

# The Loyalist



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BISHOP McDEVITT

HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI NEWS

VOLUME 19, NUMBER 2

## CALENDAR

- Jan. 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Boys Basketball  
Alumni Game – Gym – 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 17 – Alumni Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- Feb. 3 – Football Banquet, Williamsons, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 5 – Alumni Board Meeting – 7 p.m.  
10 – ALUMNI BEEF & BEER – 8 p.m. to Midnight
- Apr. 19 – Honors Convocation – 7 p.m.  
23 – Mentor Day – 9 a.m.  
27, 28, 29 – Royal Masque Show – 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 – Alumni Elections – 7 p.m.
- June 6 – Baccalaureate Mass – 7 p.m.  
8 – Graduation – 10 a.m.
- “McD By the Sea” - For Info [www.mcdevitts.org](http://www.mcdevitts.org)
- Sept. 4 – McDevitt Golf Classic – 11 30 a.m.  
North Hills CC

## Ms. Coyne retires . . .



McDevitt bids farewell to Ms. Cecelia Coyne at a ceremony following the School's Thanksgiving Liturgy. Ms. Coyne retired last summer after spending her entire teaching career of 39 years as a member of the science faculty, passing on her enthusiasm for science to thousands of McDevitt students.

## Alum's Capital Campaign Gift Benefits Students



The very generous Capital Campaign Gift of \$100,000 by Carmen Romeo '61 makes a Catholic School education at Bishop McDevitt H. S. possible for the students pictured with him, (l. to r.) Brianna Richards, Simone Daniels, Aidas Jakubenas, Rachael Thomas, Matthew Kieffer and T-Ana Carpenter.

## Alums make Catholic Education possible through EITC

Sandy Roman Forino, a 1972 graduate of Bishop McDevitt High School, and her husband Tony, Class of '68 from Archbishop Wood High School, have become benefactors of their own Alma Maters as well as Holy Name High School in Reading, PA, which their children attend, through their participation in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. As owners of Forino Developers in Sinking Spring, PA, they make the maximum contribution the state allows by designating tax dollars for financial aid to benefit students who qualify for the assistance at Bishop McDevitt High School, Archbishop Wood High School and Holy Name High School. As a result of their continued generosity over a three-year period, McDevitt has received \$66,667 per year to provide tuition assistance for students in need, thereby making a Catholic education at McDevitt possible for them.

Also contributing to McDevitt for the last three years through the EITC Program are the following businesses: Fidelio Dental Insurance Company - \$10,000 per year – Michael V. Mele '61; BSI - \$5,000 per year – Brendan Stanton '75; Eastman-Arnold Company - \$1,000 per year. This year the Amerada Hess Corporation - \$4,761.90 – joined the business donors.

The EITC program allows businesses (both corporations and partnerships) to effectively pay most of their state business taxes through specific state-certified, non-profit scholarship organizations (e.g. Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools). BLOCS, in turn distributes those dollars directly to financially eligible families as tuition subsidies, regardless of their race, religion and/or ethnicity.

Your company can participate by following 5 easy steps: #1. Your company decides to help and completes the EITC application - no later than June 15, 2007 – contact the BLOCS office at 215-587-0590 or [BLOCS@adphila.org](mailto:BLOCS@adphila.org) for application; #2. The State grants your company permission to participate in the program and reserves the tax credits you requested; #3. Your company then has up to 60 days to submit your contribution (75% or 90% of which is your actual tax payment) to the BLOCS office; #4. This donation is then acknowledged by BLOCS and the school families are then allocated those funds as scholarships the following school year; #5. Your company then publicizes this worthwhile contribution and celebrates its new-found ability to spend their business tax dollars in a significant and fulfilling way by helping students receive a great education and building a stronger labor force for our area. It's really that simple!

## Alumni Association

### President's Message . . .

Dear Fellow Alum:

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and my Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to you and your families!

The Alumni Memorial Mass was held on October 22, 2006. Thanks to Anne Makara for all of her hard work, which helped in realizing the largest attendance for the Memorial Mass to date. The Alumni Choir also performed for the Mass with much success.

The "Alumni Beef & Beer" (formerly "Oldies Night") will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, at McDevitt. I personally invite all Alumni to come and be part of the "new" night and enjoy new and old friendships. Additional information is included in this issue of *The Loyalist*.

The Alumni Hall of Fame honors McDevitt Grads who deserve recognition for their outstanding achievements and continuing commitment to the values of Catholic life. Induction into our Hall of Fame is the highest honor that we can bestow upon an Alumna/Alumnus. The Hall of Fame presentations will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you know someone who would be an appropriate candidate, please complete the nomination form on the last page of this newsletter and forward it to the Development Office.

The Alumni Association will hold elections for new Officers (Vice-President and Secretary) on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested or if you know anyone who may want to serve, nominations will be take place at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additional information will be available at that meeting.

*New in the Works!* The Alumni Association is developing a "Monte Carlo Night." We would like to hear from anyone who would like to offer input and suggestions or who is interested in working on the new committee. All Alumni are invited to join us at our Board Meetings—they are held at 7 p.m in the Library—dates are January 17<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup>!

Be sure to stay in touch with McDevitt—check [www.mcdevitts.org](http://www.mcdevitts.org) and visit the Alumni section. Reunion information, as well as details on upcoming events can be found there. Feel free to email me direct at [junkbidd@comcast.net](mailto:junkbidd@comcast.net) with any questions & feedback or call the Alumni Office at 215-780-9682.

*John M. Biddle '80*

President



### Congratulations to...

**Samantha Miller '09**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (\$100)

Alumni Association

2006 CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

**Alysia Sforza '07**

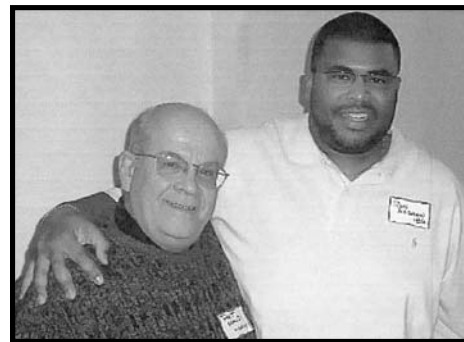
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$50)

**Staci Lyn Mark '09**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$25)



### Coach Manzi 25 years at McDevitt



McDevitt's Football Alumni celebrated Coach Pat Manzi's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at McDevitt with a Reception in his honor at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Glenside, on November 25. He is pictured with Ron Ardron '86, offensive tackle on the 1985 Championship Team, which was Coach Manzi's first Northern Division Championship.

### Congratulations ! Football Hall of Fame 2007 Inductees

*Paul Knapp '73*

*Delano Turnipseed '85*

*Jake Kolen '88*

*Pat Watkins '96*

*Steve Malin '00*



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Football Banquet

February 3 – Williamsons – 6 p.m.

Tickets – Call Pat Manzi • 215-884-5911

### McDEVITT ALUMNI

#### Beef & Beer

*Saturday, March 10 – Auditorium*

*8 p.m. to Midnight*

*Buffet, Beer & Set-ups • \$30 per Ticket*

*for Information & Reservations*

Call Pete '73 & Patty Doyle Siegfried '76

215-576-5651 or [pete@gerhardsappliance.com](mailto:pete@gerhardsappliance.com)

*Celebrate summer...relax....have fun...join  
the crowd for*

### “McD by the Sea!”

*a McDevitt Reunion at Keenan's*

*Irish Pub - Wildwood, NJ*

*date and details to be announced...*

*check “Alumni Events” at [www.mcdevitts.org](http://www.mcdevitts.org)*

*for further information*

**Must be 21 to attend!!!**

**Proceeds Benefit the Jim Gibbons Memorial Trust**



# CLASS NEWS

**1964** - James M. Boyle (Breinigsville, PA) announces his retirement.

- **Marguerite Taylor Morris Willis** (Charlemont, MA) is currently serving on two public school committees, a K-6 two town elementary and a 7-12 nine town elementary. She visited McDevitt last summer. Filled with memories of her high school experience at McDevitt, the education she received and those who taught her, she writes: "Greetings to the Class of '64 and other early classes! Do you ever have the occasion to say something and then recall the teacher who originally said it? Some of our teachers are still with us and residing in retirement homes. When my own Mother was in a nursing home, I saw how much joy she got from cards and short notes. Perhaps, as individuals, we could send cards to those teachers who influenced us. The Alumni Office can help locate teachers for us."

**1977** - Colleen Bender Jones (Enterprise, AL) is a Nurse at Medical Center Enterprise.

**1986** - Donald Dougherty (Glenside, PA) is employed by Cheltenham Township Public Works and coaches football.

**1988** - Amy Loughney Bytof (New York, NY) is working for the United States Government and says, "Living in NYC & Loving it!!"

**1989** - Molly Hashian (Van Nuys, CA) is teaching at Erwin Street Elementary School in the Los Angeles Unified School District while pursuing Special Education Certification.

**1997** - Brian Kohler (Baltimore, MD) is teaching at Loyola Blakefield.

**1999** - Erica Harrar Conlin (Oreland, PA), an Administrative Assistant employed by Silver Lining Home Health Care, married James Conlin on October 1, 2004. They are expecting their first child in March, 2007.

## WEDDING BELLS

**1999** - Nancy McLaughlin (Glenside, PA) and Joshua Sabulsky of Philadelphia, PA on November 11, 2006. The Sabulskys reside in Glenside.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1981**- Audrey (10 lbs. 14 oz.) on August 24, 2006 to Julie and Dennis Hastings of Chalfont, PA. Dennis works in sales for FedEx. Audrey is the Hastings second child.

**1983** - Ava Nicole (8 lbs. 7 oz.) on February 15, 2006 to Philip Beal and wife Susan. The Beals reside in Quakertown, PA.

- Tessa Carina on July 14, 2006 to Terri Serianni Morton and husband Carl. The Mortons have three older children—Sarah (20), Rebecca (15) and Nick (8). Terri is a Technical Program Manager for Telligent Systems. Her husband is a self-employed Web Developer. Their home is in Douglasville, PA.

**1987** - Juliana Alyssia on May 10, 2006 to Danylle DiGiulio Azcona and husband of Jenkintown, PA. She joins sisters Gianna (7) and Isabella (5). Danylle is employed by the Medical Mission Sisters in their Human Resources Department.

- Tyler on May 1, 2006 to Mary Anne Barret Cole and husband. He has a big brother Tommy John. Mary Anne is a Clinical Supervisor for Fairmount BHS. The Coles reside in King of Prussia, PA.

**1989** - Samantha Elizabeth on September 7, 2006 to Janet Fickett Plasha and husband Bruce of Andreas, PA. Samantha is their second child.

**1990** - Rowen Charles on June 9, 2005 to Jessica Hackett Kilcollum and husband Geoff of Jenkintown, PA. They also have 14-year-old Andrew. Jessica is a Reading Specialist in the Upper Moreland School District.

**1991** - Brice James on August 4, 2006 to Christa Ryder Trimble and husband Brian. The Trimble family lives in Horsham, PA. Christa sells insurance for Allstate Insurance Company.

**1994** - Brett Edward (8lbs. 8 oz.) on June 9, 2006 to Ann Marie Klady McDonnell and husband

Timothy of Collegeville, PA. Brett is welcomed by big brother Sean Timothy (4).

**1995** - Grace Angelina on April 13, 2006 to Natalie Bush Porter and husband of Sterling, VA. Natalie is a Reading Specialist in the Loudoun County Public Schools.

**1996** - Abigail Sarah on October 2, 2006 to James Arnold and wife Jaime. Abby is their first child. The Arnolds live in Trooper, PA.

## DECEASED

**James Heath '61, John L. Davitt '62, Thomas Haney '62, James J. Bradley '64, Eleanor Patti Schreiner '64, Marilyn Lawless Nolan '65, Bruce Barnstead '68, William Montanaro '68, Timothy John Foley '70, Richard Whiteside '78, Daryl Rykard '81, Andrea Lynn Tedesco Tuffy '96, Jenai M. Hudson '01.** May they rest in peace! Those listed above have either passed away recently or we have just been notified of their deaths.

**COULD YOU MAKE A PLACE IN YOUR FAMILY FOR A CHILD WHO NEEDS A PERMANENT HOME?** Catholic Social Services is seeking single individuals and married couples of all races and religions to become adoptive parents! Most children are school-age. Some children have special medical, emotional, or behavioral needs. Some children are members of sibling groups who wish to be placed together. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (215) 854-7050.

## 2007 REUNIONS

**1962 – 45<sup>th</sup> Combined with 1961**  
Held October 7, 2006

**1967 - 40th Reunion**

**1972 - 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**1977 - 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**1982 - 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**1987 - 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**1992 - 15<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**1997 - 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**2002 - 5<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

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**1971 - 35+1 Reunion**

**McDevitt Alumni**

**Beef & Beer**

**March 10 – 8 to Midnight**

**Contact:**

**Harry May - 215-884-8410**

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**1976 - 30+1 Reunion**

**McDevitt Alumni**

**Beef & Beer**

**March 10 – 8 to Midnight**

**Contact:**

**Patty Doyle Siegfried**

**215-576-5651 or**

**Marie Berry Brett**

**215-884-8511**

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**For your REUNION Update**

**Call 215-780-9682 or**

**mklady@mcdevitth.org**

## PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU

If your name, address, title or year of graduation is incorrect or misspelled, please use this form to correct it. If you know any graduate who has not received a newsletter, please use this form to update his or her address.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

McDevitt Couple? \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

What have you been doing recently? \_\_\_\_\_

# Bishop McDevitt High School

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Wyncote, PA 19095  
(215) 886-2252  
www.mcdevitths.org

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## SAVE THE DATE !



## McDevitt Alumni

GOLF CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

NORTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

11:30 a.m. – Shotgun Start

For Information Contact

Pete Siegfried '73 – 215-576-5651

pete@gerhardsappliance.com

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## ALUMNI HALL OF FAME 2007

Bishop McDevitt High School wishes to recognize its graduates who by their outstanding achievements and continuing commitment to the values of Catholic life have inspired an appreciation for our Catholic school traditions. Please submit your nomination for the HALL OF FAME on the form below and send it to Development Office, Bishop McDevitt H.S., 125 Royal Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095, by February 15th. Induction ceremonies will take place at the Honors Convocation on April 19th at 7:00 p.m in the Auditorium. All Alumni are invited to attend.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS needed for MENTOR DAY 2007

**Mentor Day 2007** is on the seniors' calendar and is scheduled for Monday, April 23. Alums interested in sharing their career experiences with the Class of 2007 should call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-780-9682 by February 26.

Mentor Day 2007 will follow an early morning schedule. Alumni volunteer Mentors are requested to arrive at McDevitt by 9 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:15 a.m. They will be joining the seniors at 9:30 a.m. The program concludes at 10:54 a.m.

Career interests expressed in our senior survey are as follows: **Archaeology; Architecture; Art** - Animation, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, Graphic Design, Interior Design; **Athletics - (Professional Sports)** Agent, Player, Trainer; **Business** - Accounting, Administration, Advertising/Marketing, Finance; **Communications** - Broadcasting, Journalism, Radio/TV, Writer; **Construction & Mechanical Trades** - Auto Mechanic, Construction, Electrician, Mason; **Cosmetology; Culinary Arts; Diplomacy; Education** - Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, College Professor, Librarian, Special Ed; **Engineering** - Aeronautical, Chemical, Civil, Mechanical; **History; Hotel Management; Information Technology** - Computer Engineering, Computer Programming, Technician.

Also, **Law** - Attorney, Criminal Justice, Detective, Investigator, Law Enforcement, FBI; **Medicine** - Medical Technology, Nursing, Paramedic, Pharmacist, Art Therapist, Physical Therapist, Physician, Radiology, Sports Medicine, Veterinarian; **Military; Music; Politics; Real Estate; Science** - Biochemistry; **Social Science** - Counselor, Psychologist, Social Work; **Theater** - Acting, Dancing; **Zoology**.