

DC ALUMNI class notes

The 30's

On October 17, 2009, **Ila (Pope) Allen '38** celebrated her 95th birthday. Ila and her husband, Carl, who is 99 years old, are both active in their church and a senior citizens' organization. They have eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ila and Carl reside in Milton, KY.

The 40's

On October 9, 2009, Grove City College honored **R. Jack Behringer '49** with the naming of the *R. Jack Behringer Baseball Field*. Jack served as Grove City College's athletic director and chairman of the Department of Physical Education for 40 years. Under his strong leadership, the varsity, intramural and academic programming grew in

numbers and popularity. Jack and his wife, **Jeanne (Lisk) '48**, reside in Grove City, PA.

The 50's

Donald Marsh '51 and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 12, 2009. The couple has two children, two granddaughters and a great-grandson. They reside in Continental, OH.

The 60's

Michael Steirer '62 retired from the public school system in 1996. He continues to teach English Composition at Lorain Community College in Elyria, OH. Michael and his wife, Janice, celebrated 42 years of marriage on December 23, 2009.

Nancy (Fortman) Alt '64 retired from teaching at Ottawa-Glandorf School after being an educator for 48 years. She currently resides near Ottawa, OH.

After 42 years of employment with the Naval Air Test Center at NAS Patuxent River, MD, **Robert Smith '68**, retired in March, 2010. Bob and his wife, Susan, have two sons, and four granddaughters. Bob plans on keeping busy working on projects around his home, playing golf and helping his wife with the charity program she started. Bob and Susan reside in Lexington Park, MD. To read Bob's retirement story, go to http://www.dcmilitary.com/stories/022510/tester_28255.shtml

David Welty '69 and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2009. David and Barbara have three children and three grandchildren. The couple resides in Defiance.

The 70's

Harold Watson '73, former wrestling coach of Dirigo High school, was inducted into the Maine Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame. Hal, a retired history teacher, started the Cougar wrestling program from scratch more than three decades ago. Through the years they won state championships and earned respect throughout the region. Hal and his wife, Martha, reside in Rumford, ME.

Norma (Soughan) Hoffman '76 has retired from nursing and is now having fun participating in a band, "The New Horizons." The band is part of a national organization proving that "active oldsters live longer." Norma is playing clarinet, a new experience for her. She resides in Fort Wayne, IN.

Cynthia (McCann) Bentancur '79 and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Elizabeth, born January 2, 2010. The Bentancurs reside in Defiance.

The 80's

Rita Ruhlin '80 and Craig Werner were married on November 28, 2009. The ceremony took place in historic Sauder Village, Archbold, OH. After 30 1/2 years of teaching second grade in the Swanton School District, Rita will be retiring this coming June. Rita and Craig reside in Wauseon, OH.

On December 8, 2009 the book, *Not For Self But Others*, was released on Amazon.com (Kindle Books). It is a true crime story written by Bart McEntire and details the long term undercover operation in which both Alcohol, Tobacco &

Firearms agent **David Behrend '86** and McEntire, his ATF partner, participated. The story takes you deep into the down and dirty world of White-hate, as seen through the eyes of the undercover agents, following their movements through a very dangerous game of "us versus them." Behrend is currently with the Department of Homeland Security and resides with his family on St. Simons Island, GA.

Tony Shoulders '83 is currently teaching for the Lorain City School District and coaches football at Elyria Catholic. He has a grandson, Caleb, 7, and a granddaughter, Kimoro, 2. Tony resides in Lorain, OH.

Kelly (Morton) McMaster '88 and her husband, **David McMaster '90** announce the birth of their son, Sydney Quinn Russell, on December 7, 2009. Sydney has four siblings, Madeleine, 11, Claire, 6, Shea, 4, and Liam, 2. The McMaster family resides in Defiance.

The 90's

Denise Bierly '90, head women's basketball coach for 16 years at Eastern Connecticut State University, achieved her 300th career victory in the team season opener. Denise became the 12th active Division III coach in New England to achieve 300 victories. She has only lost 121 games for a winning percentage of .713 with a 19.9 victories per season record.

Joanne Borrell '90 retired as a policy manager from First Energy on January 31, 2010. After retirement, Joan plans to work as a consultant, travel, read and, oh yeah, spend some time with her husband, Jack. The Borrells reside in Akron, OH.



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Wendy (Stone) Otte '91 and her husband, Jerry, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on August 31, 2009. Wendy and Jerry have two children and reside in Defiance.

Brett Meyer '93 and his wife, Michele, announce the birth of their son, Treg Lawrence, on October 25, 2009. Treg has two siblings, Jameson, 6, and Joseph, 4 1/2. The Meyers reside in Botkins, OH.

Margaret "Peg" Johnson '95 retired from the Defiance City Schools in June 2009, after teaching for 34 years. Margaret and her husband, John, reside in Defiance.

Troy Merrick '96 began working for the MetroHealth Medical Center Department of Pathology Laboratory in Cleveland as a toxicology specialist August 10, 2009. Troy and his family continue to reside in Cleveland, OH.

Amy Wildermuth '96 and Doug Eitnair were married on August 22, 2009 in the Dale Earnhardt Plaza, Kannapolis, NC. Amy is employed at Fairview Elementary School and resides in Sherwood, OH.

The 00's

Susan Houck '00 and Cyron Goff were married on Sand Key Beach, FL on September 19, 2009. Susan is employed as a Title I kindergarten teacher at Defiance City Schools. The Goffs reside in Defiance.

Bill '00 and **Laura (Retcher) Howell '00** celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on September 15, 2009. Bill and Laura marked the occasion with a trip to Kauai, HI. Bill and Laura have two children and reside in Defiance.

Jennifer (Bahler) Schwiebert '00 and her husband, Kevin, who is currently enrolled at Defiance College, announce the birth of their daughter, Rylie Lynn, on September 22, 2009. Rylie has two siblings, a sister Olivia, 5, and a brother, Todd, 2. The Schwiebert family resides in Napoleon, OH.

Tina (McCullough) Farrington '01 has been promoted to executive vice president, chief operating officer at Tower Bank. Farrington joined the bank in 2006 and since then has held varied responsibilities. She has an extensive banking background, having been at Fifth Third Bank in Indianapolis and Rurban Financial, before joining Tower. Tina and her family reside in Defiance.

Travis Gillespie '01 is in his sixth season with the Allegheny College football team and was recently named Offensive Coordinator of the Gators. Travis and his wife, **Elizabeth (Barton) '02**, are expecting their first child in May 2010 and reside in Meadville, PA.

Tanya (Fritz) Bok '02 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, on August 18, 2009. Sarah has four siblings, Elijah, 9, Jordon, 7, Micah, 4 1/2, and Ruth, 2. The Boks reside in Holgate, OH.

Alexander Coressel '02 and **Kelly Whitenburg '02** were married on August 8, 2009 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Toledo, OH. Alex is employed as a math teacher, and Kelly is employed with Washington Township as an elected official's assistant. The Coressels reside in Toledo.

Jennifer (McKibben) Epple '02 and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Maya Winn,

on August 24, 2009. The Epple family resides in Mansfield, TX.

Elizabeth (Norden) Behnfeldt '03 and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Macy Christine and Brooklyn Kay, on September 8, 2009. The family resides in Defiance.

Michelle (Bauer) Brinkman '03 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their son, Preston Charles, on October 17, 2009. Michelle is currently employed as a teacher at Crestview Local School in Convoy, OH. The Brinkmans reside in Lima.

Nathan Miller '04 and his wife, Annie, announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Marie, on August 15, 2009. Addison has two siblings, Brooklyn, 10, and Gavin, 4. The Millers reside in Defiance.

Kristen (Ort) Siler '04 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their daughter, Khloe Jeanette, on August 18, 2009. Khloe has a sister, Isabelle, 2. The Silers reside in Defiance.

Joni (Haver) Mavis '05 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Morgan James, on August 7, 2009. Morgan has a sister, Isabel. The family resides in Farmer, OH.

Angela (McCoy) Shook '05 and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of their first child, Dylan William, on October 18, 2009. Angela is currently employed as an accountant at Defiance Metal Products. The Shooks reside in Defiance.

Joe DiSalvio '06 and **Tiffany Howard '06** were married on August 1, 2009 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, OH. Joe is currently employed as



*Joe DiSalvio '06
and Tiffany Howard '06*

a juvenile probation officer with Franklin County Juvenile Courts and Tiffany is a second grade teacher at Columbus Humanities Arts and Technology Academy. The couple resides in Dublin, OH.

Cory Hornish '06 and Ashley Dally were married on September 5, 2009 at St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance. Cory is employed as a guide by the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C. The couple resides in Arlington, VA.

Abby Kolodziejczyk '06 and **Hans Vetter '08** were married on September 26, 2009 in an outdoor ceremony in Perrysburg, OH. Abby is currently employed as an admission counselor at Defiance College; Hans is employed at Lowe's and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as an educator for hunter safety. Abby and Hans reside in Napoleon, OH.

Amy (Ryan) Rohdy '06 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their son, Carter Matthew, on December 2, 2009. Carter has a sister, Desi, 7. The Rohdys reside in Defiance.

Amber (Gerken) Gillengerten '07 and her husband, Dave, announce the



William Patrick Gillengerten

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birth of their son, William Patrick, on November 20, 2009. Amber is currently employed at RDSI Banking Systems. The family resides in Defiance.

Her husband works for the Medina Municipal Court as an adult probation officer that specializes in drug offenders. The couple currently resides in Medina, OH.

Cody Holmes '07 and **Sarah Stopke '08** were married on October 31, 2009. Sarah is currently employed as an auditor for the State of Ohio, and Cody is employed as a police officer for Goshen Township. Cody and Sarah reside in Columbiana, OH.

Stefanie White '07 and David Overweg were married on September 19, 2009 at Calvin College Seminary Chapel in Grand Rapids, MI. Stefanie is currently employed as an accountant at Northpointe Bank. The couple resides in Grandville, MI.

Stacey Randolph '08 and Josh Edwards were married on September 19, 2009 at Muhlhauser Park in Canal Fulton, OH. Stacey is employed at Vestige Digital Investigations as a forensic analyst.

Miranda (Roth) Moor '08 and her husband, Brice, announce the birth of their son, Emerson Oliver, on March 16, 2009. Miranda is currently employed at Montpelier Elementary School as a reading specialist and Title I teacher since August 2009.



Emerson Oliver Moor

Colleen Kaufman '09 and Nathan Wiseman were married on October 10, 2009 at St. John's Catholic Church. The Wisemans reside in Defiance.

Edwald DeWayne Lumm '57
August 28, 2009 – Mount Vernon, OH

Bernice Bayliss '59
December 27, 2009 – Defiance, OH

James Nofziger '59
September 30, 2009 – Montpelier, OH

Zeb Vasher '61
November 1, 2009 – Toledo, OH

Richard Carpenter '63
July 24, 2009 – Titusville, FL

Charles Prior '66
November 11, 2009 – Richmond Heights, OH

Carol Jacob '69
November 9, 2009 – Defiance, OH

Albert Schwenke '69
October 27, 2005 – Sandusky, OH

Nancy (Locke) Burbridge '71
October 22, 2009 – Dublin, OH

Ronald Mehring '71
September 2, 2009 – Defiance, OH

Michael Chaney '75
October 31, 2009 – Defiance, OH

Teri Hageman '78
November 13, 2009 – Defiance, OH

Paul Mansfield '86
August 26, 2008 – Defiance, OH

Symonette Steele '97
July 4, 2009 – Toledo, OH

Kaitlyn Knox '08
January 28, 2010 – Defiance, OH

Frederick "Fritz" Bennetts passed away on April 12, 2009. Fritz was a Defiance College football and basketball coach from 1948 to 1951. Fritz is survived by his wife of 66 years, Virginia, and his three children and their families.

Former Defiance College Mathematics Professor, **Dr. William Markel**, passed away on February 5, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Louise Waite Markel '82, and their four children.

Deaths

Donald Boyee '32
January 4, 2010 – Girard, OH

Lloyd Basil '35
July 3, 2008 – Van Wert, OH

Dorpha (Hickok) Bok '42
October 30, 2009 – Defiance, OH

Rosaria (Lalonde) Beverly '45
September 19, 2009 – Defiance, OH

Joan Schultz '47
September 4, 2009 – West Liberty, OH

Charles Dugan '52
November 19, 2009 – Defiance, OH

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