Saints Alive!

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St. Anthony's High School Foundation Newsletter

Monsignor Gualderon 26th Annual Golf Classic

By Jim Sherrin, Class of 1986, SAHS Foundation Board Member, Golf Committee

June gloom? Not a chance when Saints from all over go marching in Monday, JUNE 15 to join in the 26th Annual Monsignor Gualderon Golf Classic at Recreation Park Golf Course. Looking forward to mixing it up with old friends and making new ones while supporting St. Anthony High School's Athletic Programs. See you for Registration, 9:00 a.m. Shotgun start, 11:00 a.m. Following score card tallying, we'll gather with alumni and community friends for cocktail reception, music, raffle, dinner, and auction. Reservations at Saints website, www.longbeachsaints.org. Check out sponsorship opportunities online, or call Jim Sherrin, 562-631-5292. Golf slots filling up; call your classmates to make plans to join us for another great Saints celebration. Not a golfer? Not a problem; join us later for a Gathering on the Green!

Darrick Martin Court Dedication

Pat Kelly, Class of 1951, SAHS Foundation Board Member, Alumni Director

AWESOME ALUMS abound as class reunions and memorable events resonate with the St. Anthony’s SAINTS’ Community.

Taking a short look back to January 30, 2009; Under the superb direction of Mike McBride ’87, Chairman, St. Anthony’s parish hall held a capacity crowd gathered for a lively social and delectable dinner before heading over to the Gym for dedication of the Darrick Martin Court.

“So, BI, think anyone will show up?” asked SAHS Foundation President Frank Kaspar ’47, at the outset. A record turnout exceeded all expectations as alums connected with present SAHS parents, faculty, staff, classmates, close friends, and some of the “long-lost.” ‘Twas wonderful seeing Darrick ’88 surrounded by all his loving family for this memorable occasion.

The buzz continued as SAINTS poured into the Gym for an inspiring dedication and heart-thumping Boys’ Varsity game with Bellarmine-Jefferson. Getting off to a slow start, the lads picked up steam in the second half. With the score at 6-23, SAINTS delivered a second-half punch that rocked the rafters; winning in the last second, 45-44. . .SAINTS alive!
**Note from the Editor**

*by Frank Kaspar, Class of 1947, SAHS Foundation President*

*We’re Number One!* Welcome all Awesome Alums and SAINTS Community to the first edition of **SAINTS ALIVE!**, quarterly online publication of the St. Anthony’s High School Foundation. Bolstered by interest in the SAHS Alumni Blog, www.gosaints.blogspot.com, this new format is being launched. We look forward to hearing from you so that future editions may include Alumni and Saints Community news and views.

*This is your “paper”!* Send news about reunions, classmates, class activities, and suggestions for future editions to Pat O’Shea Kelly, pat-kelly@aol.com. Also, please forward to your alumni lists.

The Foundation is committed to the welfare of the school and bringing the school, its history, and its alumni into a meaningful, spiritual, and rewarding relationship. It is our hope that this newsletter contributes to that goal.

**Athletics: New Coaches Join the Saints**

The Athletic Department is proud to announce the new SAHS Golf Club — under the leadership of Coach Kevin Ryan, who has been involved in coaching and the golf industry for more than 15 years. In the mid-1990’s, while working at La Quinta Resort & Club’s Citrus Course, Coach Ryan became a single digit handicap who passed the Playing Ability Test (PAT); required to enter the PGA of America. Prior to his tenure there, Coach Ryan coached for three seasons at Long Beach Poly, winning three Moore League Championships. Currently, Coach Ryan is the managing partner of a consulting/venture capital firm which specializes in business development, and also owns an interest in two golf companies. Coach Ryan looks forward to the challenge of building St. Anthony’s Golf Club into a recognized CIF eligible team.

**Basketball** — Chris Morrison, a 1991 graduate of St. Anthony’s, was recently named as the new Boys’ Basketball Coach. He also joins our faculty as a teacher in the classroom. Morrison earned First Team All-League and First Team CIF honors while playing for the Saints. He attended Western Washington University, then signed a pro contract in Europe. He coached at Western Washington, spent two years as an assistant at Poly High, and last season coached the Bishop Amat girls varsity basketball team to a 22-6 record.

“Combined with his love of St. Anthony High School, and its proud tradition, Chris brings a new energy”, said SA’s Athletic Director Brian Walsh. “As an alumnus of St. Anthony, Chris understands what it means to be a Saint.”

**Angel-Saints Get Things Done!**

A new committee is gathering — *The Angel-Saints... People Who Do!* These volunteers are people with specific skills or trades to offer, to assist St. Anthony’s with tasks such as implementing improved safety and accessibility standards throughout the school, repairing and maintaining facilities, and making recommendations on needed improvements. The committee consists of alumni, SA parents and community friends who want to give back to the Saints Community and improve the school by contributing their skills and talents. Help is needed in many areas such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical, concrete or brick layout, tile-setting, paint, landscape support, and much more. **Skillful Saints** are encourage to participate! Please contact Frank Kaspar, at stfrank29@sbcglobal.net to offer your help. Be an Angel-Saint!
Giving Back to the Saints Community

By Marian Lowry Banning, Class of 1961, President-Elect, St. Anthony’s High School Foundation (mlbann@ca.rr.com)

In 1973, the St. Anthony’s High School Foundation was founded by Rudy Munzer, along with eleven community leaders committed to ensuring that a Catholic high school remains a steady presence in the Long Beach community. In seeking support of St. Anthony High School, through continuing alumni outreach, the Foundation has provided a sound basis for financial stability.

Frank Kaspar ’47 and Miguel Beason ’88, are just two of the SAHS Alumni responsible for keeping St. Anthony’s viable. Since 2005, Frank has led the Foundation with energy, integrity, and heart. His diligence in spurring the Foundation to new levels has been an inspiration to all of us. As Frank steps down as president in July; stepping up as editor of SAINTS ALIVE!, we are most grateful for his years of committed service.

Since 2004, Miguel Beason ’88, has chaired the Annual Golf Tournament Committee. As a result of his endeavors, community contacts, and organizational skills, along with all those who have helped organize and lead the golf tournament throughout the years, the SAHS Athletic Department has received more than $180,000 in support for its programs.

I ask that any of you, with the willingness to give back to our alma mater, step up and help us help St. Anthony High School.

The Real Heroes: St. Anthony’s Alums!

By: Gina Rushing Maguire, Class of 1967, President, St. Anthony High School (president@longbeachsaints.org)

We are all looking for heroes to inspire and lead the way. Isn’t it amazing when these heroes are found in our daily day lives, as real people, not just remote figures on TV? There are many heroes close at hand who serve as role models, mentors, advocates and friends for St. Anthony’s students. They are teachers, parents, family, friends, neighbors, and religious. But our students are especially blessed, because there is an even wider network of support for them: YOU, St. Anthony High School’s very own Alumni.

Last month, I was honored to attend gatherings with alumni from the Class of 1959 as they celebrated their 50th Reunion. The evening dinner/dance was an opportunity for classmates to connect and share stories. They arrived early and stayed late, cliques forgotten. The next morning, the class gathered by a tour of the school. It group and see their faces light up as they explored the campus, rooms, and squeezed tightly together for group photos. But the connection that developed between the tour that day, and our 50 year shared were vivid, alive and totally together. We share the same values, Anthony experience. Aren’t we

Today’s Saints Community forms a powerful mesh of support that spans the decades. Each generation stands on the shoulders of previous generations, and, yes, we are blessed beyond measure. I am especially aware of this, as we prepare to celebrate our 90th Anniversary in 2010.

A hero is someone who is admired and respected, someone who leads through example and shows others the way. After eight years at St. Anthony, I have learned that I don’t have to look very far to find real heroes. They are right in front of me, each and every day. I am so grateful to each of you, our graduates and friends... all heroes. On behalf of Principal Mike Schabert, our students, parents, faculty and staff... THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEROIC EXAMPLE AND SUPPORT!
Calling All Saints: All-Classes Reunion – Monday evening, June 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. Following Annual Golf Tournament, on the green at Recreation Park Golf Course Clubhouse, connect with other alums for a dinner auction, with live music. All are welcome. Reservations: www.longbeachsaints.org, or contact the Development Office.

Class of 1947 gathering for annual Palm Desert get-together Monday, October 3 thru Thursday, October 8, 2009. A few reservations are available for other SAHS Alums. Contact: Katie Campion, 562-429-5427.

Class of 1949 planning their 60-Year Reunion to be held at classmate Marlene Schaeffer Bergdahl’s home. Contact Andy Seymour, dodandy@yahoo.com for date and details.

Class of 1951 is off on another 4-day sojourn to Solvang, September 13-16. Join us! Contact Pat O’Shea Kelly, patkellyo@aol.com

Class of 1953 – “Country Club Classy Bash” Sunday, September 27, inviting Classes of ’51 and ’52 to join them. Contact Barbara Canfield Hillman ’53, bhillman20@gmail.com

Class of 1961 – 50-Year Reunion 2011; planning committee forming to pick date and place ASAP. Contact: Pat Metzger, patriciametzger@gmail.com or 562-433-2452

Class of 1964 – 45-Year Reunion, Carnival Cruise, Catalina-Ensenada. Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30, 2009. Join us! Contact Marci Schmidt Wiesen, marci.wiesen@gmail.com

Class of 1969 - 40-Year Reunion, September 19. Contact Jacki (Hughes) Stanfield, SA40thReunion69@aol.com. Contact: Phil LeBlanc, pleblanc@toblinestaffing.com


Class of 1999 - 10-Year Reunion, August 15. Contact Lucinda Cierpich lulu4681@yahoo.com

For more reunion details, check out SAHS Alumni Blog: www.gosaints.blogspot.com

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