

DC ALUMNI class notes

The 50's

Rev. James O'Brien '55 celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry of the United Church of Christ on November 9, 2008. Christ Congregational UCC in Brockton, MA (a merger of all the UCC churches in that city) invited him to preach on that day and dedicated a new processional cross in honor of the occasion. Those present included former parishioners from Barrington, RI; Holliston, MA; Augusta, ME; Atlanta, GA; and St. Augustine, FL, as well as a surprising number who had attended his ordination 50 years ago!

Dana McClure '57 has retired from the Mansfield City Schools after 30 years of teaching. During that time he established McClure Computer/Business Consulting. He has been married to his wife, Sue, for

53 years. They have two children, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Dana says he is "still alive and kicking, although not as high as in 1957."

The 60's

Dr. Harry Eastridge '63 was awarded Superintendent of the Year for Ohio by the American Association of School Administrators in San Francisco in February 2009.

Walter H. Becker '60 and his wife, Joan, are grandparents of two boys and three girls. Walter enjoys playing golf, photography, and still has time left for "honey do projects."

Sally (Rhoades) Snyder '62 recently published her second children's book, *If It's to Be, It's Up to Me*. She has been traveling to area schools and libraries for book signing events. Sally and her husband **Mike '64** reside in Defiance.

David Gynn '65 was recently elected vice president of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. David currently resides in Kent, OH.

Rex Spencer '66 retired from education in 2003. He continues to substitute teach in northern Darke County and Mercer County and is a historical presenter for student field trips at the Garst Museum in Greenville, OH. Rex also became a grandfather on October 19, 2007. He currently resides in Celina, OH.

Michael Kline '68 retired in 2007. He continues to serve on city council for the City of Englewood and occasionally performs consultant work. He and his wife, Peg, are enjoying their retirement by traveling and spoiling their grandchildren. The Klins reside in Clayton, OH.

Thomas Vershum '68 and his wife, Nancy, became grandparents on November 8, 2008, to Madelyn Francis Gillentine. Madelyn was born in Dallas to Holly and Jim Gillentine. The Vershums reside in Archbold, OH.

The 70's

Suzanne Ludwig '70 and Ron Sauer were married in 2008. The couple currently resides in Amherst, OH.

Dr. John Decker '70 was inducted into the Wauseon High School Hall of Fame. While at Wauseon High School, John earned nine letters in football, wrestling, track and baseball. He was All-Ohio in football and wrestling, running for more than 1,100 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior. He went on to earn All-American honors while at Defiance College.

After accepting his first coaching position 34 years ago, **Larry Holden '70** won his 400th game in January 2009 as the head basketball coach at Mitchell High School in New Port Richey, FL. As Larry explains, "It's more about the kids that played for me, the coaches that coached for me, and all the people that supported our program. I think that means more to me than saying I have 400 wins when I look back on my career."

Ronald Burdick '73 has been selected to chair the Genealogy and Local History Discussion Group, 2008-2010. The Discussion Group is a part of the Local History Section of the Reference and User Services Association, American Library Association. In January 2009, the Discussion Group hosted a forum on digitizing local history resources held at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver.

Janice (Terhune) Notte '75 retired in June 2008 after 33 years of teaching at Paterson Public Schools in Paterson, NJ. She also served as the technology coordinator in the district. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Oakland, NJ.

Larry Taylor '75 retired in June 2008 from Crestview High School in Convoy, OH, after 33 years of teaching and coaching. He moved to Independence, KY, in July and is presently substitute teaching at Kenton County Schools. The Taylors currently reside in Independence, KY.

In March of 2008 **Dr. Theresa (Ranzau) Bowen '76** was promoted from an instructional designer at Strayer University to campus dean. Theresa and her family reside in Lakeridge, VA.

Denise Hench '76 and her husband, Mark, became grandparents on November 4, 2008, to Donevin Jeremiah Hench. Donevin was born in Defiance to Beth and Anthony Hench. The Henches reside in Defiance.

James Thompson '76 and his wife, Roxanne, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on October 18, 2008. The Thompsons reside in Angola, IN.

Craig Frisinger '77 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 11, 2008. They celebrated their special occasion with a family dinner on their anniversary. The Frisingers reside in Defiance.

Kristie (Wilkins) Schultheis '79 is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild, Emma Ruth. Emma was born on November 15, 2008.



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The 80's

Brad Spitnale '80 was promoted to western market area president for First Federal Bank. He has been with First Federal Bank since 1999 and has 27 years of banking experience. He and his wife, **Rebecca (Cromly) '92**, have four children and reside in Defiance.

Curtis McBride '81 and his wife, Lindi, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2008, with a party hosted by their daughters, Kelly and Suzi. The McBrides reside in Defiance.

Douglas DeCola '82 was recognized for his service by the Northwestern Ohio Education Association. Doug is in his 22nd year of teaching and has worked as an intervention specialist at Fairview Middle School. Doug and his wife **Paula (Bok) '84** reside in Ney, OH. Their daughter, Erica, is a current DC student.

Daniel Daugherty '84 was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Marines on May 1, 2008. He has also been assigned to the Courts-Martial Bench as the Circuit Military Judge, Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Scott Roth '85 and his wife, Gwen, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 19, 2008. The couple has two children, Lance and Garrett, both at home. The Roths reside in Defiance.

Dr. Martin Miller '86 accepted the position as the middle school principal for Ayersville Local Schools. He was previously the principal at Paulding Elementary School. Martin and his wife, **Nancy (Wiseman)**, reside in Defiance.

After taking early retirement from his Canadian companies, **Jose Arroyave '88** is currently working as a volunteer business advisor with CESO, Canadian Executives Services Overseas. Jose with his wife Ruth, children Victoria, Allen and Sebastian are currently living in Guatemala and for the next three years will remain in that country serving with CESO and in the missionary ministry they started



Jose Arroyave '88 and family

a couple years ago, Christians Without Borders. Their ministry's mission is to aid drug addicts and alcoholics in a spiritual and physical restoration. So far the centers have 250 people in treatment. During 2008, Jose completed his master's degree in pastoral ministries at the University of Theology in California.

Don Martindale '88 was recently hired as the linebacker coach for the Denver Broncos. Don entered the coaching ranks as an assistant at Defiance College in 1986 and 1987. He spent several years coaching at the high school level, up through the college level, on to the national level. Don previously coached for the Oakland Raiders. Don's family includes his wife Laura, daughter, Cassie, and son, Ty.



Loretta Neff '89 and Pier Bjorklund

Loretta Neff '89 married Pier Bjorklund in Sandy Lane, Barbados, on October 7, 2007. They recently celebrated their first anniversary. They split their time between Defiance and West Palm Beach, FL.

The 90's

Mark "Boxer" Green '90 is currently residing in Lima, OH, and is the owner of a car dealership. He is planning to move to Florida this summer to start an additional business.

Greg Snider '90 has joined the office of Butler Mohr GMAC Real Estate as a full-time real estate agent. Greg and his wife, Shelly, have one son, Gage, and one daughter, Mason. The Snider family resides near Continental.

Dr. Mary (Hallock) Morris '91, assistant professor of political science and action director of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the University of Southern Indiana, was the recipient of the USI Foundation's 2008-2009 Outstanding Teaching by New Faculty Award. Morris is in her sixth year at USI.

Dr. (MAJ) Mark Lee '92 is stationed at Fort Jackson in South Carolina as a comptroller instructor for the Finance Schoolhouse for the U.S. Army. He will be instructing officers and civilians in various finance courses taught throughout the Department of Defense involving all branches of the military and the Department of State. Mark resides in Columbia, SC.

Douglas Franzdorf '92 and Sheila Fredrick were married on September 5, 2008, at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church in Defiance. The couple resides in Defiance.

Jeremy Stober '93 was the recipient of *The Crescent-News* Volleyball Coach of the Year award. Jeremy was able to lead his Kalida team to its second PCL title in as many years and its fifth 19-plus win season since 2002. In 11 years at the helm, Stober has built a program with an astounding 174-78 record and has earned five PCL, four sectional and four district titles.

Craig Miller '93 and his wife, Kathleen, announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Marie, on November 11, 2008. Megan has a sister, Samantha. The Millers reside in St. Mary's, OH.

Jonathan Gathman '96 and his wife, Angela, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Hunter, on December 15, 2008. The Gathman family resides in Defiance.

Shari (Schafer) Rubinstein '96 and her husband, Jeremy, announce the birth of their daughter, Faith Kali, on March 25, 2008. She was welcomed by big brothers, Tate, 7; Tanner, 5; and Trey, 2. Shari teaches fourth grade at Tinora Elementary in Defiance and resides with her family in Napoleon, OH.

Robert Mojica '97 and his wife, Adrienne, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Jayln Marie and Jocelyn Ann, on September 30, 2008. The girls have four siblings, Ariana, Lacey, Alexandra, and Brandon. The Mojica family resides in Bryan, OH.

Christopher Lewis '98 and his wife, Shauna, announce the birth of their son, Connor Richard, on January 11, 2009. He has one sibling, Carson Ronald. The Lewis family currently resides in Rochelle, IL.

Mark '99 and Jamie (Dahms) Pelfrey '99 announce the arrival of their second son, Ryan Christopher, on February 23, 2009, at 3:46 pm. Ryan weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20.5 inches in length. Jakob, who is almost 5, is excited to be a big brother. The family is doing well and resides in Lebanon, OH.

The 00's

Jody Call '00 and Brad Schroeder were married on November 1, 2008 in the Trinity United Methodist Church in Defiance. Jody is currently employed at Defiance Metal Products. The Schroeders reside in Defiance.

Erik '00 and Sara "Megan" (Conner) Hassid '00 announce the birth of their second child, Nicholas Samuel, on October 21, 2008. Nicholas joins his sister, Emma, who is now 2½ and is talking a mile a minute. Erik started a new job with Agrana Fruit U.S. in January of 2009 and the Hassids are now residing in Barberton, OH.

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Jennifer (Bahler) Schwiebert '00 and her husband, Kevin, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Todd Richard, on November 21, 2007. Todd joins big sister, Olivia Kennedy, born on April 15, 2004. Jen is currently a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Florida, OH.

Trent Hesselschardt '00 and his wife, Natalie, announce the birth of their daughter, Vada Sue, on December 12, 2008. Vada has two siblings, Gil and Beau. The Hesselschardt family resides in Defiance.

Michelle (Hoellrich) Hacker '00 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their son, Isaac Austin. Isaac was born on November 6, 2008. Isaac has one sibling, Mason Andrew. The Hacker family resides in Sylvania, OH.

Robert Shamy '00 and his wife, **Tara (Langel) '00**, announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia.

Amelia was born on October 30, 2008 and has two siblings, Lyza and Owen. Rob is a vice president of commercial lending with Signature Bank, and Tara is a pediatrician at Franklin Park Pediatrics. The Shamy family resides in Sylvania, OH.

Kristina Snyder '00 and David Friedman were married on October 25, 2008. The couple resides in Holland, OH.

Timothy Meienburg '00 and his wife, Lori, announce the birth of their son, Brody Scott, on January 2, 2009. The Meienburg family resides in Defiance.

Erin (Picklesimer) Andrews '00 and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their daughter, Clara Barbara, on September 28, 2008. The Andrews reside in Plain City, OH.

Laura Kline '01 has been promoted to senior trust officer, vice president at Reliance Financial Services. Laura joined the State Bank and Trust Co.

in March 1999 and has held positions in human resources, corporate training, and marketing. In March 2006, she joined Reliance Financial Services. Laura and her husband, Kevin, reside in Defiance with their two sons.

Brittany (Sierer) Daeger '02 and her husband, Brian, would like to announce the birth of their son, Max Robert. Max was born on September 30, 2008. Brittany, Brian, and Max reside in Paulding, OH.

Amy (Griffith) Hoffman '02 was promoted to assistant vice president, loan review officer, at the State Bank and Trust Co. Amy resides in Defiance with her husband, Steve, and their two children.

Jackie (Broering) Homan '02 earned her master's degree in pastoral studies with emphasis on youth ministry in August 2008 from Loyola University in New Orleans. Jackie, her husband, Adam, and their son, Evan, reside in Findlay, OH.

Kristi (Beechy) Littrell '02 and her husband, David, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Lee, born on October 15, 2008. David, Kristi, and Savannah reside in South Bend, IN.

Nathan Schaublin '02 and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their daughter, Ella, on January 6, 2009. Ella has one sibling, Alec, 2. The Schaublins reside in Napoleon, OH.

Sandra (Storeholder) Strickler '02 and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their son, Bryce James on October 1, 2008. Sandra, Mark, and Bryce reside in Defiance.

After teaching five years in the Pike-Delta-York School District, **Jennifer (Bernath) Burkholder '03** is now a kindergarten teacher in the Archbold School District. Jennifer and her husband reside in West Unity, OH.

Angela (Mester) Kelly '03 became the office manager and sales and marketing coordinator for Milestone Medical. She received the Certified Meeting Professional designation in August 2008. Angela and her husband, **Kevin '02**, currently reside in Bloomingdale, MI.

D J Lutz '03 was recently hired as the head varsity football coach at Britton-Deerfield, MI. D J played wide receiver for the Yellow Jackets. He and his wife, Heather, reside in Lambertville, MI.

William Zartman '03 and his wife, Emily, announce the birth of their son, Brady William, on December 23, 2008. Brady has one sibling, Addison, 2½. The Zartmans currently reside in Defiance.

Tracy Baughman '04 has earned the designation of Certified Investment Management Analyst. He is approximately one of 150 people in Ohio to hold this designation. He is currently vice president, senior investment administrator at Reliance Financial Services. He and his wife, Heather, have two children, Zachary and Sarah. The Baughman family resides in Defiance.

Kristen Gerity '04 and **John Piper '04** were married on December 6, 2008. The couple resides in Lima, OH.

Keep in Touch

We'd like to know about your new job, recent marriage, new member of the family, new address, or other happenings in your life. For photos, please send those of Defiance College people only, identify everyone, and label the back with your name and address. If you are moving, please send this form in with your new address.

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Abigail (Monosmith) Hyde '04 and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of their third child, a daughter named Melody Joy, on January 30, 2009. The Hyde family resides in Fort Wayne, IN.

Jacob Linder '04 and his wife, Shannon, would like to announce the birth of their second child, Caden Patrick, on January 13, 2009 who joins his sister, Bella. Jacob recently started a new career with Protective Life Insurance Corporation as a marketing business analyst. The Linder family resides in Batavia, OH.



Joseph Douglas Mashburn

Christin (McCabe) Mashburn '04 and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of their son, Joseph Douglas, born on Sunday, March 8, 2009. The Mashburns reside in Columbus, OH.

Rachel Niese '04 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Colin Michael, on July 29, 2008. Rachel and her family reside in Leipsic, OH.



Colin Michael Niese

Amanda Reagle '04 and Marc Troyer were married on November 29, 2008, at the St. John United Church of Christ in Defiance. Amanda is currently the secretary at Fairview Elementary, and Marc is a self-employed farmer. The couple resides in Butler, IN.

Douglas '04 and **Sandy (Lammers) Wilkinson '03** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jayden Douglas. Jayden was born on August 25, 2008 and weighed 7 lbs. 3oz. Doug accepted the head men's golf coach position with Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC, in August 2008. The team had a solid fall season in which they finished in the top three in four of their six tournaments. Douglas and his family will be moving to Central South Carolina, but currently reside in Chapin, SC.

Michael Wolfe '04 joined the Defiance College faculty as assistant professor of business administration. He is in his final year of his doctoral program at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management. Michael resides in Granville, OH.

Amy Woodring '04 was awarded the Promising Leader award by the Northwestern Ohio Education Association. Amy is a fifth-year biology instructor at Fairview High School.

Amber (Miller) Brown '05 and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Lee, on September 26, 2008. Amber received her master of science in biomedical sciences physician assistant studies in 2007. She recently joined the Napoleon Clinic as a physician's assistant. Amber, Chad, and Samuel reside in Oakwood, OH.

Heather (Rehrig) Custer '05 and her husband, Travis, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rae, on August, 2008. Heather, Travis, and Olivia reside in Independence, KY.

Christopher Newcomb '05 graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School on September 14, 2008, and is currently employed at the Iarocci Law Firm in Conneaut, OH.

Eric Schwab '06 and **Lindy Stemen '06** were married on July 12, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church in Van Wert, OH. Eric is currently employed as a substitute teacher at Western Buckeye ESC, and Lindy is a special education teacher at Parkway Elementary School. The new couple resides in Van Wert, OH.

Jami Koenn '06 and Dan Sullivan were married on November 22, 2008, at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Paulding, OH. Jami is the Center Director at the Sylvan Learning Center in Defiance, OH. The Sullivans reside in Continental, OH.

Virginia (Duncan) Becker '06 was the recipient of a "Day Made Better" surprise gift of \$1,000 worth of supplies as part of a national Office Max sponsored program. She is an elementary teacher in Defiance.

Kara (Jones) Miller '06 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, on September 22, 2008. Kara, Ryan, and Hannah reside in Napoleon, OH.

Curtis '05 and **Valerie (Roberts) Mullholland '05** would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Marie, on August 6, 2008. The Mullholands reside in Forest, OH.

Julie Bok '08 announces the birth of her daughter, Trinity Jean, on October 9, 2008. Julie and Trinity reside in Defiance.

Samantha Friend '08 and Nathan Donaldson were married on August 16, 2008 at St. John's United Church of Christ. Samantha is currently employed at Defiance Catholic School and Rite Aid Pharmacy. Nathan is employed at Defiance Metal Products. The Friends reside in Continental, OH.

Adam Warnement '07 and **Jennelle Hammer '07** were married on January 2, 2009. Adam and Jennelle reside in Findlay, OH.

Deaths

Lloyd H. Sharpe '21
Wauseon, OH – January 26, 2009

Alice (Clear) Plummer '27
Oxford, OH – May 15, 2008

Howard L. Pfof '34
Wauseon, OH – November 13, 2008

Helen (Mosena) Clements '37
Morris, IL – July 27, 2008

Dr. Paul C. Vernier '39
Kettering, OH – November 19, 2008

Harland Hiedepriem '40
Defiance, OH – August 6, 2006

Dr. Virgil Graber '41
Findlay, OH – November 1, 2008

Bettyann Kirtley '42
Denver, CO – November 4, 2008

Dr. H. Lowell Hoffman '43
Sandusky, OH – November 2, 2008

Alice (Watson) Planta '44
Gloucester, MA – June 11, 2008

Dorothy Maxson '47
Winterpark, FL – January 14, 2008

Dorothy (Krebehenne) Evritt '48
Jacksonville Beach, FL – November 22, 2008

Wanda Stock '48
Cridersville, OH – February 27, 2009

Ralph Hammersmith '49
Defiance, OH – November 15, 2008

Virginia (Ginny) Lee Coressel '49
Defiance, OH – December 4, 2008

Richard Lantz '50
Grabill, IN – April 23, 2008

Bill Welker '50
Murphy, NC – February 12, 2009

Shirley (Godbehere) Hogg '51
Glendale, AZ – April 12, 2008

Richard Robnolte '52
Fort Wayne, IN – February 1, 2009

Constance (Zogaib) Sutherland '52
Oakfield, NY – February 2, 2009

Donald R. Ziegler '52
Defiance, OH – November 4, 2007

Daniel Ward '53
Midland, MI – September 18, 2008

Donald L. Hoblet '61
Archbold, OH – January 10, 2009

Delmar Brown '62
Sherwood, OH – October 30, 2008