

# DC ALUMNI class notes

## The 40's

Schauffler alumna **Janet Richards '43** and a companion took a Rhine River cruise this past autumn. Highlights of her travels were the people they met on the cruise ship and in Germany, the lovely fall foliage and stops to visit Nuremberg and other historic sites. "It was a wonderful trip, and I heartily recommend it," says Janet.

**John Evritt '45** and **Dorothy (Krebehenne) Evritt '48** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 24, 2006. They live in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. John continues his lifelong avocation writing political commentary. Their son, Roy, is an EMT in Georgia, and their daughter, Kay, is a grant writer for a Florida community college. They have been blessed with two grandsons and two yapping dogs.



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## The 50's

**Wendell Dangler '50** and his wife Helen live in Marion, OH. They have six children living throughout Ohio and New York. He was employed as a teacher for the State of Ohio from 1950 to 1979. After a short retirement, he began teaching adult drivers education and also managed a motel. Wendell has since completely retired and is enjoying life.

**Robert Sanderson '50** and **Beverly (King) Sanderson '63** have both recently retired from their teaching careers. They will also celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 15, 2008.



Dr. Lewis Mollica '56

**Lewis Mollica '56** received the Licking Memorial Health Systems 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented to a community member who has devoted time and service to better the community and helped fulfill the LMHS mission by helping to improve the health of the community. This special recognition was created to honor those whose vision, inspiration and leadership have touched and enriched many lives. Lew and his wife **Janice (Forrest) Mollica '57** reside in Granville, OH.

**Illa (Kretzer) Rush '58** and her husband, David, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married on February 1, 1958, in Trinity United Methodist Church. The couple have three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The Rushes reside in Cecil, OH.

## The 60's

**Michael Steirer '62** travelled to Southeast Asia with his brother. If you would like to read about his trip go to <http://wp2.medina-gazette.com/2007/10/13/accnt/senior-living/on-the-move-brothers-journey-to-southeast-asia/>. Michael resides in Medina, OH.

**Larry Tonjes '62** and his wife, Martha, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. The couple was married on October 4, 1962, in Monroe, MI. They have two children and three grandchildren. Larry and Martha reside in Hicksville, OH.

After spending seven years on the Deer Lodge Montana City Council, **Mary Ann McGuffin '64** was recently appointed to the office of Mayor. She is the first woman in the town's history to take this seat.

**Dr. James D. Studer '65** joined the University of Texas System as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. In this role, Dr. Studer is responsible for the planning, management and evaluation of programs, and the development of policies focused on student affairs.

**Dr. Richard Scott Warren '65**, professor of botany and department chair at Connecticut College since 1970, was recently named to the board of trustees of the Connecticut Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

His primary research focuses on the wetlands and marshes of New England; he has published extensively and presented at many conferences. His expertise comes into play both in classes on plant physiology and in his fieldwork. Warren is an outspoken advocate for the protection of wetlands and tidal marshes. He has worked to reduce the spread of the invasive reed phragmites in the Lower Connecticut River Estuary, and has received numerous research grants and contracts in areas ranging from the assessment of tidal marshes to their restoration. He earned a bachelor's in biology with a minor in chemistry from Defiance College and a Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. Defiance College honored him with the 2002 Alumni Citation for Academic Excellence.

**Sandra (Moulder) Rodocker '67** was recently promoted to branch manager of the First Place Bank, Hicksville, OH. Sandra has resided in Hicksville for more than 30 years.

## The 70's

**Terry Reichard '72** recently retired from teaching elementary education after 35 years. He taught at Lincolview Local Schools in Van Wert County the last 29 years. He is currently a host at Bob Evans Restaurant. Terry resides in Van Wert, OH.

For **Grace Gushue '74**, volunteering and community service is a way of life, and she is proof no good deed goes unrecognized. She was selected as the co-honoree for the 26th annual Dublin Emerald Ball for her outstanding commitment to this Ohio community.

**Joseph Ruiz '75** and his wife, Maria, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 25th. Joseph and his wife reside in Defiance.

**Lucy (Rulman) Weaver '76** and Fred Marckel were married on October 26, 2007 at St. John's Catholic Church in Defiance. Lucy and her husband reside in Defiance.

**Debra (Buenger) Weaks '77** retired after 28 years of teaching and service at St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School and Church. Debra is an active member in the Lupus Foundation of America, Northwest Ohio, Michigan Chapter, Inc., the Defiance County Representative, and an advocate for lupus in Washington D.C. She has made several tapings to educate the public on Lupus awareness, which has aired on a local television station. For information about lupus, e-mail [www.lupus.org](http://www.lupus.org). Debra and her husband, Michael, reside in Defiance.

**Dr. Virginia Snyder '79** is currently the program director of the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, and a physician assistant, Dept. of Neurosurgery, Mercy Health System, Janesville, WI.

## The 80's

**Barbara (Wetter) Bosshardt '81**, teacher at Arco Iris Primary Center in Los Angeles and **Alan Bosshardt '79-80**, head make-up artist on the "Dr Phil Show," are proud to announce that their son, Christopher Bosshardt, graduated this May from Defiance College with a degree in Computer Forensics. Christopher is the grandson of **Lois Bosshardt '82**.

**James Hohenberger '85** and his wife Margaret recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They were married on January 13, 1978 in Sherwood United Methodist Church. The couple has two daughters and five grandchildren. Jim and Margaret reside in Sherwood, Ohio.

**Phillip Weaner '87** and wife, Amy, welcomed their first child, J.T. (Jacob Thomas) Weaner, on September 9, 2007. The Weaner family resides in Lakeland, FL.

## The 90's

**Jane McGill '91** was recently promoted to branch manager of the Henry County Bank's Holgate office. She joined the bank in 1993. Jane lives in rural Malinta with her husband, Charles.

**Tammy Baker '92** received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Youth Science Opportunities at the Continental School District. Tammy resides in Oakwood, OH.

**Darwin English '93** was married on July 14, 2007. Darwin and his wife Arlena reside in Clayton, OH.

**Marcia (Bostelman) Gobrogge '94** recently joined Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a financial associate with the organization's Eastern Great Lakes Regional Financial Office. She will be serving as the financial representative for Wauseon. Marcia and her husband, Bob, reside in Napoleon, OH.

**Karen Maassel '95 and Connie Schackow '95**, were awarded continuing education certificates of excellence by the American Medical Technologists. This certificate is awarded annually to those professionals who are certified by American Medical Technologists who have also far exceeded the required number of continuing education hours. It also recognizes the professionals who demonstrated dedication to patients by devoting significant effort to augmenting their professional knowledge and expertise.

**Cara (Steinberger) Olson '95** and her husband, Steve, recently welcomed their first child on November 30, 2007. Andrew William Olson arrived at 2:25 p.m., weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz. and 19.5" long. The Olsons reside in Defiance.

**Kris (Dahms) Gedeon '96**, and her husband, David, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooke Lynne, on November 14, 2007. Brooke has an older brother Collin, age 4. Kris is an emergency

room nurse at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center and is a certified trauma nurse. The Gedeon family resides in Toledo, OH. Proud aunts are **Karol (Dahms) Grisard '96** and **Jamie (Dahms) Pelfrey '99**. Proud uncle is **Mark Pelfrey '99**.

**Timothy Held '96** and his wife, Leslie, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Alex, on September 19, 2007. Alex has an older brother, Drew. Tim teaches mathematics and is the head varsity baseball coach at Moeller High School in Cincinnati. Tim and his family reside in Cincinnati.

**Jackie Jones '96** recently joined the staff of Northwest Real Estate Services as a full-time agent. Jackie's prior employment included 16 years at GM Powertrain as a security officer and several years as a licensed social worker. Jackie is a life-long resident of Defiance.

**Hilary Glanc '97** participated in the first Cleveland Breast Cancer three-day walk, held on August 17-19 of 2007. She walked 60 miles over three days in honor of close friends who have died from breast cancer.

**Amy Jo (Meyer) Lieb '97** and her husband, Jason, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Norman, on October 19, 2007. Joshua has two older sisters, Emma, 4, and Carmen, 2. The Lieb family resides in rural Defiance County.

**Christopher T. Steingass '97** and his wife, Tara, welcomed a son, born on October 24. He was 3 pounds and 2 ounces. The Steingass family resides in Defiance.

**Heather (Stambaugh) Smith '98** and her husband, Ryan, are proud to announce the birth of their son, James David on September 19, 2007. Heather and Ryan also have a three-year old son, Lester Ray. The Smiths reside in Bryan, OH.

**Ryan Carder '99** and his wife, Danielle, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kellen, born in January 2008. Kellen has an older brother and sister; Caden and Kyla. Ryan is employed at Delphos Jefferson Middle School as a sixth grade teacher and coach. The Carders reside in Delphos, OH.

Army Reserve 1st Sgt. **Charles S. Eckart '99** was honored at a special Welcome Home Warrior-Citizen Award ceremony in recognition of the soldier's personal sacrifice, exceptional duty performance, and honorable service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and/or Operation Enduring Freedom. Charles resides in Urbana with his family.

**Gregory Johnson '99** and Kristin Rahe were married on October 20, 2007 in Pemberville, OH. In 2005, Greg received his master's in business administration from Tiffin University. He is currently employed as a graduate assistant at Bowling Green State University, while striving for an education degree. Greg and his wife reside in Findlay, OH.

## The 00's

**Laura Howell '00** was promoted to Defiance County Operations Manager/Administrator in October of 2007. Laura previously served as the deputy director for Defiance County Board of Elections. Laura and her husband, **Bill '00**, reside in Defiance with their two sons.

**Melissa (Schackow) Cunningham '01** and her husband, **Ryan Cunningham '01** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mason Patrick, on October 26, 2007. The Cunninghams reside in Defiance.

**Sr. Maria Sally Willitzer '01** is currently in her last year of the Master of Divinity program at University of Notre Dame. Sr. Maria resides in Toledo, OH.

**Daniel P. Zellers '01**, formerly of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP, has accepted a position with Powell Goldstein in their recently opened Charlotte, NC office. Dan will help expand Powell Goldstein's Real Estate and Capital Markets practice in the Charlotte office.

**Rev. Robert Frake '02** and his wife Ann celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 7th. They celebrated the special occasion with a family trip to Europe. Robert and Ann reside in Oakwood, OH.

## Alumni Class Notes

**Franklin Kill '02** and his wife, Kris, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Carolina Rose, born on February 11, 2008. Frank was awarded "Coach of the Year" by the Alumni Varsity 'D' in 2007. Frank teaches at Lima Central Catholic High School. The Kills reside in Lima.



Alexis Dangler '03  
and Brian Dedrick

**Alexis Dangler '03** was married to Brian Dedrick on December 15, 2007. Alexis teaches life sciences and coaches JV volleyball at Tippecanoe High School in Tipp City. Alexis and her husband reside in Dayton, OH. Alexis is the daughter of **Sue (Roughton) Dangler '75**.

**Dana (Hoffman) Tietje '04** and her husband, Brian, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brook Marie, on October 14, 2007. The Tietjes reside in Deshler, OH.

**Michael Rolf '04** and Lindsay Boland were married on July 28, 2007 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Defiance. Michael is employed at ABC Distributing Co. as a brand manager. Michael and his wife reside in Defiance, OH.

**Rebecca Sanford '04** presented at the National Association of Social Workers Conference in November 2007.

**Sara (Jacob) Elston '04** and her husband, Jason, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Evelyn Elston, on June 7, 2007. The Elstons reside in Ney, OH.

**Krista Melchi '05** and Alan Cox were married on October 20, 2007. She is employed as a deputy sheriff by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Krista and her husband reside in Springfield, OH.

**Erin Williams '05** and **Anthony Studer '05** were married on September 1, 2007 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hillsdale, MI. Tony is a PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Erin is working as an independent contractor/computer programmer from home. The Studers reside in Madison, WI.

Since graduation, **Jolene (Ankney) Williams '05** and her husband, Ben, have welcomed two new little ones to their family, Caden, 2 and Megan, 1. Their oldest, Alexi, is now 7 years old. Jolene is currently employed by Defiance City Schools as a home instruction teacher and a junior



Jolene (Ankney)  
Williams '05 and family

high volleyball coach. She is also working on her master's in education at Defiance College. Jolene and her family reside in Defiance.

**Christa (Beemer) Johnston '06** and her husband, Joel, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Simeon Joel Johnston, on November 7, 2007. The Johnston family resides in Bryan, OH.

**Matthew Mello '07** was recognized as a Super Starter, in recognition of superior sales achievement at MetLife. Matthew resides in Archbold, OH.

**Devon Palk '07** graduated earlier this year from the Dallas Police Academy. He graduated second in his class for academics and third overall for firearms, physical fitness and academics.

**Emily Rosebrock '07** married Joshua Clemens on June 9, 2007. Emily is a state auditor. The Clemenses reside in Stryker, OH.

## Keep in Touch

We'd like to know about your new job, recent marriage, new member of the family, new address, or other happenings in your life. For photos, please send those of Defiance College people only, identify everyone, and label the back with your name and address. If you are moving, please send this form in with your new address.

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## DEATHS

**Lawrence "Dutch" Schultz**  
Former DC Football Coach  
Palm Desert, CA – December 7, 2007

**Antoinette Chubb '41**  
Pleasant Hill, CA – January 14, 2007

**John Heath '42**  
Churubusco, IN – December 25, 2007

**Henry Wojtowicz '42**  
Lancaster, NY – December 7, 2007

**Eugene L. Bowers '50**  
Defiance, OH – November 27, 2007

**Galen Noe '51**  
Continental, OH – December 8, 2007

**William Rogers '51**  
Mount Vernon, NY – December 23, 2007

**Kathryn (Weatherhead) Kasper '55**  
Miamisburg, OH – August 27, 2007

**George Rosendual '59**  
Bryan, OH – February 21, 2008

**May "June" (Moog) Grandey '60**  
Hicksville, OH – December 4, 2007

**Miriam Smith '60**  
Kimberly, WI – October 10, 2007

**Pauline Yenser '63**  
Oakwood, Ohio – December 20, 2007

**Norma Mae (Birchmeier) Mollet '64**  
Bryan, OH – October 17, 2007

**John Trame '68**  
Defiance, OH – December 12, 2007

**Gale R. Newman '71**  
Atlanta, GA - August 13, 2007

**Peg (Brodrick) Brinkerhoff '72**  
Massilon, OH – October 25, 2007

**Charles Daniel '76**  
Utica, OH – August 10, 2007

**David Mealer '79**  
Wauseon, OH – December 24, 2007

**Lois Rittenour '05**  
Defiance, OH – January 6, 2008

Alumni events have been held in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Florida, Arizona, Michigan, Colorado, and the Carolina's since the start of the year.



### Why have regional events?

1. Enrich communication between DC and its Alumni
2. Open an avenue for all Alumni to share their story, keep in touch, and share their concerns, opinions, and interests with Defiance College
3. Help identify and honor alumni who are leaders in their professions, civic organizations and the community
4. Provide networking opportunities for alumni
5. Provide opportunities for DC Philanthropy initiatives
6. Service and Engagment opportunities
7. Social Events

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Members of the Defiance Chapter of the P. Buckley Moss Society, Trees of Life, chose the Evelyn Ryan Scholarship at Defiance College as the recipient of the Chapter's fund-raising efforts for 2007. Shown here are chapter members Carol Breese, Jane Parker, and Deb Weisgerber along with Cindy Shaffer, Director of Planned Giving, presenting President Gerald Wood with a check for \$2,300 to be added to the scholarship endowment. The Chapter sold raffle tickets and hosted a spaghetti dinner to raise the money for the scholarship.