

# DC ALUMNI class notes

## The 50's

**Charles Pixler '50** and **Susan (Ellsworth) Pixler '68** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have six sons, 16 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. They live in Defiance.

**Marie (Yoder) Wenner '54** mourns the loss of her husband, Rev. Nelson J. Wenner, who died on January 26, 2011. Marie now lives at Homewood Retirement Community (UCC) in Martinsburg, Pa. She continues her interest in painting and keeping in contact with life-long friends.

This past July, **Dorothy (Rohn) Mottashed '58** and her husband, Earl, celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to China to visit their granddaughter who teaches in Wuhan. The Mottasheds reside in Defiance.

## The 60's

**Randy Germann '63** retired in May, 2011, after 50 years working as an engineer. Randy and his wife, **Phyllis '85**, live in Napoleon, Ohio.

**Larry Zachrich '63** and his wife, Diana (Demaline), celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November 2010. Larry and Diana have two children, three grandchildren and reside in Napoleon, Ohio.

**Ruth A. (Ireton) Lusk '64** retired July 31, 2010, from Columbia Gorge Community College following 19 years administrating a state-

designated childcare resource and referral program for multiple rural counties. Core services were recruitment and provision of professional development for child care/education workers, parent information and referrals, and community service partnerships. Ruth and her husband, Stephen, live in Hood River, Oregon.

**Patricia (Singer) Timbrook '65** and her husband celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 29, 2011. They have three sons: Terry (Pamela), Dayton; Dan (Heather), Edgerton; Brad (Michelle), Lindsey; and a daughter, Linda (Randy) Bostelman, Haviland. They also have 15 grandchildren. The Timbrooks reside in Hicksville, Ohio.

## The 70's

**Charlie Beard '70** was awarded the Lourdes University San Damiano Faculty Service Learning Award. The award is presented to a faculty member, department, or office able to inspire students with their service in their academic discipline and social and personal responsibilities. Charlie works as the middle childhood education director at Lourdes University. He and his wife, **Sandra (Reineke) '71**, reside in Defiance.

**Ronald Wolff '70** transferred from his position as superintendent of schools in Morgan, Utah, to superintendent of Box Elder County, S.D. He was also the president of the Utah School Superintendents Association 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, Utah Superintendent of the

Year for 2010-2011, and a member of the Governor's Commission on Excellence in Education. Ronald and his wife, Susan, reside in Morgan, Utah.

**John Scheu '72** of Sidney, Ohio, was hired as superintendent of Sidney City Schools, effective June 13, 2011. For the previous six years, John served as superintendent of Hardin-Houston Local Schools. He was appointed by State Senate President Bill Harris to the School Funding Advisory Council in 2009. John's daughter, Allison, graduated from DC in 2004.

**Robert Gill '73** and **Linda (Bair) '70** celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 24, 2010. The couple has two daughters and four grandchildren. They reside in Defiance.

**Jeffrey Welbaum '74** is now serving as the new Criminal Justice Section Chief for the Ohio Attorney General. Jeff resides in Troy, Ohio, with his family.

**Mark Shine '74** retired May 31, 2011 after a 37-year career in public education. Mark will continue his work with WTLW-TV sports, officiating volleyball and basketball, and teaching at Rhodes State College. He and his wife, Claudia, live in Lima, Ohio.

**John Conrad '75** has retired after 36 years of teaching science with Toledo Public Schools at five different high schools. He coached football and girls basketball in the early years of his career. He plans on traveling, golfing a lot and spending the winter in the Fort Myers, Fla. area. John

has three daughters: Shannon, 27; Lindsey, 25; and Kelsey, 21.

After 36 years in education, **Sue (Roughton) Dangler '75** has retired from Hicksville High School where she was principal. She is now working in the business office at Eagle Rock Golf Course in Defiance with her husband, Kevin. Sue and Kevin reside in Paulding, Ohio.

**Kevin Lewis '79** and his wife, Grace, have welcomed their first granddaughter, Abigail Alexandra Wardon. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. The Lewis family resides in Columbus, Ohio.



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## The 80's

**Duane D. Everhart '80** recently received his commission as a Chief Warrant Officer in the United States Coast Guard Reserves. After deployment to Louisiana for the BP Oil spill, he was assigned to Sector Delaware Bay out of Philadelphia, Pa. Duane currently lives in Lucama, N.C.



*James Bailey '81*

**James L. Bailey '81** was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers. He and his wife, Karen, live in Roswell, GA.

**Clara (Bow) Lisi '81** was selected Educator of the Year 2011, Inland Empire Job Corps. She also received a Master of Arts in Management degree from the University of Redlands School of Business in May 2011. Clara lives in Highland, CA.

**Susan Sheets Howey '82** retired as client and community relations director for PNC Bank in Fort Wayne, Ind. Susan worked in banking for 29 years and lives in Fort Wayne.

**Chuck Shisler '82** was inducted into the Preble County Athletic Hall of Fame during its ninth annual induction ceremony. Chuck lives in Greenville, Ohio.

**Doug Wiles '83** was inducted into the Defiance High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He and his wife, **Susan Guelde '90**, live in Defiance.

**Rick Barber '85** is now the proud co-owner of the Moon Over Maine Bed and Breakfast in picturesque Ogunquit, Maine. He invites you to check out the inn's website: [www.moonovermaine.com](http://www.moonovermaine.com) and stop by on your next trip to New England.

**Dawn (Cooper) Rohn '86** and her husband, Donald, marked their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 18, 2011. They have four children: Caitlin, Andrew, Arica, and Brenna. They celebrated the occasion with a trip out west.

**Bernadette Galvez '88** is the community education officer/public information officer for the Madison, Wis., Fire Department. In this position, she works closely with schools to emphasize fire safety in the home. Bernadette has been with the department for 21 years and resides in Madison.

**Brooke Kline '88** has accepted a position as education programs specialist in mathematics for the Georgia Department of Education. Kline was teaching math at Chamblee High School prior to this. He also coached volleyball from 2000 to 2008, taking his team to State playoffs, three trips to the Elite Eight and one trip to the Final Four. Brooke resides in Atlanta.

**Jeff Wilson '89** just launched the first book in his *Life's Cheat Sheet Series: Crucial Success Habits School Never Taught You*, hitting the number one best-seller position on two lists. He is speaking and partnering with organizations to get these street-smart habits out to employees and customers and help turn the economy around. Jeff lives in Toledo with his wife, Beth.

## The 90's

**Sandra (Hiegel) Hauenstein '92** has had her first children's book published from Tate Publishing titled *Little Flowers*. She and her husband live in Ravenna, Ohio.

**Dr. Mark Lee '92** was recently transferred to Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter S.C., while being assigned to U.S. Army Central Command (ARCENT) and the Third Army. Mark is currently deployed to Kuwait for a year with the Combined Forces Land Component Command as ARCENT Forward Budget Officer for the entire Middle East. Mark has more than 20 years of active duty service and is now a lieutenant colonel in the Army.

**Bill Grimes '93** was honored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife (DOW), and the Council for Environmental Education (CEE) as the recipient of the Ohio Project WILD Facilitator of the Year Award. Bill works as the education specialist for the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and lives in Defiance with his wife, Margaret.

**Nancy (Kohl) Schall '95** and her husband, Roger, recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They marked the special occasion with a trip to Alaska. The Schalls have three children and six grandchildren and reside in Defiance.

**Tiffany C. Day '94, '04** graduated in May with a Master's of Public Health (MPH), with concentrations in both health education and disaster management, from Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill. Tiffany resides in Bryan, Ohio.

**John Steiner '97** and his wife, Jane, have adopted their second son from Thailand, Sokru, who is three years old. Their first son, Ian, is five. The Steiner family resides in Minneapolis where John has served as chaplain at the Minnesota Veterans Home for three years.

**Fritz Zipfel '98** and his wife, **Tiffany (Allomong) '01**, welcomed a daughter, Vivian, to their family on May 6, 2011. The Zipfels also have a son, Brezlen, four. They live in Defiance.

**Courtney Foust '99** and Gabor Hodacs were married September 2, 2010, at Warwick Long Bay Cliffs, Bermuda. Courtney is employed as a college instructor. The couple resides in Alpharetta, Ga.

**Daniel P. Fruchey '99** received a master's degree in education leadership from Western New Mexico University in May 2010. Dan resides in Gallup, N.M. and works as a systems support specialist with the Regional Quality Center of Gallup McKinley County Schools.

**Cristina (Dominique) Gerencser '99** and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Guinevere Nicole, on November 17, 2010. Guinevere has two siblings, Victoria, four, and Levi,

two. The Gerencser family resides in Defiance.

## The 00's

**Stephanie (Miller) Skylar '00** was named the Women Grocers of America (WGA) Woman of the Year Award. Stephanie is president and CEO of at Chief Supermarkets, and she and her husband, Martin, live in Lima, Ohio.

**Gregory Murphy '01** and his wife, Tera, announce the birth of their son, Kenden Gregory, on October 26, 2010. Greg and his family reside in Defiance.

**Amanda (Bland) Bok '02** and husband, David, welcomed a son, Logan Parker, on July 13, 2011. They also have a son, Hayden, three. The Boks live in Defiance.

**Kirk Jones '02 and Tricia (Spallinger) Jones '04** would like to announce the birth of their son, Alex Reed, on April 6, 2011. Alex has an older sister Avery, three. Kirk and Tricia are both elementary school teachers in Forsyth County, Ga. The Jones family resides in Sugar Hill, Ga.

**Stephanie (Karacson) Mazur '02** is now serving as the program coordinator of Helping Hands in Hicksville, Ohio, a new volunteer organization she started to assist cancer patients and their families. She resides in Hicksville.

**Kelle (Kamphaus) James '03** and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed a daughter, Greta Frances James, on June 19, 2011. She weighed 7



*Courtney Foust '99 and Gabor Hodacs*

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lbs. and 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. The James family resides in Cincinnati.

**Kimberly (Mann) Gallagher '04** was recently promoted to Senior Financial Analyst – Financial Reporting, at Vera Bradley in Fort Wayne. In October of 2010, she helped the company with its Initial Purchase Offering (IPO). Kim resides in Fort Wayne with her husband, Ryan, and daughter, Grace.

**Mike Moorman '04** and his wife **Jayne (Zehringer) Moorman '04** announce the birth of their first child Maddox Michael Moorman born on June 21, 2011. Mike owns a sports bar in Coldwater with **Trent Boeckman '03** called McSobers Saloon. Jayme is a loan officer at Dynamic Federal Credit Union in Celina. The Moorman family resides in Coldwater, Ohio.

**Dennis Paiva '04 and '06** is now assistant director of international education at Campbellsville

University. Dennis previously served as team leader and freshmen coordinator in Campbellsville University's Office of Admissions from 2006-2009. He has worked as an international coordinator, an assistant admissions counselor, a national recruitment assistant and a transfer articulation liaison at Defiance College. Dennis was a Hispanic Awareness Organization volunteer for Defiance as well. He and his wife, Jennie, have one daughter, Luci.

**Jodi (Waidelich) Rupp '04** and her husband, Noah, announce the birth of their daughter, Ellie Grace, on October 13, 2010. Jodi is currently staying home with Ellie and son, Titus, three. The Rupp's live in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

**Kristin (Ort) Siler '04** and her husband, Brian, of Oakwood, Ohio, announce the birth of a daughter, Tessa Suzanne, on May 31, 2011. Tessa was welcomed home by her



*Dennis Paiva '04 & '06*

siblings, Isabelle, three, and Khloe, one.

**Melissa (Dick) Cook '05 & '09** was married on July 30, 2011, to Adam Cook in Fremont, Ohio. They honeymooned in Oahu and Maui. The couple resides in Clyde, Ohio.

**Aubrey (Wonsetler) Merkle '05** will graduate from Wright State University in June with a M.A. in student affairs in higher education administration. Now serving as a full-time academic advisor at

Wright State, she is also president of Student Affairs Graduate Association and inductee into Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society. She currently resides in Dayton, Ohio.

**Christopher Newcomb '05** was married to Katie Kowalsick on July 9, 2011. They live in Conneaut, Ohio.

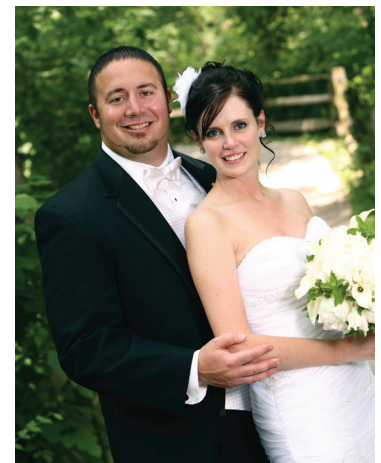
**Andrew Stover '05** was named the Northwest League's Trainer of the Year in both 2008 and 2009. Andrew is employed as an athletic trainer for the Tri-Cities Dust Devils. He, his wife, Lauren, and their two sons, Alex, three, and Zach, eight months, live in Phoenix.

**Joe DiSalvio Jr. '06 and Tiffany (Howard) DiSalvio '06** celebrated the birth of their daughter, Gianna Alexandria, on January 25, 2011. The DiSalvio family lives in Dublin, Ohio.



*Gianna DiSalvio*

On June 18, 2011, **Steven Brancheau '07 and Kaitlin Tinker '09** were wed in an outdoor ceremony. The couple resides in Montpelier, Ohio, where Steven teaches eighth grade math and Katy teaches high school English. Steven is also the head football coach for the Montpelier Locomotives, and Katy is the Locos' high school cheerleading advisor.



*Steven Brancheau '07 and Kaitlin Tinker '09*

## Keep in Touch

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*DC alumni at the wedding of Melissa Dick '05 & '09: Sara Laughlin '05, Nichole (Retcher) Bostelman '05, Sarah (Rex) Drummond '05, Melissa (Dick) Cook '05, Julianne Honeck '07, Nicole Hannen '04, Stacy (Sattler) Schimmoeller '05, Jessica (Banks) Kaiser '05.*

**Renee Steffen '07** recently joined the Center for Nonprofit Excellence in Akron, Ohio, as resource center manager. Renee lives in North Royalton, Ohio.

**Dustin Looser '07** graduated May 7, 2011, from the University of Dayton School of Law with a Juris Doctor of Law and was the recipient of a Pro Bono Commitment to Community Award. He resides in Dayton.

**Abby Reichard '07** graduated summa cum laude from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis with a Master of Divinity. She is now living in Durham, N.C., and is employed as full-time director of programs and ministries at McMannen United Methodist Church.

**Joe Caig '08** was married on December 31, 2010, at All Saints Catholic Church in Rossford, Ohio. After the wedding Joe and his wife, Amanda, honeymooned on a Caribbean cruise. Currently, Joe is employed as the running specialist at Dick's Sporting Goods in Holland, Ohio. Joe and Amanda reside in Perrysburg, Ohio.

**Kacee (Mossoney) Cruz '08** and her husband, Isaiah, welcomed their daughter, Miah MaryAnn Cruz, to their family on November 3, 2011. Kacee and Miah were featured in the local news in a five generation photo of the Lila Yenser family. The Cruz family lives in Defiance.

**Emily (Meyer) Faerber '08** graduated from Nova Southeastern University on May 30, 2011 with a Master of Science degree. She lives in Guyton, Ga. with her husband, **Stefan '06**.

**Barry Von Deylen '09** passed the CPA exam in December 2010 and accepted a new job at Schultz, Huber and Associates in Archbold, Ohio. Barry and his wife, **Jeannie '09**, reside in Ridgeville Corners, Ohio. Jeannie is employed at Defiance College's Pilgrim Library, where she was recently promoted to library services coordinator.

**Corynne (Long) Schafer '09** and her husband, Zachary, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Kenley Elyse, on July 15, 2010. The Schafers live in Norwalk, Ohio.



*Miah Cruz*

## Deaths

**Lynn H. Brown '56**  
November 20, 2010 - Indianapolis

**Richard R. "Dick" Davidson '59**  
March 26, 2011 - New Haven, Ind.

**Hilda (Rhees) Noffsinger '59**  
December 10, 2010 - Continental, Ohio

**Robert Deitrick '61**  
July 27, 2011 - Defiance

**Maizie Hewitt '61**  
July 2, 2011 - Cape Coral, Fla.

**Theodore Beindorf '63**  
September 7, 2011 - Suwanee, Ga.

**Pauline (Damman) Gerken '63**  
January 26, 2011 - Defiance

**Raymond G. Kells**  
November 8, 2010 - Stratford, Conn.

**Virginia (Niese) Winch '64**  
June 4, 2011 -- Summerfield, Fla.

**James Hilbert '66**  
November 25, 2010 - Hicksville, Ohio

**Sondra (Rhoad) Thompson '66**  
January 30, 2011 - Bradenton, Fla.

**Dennis M. Baker '70**  
September 12, 2011 - Troy, Ohio

**Norman Okuley '72**  
March 1, 2011 - Toledo, Ohio

**John C. Zachrich '72**  
August 19, 2011 - Bryan, Ohio

**Bruce R. Lundquist '74**  
January 31, 2011 - New York

**Maria Sierra '75**  
December 8, 2010 - Waukegan, Ill.

**Danny J. Colwell '84**  
December 12, 2010 - Defiance

**William Mueller '97**  
May 14, 2011 - Brunswick, Ga.

**Sondra Rhoad Thompson**  
January 30, 2011 - Mote Ranch, Fla.  
Wife of **G. Richard Thompson '63**

**Donald Haliburton**  
January 20, 2011 - Tiffin, Ohio  
Husband of **Lillian (Howard) Haliburton '50**

**Alberta (Knapp) Slosser '38**  
February 18, 2008 - Tucson, Ariz.

**Dorothea (Derge) Eckert '39**  
August 27, 2010 - Defiance

**Maxine (Smart) Manchester '40**  
September 26, 2010 - Holland, Mich.

**Delpha (Hickok) Hoffman '42**  
March 20, 2011 - Defiance

**Dr. Charles D. Krouse '43**  
May 31, 2011 - Defiance

**Gretchen (Schatz) Andrews '48**  
December 6, 2010 - Defiance

**George Appleton '50**  
August 17, 2011 - Las Vegas

**Bruce C. Derricotte '50**  
June 21, 2011 - Gaithersburg, Md.

**Donald Mix '50**  
July 19, 2011 - Portland, Ore.

**Donald A. Smith '50**  
June 25, 2010 - Monroeville, Ind.

**Howard W. Spicer '50**  
May 6, 2011 - Engelwood, Ohio

**Onilee (Hoke) Spiller '50**  
July 22, 2011 - Clayton, Ohio

**C. Katherine (Scheef) Virgin '50**  
January 24, 2011 - Houston, Texas

**Norma J. (Weible) Palmer '51**  
February 24, 2011 - Defiance

**Charles Stenger '51**  
June 28, 2011 - Santa Rosa, Calif.

**Betty (Leever) Strolle '52**  
November 14, 2010 - Defiance

**Doris (Streip) Johansen '53**  
October 31, 2010 - Defiance

**Roger Avery '54**  
September 23, 2011 - Bryan, Ohio