

# DC ALUMNI class notes

## The 50's

**Betty (Skiver) Goller '54** and her husband, Bill, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. The couple has two children and five grandchildren. Betty and Bill reside in Defiance.

In October 2012, the **Rev. Dr. Nial Crawford '59** and his wife, Freida, were inducted into Lancaster General Health's Societas Generalis, which honors individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the health and well-being of the community. The Crawfords were recognized for their service leadership. They reside in Lancaster, PA. Nial is a retired public health administrator and minister.

## The 60's

**Larry Tonjes '62**, and his wife, Martha, celebrated their golden anniversary on Oct. 4, 2012. The couple has two children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Larry and Martha reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

**Janette (Evans) '64** and her husband, Stan Coplin, celebrated 60 years of marriage on Oct. 26, 2012. Janette and Stan have three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Coplins reside in Paulding, Ohio.

**Jane (Colwell) Scott '65** and her husband, Barton, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Dec. 16, 2012. The Scotts have one child and two grandchildren. Jane taught business courses for 30 years. The couple resides in Defiance.

**Ben Davis '67** was named in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer's* list of the top 100 players in Cleveland Browns history. Davis was one of the Browns' all-time bargain draft picks, and he went on to make a great impact as cornerback, winning all-pro honors throughout his football career. He also played two seasons for the Lions. Ben played running back for Defiance and serves as a member of the DC Board of Trustees. He resides in Cleveland with his wife, Sylvia.

**Fran Benjamin '68** is retired and spends his time playing competitive tennis. In 2011 he was #1 in men's Senior 60s doubles in USTA Pacific Northwest, which includes Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and British Columbia. Fran has also played for Lewis & Clark College, the senior men's team winning sectionals and advancing to nationals. Fran notes that he was in Defiance when the E. Stevens Dix Tennis Facility was dedicated, and had the opportunity to play on it, which was a highlight of his trip since he and Steve had played on the Defiance High School team together. Fran and his wife, Wendy, reside in Beaverton, Ore.

## The 70's

**Donald Snyder '70** and his wife, Deb, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 22, 2012 by renewing their wedding vows at a special mass held in their honor by their children and grandchildren. The Snyders reside in Defiance.

**Pelzer "PJ" Warren '70** announces that he retired from teaching last year. This is his second retirement, the first being his retirement from the Air Force in 1991. PJ resides in Valrico, Fla. with his wife of 37 years.

**Pamela (Knipp) '72** and Tom Kime recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The Kimes have two children and reside in Defiance.

**Thomas M.L. Ritter '72** retired from Johnson & Johnson in 2008. Since then he became a Stephen Minister with the First Presbyterian Church. In his spare time he enjoys participating in marathons. Thomas and his wife, Colleen, reside in Allentown, PA.

**Dr. James Schoenlein '72** is currently serving as Superintendent of Kettering City Schools in Dayton, Ohio. James was named "Ohio High School Principal of the Year" in 2009 by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Principals (OASSA). He resides in Dayton.

**Jeffrey Welbaum '74** was sworn in as judge for the Ohio Second District Court of Appeals on Jan. 4, 2013. He secured the appeals court position in November's general election. After graduating from Defiance College, Jeff earned his juris doctor degree from Ohio Northern Pettit College of Law. He practiced law in Miami County in Ohio for 35 years, serving in numerous roles: public defender, elected three times as county prosecutor, and elected three times as common pleas court judge. He

retired from that position in 2010 and went on to serve as the chief of the criminal justice section of the Ohio Attorney General's office before being elected to the Court of Appeals. Jeff resides in Troy with his wife, Peg. They have two adult sons.

**Jeanne (Taylor) Gebers '75** and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan. 19, 2013 with a trip to Florida with their children and grandchildren. Jeanne is a retired nurse and teacher. The couple resides in Hamler, Ohio.

**Mary Beth (Parsels) Dickmander '76** and her husband, Martin, celebrated their golden anniversary on June 30, 2012. The couple has two children and resides in Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.



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**Daniel A. Martin '76** began the 2012-13 academic year as the new principal of Northland High School in Columbus, Ohio. Daniel and his wife, Beverly, reside in Hilliard, Ohio.

**Cindy (McCann) '79** and Daniel Bentancur announce the birth of their grandson, Emerson Reid, on May 29, 2012, weighing in at 6lbs 14oz. Cindy is an educator at the Independence Education Center. Cindy and Dan reside in Defiance.

**Ray Gordon '79** and his wife, Marilyn, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 16, 2012. Ray and Marilyn have four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The couple resides in Napoleon, Ohio.

## The 80's

**Debra Fisher '80** has announced her retirement after teaching elementary physical education in the Wayne Trace School District for 32 years. During that time she coached junior varsity girls basketball and junior high volleyball, and helped with the high school volleyball team. She was also a member of the Wayne Trace Education Association/Ohio Education Association. In the '90s she served as an auxiliary officer with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Debra currently resides in Defiance.

**David Behrend '86** has retired from his position as Assistant Chief for Special Investigations and Security with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia. Dave has worked in law enforcement for 28 years, with over 26 of those in federal service for such agencies as Homeland Security and the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. After a celebratory trip to Australia, he plans to serve as a re-employed instructor at FLETC, work as a consultant and write a book. Dave and his wife, Margaret, reside in St. Simons Island, Ga.

**Melinda Goyings (Kauser) Walters '89** married Chris Walters on March 22, 2012. Melinda is employed as the Business Director at the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The couple resides in Antwerp, Ohio.

## The 00's

**Christopher Newcomb '01** and his wife, Katie, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jeanette, March 23, 2012. Cris is employed as an attorney at Iarocci Law Firm. The family resides in Conneaut, Ohio.

Dylan Michael Homan was born on April 21, 2012 to **Jackie (Broering) Homan '02** and her husband Adam. He was welcomed by his brothers, Evan, 3, and Isaac, 2. The family resides in Findlay, Ohio.

In an effort to end bullying, **Shane Jeffreys '02** has published a book, *End It Now*, which is an account of his childhood experience with bullying, which almost cost him his life. Shane currently resides in Defiance with his wife and son.

**Michelle (Smith) Lockwood '02** recently acquired a preschool teaching position at Child's World in Archbold, Ohio. Michelle has been married ten years to her husband, Jason. They have two children, Shelby 5-1/2 and Tyler 2-1/2, and reside in Montpelier, Ohio.



*Jaxton Tinker Brancheau*

**Steven '07 and Kaitlin '09 (Tinker) Brancheau** announce the birth of their son, Jaxton Tinker Brancheau, on July 25, 2012. The Brancheaus reside in Montpelier, Ohio, where Katy teaches high school language arts and Steven teaches junior high math and coaches varsity football.

**Renee (Tipton) Hopper '07** and her husband, Joshua, were married on Oct. 20, 2012. Renee is employed as an early literacy specialist at the Defiance Public Library. The couple resides in Ottawa, Ohio.

**Stephanie Shine '07** and her husband, John Herrington, were married on June 30, 2012 and are expecting their first child in March 2013. Stephanie is employed by the Delaware County Sheriff Department as a deputy. The couple resides in Delaware, Ohio.

**Aleisha Wiemken '07** and Jonathan Stottlemeyer were married on Oct. 6, 2012. Aleisha is employed by Amber Health Care in Columbus and her husband is pursuing his master's degree in social work.

**Samantha (Etter) Taylor '08** and her husband, Kyle, Landon, on Oct. 19, 2012. Landon joins his two siblings, Connor, 6, and Aiden, 2. The Taylors reside in Napoleon, Ohio.

**Lucas Dillon '08**, a recent graduate from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, has opened his own law firm in Charlotte, MI. Dillon and his wife, Rene, have two sons, Lucas Jr., 2, and Desmond Thomas, born on Feb. 13, 2013.

**Chantille (Millender) Jackson '09** and her husband, Kewaski, welcomed their son, Liam Jarius, on July 24, 2012. Chantille is currently employed as a mental health therapist for Guidestone Ohio. The Jacksons reside in Lorain, Ohio.

**Andrew Mickey '09** and Meredith Barber were married on June 9, 2012. Andrew is employed at North Central Schools as a health and physical education teacher. He also coaches varsity football and track at Fairview High School.

**Corynne (Long) Schafer '09** along with her husband, Zach, announce the birth of their daughter, Raegan Layne, on April 11, 2012. Reagan has an older sister, Kenley. The family resides in Norwalk, Ohio.



*Brad Timofeev*

**Brad Timofeev '09** joined WebArt, Business Voice in 2009 where he served as an SEO coordinator and video engineer. He has recently been promoted to website marketing director. Brad resides in Oregon, Ohio.

*Pictured below* are left to right: Aida Rodriguez '10, Nate Cline '10, Julie Miller '10, and Austin Kleman '10 (not pictured is Ryan Nusbaum '10)

**Nate Cline '10** along with a few of his DC friends joined together in June 2012 to build a "playground



in a day.” Nate is employed as a K-5 PE/Health teacher at Imagine Cleveland Academy which did not have a playground facility. With an acquired grant, Nate’s family, friends, co-workers, and parents constructed a playground for the school. Nate resides in Parma Heights, Ohio.

**Jared Erickson '10** and Ellen Kohart were married on Sep 15, 2012. Jared is employed as a technical support specialist and resides in Defiance.



*Leiv Christian and Jesse Samuel Keesbury*

**Kathleen (Horg) Keesbury '10** and her husband, Jedediah, welcomed their second child, Jesse Samuel, born July 14, 2012. Jesse joins his brother, Leiv Christian. The family resides in Bryan, Ohio.

## Deaths

Esther Smith '27  
Tampa, FL – September 22, 2012

Elizabeth (Shaw) Cameron '36  
Rohnert Park, CA – September 19, 2012

Betty (Eberwein) Elson '46  
Ludlow Falls, OH – April 28, 2012

Alice (Wood) Cole '47  
Pemberville, OH – December 21, 2012

Robert Rex '48  
Bryan, OH – January 10, 2013

James R. Winsley '48  
Highland Village, Elko, NV -  
February 25, 2013

John Kaduk '50  
Hicksville, OH - May 31, 2012

Paul Shannon '50  
Lakeland, FL – June 5, 2012

Walter P. Wood  
Fairfield, OH – July 1, 2012

Robert Husted '51  
Hicksville, OH – September 13, 2012

Joan (Ewing) Snyder '52  
Cicero, IL – February 27, 2012

Culver Knollman '56  
Toledo, OH – December 10, 2011

Clayton Butler '58  
Fayette, OH – December 3, 2012

Marian (Ringger) Hedrick '58  
Fort Wayne, IN – September, 2012

W. Lawrence Koeppel '58  
Bryan, OH – April 13, 2012

Gaylord (Gabe) Parker '58  
Tacoma, WA – January 10, 2013

Sheridan (Dan) Artz '59  
Greensboro, NC – April 12, 2012

Keith Lowell Fritz '61  
Wauseon, OH – April 30, 2012

Robert Diehl Jr. '62  
Cadillac, MI – October 17, 2012

Betty (Nelson) Johnson '63  
Holgate, OH – October 26, 2012

Rev. Elmer Novak '63  
Sandusky, OH – January 6, 2013

Dennis D. Bell '64  
Englewood, OH – September 23, 2012

Joan (Beaverson) Chopin '64  
San Antonio, TX – March 16, 2012

Leonard H. Shartle '67  
Fairhaven, MA – October 10, 2012

Douglas W. Shaw '67  
Los Angeles, CA – January 15, 2012

Douglas Roof '68  
Indianapolis, IN – July 19, 2012

George Harrison III '69  
Asheville, PA – March 19, 2012

Paulette (Zuver) Potts '60  
West Unity, OH – October 24, 2012

Terry Connor '71  
Scottsdale, AZ – January 14, 2013

Dan English '72  
Haslett, MI – May 25, 2012

Gordon Phillips '72  
Albion, MI – May 5, 2012

Mary Ann Hosafros '74  
Miami, FL – December 19, 2012

Thomas Deitering '75  
Leipsic, OH – September 15, 2012

Leota W. Crawford '78  
West Unity, OH – August 22, 2012

Betty Amey '85  
San Antonio, TX – January 8, 2013

Kathleen Horstman James '88  
Defiance, OH – June 23, 2012

Carrie (Stephan) Biederstedt '91  
Hamler, OH – December 6, 2012

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