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NEWSLETTER BANQUET ISSUE

ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010 ~ LEXINGTON HOUSE

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - Wednesday, August 4, 2010 ~ Gleneagles C.C.



From the President

We are in the midst of the busiest time of the year for your alumni association. We have just sent the decal letter out and await your response to that. We are knee deep in planning for the banquet hoping for another whopping turnout. The banquet this year will be on Friday April 30th, and

will start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by a brief program. We held the same price as last year namely \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. We encourage tickets be bought in advance, you save money and it facilitates the planning and seating for us. Fiftieth anniversary class of 1961 can contact Chuck Keiner 708/422-3673 and twenty fifth anniversary class of 1985 can contact Patrick Barry at 312/205-7427 or Dave Hannah 773/233-1316. So plan on coming out, laugh, have a great time, cherish your classmates, say a prayer for those who are deceased and remember your alma mater.

As soon as the banquet is over we will be holding our golf outing on Wednesday August 4th. Details will be shown in another part of this newsletter.

The school is doing very well as evidenced by the letter I received from Phil Messina listed elsewhere in this newsletter also. See you at the banquet!

Rich Furlong '59

Alumni Banquet

The date for this years banquet is April 30th at the Lexington House. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner and brief program following at 7:30 p.m. The price is the same as last year, \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Please make every attempt to purchase your ticket in advance. We can't guarantee you will be able to be seated with your class if you wait and purchase your ticket at the door.

This banquet is an all male affair. However, there is an exception, if you are an award recipient or Hall of Fame inductee you may have family and guests including females.

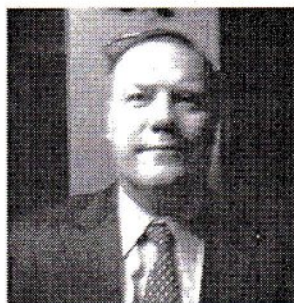
The class of 1960 will celebrate their 50th. anniversary. Contact Bob Lake 708/923-0651 or Chuck Keiner 708/422-3673 for tickets or information. The class of 1985 will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. Contact Pat Barry 312/205-7427 and or Dave Han-

nah 773/233-1316. As usual we are hoping for a good turnout of our younger alumni. These people are our future.

Our highest honors "Man of the Year", "Community Service" and "Doctor Driscoll" awards will be presented.

Inductees into the Leo High School Hall of Fame will also be duly honored. Be sure to read elsewhere in this newsletter the profiles of these deserving recipients. This is the largest single event that we sponsor. It is a great opportunity to get together with former classmates and continue with the Leo experience. See you April 30th. .

2010 Man of the Year Lawrence J. Lynch '75



Larry has been a member of the Leo Alumni Board of Directors for the last seven years. He has served in the vital position of Activities Chairman for the last 4 years. He graduated from St. Rita Cascia Grammar School. At Leo Larry was a member of the National Honor Society and Letterman Club. He played football for all four years and lettered on the varsity

for three years. He also was captain of the track team.

Larry graduated from St. Xavier College and went on to earn a law degree at John Marshall Law School.

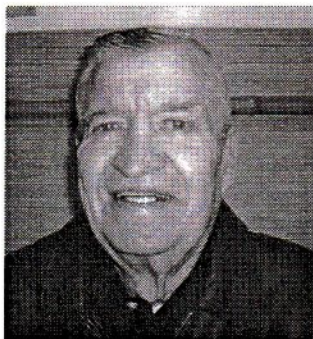
He recently retired from the U.S. Secret Service after over 20 years. He served on the Vice Presidential Protective detail and received the Presidential Distinguished Service award for actions on September 11, 2001. Larry is currently employed for Northern Trust Bank as a Senior Vice President Security Manager.

Larry is a member of Father Perez Knights of Columbus and has held the position of Grand Knight for two years. He currently serves as a council trustee. He was instrumental for arranging for Perez Hall to serve as the meeting place for the alumni association.

He met his wife Karen at St. Xaviers and they have two children James and Kathryn.

Congratulations to Larry and his family, he truly exemplifies the Leo High School Alumni Association Man of the Year.

2010 Doctor Thomas Driscoll Award Robert W. Foster '58



The Doctor Thomas Driscoll award is intended to honor the graduate who best shows his love for Leo High School by extending that love into his daily life style and activities. That being said there is no one who will read this newsletter or attend the banquet who needs to be introduced to Bob Foster. Bob who as a student, teacher, coach, counselor, principal and President of Leo

High School exemplifies what this award was intended to honor when it was established. Bob as much as anyone in the history of Leo and certainly in the last 30 years has done more to promote the great ideals of our alma mater and even more keep the school alive and vibrant. Leo men today graduate many from harsh environments, and go on to better lives because of Leo High School and Bob. A man can do no more than dedicate his life to something that is sacred to him and then excel at it as Bob has. Bob Foster stands for everything at Leo that we as Leo men hold dear.

2010 Community Service Award Brother Ross E. Wielatz CFC '57



Ross Wielatz graduated from St. Cajetan grammar school in 1953.

While at Leo, Ross was named to the honor roll for two years, was a class officer for two years, and a member of the golf team. He graduated from Leo with honors in 1957.

After graduation Ross entered the Congregation of Christian Brothers. He attended Iona College and earned a B.S. in Chemistry and the Biological Sciences.

He received a M.A. in Math Education from the University of Detroit.

Ross ministered in the Christian Brothers Schools throughout the United States for 38 years teaching math, science and religion on all levels. Brother coached seven different sports throughout the years and summarizes that portion of his career with "well, we won some and lost some."

About ten years ago Ross started his studies in Substance Abuse Counseling. While at Tampa High School he began his addictions counseling ministry. Ross ministered in a Probation Office in the Department of Corrections for two years. He ministered to men and women recently released from prison or jail in an outpatient substance abuse program helping the transitional process from incarceration to society.

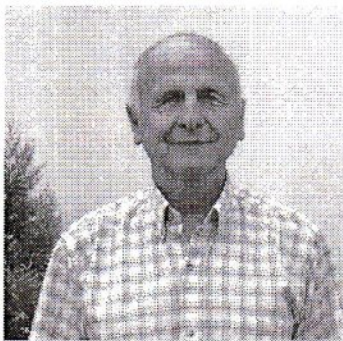
Ross was transferred to the Community Services Department where he ministered and advocated with families who were at their "wits end" with an addicted loved one refusing treatment. Brother Ross was the liaison in a civil court process, which was a family intervention, in the presence of a judge and the force of the civil court behind it, to help families seeking substance treatment for a loved one.

In the past four years and at present he is ministering at St. Martin DePorres Homeless shelter in the Woodlawn area of Chicago as an addictions counselor. St. Martin's is a long-term recovery home from addictive lifestyles for single women with children.

In 2007 Brother Ross Wielatz celebrated 50 years of service in the Christian Brothers Congregation.

Congratulations Brother on your life of service to humanity. *Facta non verba.*

2010 Community Service Award Brother James J. Glos CFC '56



Recruited by Jim Arneberg from St. Thomas the Apostle, Jim played basketball for four years at Leo and was named to the All - City team as a senior. He played with Jerry, Schmitt, Tom O'Malley, Jack Kelly, Chico Driscoll and Harry Valadez among others. He is a member of the Leo Hall of Fame.

In 1956 Jim joined the Christian Brothers and attended Iona College. He taught biology at Power Memorial Academy, Bergen Catholic High School and Palma High School before embarking on as a missionary to the Brothers's schools in Arequipa, Cochabamba, and Lima. Fluent in Spanish, Jim has worked in Peru since 1970 as a teacher and principal.

Some years ago, he and two Peruvian teachers formed the institute Yachay Wasi (House of Learning) in Arequipa. Yachi Wasi is dedicated to training teachers and works with the Peruvian government. Their specialty is training teachers to protect the environment. Many of the teachers trained in the Yachay Wasi method now work in the Jesuit-built schools of Fey Alegria (Faith and Joy). As part of his responsibilities Jim has turned to fund-raising and has secured large grants from Avina, a Swiss organization, and smaller grants from the Springfield Dominicans, Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers. The Alumni of Leo High School through the Jim Arneberg golf outing have contributed to Jim's work as well as many of his peers from Leo.

In 2006 Jim celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a Christian Brother, forty of those years in Peru. He has lived Leo's motto: "*facta non verva*" Deeds not words.

Hall of Fame

Ed Adams - Leo Faculty

In 2005 Ed Adams, Track Coach and English Teacher was inducted to the Mendel High School Hall of Fame.

Ed came to Leo from Mendel and along with Brother Steve O'Keefe; CSC (ret) built a track program that is unrivalled in the State of Illinois.

For as long as the IHSA has kept records over the last 120 years, no private school let alone a Catholic School - but Leo High School - has won the State Track Championship.

Under Coach Adams direction Leo Track teams have captured four State Championship Trophies (class A and class AA), 2 state runner-up trophies and three IHSA third place trophies.

Leo High School under Coach Adams has dominated the Catholic League with seven outdoor and nine indoor championships.

Ed Adams is the recipient of five Tony Lawless Awards,

seven ITCCCA Coach of the Year Awards and has been inducted to three other Halls of Fame.

Coach Adams teaches English and is Dean of Men for Leo High School.

Leo High School is proud to number Mr. Adams among the Class of 2010 Hall of Fame recipients.

Noah Cannon – 1995

In 1994, Noah Cannon was nearly killed by a thug outside of Leo High School. Bob Foster saved Noah Cannon's life and Noah went on to graduate from Elmhurst College with a degree in Education and came back to Leo as a Math and Social Studies Teacher.

After working as an assistant to Catholic League legendary basketball coach, Jerry Tokars, Leo President, Bob Foster named Noah head basketball coach.

Ten years after having his head split open by a thug near the school, Noah Cannon led Leo High School basketball down to Peoria for its 1st IHSA Class Basketball Championship.

Coach Cannon has served Leo as the school's Admissions Officer and helped with ACT/SAT Prep as well as teaching History and Math.

In his seventh year as head coach, Coach Cannon has attained a record of 143 W – 44 L, one State Championship and one Final Four Appearance. That is a winning percentage of .765.

Leo High School is proud to name Noah Cannon to the 2010 Hall of Fame Class.

Dennis Conway – 1962

Dennis Conway graduated from St. Sabina's and moved up the street to begin his career at Leo in 1958.

While at Leo Denny planted, cultivated and nurtured the ornamental trees and sculpted shrubbery located on the sides of the school. This early experience helped Dennis years later when in 1980 he began Conway and Sons Lawn Service.

When Dennis graduated from Leo in 1962 he moved on to Chicago Teachers College, where he studied to become a mathematics teacher. Not surprisingly, he achieved that goal. For 29 of his 35 years in education he taught math at Harvard Elementary School. His last six years were teaching math at Morgan Park High School.

Though retired from teaching in the public schools, Dennis and his fellow Hall of Fame Inductee, Jack O'Keefe teach ACT Prep Classes to Leo students. It is through these efforts of Jack and Denny that many Leo men are able to move on to college and help them attain a better life for themselves.

Dennis said "It was only after I became a teacher that I truly realized the efforts and dedication of the nuns at Sabina and Irish Christian Brothers and lay teachers at Leo.

Denny and his wife Debby have eight children (four boys and four girls) and live in St. Barnabas Parish. Welcome to the Hall of Fame class of 2010 Denny.

Robert Cheval - 1974

Bob Cheval came to Leo from St. Walter Grammar School. While at Leo Bob played football for 4 years including 3 on the varsity. Bob was a four-year member of the honor roll while at Leo, senior class president and he and his wife Debra were homecoming king and queen at the 1973 homecoming. Upon leaving Leo, Bob attended UIC and Moraine Valley Community College attaining an Associate's Degree. In 1978 he began a career as a Local 597 Pipe Fitter and has been a shop superintendent for the past 4 years.

Bob has been an active member of our Alumni Association

board for the past 12 years including the last three years as Treasurer. Bob is always one of the first guys to volunteer for any job that needs to be done at any of our events.

Bob and Debra reside in Palos Heights with their 3 children. Bob is a deserved member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2010.

John Gardner – 1975

John Gardner grew up in Visitation Parish and graduated from St. Nicholas of Tolentine. While at Leo, he participated in many extracurricular activities including baseball and basketball. John was also a member of the Honor Roll all four years at the school. Upon graduating from Leo he moved on to Western Illinois University and graduated in 1979 with a BS degree. John is currently an executive with Verizon Wireless in their real estate and construction department.

For the last 20 years John has been involved in coaching youth basketball and most recently was basketball coordinator for Most Holy Redeemer Athletic Association. John has been involved with the Alumni Association for the last 10 years, including serving two terms as vice – president and being the keeper of the website store selling Leo Alumni memorabilia. John also served as the head of his class's 25th reunion.

John currently resides in Evergreen Park and is married to the former Susan Lenegan and have four children: Andrew, Jack, Michael and Maureen.

Leo High School welcomes John Gardner to the Hall of Fame Class of 2010.

Tom Joyce – 1962

Career educator Tom Joyce attended St. Sabina Grammar School prior to beginning his long life of support and commitment to Leo High School, where he was a standout athlete and scholar.

Tom was named to the All Catholic League Basketball Team in his senior year having played on both lightweight and heavyweight squads. Mr. Joyce was also a great track athlete and would go on to Lewis University in Joliet and participate all four years eventually captaining the Lewis University Track Team in his senior year. Tom also played basketball for three years.

Upon graduation with a degree in English in 1966, Mr. Joyce became a member of the Leo faculty. Tom taught the jubilee class of 1970 and was Tom O'Malley's basketball assistant, until taking a position with Marist High School in 1975.

From 1975 until 2005, Tom worked as a college counselor at both Marist and Stagg High Schools, as well as managing the Beverly Hills Tennis Programs. He went on to earn two advanced degrees from Northern Illinois University.

Tom Joyce is a career educator, coach and civic leader. His wife Rosemary and his three children, Tim, Ellen and Claire can rightly be proud of Tom's life of service and commitment to Leo High School.

Bob "Kozzie" Kozlowski – 1945

Bob Kozlowski grew up on the southwest side of Chicago and attended St. Basil Grammar School. Kozzie, as he is affectionately known was a member of the 1943 Football City Champs and also a prominent member of the 1944 and 1945 football teams. Bob also played lightweight basketball for 4 years including playing a leading role on the 1945 City Champs.

After graduation Kozzie did a tour in the U.S. Army and at one time played basketball on the U.S. Army Special Serv-

ice Team.

Upon returning from service, he worked as a supervisor for the Board of Railroad Retirement of the U.S. Government. Kozzie is a lifelong Sox fan and an avid golfer and a charter member of the Prestwick C.C.

Bob never married but rather stayed home and took care of his mother who is now deceased.

Like so many of our Alumni Bob is a credit to his family, friends and a credit to Leo High School.

Patrick Nolan – 1951

Pat Nolan is a proud member of the Silver Anniversary class of 1951. He was a class president as a junior, secretary of the Student Council as a senior and Class Captain of the 50th Anniversary Alumni dinner.

He was well known nationally in the Employee Assistance field as the former Director of Anheuser – Busch Wholesaler Employee Assistance Program. He designed, implemented, and directed the Wholesaler program throughout the United States.

A unique blend of twenty – eight years as a teamster and the corporate knowledge gained working within the Industry and Government Affairs Department of Busch gave him an unparalleled background in business and labor.

He also worked in conjunction with the United States Brewers Association in Washington, to bring EAP training and Alcohol Education to the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Pat has made presentations regarding EAP's in 18 states. In addition he was the catalyst in the first ever-joint Hospital/Union effort to reach workers in the beer industry when Mercy Hospital and Teamster Local 744 sponsored an all day conference concerning Alcoholism and Assistance Programming. Upon retiring from Busch, Pat and his two sons Jim and Pat, went into business as an Eagle Snack Distributor. For a period of time they were the largest Eagle Snack distributor in the U.S.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 – 1955 and was Soldier of the Month at 2nd Army Headquarters in Virginia.

Pat is married to Dorothy, and in addition to his two sons has four daughters and resides in Palos Park.

Jack O'Keefe – 1959

Jack O'Keefe came to Leo from Little Flower Grammar School. While at Leo Jack was on the honor roll and ran on the track and cross-country teams.

Jack, the son of Irish immigrants went into the Irish Christian Brothers upon graduating from Leo. He earned a B.A. from Iona College, a Masters Degree from the University of Detroit and a Ph.D. in Literature from Loyola University. He taught at Power Memorial Academy in New York, Br. Rice High School in Michigan, Br. Rice in Chicago and De La Salle Institute. He then taught at the City Colleges of Chicago for thirty – two years. He is a member of the Br. Rice baseball Hall of Fame.

Jack has written two college reading and writing texts: From Reading to Writing (Harcourt Brace, 1990) and Invitations to Reading and Writing (2000). Also, he has published a novel Brother Sleeper Agent (Outskirts Press 2009).

Jack was an active member of his 50th anniversary reunion committee and for several years has held classes in ACT Prep for Leo students, helping them to move on to college.

Mr. O'Keefe lives in St. Barnabas parish with his wife Phyllis and three grown sons, Jack, Kevin and Denis.

Mike O'Neill – 1967

Mike O'Neill came to Leo from St. Bede grammar school in 1963. His dad Bill O'Neill had been the Leo football coach from 1951 – 1955 which influenced Mike to attend Leo. Mike played football at Leo for 4 years and basketball for 3 years. Upon graduating from Leo Mike received a football scholarship to Iowa State and later to Western Illinois University. Mike began coaching and teaching at St. Laurence in 1974 and was named head coach in 1978. He coached at St. Laurence from 1978 – 1985 and had 5 CCL champions as well as the 1978 city champions and 1979 class 5A runner-up. In 1979 Mike received the Frank Leahy award for excellence in prep coaching and the 1985 Notre Dame coach of the year in Illinois.

Mr. O'Neill became head coach at Andrew High School in Tinley Park in 1986 and retired in 2005. At Andrew his teams won 12 conference championships and reached the state semi-finals two times.

Mike was inducted into the St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame and the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame and the IHSA Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He coached 23 All-State players and 8 high school All-Americans.

He has been married to his wife Sheila for 37 years, has two sons and two grandchildren.

Bernard J. Pepping – 1957

Bernie Pepping graduated from St. Catherine of Genoa grammar school in Roseland and moved on to Leo in 1953. He received the Eagle Scout award in his first semester at Leo. While at Leo he received the Bronze, Gold and Silver Palm awards as well as the Silver Award, the highest award in Explorer scouting. He is a life member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

While at Leo, he was a member of the glee club, for two years, sang in the Spring Musical Festival, sang in the operetta and twice received a first place award in the annual talent show. He was on the honor roll, member of the Oriole staff and the Lion staff. He received the George M. Pullman Scholarship and graduated from Leo with honors.

Bernie attended St. Joseph College and earned a B.A. degree in math and physics. He attended the U of I and earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He attended the U. of I on full scholarship. Because of his grade point average and service to the community, he was elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Tau, the two national engineering honor societies. Upon his graduation from the U of I. He was a senior design engineer and project engineer with Stewart- Warner. During the Viet Nam war, he designed a solid-state terrain avoidance radar for the B-58 Hustler bomber and integrated circuit identification friend or foe transponder for the F-4 Phantom Fighter.

After leaving Stewart-Warner he joined Zenith as a program manager. He headed a program which resulted in the design development and initial production of a ground based integrated circuit system.

Bernie finished his work career with AT&T Bell Labs and Lucent Technologies. He assisted numerous European and Asian telephone companies to modernize their telecom networks.

He is a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He is a Senior member grade of the American Society for Quality. Bernie is an active member of Telecomm Pioneers.

Besides being very active in his 50th Anniversary commit-

tee Bernie has stayed active in the Alumni Association and is an active member of the Associates of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Bernie is happily married to Marian, his wife for 46 years father of David and Deborah and grandfather of 5.

Message from the Principal Phil Mesina

I hope this message finds you happy and in good health and spirit. We have had a busy first semester here at Leo Catholic and are looking towards an even busier second semester. This update will give you heads up on past events and happenings and future activities. First, we have been busy clearing out rooms and throwing out years of accumulated "junk." We've painted many of the rooms and turned them into useable classrooms and departmental offices. A new teacher's work area has been setup and a meeting room and faculty lounge is now available to teachers and staff on the first floor.

We've also updated our electrical in some of our classrooms allowing us to install a wireless computer system in the building. Teachers can access the school network and print from any location. Students with laptops also have access to the internet with restrictions. By the end of the year, teachers will have a new web-based electronic grading program and will be accessible to parents via the web. Two classrooms are being prepared and will be turned into MAC labs for reading and language classes. These MAC computers were donated to the school a couple of years ago and will now be available to students on a regular basis.

Leo's website (www.leohighschool.org) has been completely redone and advertising space was purchased on the rear of CTA busses prior to the January Freshman Placement/Entrance Exam.

Departmental heads were appointed and the following new student activities were started: Book Club, Bible Study, Spanish Club, Film Club, Science Club, Yearbook Club and Student Ambassadors. We now require our students to take 2 years of Theology instead of 1 year. In addition, students now must participate in community service as part of their graduation requirements. A "Day of Reflection" was scheduled for all the individual grades this past semester. The Resurrection Group from Woodstock, Illinois conducted the day-long retreat at St. Anselms Catholic Church.

Leo is a great place to learn and grow in faith and I invite you to come and see for yourselves. Please call me if you would like to arrange a visit.

Bourke / Mahoney Golf Outing

This year the golf outing will be held on Wednesday August 4th at Gleneagles Country Club. This has become a very successful and satisfying good time for all of us. Please understand the reason we don't accept tee time reservations without payment in full is because we are obligated to pay whether the golfers show up or not. Don't forget non-golfers are welcome to come out for dinner. We will be notifying last years golf foursome "Captains" of request for foursomes as the date gets closer. If you have not golfed in the past and would like to do so contact Larry Lynch 773/445-2575.

In the past years we have been fortunate enough to have sponsors for golf hats, golf balls and towels we hand out. If you or a corporate sponsor would be interested in helping in this fashion please contact Larry Lynch.

Decal Drive 2010

In January of this year you received your decal drive request from us. In that letter we informed you that this was our only request for funds for the entire year. We use all of the money we receive in this drive to sponsor funds for needy students at Leo High School. We presently have one student Edward Vaughn, on full scholarship. That being the John R. Howard Scholarship. Last year our total collections reflected the economy. While we normally collect approximately \$25,000 thru your generosity, we received a little over \$11,000 last year. Because of sound fiscal management the last several years we were able to carry on all of our duties and still fund a scholarship and make two additional donations to Leo this past year. However this year we are hoping your personal financial situation will allow you to again contribute to our cause.

If you did not receive your letter or misplaced it, please submit your contribution to the Leo High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 603, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60454. All of the money goes to Leo students.

As an aside the letter you received in January was written by Jim Mc Keever class of 1954. Jim was our long time Decal Chairman. Jim believed in Leo and the scholarship program named after his buddy Jack Howard. Jim died on February 4th. I know Jim if he were here would echo my request for you to help us if you can.

Great Basketball Outings

To quote Ronald Reagan "well there you go again". Gene Earner '50 did it again. He organized two great basketball nights for us. On January 8th, we traveled to St. Laurence and watched the Lions defeat the Vikings. We were treated very graciously by the St. Laurence staff and given a large section to watch the game from. There were over 40 guys in attendance. Afterward we returned to Father Perez K.C. for pizza and great conversation.

Then to prove that wasn't a fluke, we had a second night, that being January 22nd. On that night we arranged for a bus to take those who wanted to take it to take us over to the Lions den. There we were greeted by many other alums that had driven. We watched the Lions again prevail in a thrilling overtime contest against Brother Rice. Again, after the game approximately 125 - 200 guys returned to Perez again for Pizza and socializing.

Keep up the great work Gene; I can't wait for next year.

Still Serving

Jim Furlong - '65 recently went to Washington D.C. with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Jim a Distinguished Service Cross winner and amputee from the Viet Nam, war joined approximately 75 other members of this national organization to meet with prominent members of Congress including Illinois Senator Dick Durbin. They were there at the invitation of Congress to discuss veterans concerns and other veteran's issues.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Jim and a few other disabled vets decided to stay over a day to visit recent casualties at Bethesda and Walther Reed Hospitals.

Jim stated the visits were heartwarming though at times emotional. However he reports the most positive thing he could report is this country is in great shape if the young warriors he met are an indication of the types of people in our military today.

Miscellaneous

Gene Earner has recently been entrusted with year books from the years 1954, 55, 56, and 57. If anyone would like to have any or all of them contact Gene at 708/636-8827.

Continue to keep up with information on Leo on our website www.thoseleomen.com

When on that website note the link which shows our on line store which sells Alumni memorabilia.

There is a mass at 8:30 a.m. on the first Friday of every month at Incarnation Church at 5757 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights. The mass is said in honor of deceased Leo graduates and faculty.

The classes of the 1980's are working hard on plans to duplicate their very successful picnic of last year. I am told over 300 families attended that gathering. This years event will be held on July 11th, at Ryans Woods. For more information you can contact Noah Cannon at 773/558-6093.

Jim McKeever '54 RIP

Once Jim McKeever knew you, if you were from Leo you were no longer called by your name, but rather your class year. He always referred to Jack Howard as '61 and Jerry Schmitt as '57 and myself as '59 so on and so on.

When some people die it is said, he could have done this, or he might have become that. With Jim McKeever he left it all on the field. Jim led a life that few people can match. He did everything. First and foremost he was a great and loving family man. He was active in his community as evidenced by his participation in his involvement in the Queen of Martyrs family, the Knights of Columbus and American Legion. Jim never forgot where he came from. He was extremely proud of having graduated from St. Sabina's and of course his love of Leo is unsurpassed. Jim served our alumni association in many capacities, including Secretary, Decal Chairman, Master of Ceremonies at our banquet and congenial host to our annual Christmas Party.

I attended many parties at Jim's house and most of the guests were Leo men and their wives. Jim would always regale us with stories of Leo and the evening was not complete until we all sang the Leo School Song.

In later years Jim lost the use of his legs but never his zeal for life. So to Kay, Jim's five children and grandchildren and Jim's two brothers Joe and Jack we express our condolences. You must surely be comforted that Jim led his life exactly the way he wanted to. He had no regrets and he was an inspiration to all of us.

This Cubs fan will miss his buddy, the number one White Sox fan Jim McKeever. We will retire his number, number 54.

Rich Furlong

In Memoriam

**May their souls and all the souls of the
faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.**

August Amico '68
Pat Bourke '62
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Evan Kelly '45
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John Knight '46
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And Francis Kraft '59
William Larkin '46
Arthur Leach '46
Dan Maloney '46
Herman Mills
Former Leo Boxing Coach
James McKeever '54
Henry R. Pype '42
John Quealy '43
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