vice principal and principal in Lambton County at the secondary school level. He retired in 1986 as principal of Alexander MacKenzie High School. Bill was always regarded highly as an educator and athlete. Throughout his career he was an outstanding and talented athlete in basketball,

baseball and football and was truly a "Hall of Famer".

Many lives have been touched by Bill in a positive way. Bill and his loving wife Joan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May, 2004 with their five daughters and spouses and their 10 grandchildren. At that time his 5 daughters inducted him into their own personal "Hall of Fame" as a fitting tribute to his many successful athletic endeavors. Bill enjoyed life to the fullest and he will be greatly missed by family-and friends.

### **Carl Renda, '50 writes:**

We lost a great guy this past June 24th. Bill Pataky was one of a kind, a guy with super values, a great athlete and educator. He was a trusted team mate and friend, caring father and loving grandfather.

His athletic ability was amazing for a guy only 5 foot 8 inches tall and 155 pounds soaking wet. Bill excelled on the football field and the basketball court and when you throw in semi-pro baseball it makes for quite a resume Bill always played the game the way it was supposed to be played, give no quarter and expect no quarter to be given. He loved to laugh and enjoyed being made fun of. His laugh was contagious.

One day while I was visiting with Father Armstrong, the greatest Assumption athlete question came up and Army in his gracious way told me he could not name the best athlete ever but related to me the greatest all around athlete he ever coached was Bill Pataky. Fortunately I was able to pass that on to Bill and since it came from Army, Bill was humbled and elated. I will always remember Bill with awe, zigzagging on the football field and taking that running jump shot across the key.

He will be missed.  
Sincerely, Carl Renda' 50

## Graziano "Joe" Mistruzzi, '62



**Graziano "Joe" Mistruzzi, '62**

Father to Michael and wife Trena, Laura and husband David, and Sarah and husband Chris; proud Nonno to Kayla and Elle. Son of the late Angela and Germano and brother to Vicky and husband Jim and Lily and late husband Joe. The 1960 Assumption graduate passed away on December 23rd 2004 at the seemingly young age of 62 of a sudden and unexpected heart attack. He attended Assumption through the years of 1955 to 1960 but left in his grade 13 year to be with his ailing friend, Tim Ouellette. They both lived in the small town of Amherstburg at the time and to begin with, it was a tiring daily excursion. When Tim became too ill to travel, they transferred to Amherst, a school a little bit closer to home. He was the proud owner of Central Linen Supply for over 30 years and an honours graduate of Wayne State University in Mechanical Engineering. Joe never failed to bring up Assumption during a conversation and endlessly bragged of its many marvels. Whether it was Assumption's prestige for sports or its notoriety for academics, he had nothing but good things to say. His granddaughter, Elle Mistruzzi, started grade nine just this past September. Joe was high and mighty knowing that the Assumption tradition was being persisted down the Mistruzzi line.

### **NEWSLETTER TWO A YEAR**

We regret that a lack of volunteer workers has forced us to cut production.

# OBITUARIES

## **Bradley Nairn, '70, B.SC., LLB.**



**Bradley Nairn, '70**

Brad died suddenly at the age of 51 on November 15, 2004. Brad was the beloved son of Mary and Brian Nairn of Windsor. He was the father of Lindsey of Calgary and Brian and Kristie of Windsor.

He is the beloved brother of Linda, '74 (Mrs. Jeff Zakoor, '74 of Oshawa), Janet, '80 (Dr. Stephen Gawron of Guelph), Christine, '83 (Mrs. Christopher Clarke of Peterborough).

Brad graduated from Assumption High School and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science and Law Degrees from the University of Windsor. Called to the Ontario Bar in 1980, Brad practiced law in Windsor before joining his father to work in the insurance business. He then moved to Toronto to serve as in-house counsel for the Registered Insurance Brokers of Ontario.

Mass of Christian Burial was held November 20, 2004 at St. Gabriel Church in Windsor.

### **CLASS OF '85**

Your 20th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5, 2005. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '85 grads call 256-7801 ext.299.

## **Charlie Weston, '62, dies following lengthy illness**



**Charlie Weston, '62**

by Ted Whipp Windsor Star Staff Reporter

**Charles Weston**, a former Windsor deputy police chief and a Second World War veteran, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, following a lengthy illness. He was 83.

A **police officer with 35 years' service**, he worked in all areas of the department and retired in 1960 after six years as deputy chief. **A husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather**, he and his wife Joan had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last November.

Their family includes four daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

"He was a very hard working, proud man," Leslea Trudell, a granddaughter, said of her grandfather's pride for his family, work and community.

"He put a lot of dignity behind his work," she said.

His other family, the police department talked at length about honour, too, and how much they had felt serving him.

"He was very special to us," Roger Mortimore, Windsor police deputy chief, said Friday.

"He did everything he could in his career," Mortimore added.

**Born in Windsor, the former deputy chief went to Assumption College School.**

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The measure reflected his "fairness and concern" for the rank and file, Mortimore added.

Ian Chippet, '62, a retired police inspector with 30 years' of service, said Weston was a "great boss and leader" who was outgoing, professional and disciplined.

"He brought me up in a good way. He took his job and profession seriously".

Chippet recalled Weston's dedication to community service, adding that he seemed to enjoy every minute of his life.

"He tried to do his best all the time. That's how I'll remember him."

His volunteer commitment included work with the Goodfellows organization which distributes food baskets to people in need.

"He didn't retire," Mortimore said.

Charles retired from the Windsor Police Force as Deputy Chief of Police.

He was a veteran of WWII having served with the Windsor-Essex Scottish Regiment. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #1453 and the Dean Wagner Assembly, Gvzera Caravan of the Order of Alhambra, a 50 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #255, Past-President of the Windsor Police and Police Pensioners Associations, Past-President of St. Theresa Parish Advisory Board and K of C Minstralaires. Charles also volunteered his time and generosity to numerous associations and charitable organizations. Charles was a loyal Detroit Red Wing Fan.

### **PRAY FOR DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of our deceased Alumni, especially the most recently deceased.

Don Burke, '71  
 Ronnie Butihen, '93  
 Albert Dumouchelle, '34  
 Gordon Haidy, Jr., '93  
 Brian Murphy, '76  
 Roger D. Monforton, '42  
 Bradley Nairn, '70  
 William A. Pataky, '48  
 James Price, '44  
 Norbert Rammler, '69  
 Errol Shilladay, '47  
 Joseph Turner, '42  
 Charlie Weston, '62

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

Assumption College School **revisited** the **football** program this fall by introducing it solely at the junior level. This was in hopes of starting fresh with renewed enthusiasm and a rekindling of the ACS spirit of years gone by. Although we were not successful on the scoreboard or in the win and loss columns, the **junior raiders were extremely successful in rekindling the spirit of old.**

Our learning curve was very steep this year with very few players having had any previous football experience, but this was made up for with a willingness to learn, enthusiasm, and some good athletes in the skilled positions. I was also fortunate this year to have excellent help on the coaching staff. **Mr. John Schmidt** set the tone early for the defensive squad with aid of **Mr. Roland Thibert** (our non-staff coach) who eventually took over for Mr. Schmidt. Mr. **Jim Melito** was instrumental in one-on-one skills coaching. **Mr. J.P. Levac** (now full time staff) worked diligently with the receivers and defensive backs, **having graduated from the ACS football program and Windsor Lancers himself.** Last, but definitely not least, I could not have done anything without the assistance of senior ACS students (who both have experience with the Ravens and AKO Fratmen), **Tyson Lavallee and Billy Cox.** These two seasoned linemen shared their knowledge and expertise with our fledgling linemen on both sides of the pigskin.

I am looking forward to next season and picking up where we left off. It promises to be not only a positive experience in terms of team building, skill building and good football, but also in our players learning the value of teamwork and developing lasting friendships that only fellow football players can truly appreciate.

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2004 was a challenging year for the **senior boys volleyball team.** With 4 rookies starting on the floor the team battled through some tough games in the AAA/AAAA division. The team just missed out on their playoff spot, finishing ninth this year. **Jeremy Ducedre** (gr 11) played middle blocker for the senior team and received a **2nd team All-star status** and dominated in the All City game. Graduating

this year will be **Noah VanDendriesshe**, an effective hitter on the left side. Returning starters for 2005 will be **Talal Hamadani, Ryan Peladeau, Bob Tran** and **Jeremy Ducedre.**

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The **Junior Boys' Volleyball team** brought a positive attitude and tremendous spirit to every game. While they did not manage to win as many games as they wanted, they never settled for second place in terms of effort. They demonstrated great team spirit and enthusiasm and have much to be proud of.

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The **2004 cross country season** saw 15 members of the Raider cross country team **work hard** every night from September 8th until October 28th.

Practices were held at Mic Mac and Malden Park. The team members were frequently spotted wearing the purple and white on their long runs along the river front trail on Mondays and Wednesdays, sometimes going as far as the casino and back!

Our most successful team was the Senior Boys' team, which placed **4th out of 24** participating WECSSAA schools (Windsor and Essex County), then **4th out of 43 participating SWOSSA** schools (Southwestern Ontario) at the meet held in Chatham. The team just missed qualifying for OFSAA by a few places and individually, **Calen Hamelin placed 5th in the race** and just missed qualifying for 1 by one spot.

With all members but Calen Hamelin and Sarah Favot returning next year, the **future looks bright for Raider cross-country.**

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### SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The **senior girls** were referred to in the paper as "The Magnificent Seven" and so they were. In competing in the AAA-AAAA league our ladies finished in fourth and lost in the quarterfinals to Brennan. Our wonderful seven unfor-

tunately were down to six as our # two man, Rachel Baltzer went down with a season ending injury just prior to the playoffs. Nicole McRae stepped in and did a great job down low but numbers got the better of us. We lose a number of girls to graduation. Shannon Bedward was named as a first team all-star, Amanda McCarthy was second team and Rachel Baltzer was honourable mention. Emily Limarzi was our # five man and she played the whole year hurt. What a terrific way to demonstrate what a team is. Brooke Strain did a terrific job as a forward at 5'3". Overall Meagan Murdock, Bonnie Levac and Paul Levac were extremely proud of the ladies' efforts and they proved to everyone that effort could outwork and outplay talent.

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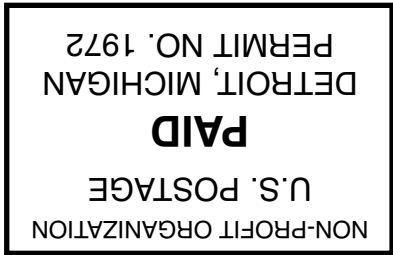
### JUNIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The junior Raiders finished the season at .500 which considering the competition was exceptional. We began the season with a loss to Villanova and ended the season in a playoff game against the eventual city championship team, St. Anne's. We even had two of our junior players, both grade 9's, Missy Sauro and Keely Murdock, step up and play in the senior girls' playoff game because of the injuries. What a way to lead our team into the future. The girls numbered 15 and have formed a solid base for next year's team. The coaches, Meagan Murdock, Bonnie Levac and Paul Levac are looking forward to working with these young ladies next year at the senior level.

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