

QP Connections



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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Class of 1964 Celebrates 50-Year Reunion



Members of the Class of 1964 (left to right): Frank Statz, Jim Joy, Barb King, Nancy Krohn, Tom Schmelzer, Mike Connors, Steve Fauerbach, Paul Saeman.

Members of the Queen of Peace school graduation class of 1964 gathered at the QP parish festival on September 20 to reconnect and reminisce. Paul Saeman and Jim Joy planned the reunion, and provided a class memorabilia table including photos, yearbooks, and other class memories. School principal Mark Quinn gave a tour of the school and answered questions about how the school has evolved and changed. The group then had a class photo taken at the entrance to the school. Members of the class who attended included: Paul Saeman, Jim Joy, Frank Statz, Barb King, Nancy Krohn, Tom Schmelzer, Mike Connors, and Steve Fauerbach, all now living in Wisconsin. Most of the group, joined by Tom Dresen, who traveled from Huntsville, Alabama, gathered for dinner and continued to share memories at Babe's American Grille.



1964 Queen of Peace Softball Team with Coach Norb Haas and Fans.

Submitted by Tom Martinelli





Alumni and Other School Friends Win Big in Parish Festival Raffle

In addition to being a great success and a whole lot of fun for tons of parishioners and alumni, the Parish Festival provided one other benefit to several Alumni and friends of QP School. The following lucky persons won prizes in the Parish Festival Raffle.

QP Parish Festival Raffle prize winner Peter Lipke '75, with niece Sierra Ehlert.

- \$1,000 Mike Conners, DDS, '68
- \$1,000 Bo Ellis '76
- \$1,000 Peter Lipke '75
- \$500 Mason Braun, son of David Braun '94, grandson of teacher Mary Pat Braun
- \$500 Tim Martinelli '94
- \$250 Cheryl Pomarnke '81
- \$250 Joe Schauer, current QP Parent and Athletic Association member
- \$100 Chuck and Gail Nemeckay, parents of Charles C. '93 and grandparents of Janett '13
- \$100 Lisa Haas '74
- \$100 Fran and Mary Ircink, parents of James '02

Join us next year, and you could win too!

HELP SOLVE THE CASE OF THE MISSING ALUMNI!

Check out the article on "missing" alumni on the back page, then let us know if you are in contact with any of them.

Want to go a step beyond? Be a class representative! Email Kate Ripple, kate.ripple@qopc.org or call (608) 231-4612.

Would you like to receive this newsletter twice a year by email instead of mail? If so, email Kate Ripple at kate.ripple@qopc.org.

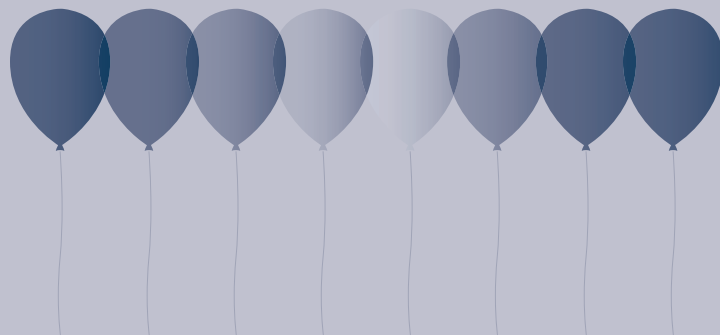


CLASS OF '65: Your 50th Reunion is Happening at the Parish Festival September 19, 2015

To help organize the event, contact:
Tom Martinelli at tmartinelli@tds.net or
Kate Ripple at kate.ripple@qopc.org

Wish your class was having a reunion too?

Just go to the QP Festival Facebook page (facebook.com/QPFestival) and post a message with graduating year, time, and place (beer tent, Gathering Space), and...
Voila - instant reunion!



Scenes from 2014 Parish Festival

Photos by volunteers: Fernanda Sipsma and Steve Holaday.



QP's Mrs. Perepezko and Famous Dad Enrich 2nd Graders' Year

Excerpted with permission from Isthmus, June 7, 2014, by Jessica Steinhoff

Around the world, Jerry Only is best known as the cofounder, bassist and sometime vocalist of punk band Misfits. But in Madison his biggest claim to fame is being the father of Eva, a second grader at **Our Lady Queen of Peace School**. The musician's "cool dad" status skyrocketed on Friday when he hosted a pizza party for the 8-year-old's class at Luigi's. It was the last day of school for the kids...

Only sent Eva to Queen of Peace for the 2013-14 year because he thought the regimen of a Catholic school might help her succeed academically. Eva's mother lived in Madison, so Queen of Peace seemed like a sensible choice.

"My daughter had convulsions...when she was very little, so learning has been hard for her in a lot of ways," Only says. "She wasn't making enough progress academically, so it was time to try something different."

The year at Queen of Peace went even better than Only had anticipated. The key was Eva's teacher, **Kathleen Perepezko**, who goes by **Mrs. P.** in the classroom. She's been teaching elementary schoolers at Queen of Peace for 34 years.... "Mrs. P. was so helpful," Only says. "She really brought Eva out of the dark and helped her catch up. We have a lot of work to do this summer still, but Eva's in a much better place academically."

Plus Eva gained an entire classroom of friends, who lined up to share their addresses with her so they can exchange letters in the future. Letter exchanges were an important part of the school year as Mrs. P.'s class studied places and cultures from other parts of the globe. Only was undoubtedly the group's favorite letter writer. While touring the world with his band, he chronicled his experiences for the class through letters and videos.

"Jerry came in and gave presentations to the class, and when he went on tour, he sent these beautiful books he'd made that had pictures and flags and souvenirs from each country," Perepezko says. "He made books about Australia,



Russia, Brazil, Argentina—it fit right into what we were studying.”

All 27 kids in the class received mementoes from faraway countries.... Only wrote letters to the students nearly every day, and he'd use large pieces of spiral-bound paper to construct books for the stories, postcards and currency he gathered. In addition to sharing facts and observations about the places he visited, he asked some of the people he met to write letters to Mrs. P.'s class as well, from a teacher in China to a 150-person team of Australians working to protect the whale population.

"I can't always be home with my little girl, so I brought the world to her," he says.

Share Your Story QP Alumni!

What have you been up to the past 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, or 60 years? Share your stories with fellow QP alumni through the *Spirit* newsletter.

Also, the Queen of Peace Alumni Organization would like to borrow, copy, and return 8th grade graduation class photos for 1968, 1970, and 1972. New copies will replace worn photos in the graduation photo collection on display in the school entrance lobby.

Contact Lisa Haas at (608) 231-4608 or lisa.haas@qopc.org.



The student body surprised Msgr. Fiedler on his 70th birthday by spelling out “QP” on the playground. The photo was snapped by a drone, service donated by a parent.



Twenty-five veterans from our parish and their related guests gathered to celebrate the Eucharist with the school community on November 11. This special Mass was our chance to honor our veterans, and those currently serving in the armed forces. It was they who honored us by their presence, patriotism, and stories of sacrifice.

ALUMNI NEWSBITS

Please send your newsbits to kate.ripple@qopc.org.

John (JT) Roach '02, recently moved from Chicago to L.A. and is writing music and lyrics.

Greg Spevacek '04, was a Youthworks Site Director on the Pine Ridge Reservation last summer. He now lives and works in the Minneapolis area.

Nicholas Covalski '06, won a campus-wide poetry contest at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse with a piece called *Season's Breathing*.

Bethany Spevacek '07, is completing a BFA in Musical Theatre at Ball State University, and will be performing at Joe's Pub in New York City as part of a cabaret class under the direction of Tony-award-winning actress, Sutton Foster.

Nicole Kollman '07 and Faith '11 and David '11 Holaday, will soon travel to our Chiapas, Mexico, Sister Parish with a Queen of Peace visiting group.

Madeleine Corcoran '11, recently received the Mary Jeanne Kennedy Scholarship from Catholic Charities of Madison. The award recognizes outstanding high school seniors serving the community.

Jeff Ripple '92, recently left Apple, where he led quality control for iPad parts, to work for Google on the driverless car.

Recently Married at Queen of Peace

Rebecca Lechmaier '99 and Nathan Wortinger '01

Brittany Henshue '00 and Adam Mescher

Mimi Longo '00 and Nathan Boren

Patricia Pawelski '03 and Corey Conohan

Graham Hicken '04 and Stephanie Giffit

Recently Married Elsewhere

Casey Balczewski '04 and Becky Kempfert, in Kiel, WI. Casey is a U.S. Marine stationed in Norfolk, VA.

Recently Baptized at Queen of Peace

Isabel Valley, daughter of Jane Sladky-Valley '94 and husband Christopher Dane Sweeney, son of Tyler J. Sweeney '97 and his wife Melissa, grandson of Greg Sweeney '63

Recently Baptized Elsewhere

Fulton Hardin, son of Megan Potts Hardin '01 and husband Wesley

Recently Engaged

Laura Lang '05 and Tom Holaday, a graduate of Blessed Sacrament in Madison. Both attended Edgewood High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Engineering.

Past Faculty & Staff

Did you love Mrs. Claggett's art class? You can help her with medical expenses during her illness, at this Give Forward site: <https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/ddv5>

Sr. Mary Catherine (Marie Louis) Rice, OP, recently celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sinsinawa Dominican. Sr. Mary Catherine taught junior high science at Queen of Peace in the early '70s.

LIVE IN THE MADISON AREA?

QPAO (Queen of Peace Alumni Organization) needs one new member!

Only 3-4 meetings a year, 60-90 min. each — a fun way to help us all keep in touch. We especially need an alum from the '50s!

Contact Austin Lacey '09 at austin.lacey@alacweather.com.

QP ALUMNI ORGANIZATION (QPAO)

TERM 2012-2015:

Austin Lacey '09, President

Lisa Haas '74, Secretary/
Treasurer

Dick Reynolds '62

TERM 2013-2016:

Jessica Potts '98 Copeland

Heidi Nass '87 Eckstein

Sue Palm '69

TERM 2014-2017:

Kevin Kiehl '91

Laura Peterson '06

Education Commission
Liaison, Brian Bauman '89

CONTINUING:

Tom Martinelli '63, Historian

Rob Wolfe '75, Past
President

STAFF LIAISONS:

Mark Quinn, QP School
Principal

Kate Ripple '76, Parish
Stewardship



Thank You for Your Support

Within the last year, the Catholic Multicultural Center has been undergoing many new and exciting changes. One of the biggest milestones this year was the 5th anniversary of the Center's reopening under Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. Without the outpouring of continued support from the parish, reopening would not have been possible. Since then the center has grown stronger than ever, especially over the past year.

Take the immigration legal services program for example.

This year we added one full-time staff attorney to increase the program's capacity to see immigration-related cases. More importantly, we are now initiating outreach to rural areas in the counties surrounding Dane County. Program staff travels to each different service area at least once a month to meet with clients who until now had no access to affordable immigration legal services. The program now serves the Montfort and Jefferson areas, with more communities to come.

This fall the center gratefully welcomed solar panels to its roof. Installed in October, the solar project will not only benefit the environment but also allow the CMC to spend more on

resources that provide direct services to the center's guests. The call to care for creation is inextricably linked to the care of our brothers and sisters in need. Solar panels not only save energy and money, but also help to guarantee that all people, regardless of race, gender, age, or socio-economic status, have the opportunity to live healthier lives and breathe cleaner air.

The CMC is exploring Parish Garden Partnerships for the growing of specialized grains and legumes for harvest season that will be processed by the CMC Culinary Creations Catering staff. The program was piloted this year with St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Native yellow corn, pinto beans, and confectionary sunflowers were planted at a new garden on parish property. The corn was ground to make masa—corn flour used for making tortillas—for the food pantry. Pinto beans were dried and prepared for storage, so they may be used in the catering program or in the food pantry. The sunflower seeds were to be made into sunflower seed butter, but unfortunately the crop didn't survive. Despite this disappointment, the project was a success overall and will continue to grow and improve next year.

This year also reminded us how precious our volunteers are. One of our consistent volunteers who had been coming since 2009, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep due to natural causes. Buntheoun "Bun" Ouk was a kind-hearted, soft-spoken volunteer who helped in the computer lab with the weekly "Interview Prep and Resume Development" workshop. His work truly helped the Center's programs grow and better serve



Left to right: Larry Allen, Buntheoun Ouk, Don Brown.

the community. Outside the lab he spent considerable time promoting CMC programs and special events in the community. Bun, who was always seen with a smile on his face, was very close to obtaining his U.S. citizenship with the help of CMC immigration legal services. We will miss Bun; may he rest in peace.

The Queen of Peace Parish community has been a wonderful help in making the center what it is today. We truly exist because of your support, time, and compassion. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support contributing to what the CMC has accomplished and undergone over the last year. We would also like to invite everyone to come and see the additions that were made and to use the resources that you have helped make possible. Together we hope to keep adding on to the Center to make it even better than it is today! Thank you for all that you do for the Catholic Multicultural Center!

Submitted by Tara Terski - CMC Intern

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Parents: Tired of receiving your adult child's mail?

Update your alumni contact info with QPAO!

Go to qopc.org, click on QP Community at top, then on Alumni. Click on first bullet.

Help Us Complete Your Class List!

Last issue, we found the two Kuehns families and part of the Brei and Schmelzer families! Can we "find" four more families this issue? With your help we can! Help us find more of your classmates for future reunions, Facebooking, Parish Festivals, etc. Though we have found 75% of our alumni, we have contact information for a below average number of alumni from the classes on the right. If you are from one of these classes, **contact Kate Ripple '76 to help at kate.ripple@qopc.org or (608) 231-4612.**

1951
All classes 1954-1961
All classes 1964-1969
1973
1975
1982
1983
1987
1988

Do you keep in touch with a friend from any of these families? QP has no contact information for these families:

FAMILY	CLASSES OF 19__						
Burch	57-66	Haessig	55-58	Mikkelson	88-90	Strubras	69
Cavanaugh	54-55	Hebl	69-73	Montalto	67-68	Svetnicka	62-65
Clementi	65-69	Heim	52-55	Morgan	55-61	Taylor	56-60
Connor	57-58	Hughes	58-65	Mund	88	Thorson	53-55
Endres	51-66	Hutchinson	55-59	Noltner	55-60	Tranchita	50-60
Engel	59-60	Isabella	56-58	Pennie	91-98	Walsh	56-60
Engelburger	78-82	Jordan	55-69	Pertzborn	54-60	Watts	51-54
Etmanczyk	68-70	Klagus	64-66	Quam	54-55	Weaver	59-60
Falci	54-59	Klein	56-62	Ristow	56-57	Wehrle	57-60
Fix	55-62	Klinkner	64-66	Royston	57-60	Westley	96-98
Framburger	57-60	Klubertanz	64	Ryan	55-66	Widmann	57-58
Franken	53-58	Kovacs	54-59	Schaefer	51-60	Wohlfert	67-71
Geraths	87-89	Lewandowski	73-76	Schumann	63-79	Zelinski	69-71
Giese	82-87	Lichty	53-56	Seborg	55-58	Zielsdorf	83-86
Gill	54-69	McCollow	66-69	Spatola	57-59	Zimmerman	53-69
Gorst	57-58	McMahan	56-75	Speth	55-68		
Gottsacker	56-58	McQueen	60	Stafford	57-59		
Gould	82-84	Meicher	50-57	Statz	56-68		