

# DC ALUMNI class notes

## The 50's

**Barbara (Dickman) Hoffman '56** and her husband, Paul, recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The couple marked the special occasion with an open house hosted by their children. The Hoffmans reside in Holgate, OH.

## The 60's

In November of 2009, **Scott Warren '65**, received the William A. Niering Award for Outstanding Educator from his professional association, the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation. The award was presented at the Federation's biannual meeting in Portland, OR. Although Scott is retired, he is still doing ecological

research on the Plum Island Sound salt marshes north of Cape Anna, MA.

After 44 years of employment at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, **Herbert Mittelman '66**, will be retiring at the end of 2010. Herb reports that his DC roommate, **Richard Nafziger '66**, a 40-year employee at GSFC, will be retiring this year as well.

**John '67 and Karen (McComas) Ellis '67** are residing in South Paris, ME. John is pastor at West Auburn Congregational Church and is marking his 40th year in ministry. Karen volunteers in the community, teaches basketweaving, and spends a great deal of time enjoying her grandchildren.

**Penelope (Auth) Szunyogh '68** recently retired after 30 years of teaching English, speech, and drama in public schools. Currently she is enjoying her grandchildren, traveling, and substitute teaching. Penelope resides in Berea, OH.

**Candace (Foster) Rolfsmeier '69**, recently retired after 40 years of teaching and counseling 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders at Lakota in West Chester, OH, and in San Diego, CA. Candice has always enjoyed her job, but is looking forward to traveling, playing golf and tennis with her husband, Gregg, and doing what she wants to do!

In the fall of 2009, **Bruce Saulnier '69**, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award at Quinnipiac University. Bruce and his wife, Janice, have two children and reside in Cheshire, CT.

## The 70's

**David Carroll '71**, a retired math teacher, is a man who has based his life on his interest in numbers, with baseball playing a major role. In May 2010, he experienced a once-in-a-lifetime day, courtesy of the Detroit Tigers' "Dreams Come True" program with a visit to Comerica Park, which revolved around a trip up to the press box to meet the official scorer and learn the duties of the job. To read the complete article visit: [http://mlb.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20100517&content\\_id=10133794&vkey=news\\_det&fext=.jsp&c\\_id=det](http://mlb.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20100517&content_id=10133794&vkey=news_det&fext=.jsp&c_id=det)

**Donald Dunn '71** received his bachelor's degree from Defiance College in education and went on to complete his master's in education at SUNY Cortland. He recently completed his Doctor of Management (DM) in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. Donald resides in Clermont, FL.

**Dale and Jean (Smith) Hindmarsh '71** recently moved to the west coast to be near their oldest son and their new granddaughter. They are now living in Seattle.

**Wade Marbaugh '71** is the co-author of a play, 'American Apartheid,' adapted from the 1908 novel, *The Law of the White Circle*. Focusing on race and social injustice, the play was performed in February at Georgia Perimeter College in Dunwoody during Black History Month. Wade is on staff at Georgia Perimeter College as publications coordinator and resides in Atlanta.

**Wendy (Morton) Bernier '72** recently retired from the Warrensburg R-6 School System. She taught Title 1 Reading for grades 1-3 for the past 23 years. Wendy resides in Warrensburg, MO.

For the past seven years, **James Hamilton '72**, operated his own consulting practice that worked with medical groups and hospitals. On March 1, 2010, Jim began his new career at Midwest Community Health Associates in Bryan, OH, as the chief executive officer. Jim and his wife, Vicki, reside in Hamilton, IN.

**Richard Taylor '72** has compiled an enviable record as the head football coach at Centennial High School in Peoria, Arizona, as his Coyotes have won three of the past four Arizona 5A Division II state championships. This past fall his squad finished a perfect 14-0 and was ranked as high as fourth in the nation by *USA Today*. He has just completed his 38th year as a football coach, 18 of them at Centennial High School. Richard and his wife, Deanne, live in Glendale, AZ.

**John Trautman '72** recently received the President's Citation "Spirit of Isaac Knapp Award," given by the President of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. The award recognizes "Service to Dentistry That Exemplifies the Ideals and Tradition of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society Founder Dr. Isaac Knapp." John, Executive Director of the organization, is the first non-dentist to receive the award. The presentation was made at the Annual Membership and Business Meeting of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society held in February 2010 in Fort Wayne, IN.



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*A winter term program instructed by Tim Binkley '85 (forefront), introduced DC students to the intricacies of playing the English handbells. From left: Dawn Borders Ocke '84, Penny Bell Bundy '88, Peter Rich '86, Kent Brock '92, Jamie Woody Kittle '86, Erich Christman '86 and Bill Crosser '84.*

## Winter Term to Life-Long Joy

In 1983, Peter Rich '86 took a winter term course that introduced him to the charm and intricacies of English handbell ringing. In those days at DC, winter term was a two-week period right before the start of the spring semester that students devoted to a special project, trip or area of study. Peter's choice was a good fit with his love of music. It also led him to a life-long hobby.

Peter now resides in Arlington, VA, and has been an auditor for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Inspector General. He continues to play the handbells and recently performed at the 50th Anniversary Area III Handbell Festival in Hampton, VA, with the Fort Myer Chapel Ringers bell choir.

In an article for "In General," the internal newsletter for the OIG, Peter called handbell ringing a team sport, with each player faced with the challenge of playing their two notes at the right time in concert with the other team members.

**Lynn (Metcalfe) Alexander '73** has become a published author with the launch of her new book, *Caregiver Tsunami*. You can find it in the Self-Help section at [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com). Lynn and her husband, James, reside in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

**Pam (Swan) Davis '76** and her husband, Dale, have lived in Traverse City, MI, for 33 years. Their youngest daughter, Meg, graduated from the University of Michigan on May 1 with a bachelor's degree in history. Their older daughter, Katie, also graduated from the University of Michigan and is now an emergency room nurse in Buffalo, NY.

In September 2010, **Rev. Mildred McCarty '78** will assume the duties of department chair

of counseling at Freedom Bible College. Millie's extended career has included Christian counseling, church pastoring and teaching. She has developed and taught stress and trauma counseling courses in churches and prisons and in China. Millie resides in Pickerington, OH.

## The 80's

**Timothy Dunbar '84** and wife, Diane, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They renewed their vows in front of family and friends. They are the parents of two sons, Travis, 23, and Tyler, 18, and live in Republic, OH.

## The 90's

**Dr. Mark Lee '92** has earned his fifth degree, an MBA with a concentration in public administration. Dr. Lee is an Army LTC and has recently been stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL, attending Air Command and Staff College. He is one of 40 Army officers selected for this prestigious honor. He also earned the Army's Towson medallion for excellence in Comptrollership and passed the DOD Certified Defense Financial Management tests. He is one of very few active duty comptrollers who is a CDFM for all of DOD. Mark will earn a sixth degree from Auburn University while attending ACSC.

**Amy (Hazelton) Utendorf '92** and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their daughter, Izabel Morgan, on December 29, 2009. Amy is employed as an athletic trainer at PT Services Rehabilitation, Inc. in Ottawa, OH. Amy and her family reside in Ottawa.

**Dana Shoulders '94** has two children, an 18-year-old daughter who will graduate this year from St. Peter's Catholic School, and a 10-year-old son. Dana teaches for Mansfield City Schools and is the head baseball coach for Mansfield Senior High.



*Madilynn Rose Lacumsky*

**Joshua Lacumsky '98** and his wife, Jayme, announce the birth of their daughter, Madilynn (Maddie) Rose, on February 24, 2010. Josh is employed at Maritz Marketing Research. The family resides in Maumee, OH.

**Brian Wonderly '96** and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of their son on January 25, 2010. Brian is employed by Northeastern Local Schools as a science teacher and resides in Hicksville, OH, with his family.



*Harrison M. Anderson*

**Tracy (Vorhees) Anderson '99**, and her husband, Jamison, welcomed their first son, Harrison M. Anderson, born June 30, 2009. Tracy works in St. Marys, OH. The Anderson family lives in Wapakoneta, OH.

## The 00's

**Lucretia (Perry) Coppes '00** and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Joseph Landon, on December 29, 2009. Joseph has an older brother, Cody. Lucy and her family reside in Oakwood, OH.

In May 2010, **Megan (Stark) Dotson '00**, completed her master's degree in reading and writing. Megan is employed as an elementary teacher at Marshall County Elementary, and resides in Benton, KY.

**Kristina (Snyder) Friedman '00** and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Miles William, on March 27, 2010. Kristina is employed as a tax compliance supervisor for Hickory Farms. The Friedmans reside in Toledo, OH.



*Snyder Newlove*

**Seth Newlove '00**, and his wife, Amber, were in the process of adopting from Haiti for almost three years when the earthquake hit. They were allowed to bring their son, Snyder, home on humanitarian parole. Snyder is 3 years old, and he joined their family on January 26. The Newloves reside in Arlington, OH.

**Richard Peters '00** was recently hired as Defiance Junior High principal. Richie previously served as the assistant principal and assistant athletic director. He and his wife, **Ashley (Smith) '08**, reside in Defiance.

**Erica (Rudin) Blume '02** and her husband, Brent, announce the birth of their child, Nathan David, on May 7, 2010. Nathan has two brothers, Dustin and Adam, and a sister, Rachel. The Blumes live in Reynolds, IN.

**Jacqueline (Broering) Homan '02**, and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of their son, Isaac James, March 22, 2010. Isaac has an older brother, Evan. The Homans reside in Findlay, OH.

**Brandon Baker '03** and his wife, Tiffany, announce the birth of their daughter, Brynn Avery, on February 10, 2010. Brandon is employed as a teacher at Ayersville Local Schools. The Bakers reside in Defiance.

This past May, **Sarah Harman '03** of Dayton, OH, was inducted into the Port Clinton High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Sarah continues to hold many softball records at her high school and at DC. She is currently assistant softball coach at the University of Dayton.

**Jason LaBounty '03** was recently promoted by First Federal Bank to vice president of commercial loans in their Ottawa office. Jason and his wife, **Melissa (Laukhuf) '05**, and their daughter, Addyson, reside in Paulding, OH.

**Jennifer (Girlye) Stark '03** and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Grady Keith, on March 28, 2010. Grady has two older siblings, Samantha, 17, and Sophia, 3. The Starks reside in Defiance, where Jennifer is assistant director of admissions at Defiance College.

**Sara (Jacob) Elston '04** and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma, on January 20, 2010. Emma has a sister, Ruby, 2. Sara is employed at the Bryan City Schools as a second grade teacher. The Elstons reside in Ney, OH.

**Nicole Erford '04** and Nicholas Bockrath were married on February 6, 2010, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ottawa, OH. Nicole is employed at Fifth Third Bank in Findlay, OH. The Bockraths reside in Ottawa.

**Lisa (Miller) Ford '04** and her husband, Bradly, announce the birth of their son, Layne Alexander, on April 9, 2010. Layne has an older brother, Drew, 3. The Fords reside in Ney, OH.

**Jodi (Koenn) Griffith '04** and her husband, Jake, announce the birth of their son, Jarrett Rustin, on March 25, 2010. Jarrett has two siblings, Jackson, 2, and Jayla, 1. The Griffiths reside in Cecil, OH.

**Kathryn Litle '04** was recently promoted to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Christopher Newport University. This position includes administrative duties with a special emphasis on student retention and student success. Katie resides in Newport News, VA.

## Keep in Touch

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*Seann Patrick VanTassel*

**Justin '04** and **Sara (Baillie) '05 VanTassel** announce the birth of their son, Seann Patrick, on December 25, 2009. Justin is employed as a financial advisor and Sara as a physical education teacher at Lincoln Park Academy. The VanTassels reside in Port St. Lucie, FL.

**Brandon Newsome '04** and Jessica Pneuman were married on April 3, 2010, in a ceremony held on the beach at St. Simons Island, GA. Brandon is currently working as a commercial account executive for Dish Network, and resides in Lawrenceville, GA.

**Krista (Melchi) Cox '05**, and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of their daughter, Kailee Alexis, on December 3, 2009. Krista is employed as a deputy sheriff by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Krista and her husband reside in Springfield, OH.

**Patrick Henry '05** has been named a graduate assistant football coach for the Ball State University football team and will assist with the offensive line. Prior to his position as Ball State, Pat was employed by the University of Dayton Flyers and Clarion University as a wide receiver coach.

**Jennifer (Kunesh) Davis '06** and her husband, JD, announce the birth of their son, Gavin Diesel, on February 4, 2010. Gavin has two siblings, Jorda, 7, and Evan, 18 months. Jennifer is employed

by Defiance City Schools as a developmental kindergarten teacher. The Davis family resides in Evansport, OH.

**Julia James-Wojtas '06** was married to Matthew Michael Henry on May 15, 2010, at Grace Lutheran Church in Toledo. Julia is employed at Flower Hospital in Sylvania. Julia earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Toledo in 2007 and in April became a licensed independent social worker. The couple resides in Toledo.

**Ashley (Schafer) Martin '06** and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of their son, Calvin Michael, on January 18, 2010. Calvin has an older brother, Caleb, 2. Ashley is employed as a teacher at Tinora Elementary School. The Martins reside in Defiance.

**Jami (Koenn) Sullivan '06** and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Mae, on April 2, 2010. Jami is employed as the director of the Defiance Sylvan Learning Center. The Sullivans reside in Continental, OH.



*Jimmy Swenson and Stephanie Rupp '07*

**Stephanie (Rupp) '07** and Jimmy Swenson were married on June 2, 2007, at Living Waters in Stryker, OH. Stephanie works with adults with disabilities at Building Blocks Learning Center in Clermont, FL. She and her husband reside in sunny Clermont.

**Isaac Lee '09** has accepted the position of president of the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber board felt that Isaac was a perfect match for this position

with his knowledge of Defiance and surrounding areas due to his former position as assistant director for Defiance County Economic Development. Isaac, his wife, Kristen, and their children reside in Defiance.

## Deaths

**Patricia Schwabe**  
Daughter of Drs. Kevin and Ruth McCann  
May 1, 2010 – Tehachapi, CA

**Clyde Snodgrass '46**  
May 5, 2010 – Toledo, OH

**Robert Hedrick '50**  
January 31, 2010 – Defiance, OH

**Donald W. March '51**  
March 20, 2010 – Continental, OH

**Edwald DeWayne Lumm '54**  
August 28, 2009 – Mount Vernon, OH

**Vernon F. Panning '57**  
May 8, 2010 – Deshler, OH

**Daniel Weidenhamer '57**  
April 4, 2010 – Strasburg, CO

**Jeffrey Sherman '62**  
April 10, 2010 – Chicago, IL

**Roma Frey '65**  
May 5, 2010 – Paulding, OH

**Michael B. Fetter '65**  
May 21, 2010 – Big Sandy, TX

**James Stinehelfer, Jr. '72**  
February 15, 2010 – Bryan, OH

**Wanda (Ohnesorge) Lemaster '75**  
March 2, 2010 – Waco, TX

**Marjory Schmidt '76**  
May 6, 2010 – Saint Marys, OH



## Steindam '72 to give special Homecoming sermon

**H**arold Steindam, DC class of '72, will be preaching at St. John's United Church of Christ on campus on Sunday morning, Oct. 10, as part of Homecoming Weekend.

Harold is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He has served as senior minister of Westerville Community United Church of Christ in Westerville, Ohio, for more than 20 years, and previously served UCC churches

in Upper Sandusky, Madison, and New Philadelphia, Ohio. Harold's wife, Jenny (Caldwell) Steindam, DC class of '74, is also an ordained UCC minister who has become a pastoral counselor. Jenny works with individuals, couples, or entire families, and has a special focus on helping people to recover from traumatic events in their past. As part of this work she uses "EMDR" (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing) in which she is certified. Harold and Jenny met at Defiance College and were married in 1973. They have two sons and a daughter.

They look forward to being back on campus for the entire Homecoming Weekend of Oct. 8-10, and to participating and offering leadership in various events throughout that time.

Harold's sermon for Oct. 10 is titled "Reason to Be--Fired Up!" The Scripture lessons for that Sunday will be Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, and II Timothy 2:8-13.