

The Grapevine



President's Message

How is Retirement? I now have time to spend with my family. The sacrifices made during 32 ½ years of policing on shift work are now being repaid. My wife, Dawn, (Brennan '84), continues to supervise in the Windsor Police Emergency 911 Centre for the next 6 years – one of us unfortunately still working shift work. My son, Justin, has completed five years of service with Canada Customs, is currently stationed at the Detroit/Windsor Tunnel. He frequently greets countless numbers of ACH grads and friends. Justin's wife, Lee-Ann, is completing teacher's college, making it four generations of teachers in the Hool Family (my Grandma Ina, dad Jack '53, and my sister Kim '78). My youngest, Zachary, just turned 15yrs old, is in Grade 10 at L'Essor High School, and is a very gifted athlete, particularly in track and travel hockey. No excuses now – I never have to miss a game or meet! Thank you to my family for the years of patience and understanding.

How is Retirement? My wife bought me 2 retirement gifts. First, a new set of golf clubs. However, the second gift interfered a bit with the first – a cockapoo puppy named Bailey. She is an incredible addition to the family, and a great companion for me. The first few months of training took up a lot of golf time.

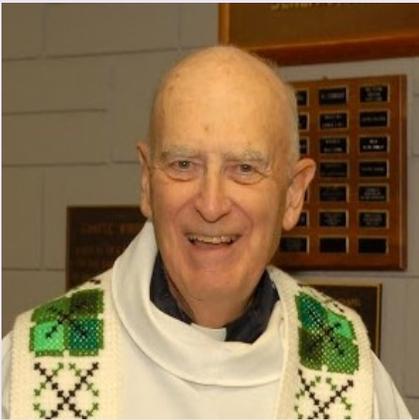
How is Retirement? I now have time to do whatever I want around the house. This has already produced a new deck, built by myself with Bailey's company, as well as a beautiful lawn and landscaping, and other outdoor projects that have been waiting for years. What am I going to do during the winter? Other than hockey games and tournaments, and we'll see what indoor projects I can tackle.

How is Retirement? I now have more time to travel. I spent time at the Hunt cottage in Caseville, Michigan, family owned since 1938, when my grandfather, Curtis Hunt, purchased it for \$100 and another \$250 for 209 feet of land on Saginaw Bay. The Carolinian Forest Campground in Ipperwash is where Dawn grew up with her family and relatives. Between both places, I look forward to many great summers.

How is Retirement? I now have time to visit and do things with friends and others. I regularly visit with George McMahon '52, have lunch and dinner with John Upham '56 and Ray Renaud '62, and meet up with ACH Alumni and retired teachers. I enjoyed a golf outing with Gary Ulicny '66 in September at Essex Golf and CC in the 14th annual Norbert Rammler '69 memorial.

Retirement is GREAT!! I hope retirement is great for all those already retired, and I highly recommend it to those that will be retiring soon. Happy Retirement everyone!

Hunt Hool '79



I have been asked to write something of my life for this newsletter. But at 83, I have stepped outside of those who might read this and remember. He taught biology. He took kids canoeing. It's as simple as that. But hidden within these statements are the lives of the many people who made these statements possible. I will use this article to sing their praises.

I arrived at Assumption in 1960 and being right out of the novitiate, and arriving late, I was given only 3 classes to teach: history and English to grade 9's and 10's. Helping me fill this void was Jack Hool who had me behind the camera for some of his basketball games. To ensure that I would be busy, he had me type out a civics manual. The school couldn't afford these slim texts, so we quietly ran off our own elicited copies.

As the new school year approached, my principal, Fr. Steve O'Neil looked over my transcripts and seeing that I had taken a Latin class, decided to give me 6 grade ten biology classes. And so I became a biology teacher, and followed that subject through to grade 13 OAC and grade 11 biology. Sputnik had shaken up the American education system, and teachers were writing textbooks and better still, teachers manuals that really taught how best to teach each subject. I used these manuals to self teach myself through the various levels: IPS in grade 9, an environmental biology text in grade 10, an experimental biology text in grade 11 and for grade 13 I ordered the same texts that were being taught in first year at Assumption University. **The classroom had a computer for every four students. Thanks to a good friend, Steve Gunhouse, I soon had computer programs which helped along the lessons.**

As I sat in my classroom (118) grading papers one evening, my principal Fr. Pat Lalonde leaned against the door frame and watched me. When I looked up, he said: "There you sit with your arse in butter. When are you going to get involved with our students?" He knew full well that I was spending my summers at Columbus Boys' Camp, taking underprivileged kids on canoe trips into Algonquin Park. "Why can't you do that here?" I asked him where we might find some canoes. He told me to build them.

That summer, I visited a factory outside of Orillia where they were building kevlar canoes. I told them that I would start with something cheaper, fiberglass canoes. So they gave me instructions on all the materials I would need and where to get them. That winter, the students built the mold and pulled out our first canoe. Eventually we had five, but they took quite a beating on the rocks and at 60 to 70 lbs were too heavy for the girls to carry. So we switched to kevlar. Those kevlar canoes are still around even today. They weighed around 30 -35 pounds.

We ran 2 canoe trips in the fall and another in the spring. We also ran hiking trips along the Bruce Trail up near Tobermory. The kids on these trips were worked hard, long uphill portages and rough water on the lakes. But they came together – they became family. They learned to share the load, to help out with the cooking. Things got easier after the first day when they knew what to expect. We were out for four or five days and we ended each trip with a Mass on the shore of a lake, but later we had Mass in the evening out in the bay in canoes lashed together.

Helping me on these trips was John, a university student (whose canoe we used as a plug for our mold) Fr. Don McLeod and later Dave Murray. I was never out there alone with the kids. As I was preparing for a fall trip, the vice principal Mary Kulyk called me into her office. I don't like you driving on the 401 on Friday evenings. From now on, leave on Thursday or Wednesday and don't come home till Monday or Tuesday. That was a different age.



Continued...Fr. Q

Two events will never be forgotten. Both of them awakened in me to the risks involved both on the highway and on the water. Both occurred on Thanksgiving weekends. Both required my guardian angel to save the day.

We were starting off from a dock in Smoke Lake. I watched the canoes move out, one at a time, and turned to follow them. But a pack had been left on the dock. I picked it up intending to pass it off as soon as possible. But I had very little freeboard, and as soon as I reached open water, we were swamped. I had two kids in the water and the girl was going into hypothermia. My friend Dave Murray pulled his canoe alongside, and we did a canoe over canoe to get the water out of my boat. Then we pulled alongside of the girl, and together lifted her back into the canoe. But she was unable to help herself, and she went over the other side back into the water. We did another canoe over canoe and lined up with her again. This time Dave reached out with his left arm and lifted her and all of her wet clothing into the canoe. To this day, he doesn't know how he did it. With everyone in the canoe, we turned toward the shore where the other kids had got a fire going. Then one of the cottagers pulled up and said I think hot showers are in order here. My cottage is right over there. We were soon warm and dry. When I got back to Windsor, I found out that Father Lalonde, the priest that had started me on this canoeing programme had died. He had died at the same time as we were in the water. I continued to feel the presence of him and my guardian angel on future trips.

The second time my guardian angel had to step in was when we were leaving the park. We had the canoes on a trailer and the kids strapped in the van. I looked ahead, and saw a car on the other side of the road with its wheels cut. I slowed down immediately, but the car was rear ended, and shot across the road in front of us. I told the Lord that I had to get these kids home tonight. Everything had gone into slow motion. I stood on the antilocks and pulled the wheel as far to the left as it would go. Very slowly, it seemed, the right front of our van slid by the car which was out of control. Once we were past the car, I gunned the engine to straighten out our trailer. We came out unscathed, but Dave told me he'd take the wheel right now. Once I was out of the drivers seat, I began to shake. Certainly, my guardian angel was working overtime again. Back at school, the word was going around that I drove stock cars in my spare time. Even today, years later, I pray to my guardian angel before starting up the car.

My memory is fading. There were hundreds of students, hundreds of stories, hundreds of pictures all buried nicely in the past, no longer in reach. Thanks to my lapsed memory, this article remains mercifully short.

Today I help out saying Mass in various places. Sometimes I have Masses almost every day, but most of the time only 3 a week. The rest of the weekly Masses I say in private. And I play a little golf.

Assumption College Catholic High School

Total Populations November 2018

Grade 7's—60

Grade 8's—61

Grade 9's – 124

Grade 10's - 161

Grade 11's—126

Grade 12's—150

4 Admin, 50 Teachers, 1 Campus Minister, 6 Educational Assistants

4 Secretaries, 5 Custodians

Century Club Contributions

Thank you

The Century Club is composed of those former students and friends who have contributed \$100.00 or more within a given year to the Alumni Fund to sponsor Alumni Activities including the Newsletter. The following are individuals who have generously made a contribution. Thank you for your continued support.

Contributions can be sent to:

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Pageau, John—\$100 for newsletter and \$200 for Chapel upgrades.

Thank you for your continued support.

Assumption

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2020 Reunion

November 7, 2020

Mark your calendars!

Help!!

Please look over the chart

We are still looking for Alumni to take the lead on the 150th Reunion.

Please email Linda Presello

lindapresello@mytools2go.com

You will be responsible for making some calls, emailing and getting the information out to as many as possible.

We want this to be the greatest reunion ever!

2017 Catherine Pham	1999	1981 Denise Hebert	1963	1945
2016	1998	1980	1962	1944
2015 Phil Klimski	1997 Vanessa Shields	1979 Panontin Sisters	1961	1943
2014	1996	1978 Tom Moscicki/Geri Soulliere Pamela Hartford	1960 Vic Venegas	1942
2013	1995	1977 Mark Doust	1959	1941
2012 Laura Limarzi	1994	1976 Michael Duchene/Mike Harris	1958	1940 Cecil Birch
2011	1993	1975 Peter Hrastovec	1957	
2010	1992	1974 Harold Remark	1956	
2009	1991 Michael Gibb	1973	1955 Pat McHugh/Barry McDonald	
2008	1990	1972 Dave Gruska	1954	
2007	1989	1971 Dr. Sidney Siu	1953 Hunt Hool (d. Jack Hool)	
2006	1988	1970	1952	
2005 Anacleto D'Alessandro	1987 Sal Albamo	1969	1951	
2004	1986 Beth Ann Prince	1968 John Lesperance	1950 John Rouble	
2003	1985 Domenic Aversa	1967 Chris Kohl	1949	
2002	1984	1966 Gary Ulicny	1948	2018 Evan Tanovich
2001 Lisa Varacalli (Tatti)	1983 Chuck Thompson	1965	1947	2019 Jessica Rindlisbacher
2000	1982 Rob Sartor	1964	1946	2020



Mark Wasyluk '79

Back in the Saddle

After 31 years of teaching, Mark Wasyluk was planning on a well-deserved retirement, but the opportunity to build on the momentum established in the board's sports academies while continuing to work with kids was too hard to resist.

Wasyluk was recently named as the new Coordinator of Academies, assuming many of the duties that were handled by the recently retired Kevin Hamlin '78.

"It always comes back to the kids," said Wasyluk, who coached either volleyball, soccer, or both every year of his teaching career. "I still love the kids – seeing them smile, enjoying coming to school, being part of a community and watching them grow. They keep you young. How can you not love it?"

Wasyluk said he sees his new role as a liaison between the academy's staff, skills experts, principals and administration, making sure that the various programs continue to build upon their overwhelming success since the first one was launched four years ago.

"It's the best of both worlds," he said, noting that since he won't be working the full school year, he'll still get to enjoy some time off with his family. "I get to do something I love and I can do it on my time and get the satisfaction of seeing some of these things come to fruition."

Based on his wealth of experience, Wasyluk – who spent the last four years teaching in the sports academies with F.J. Brennan Catholic High School – was the perfect person to fill the void left by Hamlin, according to Dan Fister, Executive Superintendent of Innovation and Experiential Learning.

"Mark will ensure that our tradition of engaging students in an academic strategy through their common love of sport will continue," Fister said. "He has an innate ability to build relationships and trust with all students, but especially with our most vulnerable learners. His experience as an academies instructor helped to shape the existing sports academy programs at Central Park Athletics. He's been an integral part of implementing our student success program, and over three decades, he's counseled and mentored countless students who would be considered to be at risk. I can't think of a better person to take over this role."

The WECDSB launched its first academy, a Hockey Canada skills program, with about 90 students in 2014. Since then, the programs have exploded in popularity and there are now more than 600 students at multiple schools in such sports academies as basketball, soccer, gymnastics, baseball, and dance.

The academies have been wildly successful because they're proven to help students become more successfully engaged in their learning. And the fact that students don't need to be advanced athletes to participate, but only need to have a passion for the sport, is what Wasyluk loves most about the academy model.

"There's nothing elitist about it," he said. "It's about engagement and teaching to the whole person, on an academic level, athletically, socially, to their sense of community, and on a spiritual level."

2020 Reunion

**Keep
the
Date!**

November 7, 2020

**More exciting news
to come!**

150 Years Strong!



The Springstead Experience

On Wednesday, August 22nd, Hunt '79 and Dawn Hool, Kim Hool '78, Victor Morassutti, and Gary '66 and Chris Ulicny, had an unforgettable Springstead Experience. At 5:00 p.m., we all met at Tim Springstead's '75 home in Indian Village in East Detroit. His home is an amazing and gorgeous historic mansion built 100 years ago by Henry Ford for an employee. Tim played basketball for Jack Hool in the early 70's. After touring the home, and catching up on old times, we all then attended Ottava Via, a restaurant next to Nemo's, both of which are owned by the Springstead family. Great food and fun! Kim and I went next door to Nemo's to surprise Pat Springstead '60. And a surprise it was! We both stood next to the bar as Pat came forward to greet these two strangers, or so he thought. "You've never met us, but you know our father", I said. Pat had a very puzzled look and then Kim said, "Our father was once your football coach and benched you for "curfew check" violations". "JACK HOOL!" he shouted. Pat then talked very fondly of my father as a teacher, coach, and chauffeur. For two years, Jack Hool lived in East Detroit (1958-60), and picked up Pat, his star quarterback, in Detroit and drove him over the Ambassador Bridge to Assumption High School. No recruiting violations here, and if so, pin them on Father Armstrong, among many others.

After dinner, we took the Nemo's bus to the Tiger's game at Comerica Park, where we met up with Wren Dosant '81, his wife Gioia, and their daughters, Mia and Ava. A great night had by all.

That was the Springstead Experience!



Boniferro/Landry Golf Outing

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the Guy Boniferro/Mark Landry memorial golf outing was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, approximately 20 golfers, family and friends, disregarded the rain forecast and attended anyway. Getting together in their memory for food and fellowship, it is always extremely surreal telling stories of Guy and Mark, who have both passed more than 10 years ago now. I love every minute of this gathering. Remembering and celebrating friends is the best we can give them. Thanks again to the host extraordinaire, Dino Latella '83.

Never to be stopped, Dino, Hunt Hool '79, and Tony Douglas '84, golfed using the rain checks on Saturday, September 15, after Mrs. Keane's funeral.

In Memory of our Alumni

Testa, Brenda (DePaoli) '85 Brenda was a beautiful and sweet woman who was kind and thoughtful and loved by all who knew her. Her passion and delight were her friends and family. Brenda was a selfless wife and mother who would do anything to bring love and happiness to others. Her two children were her pride and joy and she cherished every moment caring for them. An exceptional woman, Brenda always put the needs of others first and had a smile for everyone she met. Brenda was adventurous and fun loving and could light up the dance floor to Prince and 80's music but she was most happy when surrounded by family.

Boscariol, Mark '84 Mark brought incredible insight, knowledge and energy to everything he did in his life. He was the model of a good citizen, friend, husband, and father. He was involved in countless projects, charities, and ventures that created a better place for all of us to live. Mark was a visionary. Snack bar-B-Q, Downtown Pizza Co. and Good Neighbour were major points of pride for him. He was one of a kind. The Little Things Matter Program was a charity close to Mark's heart and any donations directed to that local charity would be appreciated by the family.

Georgina "Jeanne" Keane (1940-2018) Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on September 9, 2018. Beloved wife and best friend to Patrick '56 for 57 years. Cherished mother of Patrick '80 (Michelle), Daniel '82 (Maria), Kevin '85 (Rhonda), and Karen '88 (Mark Lambert). Adored and proud grandma to several grandchildren. Jeanne was truly a great Assumption School mother to be remembered. She supported her husband Pat through three decades as trustee for the WECDSD and his tireless love for the Assumption Community. In addition to raising four young purple Raiders, Jeanne was one amazing and dedicated mother, very symbolic of the many traditions and old school Assumption families. Jeanne you will always be one of "us", purple and white forever.

Message from Pat Keane...On behalf of the entire Keane Family, I thank you for all involved with the ACS Alumni and ACS Foundation for the beautiful floral tribute sent in the name of Georgina, the love of my life. I will never forget my attachment to all of you and I thank each and everyone for their visit, kind words, thoughts and prayers. Jeanne was always by my side. I saved her out of Corpus Christi some time ago and she became a strong purple and white supporter. Love and my prayers to all, Pat.

Leonard Greaves '54 Len passed away peacefully, at 82 years of age on October 16, 2018, in Abbotsford, B.C. Survived by wife Ellenor, son Stewart, brother Melvin '62 (Sue) and granddaughters Emma and Kathryn. Len graduated in 1954 from Assumption College School, where he enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, football and golf. God Bless Len.

Ted Zalba '53 Ted passed away on June 2, 2018 at 83 years of age. Beloved husband of Gloria, adored father of Kelly '78 (Ken Lablanc) and Stacey '79. Ted was one of Windsor's finest athletes, exceling in baseball and basketball, especially during his days as a Raider. Shooting practice resumed with teammate Jack Hool, on the big court in heaven. Say hello to Jack for us.

Michael Boulaine '86

Lou Quaglia '64—Brother of Mario '77, Joanne '79 and Angelo '83

William "Bill" D'Arcy McGuire '47

Adruch, Leslie – father of Les Andruch '75

Coletti, Sonia (Sablich) '84 – wife of Dino '78

Drouillard, Karen (Pitre) '75

Gentili, Seconda – mother of Rita Stokes '73

Kropf, William – father of Bill '75

Labute, Fr. Marvin C.S.B. '55

McPharlin, Art '55

Pecar, Josip – father-in-law of Mike Pio '82

Plante, Regis – husband of former staff member Maria (Cuffaro)

Quinn, Linda – retired ACS Staff member

Tullio, Gerardo –father of Dan '75

Sabatini, Natalino – father of John '87

Bernie Newman—retired ACS Staff member

We continue to pray for all of our Alumni and their families. We mourn the loss of our loved ones as they are welcomed and embraced by God's loving arms.

Assumption Chatter...

McNamara, Bernard '50 writes: "I like the new format. Good job. I knew Jack Hool, Bob Knuckle, John Nassr."

Rivard, Roddy '87 – has 2 sons, Kody and Kyle and a daughter, Kayla

Thomas Winkel '52—I still enjoy getting the newsletter. Recognized some faces. Most of my class has passed on.

Doris Lescanec (retired ACS Staff) — "Greetings, Dennis. Your time and travel in hand delivering these forms are appreciated. I was so surprised that my address had not been updated In some Alumni file and I used to receive the newsletter via mail. We moved from Amiens, 22 years ago! I taught 9, 10, 11, French, Religious Knowledge and English, also German one semester. I have two daughters, both living well in Western Canada. My favourite activities include; reading, bowling, visiting friends. Retirement is great! I continue to connect through frequent dinners with wonderful friends, all teaching colleagues! Meeting former students is always an endearing experience and bonus of teaching."

Bagley Family—Kandice Scott Bagley '06, and husband Brad Scott '05 were married in 2014 and just welcomed their first born son, Noah Scott, October 2, 2018. Both Kandice and Brad are employed as police officers in Essex County.

Keri Parent '07 married **Brendan Parent '07**, and have a 3 year old son, Tanner. They recently built their first home together. Keri is employed as a police officer and Brendan as a teacher.

Krystal Bagley '07 was a teacher with FMCS D, Fort McMurry from 2013-2018. She recently moved home and continues to pursue her teaching career. She is currently with the WECDSB as an occasional teacher. Krystal enjoys travelling and recently spent time in Greece.

Kameron Bagley began his grade 9 year at ACS then went to High School Years in Virginia Beach. Kameron is currently the Windsor Spitfires equipment manager. He has been apart of the Spitfire organization since 2015.

Denise Hebert '81—recently retired from ACS in June of 2018. Denise is travelling and enjoying time together with her husband Matt.



Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board Director of Education



Terry Lyons , Director or Education—WECDSB

Meet Mr. Terry Lyons...Born and raised in Windsor On, I attended C. G. De Santis elementary school and Kennedy Collegiate Secondary School. Earning an Honour's Degree in Kinesiology at the University of Windsor and my Bachelor of Education and Master's Degree at the University of Ottawa, I began my teaching career in 1989 with the York Catholic District School Board. Returning home to Windsor in 1999 I worked for the GECSDB. In 2014 , my career began with the WECDSB and became the Director of Education on Oct 31, 2017. A passionate educator with a strong belief in lifelong learning, I have been blessed with the opportunities throughout my life both personally and professionally.



Class of 1981—Gathered at a local Windsor bar for food and fellowship. It was a wonderful night to catch up and relive the stories of Assumption and to share our careers and retirements, children and grandchildren with one another.



Susie Sawicki—Catholic Education Award Winner



Congratulations to Assumption's very own 2018 Graduate, Susie Sawicki on being the recipient of this year's award. Susie along with her sister Anna '15 attended the Awards Dinner on October 26, 2018 in Toronto. Throughout her four years at Assumption, Susie was very active in Campus Ministry and is a parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish. Susie is currently studying communication and political science at the University of Windsor. Susie would like to thank the Alumni Association for the Scholarship as it will assist in her studies.

Remembrance Day 2018—Assumption College Catholic High School



Student Cadets standing guard next to the wreath. Mr. Nayduk addressed the students about his tours of duty.



100 Years of Remembrance



Thank You Assumption Alumni for your donation to the Youth Forum in Oakland California. It was an amazing experience and one we will always treasure. A special thank you to the Sisters of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (Especially Sr. Connie Harrington '91) and Mr. Larry Lamont (ACS Custodian and Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus) for your financial support. We are truly humbled. Thank you so much.
 Alexa, Gabrielle, Helena, and Kaycia.

YounG7 Summit—Assumption College Catholic High School

ACS Model UN students debate global issues of concern with a student delegation from Italy during the YounG7 conference, which was held from Oct. 30- Nov. 2 at the CEC board office. Student delegates collaborated to find solutions to the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar and to address the non proliferation of nuclear weapons. Congratulations to all delegates for your hard work and cooperation in **the pursuit of global peace!**

