

The Perpetual Light

Presented to graduates, friends and supporters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

A Matter of Principal By Bill Kovacich



The time for a comprehensive scholarship program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is long overdue. During September and October, I have already been approached by more families asking for financial aid than I usually face in an entire school year. For some, the setback is temporary, but most of these families are experiencing more long-term financial difficulties because of the well-publicized mortgage/foreclosure crisis in our area. People who have never had problems paying their tuition are finding themselves in dire straits. We are trying our best to help these families so that their children can continue their education at OLPH. That is why our newest project--the "75th Anniversary Diamond Scholarship Program"--is so important. Recently, we kicked off our \$75,000 scholarship campaign with the permanent mounting of an impressive 9-square foot "Diamond" plaque in Alumni Hall. (Please see insert in your newsletter.) The plates on the plaque represent the initial \$750 and \$1,000+ donors. The plaque has room for over one hundred donors, more than enough to kick off our first real scholarship program since the inception of the school in 1933. The plan calls for the initial \$75,000 to be invested until next year. We will award \$10,000 in scholarships next year and then replenish it with annual contributions. The following year, we will award \$10,000 plus interest, gradually building up the fund each year. In this manner, we are tending to the immediate needs of today's students while building a hope for the future as well. Yes, Diamond donations cost \$750 and that may seem to be a bit too much for you. How about combining with a friend and sharing a "diamond donation" for \$375 each? Or finding two friends and contributing \$250 each? There is room on the plate for up to three individuals. If you are a graduate of OLPH, you can donate any amount and designate it toward your graduation class total. We will keep track and announce the totals semi-annually until your class reaches its \$750 goal. For more information, please contact us at school (650) 755-4438 or E-mail: olphdc@yahoo.com or Emah1965@aol.com.

OLPH 75-YEAR "DIAMOND JUBILEE" EVENTS
1933 - 2008

Saturday, January 26, 2008 ~ Alumni Open House and Mass
Saturday, March 1, 2008 ~ "Diamond Jubilee" Auction Dinner-Dance

More 2007 OLPH Donors

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN James Lew (Wells Fargo) • Jorge Sanchez • Charles H. Thone (*Wells Fargo*) • Dortha (Salisbury '50) Freeman • Thomas Menicucci '55 • Father Stan Parmisano '40 • Anita and Donald Ray '50

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FERRARI FUND Terry Irwin '58 • George Lagomarsino

COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

CLASS OF 1958 THE "GOLDEN CLASS"



OLPH '58 LADIES REUNITE at their 45th Jefferson High School Reunion on Sept. 15, 2007 at the Elks' Club in South SF.
(l-r) **Joanne Stagnaro Bertolucci, Lorraine Storm Jameson, Olivia Fontana Aquino, Nancy Angelot Padreddii** ("Miss Daly City" in 1962!), and **Pat Root Gerhardt.**

1958 GRADUATION DAY

"Best Friends"

Charleen Maschinot Hurton and Ruth Shea Schroeder



Notes from past grads...

1945 WILLIAM (BILLY) DRURY wrote to ask about his classmates from the class of 1945. Billy's two sisters, Nancy '45 and Celia '56, also attended OLPH. Most students from the "new" building's earlier years remember vividly the hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes served up by Bill's Mom, Ann Drury. Always served with vegetables and milk-- all for only 25 cents!

1945 ALLEN MENICUCCI will be inducted into the Sacred Heart High School Athletic Hall of Fame on February 2, 2008. At 115 pounds and 5'3", Al went both ways in football as a running back and defensive safety on the 1948 and 1949 SH Varsity Squads. Al also played 110lb basketball for two years, as well as golf and boxing. "My coaches and team mates labelled me as one tough little guy!"



Allen Menicucci

1948 BETTY (CURTIN) CUTIETTA writes: "I sure enjoyed your email and I remember **Betty Geoghegan Smith** very well. She was very pretty with dark hair, I will get in touch with her. We lived on Shakespeare St. together. You're doing a great job getting us all reunited; no matter what year we were in, we all came from the same place, and I'm really enjoying all of this."

1958 OLIVIA (FONTANA) AQUINO and her husband Cory made a move over the summer from San Jose to Springfield, OR. They recently attended their 45th Jefferson High Reunion at the Elk's Club in South City. Other OLPH grads in attendance were **Mike Stanley, Joann Stagnaro, Nancy Angelot, John Marino** and **Lorraine Storm**. Although not an OLPH grad himself, **Dennis Matheny**, well known by many OLPH'er's and an expert on Daly City history, was the organizer.

1958 MIKE STANLEY sends greetings and announces that his class will be celebrating their "50th-Year Golden Anniversary" on Saturday, March 1st at the 4th annual "Diamond Jubilee" Auction and Dinner in Alumni Hall. E-mail Mike at XSteamerX@aol.com. Reserve your place at one of the '58 tables by sending in the RSVP inside.

1961 LINDA (MOLINI) PARINI was recently appointed Principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Elementary School in Newark, CA. Linda also taught school at OLPH in the 70's.

Lucy Julia da Roza was born to parents Maxine (Kleinheinz) and Ernie da Roza on October 26, 2007. Her proud grandfathers, **Bill Kleinheinz '66** and **Ernie da Roza '65** and her equally proud great aunts **Linda Kleinheinz '65** and **Kathleen (da Roza '61) O'Rourke** are OLPH alums!

1968 JOHN HETTEL once again stepped up to provide the identification of all of his classmates on his grad photo. John is living in Fremont these days, close to his Dad, **Harry Hettel**, whom many will remember as the Scoutmaster of OLPH Boy Scout Troop 243 in the 50's and '60's. Both of them send a big "hello" to all their friends, many of whom may still have light bulbs in their basements left over from the scout sales which helped kids pay for the annual snow trips to Long Barn.

1972 JENNIFER (PAGAN) FRANZEN came over to school on a recent weekend and identified all of her classmates from 1972. Her recall is sharp as a tack, with the whole process taking less than 20 minutes! She has great memories of her classmates, the nuns and most of her time at OLPH.

1973 DOUG CLARK, TIM BROWN, VILMA (CARBALLIDO) TENTNOWSKI and **JIM FLAHERTY** are encouraging all their classmates to attend the March 1st Auction Dinner at OLPH. Special tables will be set up for the class to celebrate their 35th anniversary. RSVP through the special invitation included in this newsletter. Doug can be contacted at Doug.Clark@AlaskaAir.com or Tim Brown at TimothyBrown@Allstate.com.



"CLASS OF 1961 "60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BOOMERS" took place on Aug. 7, 2007 at Bertolucci's Ristorante in South SF. (l-r) **Marianne Lewis Hill, Margie Muela Eriksson, Carol Perotti Duffy, Linda Molini Parini, Judy Pearlman Shelver, Robert Brouwers, Diane Gugino Ross, Dona Pesino Edlund, Jerry Senkir, John Quezada, Mike Shea, Gerry Nolan, Ed Mahoney, Mary Kaye Hartl Radley.**



"OLPH Grads Gather at 100th Birthday Party for Daly City Fire Department (2007)" **Bob Brugioni '53, Marianne Petroni '52 and Joyce (Webb) '52 Dineen.**

Where Are They Now ???

1976 JAMES PAGAN heeded the call and volunteered to come to OLPH and identify all of the photos in his class picture. Jim's son, Justin '06 is enjoying his sophomore year at Archbishop Riordan High School and balancing extracurricular participation with excellent grades..



The dela Merced sisters

1994 JACQUELINE DELA MERCED After graduating from UCLA in 2002, Jackie moved to New York to attend New York Medical College. On May 24, 2007, she received her degree of Doctor of Medicine. She is now an Obstetrics and Gynecology resident at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

1996 (JANET) SHAWN DELA MERCED graduated from UC Irvine in 2004 with a B.A. in English and a Management minor. She is currently pursuing her Juris Doctor's degree at Whittier Law School as a candidate for the class of 2008. She wrote to say: "My sisters and I all graduated from OLPH. It is so great to see the school get better each year. "I love the web site and the newsletter."

2000 JESSICA DELA MERCED is in her 4th year at UC Irvine. She is a Resident Advisor and a Film Major. Jessica graduates this year, but she will study abroad for at least half a year in Japan.

2002 REX BROWN is the founder of "Baskets 4 Hope," a non-profit that directly benefits local charities and youth sports. A former class valedictorian, he plans to contribute proceeds from a December 8th event to St. Philomene and the sports program at OLPH. Assisting him are OLPH grads/brothers **Kevin '01** and **Ryan '03**, as well as close friends, **Edwin Abuan '02** and **Paul Valderama '02**. His network also includes **Rolan Ginete '01**, **Ryan Casuga '00** and **Justin Isip '03**. Learn more at www.baskets4hope.org.

2003 HANNAH ABARQUEZ Came by OLPH for a visit over the Summer. A graduate of Saint Ignatius, Class of 2007, she is pursuing a course of studies at UC Irvine, majoring in Public Health Sciences.



~ 1958 Rag Drive ~

Individual Class Winners

(back row left to right) **Judy Ricci**, 7th grade; **Diane Barsotti**, **Gail Barsotti**, **Charleen Maschinot**, and **Michael Stanley**, 8th grade;
(front row left to right) **Michael Calegari**, 4th grade, **Sandra Montoya**, 5th grade, **Daniel Lacayo**, 3rd grade, and **Scott Goulden**, 2nd grade

OLPH ALUMS & FRIENDS OPEN HOUSE AND MASS

Saturday, January 26, 2008
at 2:00 pm.

You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the OLPH Open House and Mass on January 26, 2008. Come and see your old elementary school and enjoy revisiting the classrooms, office, library and especially the famous "Alumni Hall." Locate your class picture in Alumni Hall and stir up your memories a bit. Light refreshments will be provided.

A Celebration of the Eucharist will follow in OLPH Church at 4PM.

There is no charge for this event.

YES! I plan on attending the Open House and Mass.

Name

Graduation year _____

Address

Phone

E-Mail



OLPH First Grade 1933
 Standing beside the "Diamond Donor Perpetual Plaque" are Sr. Philomene, 3rd Grade teacher and O.L.P.H. Athletic Director, and Mrs. Conchita Rocillo, CCD Coordinator and Mother of Marc '92 and Archie '94.

OLPH DIAMOND JUBILEE Scholarship Campaign

In 2008, O.L.P.H. School turns 75 years old. To mark this occasion, the Development Department has kicked off a Scholarship campaign with the goal of raising \$75,000. People who donate \$750 will be acknowledged on our 3'x3' Diamond Plaque which is mounted in Alumni Hall. Family and friends may combine (e.g. two names sharing a plate at \$375 each) or if you are an alum of O.L.P.H., you may choose to send a smaller donation in the name of your graduation class. Below is a list of individuals and classes who have already contributed \$750 or more to our program:

Individual/Family Donors

- James J. Lew Family • William and Barbara Roberts • William and Roxanne Kovacich • In Honor of William Dante Magni • Linda and Ed '61 Mahoney • Wells Fargo Bank • In Memory of John, Sr. and Lorraine Mahoney • Jim and Arleen (Kordoules '53) Russi • Tom Ryan '51 and Mike Ryan '53 • Madden Charities, John '50 and Virginia Madden • Rey and Susan Solidum • Tony and Rosalie Spiteri • Charles and Eileen Thone • The Wilsey Foundation • Valente Family: George '43. Rhody (Sutherland) '43, Jim '68, Joe '70, Jeff '73 and Jolene '80 • Society of St. Vincent DePaul, O.L.P.H. Conference

Class Donors

- In honor of O.L.P.H. Classes of '35, '36, '37, '38 and '39 • O.L.P.H. Class of 1950 • O.L.P.H. Class of 2008
 - O.L.P.H. Class of 2009 • O.L.P.H. Class of 2010 • O.L.P.H. Class of 2011 • O.L.P.H. Class of 2012
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Other Class Donations

1940.....\$160	1945.....\$120	1948.....\$275	1950.....\$150	1951.....\$175	1953.....\$325	1956.....\$275
1958.....\$310	1961.....\$375	1964.....\$300	1971.....\$100	1973.....\$120	1974.....\$140	1977.....\$135

YES! I would like to be a Diamond Jubilee Donor.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)_____.

___ Enclosed is my \$750 donation.

___ Here is my donation of \$375 — I will share a diamond with _____.

___ Here is my donation of \$250 — I will share a diamond with _____ & _____.

___ Please put my donation of \$_____ towards the class of _____.

Make checks payable to: O.L.P.H. DEVELOPMENT

and mail to: O.L.P.H. Diamond Jubilee
 80 Wellington Avenue
 Daly City, CA 94014

Diamond Jubilee Auction Dinner Dance 1933 — 2008

The Development Department of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School cordially invites you to join us for an evening of dining and dancing, along with live and silent auctions in OLPH Alumni Hall

Saturday, March 1, 2008

6:30 pm Silent Auction with hors d'oeuvres and No-Host Cocktail Bar

8:00 pm Dinner followed by Live Auction

Live music ~ Gypsy Ensemble Dancing until Midnight

\$60 per person ~ Tables of 10 and 6 may be reserved.

Cash raffle prizes will be announced during dinner. (Need not be present to win)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Number in your party _____ Amount enclosed _____ Graduation year _____

Please indicate entree choice: Chicken _____ Beef _____ Fish _____ Pasta Primavera _____

"Fine cuisine by Lidia's Delicatessen"

I /We are unable to attend. Please accept a donation of \$ _____.

Make checks payable to "OLPH Development".

Checks must be received no later than **February 21, 2008**.

No tickets will be mailed. Reservation list will be at the door.

Please detach and mail this portion to: OLPH Auction Dinner, 80 Wellington Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014

DONATIONS for the AUCTION

Would you like to make a non-monetary donation for the silent or oral auction?

Gift certificates, arts and crafts, food or service coupons, household items,
wine and spirits, knickknacks, gift baskets, sports tickets
or memorabilia, cabin or condo for a week?

If so, please contact the Development Department and arrange for a pick-up!

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Jackie (Frellson '48) Castruita
Granddaughter of Relish Bakery owners James and Clara Poket
A bright light dimmed for us, but lit up the sky, when our beloved classmate of the OLPH Class of '48 left us. We mourn the departure of Jackie Frellson Castruita just 6 weeks after our last annual class reunion in April. We were so fortunate to have seen her then. She kept us all connected with birthday cards and Christmas cards she faithfully sent all these years, always remembering her childhood friends. We were blessed to have known her.
— Betty Curtin Cutietta, OLPH Class of 1948

Parents of Alumni please forward this newsletter if your son or daughter no longer maintains a permanent residence at your home. Please notify the Development Office of the new address.
Thank You!

† IN MEMORIAM †
Eileen Dempsey
Wife of Dave '61
Frank Burger '56
Marcel Clavien
Husband of Joan Romiguere '47
Eleanor Mumford
Mother of Dale '60
Shirley Kenney
*Mother of Fr. Tim Kenney, SM,
former principal of Archbishop Riordan High School*
John Serrano
*Father of Anthony '71, Andy '74, Christine '77,
Grandfather of Ian Maile '03*
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John, Patrice, Joe, Jackie, Tim, Dave, Anita and Patrick.
Aunt of Barry '61 and Rory '70 Morgan*
Cecelia E. Kennedy
*Mother of OLPH grads Lawrence '51, Gerald '55, Patricia '56
(McDonough), Michael '57 and Christine (Hatton)*

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