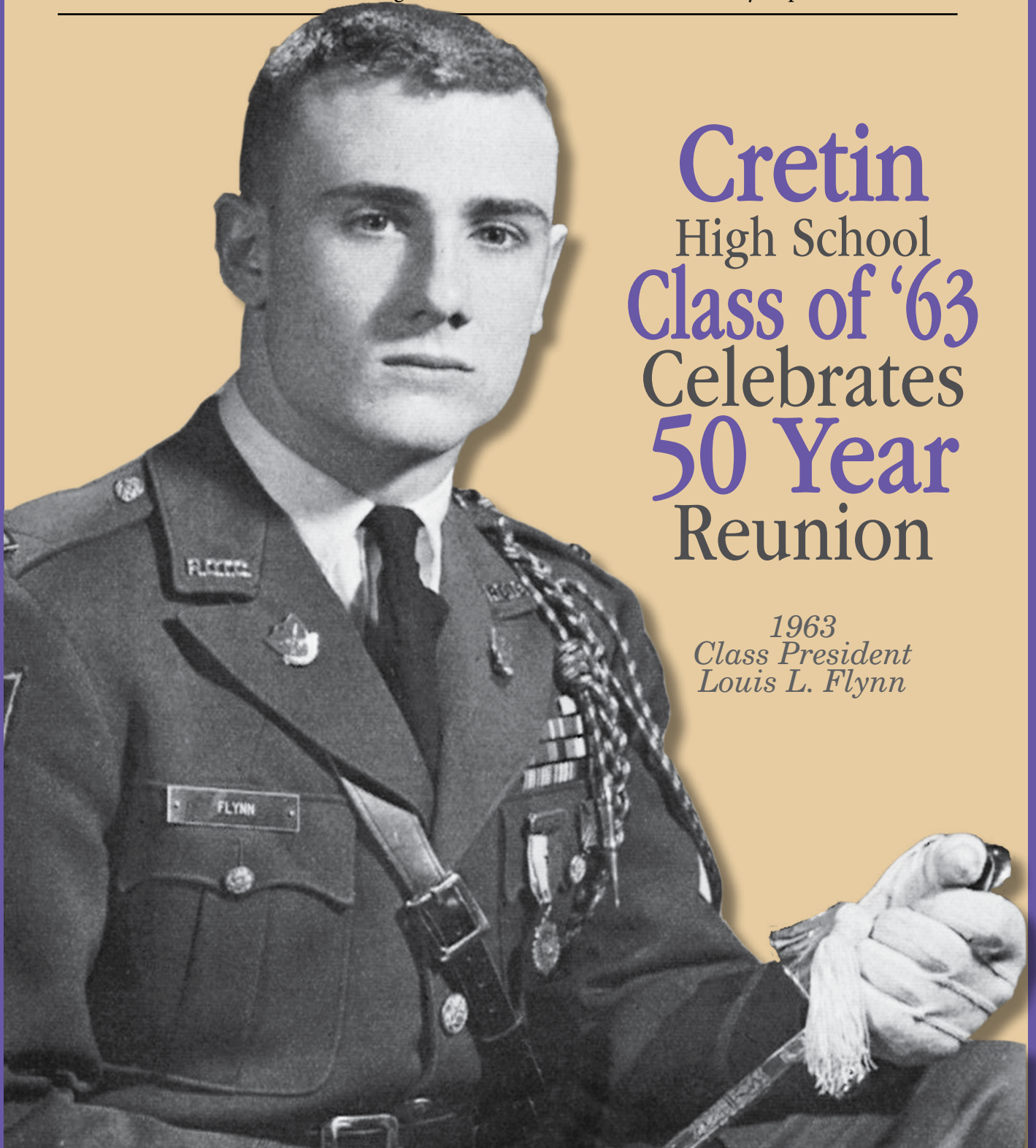


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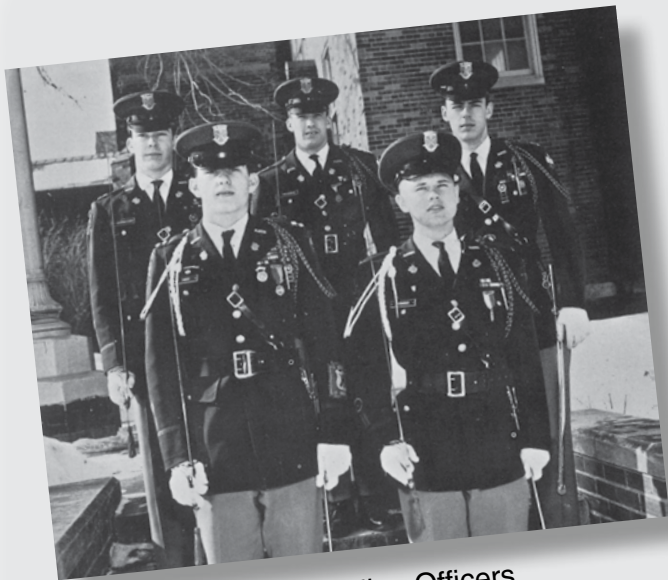
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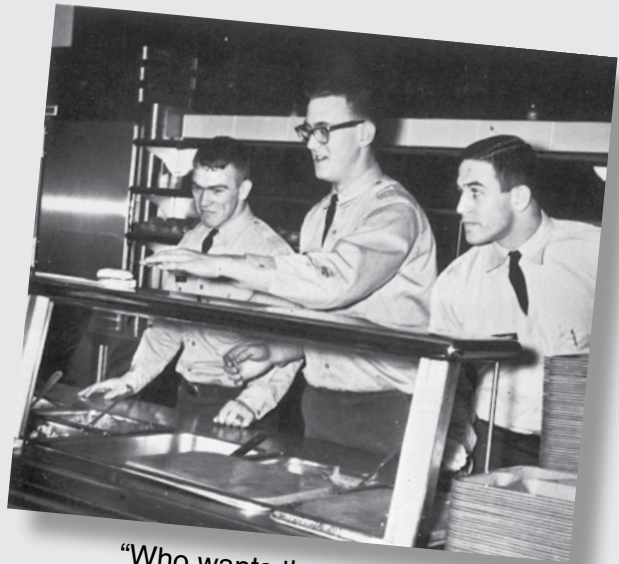
## Cretin High School Class of '63 Celebrates 50 Year Reunion

*1963  
Class President  
Louis L. Flynn*





First Battalion Officers



"Who wants the last one?"



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Bohaty, T. Larson, P. Reichenbach, T. Goswitz, D. Cooney, J. Peachea, J. Meyers, J. McShane, D. Ross, J. Archambeau; second row left to right, Manager N. Lebens, G. Arnesen, P. Vitak, B. Sanders, J. Kolar, G. Pates, D. Odlaug, S. Keyes, P. Rosenthal, B. Haugh, Coach 'Ted' Joyce; not pictured, J. Dale, R. Paradise.

1963 CHS Hockey Team



Szalapski and admirers



Band Officers  
Mankowski, Greenberg, Moellner & McKay

Dear 1963 Classmates,

In late 2012 Mal Scanlan called me and asked if I would be available for a meeting at Cretin-Derham. I asked what was on his mind and he responded "the class of 1963 's reunion activities"—after a few moments of denial and the realization that it was going to be the 50th for our class, a meeting was set and thus began the planning of the class of 1963's 50th reunion for September of 2013.

Let's go back to September of 1959 when most of us first met each other and began our relationship with Cretin High School.

- Dwight Eisenhower was President (10 more since)
- John XXIII was Pope ( 5 more since)

Closer to home;

- Bro S. Kevin was principal when we started and
- Bro H. Richard was principal when we finished.
- Bro J. Pius ran the cafeteria from our start to our finish and for many more years after we graduated.
- Bro L. Josephus introduced us (some more than others) to his 3 Check system, which lasted for all 4 years.

Memories and reminiscing.....isn't that what makes reunions special? Well, there will be much of that going on September 18,19, and 20. Think of all the things that will come up in conversation; teachers, teams, plays, dances, whatever happened to..... etc. 42 of our classmates have passed away and very special conversations will include these men.

Being involved in the planning of these events has been truly enjoyable. A big THANK YOU is in order to the guys who stepped forward and volunteered to take on the task of planning the events. Those guys are;

Charlie Evans, Dave Britz, Frank Villaume, Greg Halbert, Jim Trenter, John Lentsch, Kerry Knodle, Larry Moser, Louie Flynn, Pat McDonnell, Dick Skinner, Tim Valento, Tom Barrett, Steve Nachtsheim, Tom Rubbelke, Terry McDonough, & Gary Stoffel.

There are two other fellows who deserve a very special thank you. They are Len Mitsch and Joe M.McGrath. They took on the task of putting together the wonderful memory book you are holding in your hands. What a great job and thank you again to Len and Joe.

The reunion effort would not have come together without two people who are not members of our class but graduated from Cretin and Derham-Hall and now work at Cretin-Derham Hall; Peggy Schafer and Mal Scanlan. These two people have used their experience of working with reunion classes to make the daunting job of planning our events go smoothly. So, Mal and Peggy, thank you from the Cretin Class of 1963 for all your work and patience over the past 9 months.

50+ years, wonderful memories, great friendships ----consider this book as a prized memento of the Cretin Class of 1963.

*Best always,  
Tom Troskey  
1963 Classmate*



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After graduating from Cretin I went into the Navy and got into boiler operation. After the Navy I worked at Federal Cartridge Corp, then 3M, and ended up at NSP(Xcel Energy).

I retired from there after 30 years in 2005.

In 1967 I married Elaine Kasel (St. Agnes '64). We have 3 sons, all married, and we have 6 grandchildren. They all live within 15 min, of us. I have lived almost my whole life within 1 block of where I was born and less than 1 mile from Cretin.

My hobbies are old cars, I have a 1931 Oldsmobile 4 Door Dlx. show car and a 1939 Chev 2 Door Sedan Street Rod, I also am into Astronomy, I have 3 Telescopes and love setting them up for the grandkids.

There isn't enough space left for all my memories at Cretin and I couldn't pick a favorite one.



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I received my B.A. degree from St. Mary's University, Winona.

Married Judy Pederson (SJA '63) in October, 1967. We have a son and daughter and six grandchildren (four boys & two girls), who all live in the Twin Cities area.

I taught for six years after college, spent many years in the travel industry and finished my working career with thirteen years in marketing for Grand Casino.

We spend most of the spring/summer/fall months with kids/grandkids at our cabin near Aitkin, MN in pursuit of more walleye and lower golf scores. Winters take us to the Ft. Walton Beach/Destin, FL area.

I enjoy volunteering every Monday at Braemar, with the Sister Kenny Golf Program for people with physical disabilities.

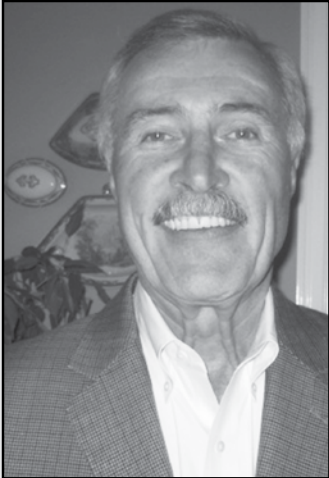






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After attending the Air Force Academy from 1963-65, I transferred to Oklahoma State University where I played football in 1965-66. In 1967 I was drafted by St. Louis as a defensive end. Then, after a "short lived" professional career, I returned to school as a student assistant coach. After graduating from OSU in 1968, I spent the first 13 years of my working career with Foley's Department Stores in Houston, TX. It was there in 1969 where I met my future wife Sue, a Delta Stewardess, who I married in 1970. We moved to Atlanta in 1981 via a corporate promotion to Rich's. There, in 1982, our only child, Peter, was born. Four years later I accepted a senior executive position with the parent company's corporate offices in Cincinnati where we remained until 1992. After a brief career in the airline industry, I joined Brookstone as their VP of Operations. This move took the family to St. Louis where, in 1995, I founded an Executive Search business, Management Recruiters of Lake St. Louis.

After Sue retired from Delta in 2000 and Pete travelled to Texas to enroll at TCU in 2001, we began to visit various areas of the country looking for the ideal retirement living location. We ultimately found it just north of Atlanta in the planned mountain community of Big Canoe, GA. After selling my business in 2002 we moved there permanently and have enjoyed the "good retirement life" of volunteerism, golf and travel ever since!



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St. John's University, Collegeville, BA, 1967 Peace Corps, Bolivia, 1969-1971 University of Minnesota Law School, JD, 1974; retired from private law practice and now work half time at the Hennepin County Attorney's office.

Married for 37 years to Margaret Rogers Barrett; three children, five grand children. Long time board member of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's.

Politics and history are my lifetime interests. Still Catholic after all these years. I remember the plays and the yearbook, and the good friends.



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After Cretin I began a pre-med path at U of MN but had doubts and then started what turned out to be a 35 year career at 3M. I worked full time and eventually got my BA in Chemistry at U of MN.

At 3M I initially worked in the Chemical Division in R&D making chemical components and polymers that were used in a variety of 3M products. I later transferred to Orthopedic Products in R&D, Lab management and Business Management.

Sharon and I have now been married for over 48 years. One son and one daughter with offspring that tally a total of 10 grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. We both retired in 1997 to spend more time with family and to travel more than before. We still both play our accordions which originally brought us together at the age of eleven. We have enjoyed family vacations, boating, fishing, biking, hiking and sight-seeing in the U.S. and other countries. For about 10 years we combined the music interest with camping and attended many Polk Fests in MN, WI and Texas. We spent the winter in Texas for 10 years and now are going either north to Two Harbors or to Florida or Hawaii. After 40 years of campers and RV's we switched to time share travel and enjoy it very much.

Lots of great memories at Cretin - the social events and the dating scene, hanging out at pool halls, supporting the school teams. And then there were the stranger parts like wearing surplus army uniforms (with pink soled shoes as freshman), the use of wooden implements as teaching aids, etc. Overall it was a good learning environment with a good bunch of guys. Those were the days!



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In 65 I bummed around Europe with a friend from Saint Thomas Academy, (Chuck Ready) for a couple of months. What an experience for a guy who had never left Minnesota, except for going skiing at Trollhaugen in Wisconsin. (Which I loved to do!)

In August of that year I went to Fort Leonard Wood for basic training, and stayed there for my advanced individual training. At that point in my life I took a very different direction when I injured my spinal cord in a vehicle accident and became a paraplegic!

In the fall of the following year I enrolled at Mankato State College, because the U of M was totally inaccessible to a wheelchair! After leaving there I bought a liquor store in West St. Paul; after nine months I relocated to a new location and built it into a good business. While I had my business, in my spare time I started flying ultra-lights. (What a rush) I liked it so much I took up flying lessons and became a pilot; also built an airplane.

At that time in my life something was missing, a family; so not having a wife I decided to adopt children. No easy feat for a single guy in a wheelchair! I decided to go to Spain on a college program and study Spanish. After which I thought I would go to South America and adopted a child on my own! I ended up taking college students to Spain on my own studies program. At the age of 39, I adopted a two year old boy from Guatemala (now he is a captain in the Army after having graduated from West Point and has deployed twice to Iraq and Afghanistan.) Then I started selling real estate. At 48, I adopted a three year old girl from India. She is a sergeant in Army Intelligence and will be in Afghanistan in September of this year! My third child is also from India and was 14 when I got her. I also am raising my grandson (10 years old) and home schooling him. Life is good! See you at our next 50th!





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After Cretin, I spent one year in college, then went to work for MN Highway Department now called MN/DOT-Highways.

I also enlisted in the Army National Guard in January '64 for a 6 year hitch.

I married in October '66 and have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. I worked for MN/DOT until July '01, taking early retirement.

I have been spending my winter months (December – April) in Casa Grande, AZ, since retirement. I do volunteer work in Minnesota, since retiring, driving for the American Red Cross (until the transportation program stopped in March '09), American Cancer Society (Road to Recovery program) and delivering Meals on Wheels several times a week.

Some of my favorite memories of Cretin were home room with Brother Josephus and his 3 strike system; I also had him for Latin class. I was on the Homecoming Committee and went with the committee for a mixer at Villa Marie Academy (all-girls school) in Frontenac, MN where I met my future wife; we are still married to each other.



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After graduation from Cretin, I attended the U of M for 1 1/2 years. Then I worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad before enlisting in the US Navy for three years. After basic training I was assigned to a Naval Attack Squadron (VA-34) in Jacksonville, Fl. We deployed to the Mediterrean on board the Aircraft Carrier USS Saratoga in 1966. The next year, 1967, we deployed aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Intrepid to Viet Nam.

Prior to my honorable discharge, I married Barb Cronquist in January 1968. We celebrated our 45th anniversary this year. We have two son's; Kevin and Christopher and two granddaughters, Ashley & Andrea.

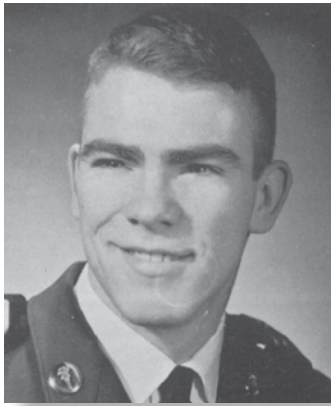
Returning to St. Paul in September 1968, I went back to the Northern Pacific Railroad in the Payroll Department. I retired in 2005 after 40 years with the NP-BN-BNSF Railroad. While at the Railroad I was involved in numerous community events; March of Dimes, United Way, etc.. At age 50 I signed up for a 5 day 300 mile bike ride - "TRAM" (The Ride Across Minnesota) for Multiple Sclerosis. I recently completed my 19th consecutive year on this ride and have raised over \$155,000 to help find a cure for this devastating disease. This past January I received the Norman Cohn Hope Award - The MS Society's most distinguished honor, for my 19 years of fundraising and volunteering at their numerous events.

Besides spending time biking and volunteering, I play golf, travel with my wife, Barb, and spoil the grandkids.

A fond memory from Cretin is Brother Josephus and his paddle.







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Three days after graduation from Cretin, I started my work history at the Great Northern Railroad. In 1971 I transferred to Brainerd, MN with the Burlington Northern Railroad.

Retired after 42 years of service. In 1965, I married my wife, Louann. Together we have had 5 children.

As the years passed, our children married and we have been blessed with 12 grandchildren.

My hobbies consist of summer fishing and getting some bow hunting in. I try to spend as much time as possible up on the North Shore, especially teaching the grandkids to tie flies and how to fly fish.



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I received my B.S. Business and MBA from the University of Minnesota. I then worked 28 years for the Dayton-Hudson (now Target) Corporation with the majority of my years spent at the furniture Distribution Center.

Retired early in 2001. I am currently divorced with one fantastic daughter, RiAnna. I enjoy playing poker with highlights being playing in the 2005 Tournament of Champions at the Bellagio in Los Vegas on the World Poker Tour (WPT.) if you see a "WPT" license plate on a black Cadillac Eldorado, that's mine.

I also enjoy spending a lot of the summer at the family cabin on Fishtrap Lake and going on trips throughout the year visiting a friend's farm in Aurora, Ill.



**Extra Credit**

Oh and I got knocked out of the WPT tourney on the 3rd day when Phil Ivey hit "runner-runner" to bust my all-in set of 10's. I finished 199th of 452.

I look forward to seeing all my class of '63 classmates in September.





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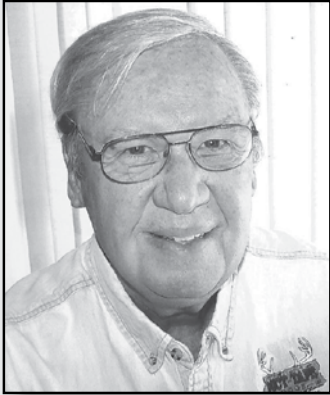
What I remember most about High School was work; St. Paul Paper Route, Perkins Pancake House, Groveland Rec. Center, and American Can.

Graduated from St. Thomas College in 1967 with a BA Degree in Business Administration. Spent 37 years in the Financial Services Industry with professional designations; CLU, ChFC, CSA.

I was single until I was 42. Met my wife, Madonna, in an Irish bar. The homily at our wedding started with "Once upon a time there was this Irish bachelor, but that's redundant, who met Madonna at the second best Irish bar in Chicago, next to Butch McGuire's, Shenanigans."

Still own a condo in the Gold Coast and retired to a condo on Clearwater Harbor near Clearwater Beach in 2004. I'm so busy right now I need to go back to work to rest; President of St. Brendan Men's Club, Treasurer of Prelude 80's Condo Assoc., Member of Belleair Rotary, Member of Corvette Club, President of the Parthenon Group, Golf twice a week, etc.

Life is great. No kids.



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I graduated from the U of M in 1967 and began teaching primary grades in the Minneapolis Public School system that same year. In 1972 I took a year's leave, moved to Germany, traveling mostly but also substituting in the US army school system. While there I met my future wife. Mary.

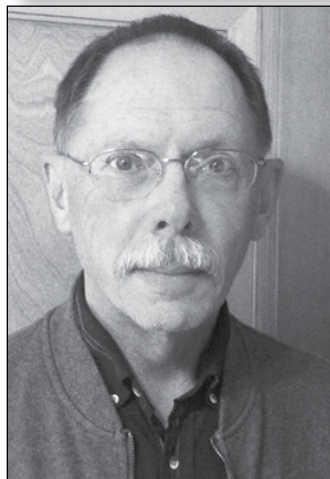
I returned to Minneapolis and taught 7 more years before taking sabbatical leave to get a Master's degree in Special Education.

Since 1972 I have also been involved in house construction, remodeling, and repair. I retired from teaching in 1999 after more than 30 years with Minneapolis, but have remained active in remodeling since then.

Mary and I have two sons, an adopted Colombian, Nick, and a biological son, Jack. The boys' birthdays are 18 days apart and they are now 28.

Mary and I travel a lot by car around the US. I have a couple of motorcycles in the garage and an interest in older cars and hot rods. I do a little woodworking, silversmithing and stained glass work. I enjoy downhill skiing, skating and antiques.

I still live in Highland, a couple of blocks from my family's home. I remain in contact with classmates Fahey, Kurhajetz and Hack and see a few others from time to time.





## **Robert J. Connor**

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After Cretin I went to St. John's University graduating in '67 with a degree in accounting and also completed Army ROTC eventually serving in Vietnam.

I still live in St. Paul as do both of my sons; I have two grandchildren who attend Nativity grade school.

I spent most of my working life as an Independent Insurance Agent. However I did serve 6 years as a legislative aide to a St. Paul City Council member. While working for the City I would frequently see Frank Villiaume and Bill Gunther of our class.

I am retired but like to travel and have visited 15 different countries.

I also am a Vikings season ticket holder and share Wild season tickets with my son. I attended the very first Minnesota North Stars game in 1967 and was a season ticket holder for many years.



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How do you sum up the last 50 years? I guess by just scratching the surface. I went to Illinois Benedictine after Cretin where I majored in Budweiser. Not being of sound body or mind, I decided to go to work and spent the next 33 years in sales, 22 of which were with Fisher-Price.

Was married in 1968, had three kids now with two grand kids. Very close still with them all.

I retired a few years back although I have a part time retail job... Got divorced from Carol in 1995 and remarried Bonnie in 1998... I stay active with the job, working out at the gym or playing golf. Golf is my real passion for outside activity... Really enjoyed the Cretin experience. Looking forward to meeting all of us lucky enough to be there...





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After C.H.S., I attended the College of Saint Thomas and got a B.A. degree in United States History and, later, an M.A. degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

I began teaching in the Stillwater Public School system in 1968 and taught political science until my retirement in 2000. During my teaching career in Stillwater I became involved in that district's teachers' unions. I was twice elected president of the Stillwater Federation of Teachers, and later in the 1990's, when the Federation and the Education Association began their merger, I was twice elected President of the St. Croix Education Association.

Following retirement from Stillwater, I began a second career as a student teacher supervisor for the University of Wisconsin at River Falls. I worked with student teachers placed in public and private schools in the Saint Paul area and in western and northwestern Wisconsin. I retired from that position last fall.

In the summer of 1967, I married Patricia Fitz Gibbon. We have a son, Joe, who is a scientist for Ecolab, and a daughter, Kelly, who teaches English at South Saint Paul High School.

Patricia and I enjoy travel (especially to our beloved Ireland), our downtown Saint Paul condo, winters at Hilton Head, South Carolina, and, most of all, our grandkids Evan, Audie, Cate and Connor.

## Five Seniors Become Eligible For National Merit Scholarship

By Tony Tuk and J. M. McGrath  
The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, NMSQT, was administered in more than 16,000 high schools.

leges and universities. They are also sent to other scholarship agencies.

Upon filling various requirements, approximately 10 percent



G. Ridge



J. Dimond



J. M. McGrath



P. Keenan

of the semifinalists will be awarded Merit Scholarships.



G. Glarner

Using this test as a basis, approximately 11,000 seniors attained the rank of semifinalist. They were selected in proportion to the number of participating students, constituting two-thirds of one percent of the nation's graduating seniors.

At Cretin five semifinalists have been selected: Gregory Ridge, Patrick Keenan, Joseph M. McGrath, James Dimond and John Glarner.

Along with the possibility of attaining a Merit Scholarship the semifinalists' names are sent to all accredited col-

John M. Stalnaker, president of the NMSC said concerning the semifinalists: "The qualities and aspirations of the semifinalists typify the abilities and goals of the country's most able youth, a generation of young people, increasingly conscious of the importance of intellectual development."





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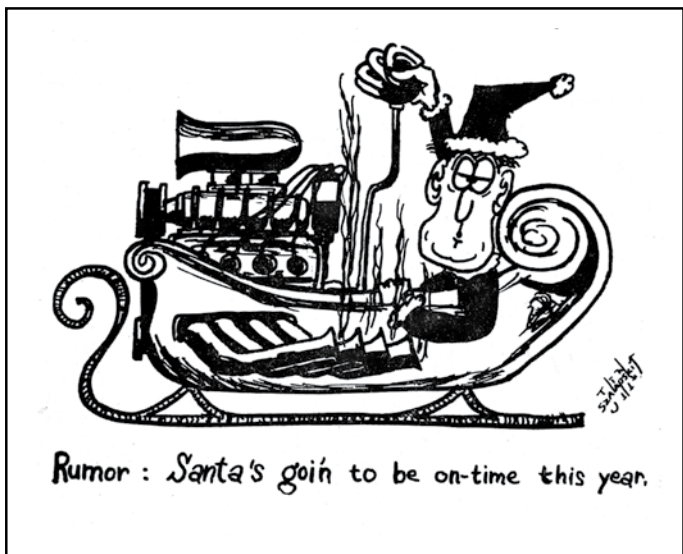
Fifty years ago ... what a time to graduate from high school and to step out into the tumult of the 60's. And what an opportunity to experience change and growth. From John XXIII to Malcolm X, the struggle for civil rights and women's rights, folk music and rock and roll, war protests and the murders of John, Malcolm, Martin and Bobby. You would have had to been there to understand and appreciate the 60's – and we were.

In 1963, I declined the generous offer of a free trip to Southeast Asia from the ROTC department and ignoring the threat of eternal damnation predicted by the Brothers, I headed across the river to the University of Minnesota to earn a degree in psychology. I graduated from law school in 1972 and headed for Hilo, Hawaii, to become just another unscrupulous lawyer. Fortunately, I was quickly led astray by a couple of magical, mystical and medicinal herbs that drastically altered my consciousness. Further voyages under the guidance of Timothy Leary and Richard Alpert completed the transformation. I proceeded to put my law degree to good use by developing a beautiful 40 acre parcel of land into an 8-family community farm high up on the side of Mauna Kea. And thus began my real education ...

In 1983, reality intruded and it was time to return to St. Paul to raise our two sons in a stable and sensible environment. Too late for me perhaps but my sons have turned out great ... and that's all that counts.

I continued to work in real estate and residential construction until the market collapsed in 2008. I then crawled out of the rubble and headed up North to lick my wounds.

Now I live peacefully in a small cabin overlooking the beauty of Lake Superior. My education continues with plenty of time for reading and research on the internet. And contemplation and meditation remain the most important part of my life. All of this has taught me one thing – Jesus was right all along ... it's all about love, compassion and forgiveness. May God bless the souls of our classmates who have passed on. See you all at our 75th reunion.





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BS - University of Minnesota MBA - University of Wisconsin (I can opt when to be a Gopher and when to be a Badger.) Air Force Officer between UM and UW. Career focused on commercial real estate development, finance and related areas.

After few years living in multiple locations out of state, returned to Minnesota and lived here since, leaving the travel to work and pleasure.

Married for 45 years to Sharon with two daughters and four grandchildren. Currently working at becoming 100% retired, only halfway there so far.

Time has fogged many specific memories of my time at Cretin, but it all fits into a positive glow of a great experience.



### **Brian R. Dobie**

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The past 50 years have truly been amazing. Upon graduation from Cretin High School, I entered St. Thomas College as a pre-engineering student. I quickly ran out of money and transferred to the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology, graduating in 1967 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. While at the U of M, I worked part-time and summers for a local testing and engineering laboratory. Upon college graduation, I was offered a full-time job with that same laboratory as a Civil Engineer. Those days were trying and uncertain times, in view of Vietnam. Unbeknownst to me, my company designated my work position as a critical occupation and Uncle Sam classified me as such. This was bittersweet. Friends of mine were dying as a result of the Vietnam conflict. I think the times held a general sadness for most of us.

In college, I met a young lady by the name of Colleen Langeland at a St. Catherine College function. We were married in the fall of 1967 and bought a house the following year. She was a nursing student and eventually became a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. We still have the house and each other. In addition, we had seven children who are all now fine adults and have terrific families. Oh yes, nineteen grandchildren now call me Pa.

My engineering work carried me into structural failure investigations of soils, foundations and construction materials. In 1987, I started my own firm and have continued in forensic work. This work has been very gratifying and has carried me throughout the United States and beyond.

Now, with less hair and gray hair, people ask me if I am going to retire. I think that if my mind holds out I will just continue to investigate problems. Thus far I have been very fortunate – I have had four angioplasties and recent coronary bypass surgery. I keep bouncing back. Several years ago I built some cabins and building additions. Colleen and I presently have a family cabin on Big Trout Lake on the Whitefish chain. Of late, much of my time is spent raising black angus cattle and several horses. My grandchildren particularly enjoy the livestock, as does Colleen.







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Went to UofM and graduated in 1969 with Bachelor of Chemistry and Bachelor of Science in Business degrees. In the late 1970s I attended graduate school at American University earning graduate certificates in Operations Research and in R&D Management.

I started work at the US General Accounting Office in Washington, DC, in 1969 and worked there for 34 years, primary evaluating payment and other policies for the Medicare and Medicaid programs, but also a wide range of ther federal activities. I retired as Assistant Director in 2003.

Married Barbara Johnson of Minneapolis, whom I met at the U, in 1970. We have a son (John) and daughter (Alexandra), both living in Maryland in an equilateral triangle of about 25 miles per side. Alexandra presented us with two grandchildren, a girl (4) and a boy (2).

In retirement, I do a lot of reading, a little computer programming as a hobby, and quite a bit of playing with the grandkids. Overall, a pretty simple life.



**'63 Hockey Award winners**



Bacigalupo vs Benilde



**Jack Dale**

All-conference 1st Team  
All-Metropolitan



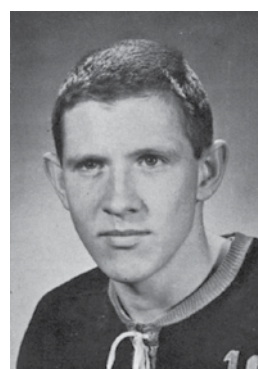
**Dick Paradise**

All-conference 1st Team  
All-Metropolitan



**Phil Reichenbach**

All-conference  
Honorable Mention



**Dennis Cooney**

All-conference  
Honorable Mention





## **Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut, FSC**

It is hard for me to believe it has already been fifty years since we graduated with our high school diplomas on June 2, 1963. How ever so quickly the time has passed!

It was on June 11, 1963, that eleven young men from the Class of 1963 arrived on the CHS campus and boarded a bus to Winona, Minnesota, where we began our Novitiate—our training to become DeLaSalle Christian Brothers. We were housed in a building on the campus of Saint Mary's College (now Saint Mary's University) in a valley called St. Yon's. We were apart from college life during that year and some months, and, once first profession took place, we began our degree leading to a Bachelor of Arts. Way back then, the Brothers were many among us; during my course of first degree studies there were well over seventy living under one roof and as part of one community.

My first assignment was at Lourdes High School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and, after that, McDonnell Central High School in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. I began to think I may be in Wisconsin for a long time given we had several schools around the state back then.

In 1970, I was assigned to Archbishop Brady High School in West Saint Paul, Minnesota, and remained for eight years—first as a teacher but mostly as the Principal.

Once I was out of the classroom and into administration, I never returned to full-time teaching. I was again a Principal in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, for five years, and then I was appointed the Provincial of the Upper Midwest Province for three terms (nine years total), followed by six years as the Regional Director of our Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools located in Washington, DC.

After that, I was overseas as a missionary for fifteen years building up the Church through education by fostering local vocations and developing schools in Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Nigeria, and South Africa. In addition, for some time I offered direction and supervised our Brothers' efforts in the Holy Land, particularly Bethlehem University!

Approximately four years ago, I returned to the United States and had some sabbatical time, and now I am the person responsible for the ongoing development of the mission and for the promotion of advancement and special events in the Mid-South serving Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tennessee.

Life has been full and most rewarding for me these fifty years, and I look forward to the next fifty! Congratulations to the Class of 1963. In our own way we have all made a difference in our world!





**Charles R. Evans**  
**Chuck, Charlie**

I am truly a blessed guy – retired from banking, spent several years doing new business development for the United Way, sold cars for a few years (something I had always wanted to try), got into the non-profit mortgage business with a friend who has been like a brother to me.

I'm still with my best friend and (very tolerant) partner of 45+ years, Paula (Huspek for some of you.)

We have 4 special kids, wonderful daughter- and son-in-laws who we love like our own and 7 great (of course) grandkids all of whom allow us to be part of their lives – health is still o.k. – who could ask for more?



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After high school graduation I attended the University of Wisconsin for my BS degree. I went to work for what now is called Rock-Tenn Company, as a corporate accountant. After two years I returned to graduate school for my MSE and then worked at Anoka Hennepin school district as a school psychologist. After sixteen years, an employment opportunity presented itself at Tri County special education coop in Grand Rapids MN. We moved up north to our newly finished lake home. I spent another eight years there in school business.

In 1995 I took an early retirement and began developing, building and managing commercial properties. With only two apartments left to sell, I can see full retirement in the near future.

Early on we adapted two children. We now have four grandchildren. They all live with-in a four hour drive. They are special to us, and we get a chance to enjoy them in the summer. In contrast, we don't have that opportunity in the cold season. Since 1999 we have been wintering in Palm springs Calif, and more recently Gulf shore Alabama.





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I had thought about our Cretin class recently. It probably started after I came back to St. Paul in 2008 for a 40th anniversary reunion of our AFROTC Group from U. M. That was a good time despite my concerns about reunions in general (“don’t tell me the bad news, just the good stuff”).

So to allay any similar fears by others who might hesitate to come together again, let me offer a summary of my own news from the last 50 years for me and my family (once a military engineer, it’s always by the numbers): Kids: 3 Grandkids: 4 Places lived: 5 Employers: 2 Years since retirement: 5 Nobel Prizes: 0 Major surgeries: 0 Divorces: 0 Felony convictions: 0.

After Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Aeronautical Engineering from the UM, I went with the USAF to their research lab at Wright-Patterson for four years in Dayton, where I met my wife Marianne. I moved on to the NASA Research Center here in Cleveland where I was running wind tunnels, writing software, managing, getting an MBA from Cleveland State, yadda, yadda.

I retired in ‘08. Marianne is also retired now, a former CPA who had her own small firm, and consulted with local governments and school districts. Yes that’s right: in our house: Numbers Ruled. Not surprisingly, of our three kids (Chari, Andy, Ben), we have one financial analyst and two engineers.

Now I am a part-time landscaper, woodworker, traveler, - and old.

### **Extra Credit**

Best memories of CHS : - Mr. Ireland’s “Too much waste time here” -always made me feel good, like we must be doing our best to accomplish just that.  
- Bro. Josephus’ “sporting two” -as long as he wasn’t pointing at me when he said it – which was most of the time, but not always. Building the “Knight Raider” homecoming float, with its fire-breathing “C.”

The best parts of retirement so far are: (1) not commuting every day, and (2) no meetings to attend! I was amazed how quickly all those things that we saw as very important when we were working just sort of fade away into the background. Do you suppose maybe they weren’t all that important?

Things that remain important for me now include: - Family stuff - Ushering at our church plus other minor tasks for them. - The Bookshelf Bookstore in Medina whose proceeds go for Adult Literacy (‘Project: Learn’) - Working in the office and ‘monitoring’ a few trails for the Medina County Parks. - Helping out at Medina’s Habitat For Humanity ‘Restore’, - Keeping up with things around the house. I think it takes up more time now than when we were younger, not because there’s more stuff to do, but just because I’m moving slower now than I used to! - Walking regularly for exercise. - Reading everything that I didn’t get a chance to read while I was getting that pesky, time-consuming Engineering education way back then. I think that soon I may be able to ‘test out’ for a BA degree! OK, maybe not.





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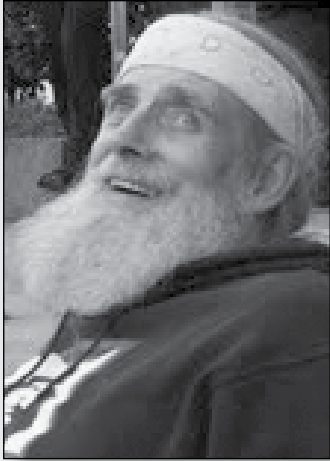
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From 1965 through the present I have worked for peace and social justice, for the end of U.S. Global Militarization, for a Nuclear Weapons Free World, and against the failed U.S. wars of aggression, and, after traveling to Occupied Palestine in 1969, I have worked to end the occupation and against Zionism.

To support these efforts I taught high school English in Foley, MN. from 1972-2005.

I retired in 2006 and, from my rural home near Dubuque, IA, strive to move the world away from violence and U.S. wars on the World.

I have two grown sons, a wife and a former wife, and four grandchildren.



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Owned North Star Plumbing & Heating for 36 years.

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I golf some, hunt and go to our year round lake home.

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