

2011 Grand Marshals, 1968-69 girl's basketball: Pioneers of Female Athletics



ABOVE: *STANDING:* Sue Frick, Melissa Bernard, Betsy Pollard, Judy Stankwitz, Barb Milan, Cathy Duffy, and Coach Sr. Dennis Marie. *KNEELING:* Virginia Wezensky, Sherry Sheredy, Loretta Wezensky, and Janet Thering.

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Another newly organized and very successful facet of Intramural sports has been the Girls Basketball team. Managed by "player-coach" Sr. Dennis Marie, the girl participants formed both a Varsity and Jr. Varsity team and played in an official Michigan league for high school girls. As a first year Intramural team, the girls provided spectators with both action and talent as well as relaxing entertainment and fun. Sparking the team in Varsity competition was team leader and captain, Janet Thering along with Junior Sue Frick and a very talented Melissa Bernard. Losing only four of ten games the Varsity Girls Basketball team will return next year well favored in the league and well talented within themselves. The Jr. Varsity Girls Team enables the Freshman to gain experience for Varsity play. Sporting a 6—3 season record the J.V.'s were led by Freshman cagers Mary Myler, Kathy McCormick, Lucy Kostrewza, and Mary Baker.



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GRAND MARSHALS

Nineteen ladies, identified in the 1969, 1970 and 1971 yearbooks (*see back page for 1969*) as members of the varsity girl's basketball program will serve as grand marshals for the 2011 Homecoming parade. Basketball was the first sport that girls competed against other schools and these ladies will be recognized as "Pioneers of Female Athletics" at Sacred Heart. 1974 was the first yearbook picture of a girls track team and softball and volleyball were first mentioned in 1975.



Mary Baker Chick, Melissa Bernard Allen, Mary Lou Deibel Eyman, Cathy Duffy Cullity, Sue Frick Thatcher, Sue Grisdale Massaro, Mary Johnson Maness, Lucy Kostrewza, Kathy McCormick Assman, Barb Milan Wilson, Mary Myler Hunter, Betsy Pollard Rau, Barb Quillen Crandall, Sherry Sheredy Bick, Judy Stankwitz Villani, Janet Thering, Julie Tilmann Gamm, Loretta Wezensky Pung and Virginia Wezensky Wood and Nancy Funnell Vodicka have been added due to contacts from other players. It is possible that other ladies could have been "missing from the picture" and can be verified and added to the group as we hope not to overlook anyone. As noted in the previous edition of the NEWS, very little is recorded about those first three years, the yearbooks being the only written reference.

HALL OF FAME

The Sacred Heart Athletic Hall of Fame will include eighty-five former athletes after induction ceremonies at half time of the Homecoming football game on September 30, 2011. The three newest members will be **Therese Cotter '76, Brian Gaede '91 and Scott Pieratt '96**. Therese earned nine varsity letters in three sports and was voted the "best Female Athlete" in her class. Although very little is recorded about those early years, Therese averaged over ten points per game for the first ever regional finalist basketball team in 1975 and her softball team won district titles in 1975 and 1976.

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HOME² COMING¹ September 30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US!

Date for Homecoming this fall is Friday September 30, 2011. The parade will be in the afternoon, the football game will be played at 7:00 PM and the annual reception will take place at 830PM in the Parish Hall. The classes of 1961, 1971 and 1996 will be celebrating on the weekend. Hope to see you there!

WELCOME CLASS OF 2011:

Thirty-six students became alumni during graduation ceremonies on May 22, 2011. Class members (and SHA lineage) include Joey Bishop (**Karen Bollman '84**), Eric Fox (**Joe '78, Deb McDonald '81, Harold Fox '39, Vada Simmer '44**), Ryan Grinzinger (**Jeff '80**), Haley Hauck (**Bill '78**), Aubry Hire (**Dave '81, Kim Epple '83, Jim Epple '59, Alphonso Epple '27**), Hannah Hovey (**Mary Bayer '62, Alice Miller Reihl '47**), Elizabeth Hunter (**Mary Myler '72**), Kristin Lovejoy (**Sue Carter '83**), Katelyn Maylee (**Georgia Smith Kreiner '48**), John McDonald (**Jerry '80**), Matt Mills (**Mark '79, Carolyn McKenna '60, Sue Hovey '58**), Bennett Myler (**Bill '76**), Kyle Stansberry (**Mark '81, Sue Theisen '80, Bob Theisen '50, Gerald Theisen '26**) and Rob Voisin (**Glenn '46**). **Chris Chermiside-Scabbo** is the class valedictorian and he is planning to study biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan. Salutatorian is **Andrea Guytingo** who is also headed to U of M to study molecular biology.



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Therese is an executive assistant at Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber Engineering in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Brian won nine varsity letters in four sports and was the starting quarterback for three years. He was MVP in football, basketball and baseball and his credits included a no-hitter, leading the basketball team in assists for two years and scoring 631 career points. Brian is Partner in the Transaction Advisory Services Department for Ernst & Young in Los Angeles, California.

Scott established almost every single season and career hitting record in baseball while leading the team to the 1996 State Championship. He was the MVP of the High School All Star game played in Detroit his senior year and was named All State for three years. Altogether Scott earned ten varsity letters including helping the golf team to an 8th place (1994) and a 6th place (1996) finish in the state and captaining the 1995-96 basketball team that was ranked in the top ten. Scott lives in Mt Pleasant but is a computer and physical education teacher in Big Rapids.

CLASS REUNION

CLASS of 1991



The Class of 1991 met on July 23, 2011 for an afternoon picnic and spray park fun for the kids, then convened again at O'Kelley's in the evening for dinner. Pictured at Island Park are (front row, L to R): **Heather (Faulkner) Engel** and **Betsy (Balogh) O'Malley**; (middle row, L to R): **Trisha (Pieratt) McMillan**, **Ann (Hovey) Kenyon**, **Jenny Zeien**, **Wendy (McConnell) Endres**, **Melanie (Siuda) Knight** and **Stacy (Larrance) Finnerty**; (back row L to R): **Edan Hosking**, **Andrea (Campbell) Tuttle**, **Jeff Pankhurst**, **Denise Vogel**, **Patty (Pacholka) Carson**, **Chris Radawski** and **Jeremy Denslow**.

CLASS NEWS

Class of 1928: **Mildred Kenney** passed away on March 23, 2011 in Mt Pleasant. Mildred received her education degree from the University of Michigan but taught only briefly in Sparta, Michigan before returning to Mt Pleasant to work in the family business, Kenney Brothers Wholesale Distributing until retirement in 1992.

Class of 1932: Received word from her son John that **Mary Kane Gignilliat** died September 5, 2010 in Newbern, North Carolina.

Class of 1945: **Reverend Ed Kline** is celebrating his 55th year as a priest this year. He wrote to congratulate the football team on it's state championship noting he was quarterback in his junior and senior years. Ed has taught high school in Toronto, New York, Texas and California and is currently a guidance counselor at Catholic Central in Detroit.

Class of 1948: **Margaret (Peg) Lowther Richmond** passed away on July 31, 2011 in Cadillac. She had been employed with Kirkey Electric, Dr. Brown Optometry, and Department of Social Services for Isabella and Washtenaw Counties.

Class of 1949: **Mary Louise Voisin Elias** passed away on April 8, 2011. Mary was a founding member of St Martha's Parish in Okemos, Michigan.

Class of 1954: **Pat Pappas** died on May 25, 2011. Pat served in the US Army and worked at Dow Chemical for many years.

Class of 1958: **Sue Hovey Schafer** and husband Don celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 17, 2011. The Schafers reside in Beal City. **Kay McConnell Faber** passed away on July 15, 2011. Kay was married to William Faber at St Henry's in Rosebush October 21, 1961 and was a member of St Joseph Church in Beal City. **Gary Shaw** died on April 1, 2011 in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Class of 1961: **REUNION NEWS** The class is still working out details but plans include a tour of the school, Mass and then dinner at the Comfort Inn on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Email Sharon Hackett Balogh at balogh10@yahoo.com for additional information.

Class of 1966: **Frank Sytek** and his wife Karen celebrated 40 years of marriage on May 28, 2011.

Class of 1970: **Mark Quillen** passed away on June 9, 2011. Mark had been a truck driver in the California Bay Area for 15 years.

Class of 1971: **REUNION NEWS** The class will be attending the game and reception (and some will be riding in the parade as Grand Marshals...) on Friday September 30 and then they plan a barn dance for Saturday evening!

Class of 1978: **Tom Klein** died on July 20, 2011 in Miami where he had lived for 32 years.

Class of 1982: **Mike Fitzpatrick** passed away on July 4, 2011. Mike was married to **Nora Natzel** and spent many of their years together in Florida before returning to Mt Pleasant. Their children **Chris '07** and **Kaitlin '09** are both Sacred Heart graduates.

Class of 1985: **Todd Sendre** retired from the Air force May 1, 2011 but began a civilian job in the UK the next day. Todd plans to be in the UK another 3-5 years.

Class of 1995: **Mike Brocavich** is a Senior Internal Wholesaler for MetLife Investors Distribution Company in Irvine, California. **Jolee Wright Throop** and husband Tim announced the birth of their son, Kiptin Thomas, on April 26, 2011.

Class of 1996: **REUNION NEWS** The class is still working on details but they plan to meet at CoCo Joes in Mt Pleasant on Saturday evening October 1, 2011.

Class of 1997: **Dan Campbell** and his wife Allison announced the birth of their daughter, Elaine Grace, on February 23, 2011 in El Paso, Texas.

Class of 1998: **Angie Beltinck Latham** and husband Josh welcomed their son, Jax Henry, on May 10, 2011. Grandmother is **Colleen McCann '74**.

Class of 2000: **P J Sheahan Stahl** was the fitness trainer on the Style Network program "Ruby" this past season. The show was about a Savannah woman who lost nearly 400 pounds under his guidance. P J has his own fitness company in Los Angeles and can be viewed at www.pjstahlfitness.com.

Class of 2001: **Bill Benear** lives in Chicago where he is Director of Finance for the textbook division of Houghton Mifflin Hartcourt in Evanston, Illinois. **Luke Verwey** and his wife Cassie announced the birth of their son, Jaxen Andrew, on March 20, 2011. Grandpa is **Andy '71** and great grandpa is **John '49**. **Dave Schmidt** and Julianne Toler were married on July 16, 2011 in Paso Robles, California. Dave is an assistant director of athletic communication at the University of North Carolina.

Class of 2002: **Julia Vargas** updated her status and is now Julia Plaggemeyer and is living in Holland, Michigan.

Class of 2003: **Tim and Amanda Funnell Hutchins** welcomed their son Casey Patrick home on October 14, 2010. Grandparents are **Pat Funnell '68** and **Mike '75 and Kathy McDonald Hutchins '75**. **Jill Thering** married Brandon Byrd on May 14, 2011 at Sacred Heart. The Byrds live in Royal Oak and Jill is employed by Health Plan of Michigan.

Class of 2004: **Mike Schmidt** married Michelle Frasco in Grand Rapids on July 30, 2011. Mike graduated from Grand Valley and is currently working on a doctorate in physical therapy at Duke University.

Class of 2006: **Anne Benear** is working on her masters degree at The University of Maryland and also works as an Assistant Librarian at Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation in Washington DC.

Class of 2008: **Alex Hammerle** was promoted to Army Specialist with the Michigan National Guard. He is currently serving a one-year deployment in Kuwait.

DONATIONS:

Special thanks to **Paul Fortino, Jr '43**, **Judy Nowland Rossman '61**, **Paul '53** and **Charlotte Simon Voisin'60** and **Linda Smith Wilson '70** for their donations to the Association.

YEARBOOKS:

Remember at www.sha.net/sha we now have posted all yearbooks up to 1989 and five of the 1990 to 2010 books. The cost for scanning is \$50 per book and we hope to have the project completed this year. Go to the site and use the alumni & friends tab at the top to select alumni and pick SHA Yearbooks from the menu that appears. You'll see all the years, including 1917 and 1918, and be able to select and look at any year highlighted in blue. You can also find some old school newspapers, the lost alumni list, all the former kings and queens and much more on the site.

