



SEAGULL SENTINEL

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Alumni and Friends,



Time flies. It seems like only yesterday when I was writing my first President's Report for the newsletter.

There's a lot going on starting with our Hall of Fame Ceremony being held at McKee honoring Anthony Gaeta and Jerry Deluca. I will announce this at the spring luncheon at the Old Bermuda Inn on May 11th 2011. I hope we have a large crowd. The ceremony will be held at the school, on a date in the fall. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Anyone interested in attending should contact:

Millie Del Bove
718-442-1065.

At our board meeting members voted to help fund some much needed items for McKee...

Plans are now underway for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 16th at the Staaten. It's always a great get together.

We are also planning a night to remember, a get together in the near future. We're looking for suggestions and new ideas. One idea was a forties swing dance. As you can see, we are a busy group. If you would like to join any of our committees, you can contact either Millie or me for more information.

With all of our activities, we may seem like just a social organization, but everything that we do benefits the school in some way.

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ONE OF OUR OWN

Salvatore Tirone, Sr. reached a milestone this January when he celebrated



his ninetieth birthday.

Sal at his 89th birthday celebration

Salvatore graduated in 1940. He took up printing, unfortunately when he graduated there were no jobs to be had in printing so he went to work at his Dad's shoe repair shop. This proved to be a major decision in his life. Sal and his brothers Joe and Lou decided to open a shoe store, so they moved the repair business to the back of the store. They owned Tirone's Shoe Store in Port Richmond for sixty-one years. Sal retired in 1996.

Sal served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1943 to 1946. He was with the Seventh Army and served in England, France and Germany. He held the rank of Technical Sargent and was assigned to the 253rd Combat Engineers.

He met Rose LaFata at the McDonald Playground at a dance. They were married in 1947 and settled in Port Richmond before moving to Westerleigh in 1961, where Sal still lives.

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President's Report (cont'd from page 1)

Here's a short poem about spring.
See if you can guess the author.

*These pools that, though in forests, still
reflect
The total sky almost without defect,
And like the flowers beside them, chill and
shiver,
To darken nature and be summer
woods--
Let them think twice before they use
Their powers
To blot out and drink up and sweep
Away
These flowery waters and these watery
Flowers
From snow that melted only yesterday.*

*Have a wonderful summer and stay
out of the rain, and I hope to see you soon.
God bless.*

Yours truly,



Ken McIntyre

One of Our Own (cont'd from page 1)

They had four children Marie Wedel, Salvatore Tirone, Jr., Carol Murray and Linda Sorrentino. Ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren round out the family. In fact, one of his great grandchildren was born on his birthday. Sal and Rose were married for 60 years before her death in 2007.

Sal is active in several organizations, including Christ United Methodist Church where he has been head the administration board for the past 48 years. He served as vice president of the Willowbrook Chapter of AARP. He is the senior vice commander of the VFW of Mariners Harbor. He belongs to the Masons and to the St. Lucie Elks.

For several years, Sal has participated in the "Turkey Trot" which is a three mile run/walk that takes place on Thanksgiving Day in Flemington, New Jersey. The "Turkey Trot" benefits the Center for Educational Advancement. Sal walks with his daughter Marie and some of his great grandchildren. Other family members, who have completed the run, wait at the finish line to cheer Sal on. Although Sal was the last to cross the finish line in 2010, he likes to say, "He finished first in his age group." Of course, he is the only one in his age group.

For many years Sal enjoyed playing softball, bowling and bocce. He still enjoys playing cards, dancing and watching all kinds of sports on television. Most of all Sal enjoys going to his grandchildren's games.

SAVE THE DAY

**Holiday Luncheon
December 16, 2011
at the
Staaten**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

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Happy Spring!

Lilian M. Popp



POPP'S PERSPECTIVE

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Attending the McKee Alumni meetings is always a pleasure but our last general meeting was especially gratifying because a few newcomers were present. It was good to see Jim

Bottiglia, Madeline Gage, Elizabeth Carinci-Morand (and her husband, Ed), and Michael Polito. I hope we'll see them all again soon!

Our beloved school is truly in the 21st century with its current programs. While some traditional courses have remained pretty much as they were, others have moved with the times. Beauty culture is largely unchanged, but printing and stenography no longer resemble their former selves. It's a computer age! And that is demonstrated by the use of Smartboards which our alumni have given to the school. And the students have excelled in robotics! Way to go!

Ken McIntyre continues to be our ebullient and effervescent president and our new board members are continuing friends to our favorite school. So far, we have donated about \$31,000.00. Our membership also has grown to about 400. Not bad for a relatively small high school.

We are looking forward, as we hope you are, to our annual Spring Luncheon to be

on
11th
Old



held
May
at The

Bermuda Inn. At that time, the Hall of Fame inductees will be announced.

Hope to see you there!



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

We wish Frances O'Connor Dowling a very happy birthday.

Fran who graduated in 1950, is one of the founding members of the McKee Alumni and Friends Association. Since it is impolite to tell a woman's age – we won't.

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HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

Jerry Deluca

Anthony Gaeta

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Josephine Muccino
Class of 1949

DONATION

Thomas Munnelly
Class of 1968

Nick Pakidis
Class of 1949

Florist (flowers)	159.63
	\$1,253.26

EVENTS	
Holiday Party	4,118.00
Cancelled dinner	40.00
Deposit 2011	
Holiday Party	250.00
	4,408.00

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FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 2010 – April 14, 2011

INCOME

New members	160.00	
Renewals	750.00	
Lifetime	150.00	
		\$1,060.00

Events		
Holiday 2010		
Reservations	4,200.00	
Raffles	645.00	
Spring Luncheon	1,715.00	
		6,560.00

Donations		
Members	52.00	
Class of 1960 Reunion	350.00	
Con Ed. Journal ad. 2010	100.00	
Total	\$8,122.00	
Balance		
from June 30, 2010	+6,355.86	
TOTAL	\$14,477.86	

EXPENSES

Donation Oasis center meetings	250.00	
Accountant fee	200.00	
		450.00

Hall of Fame		
Expenses	191.33	
Supplies/Postage	902.30	

Donations	
MSIT football camp donation	150.00
MSIT Journal ad	50.00
MSIT Championship Trophy	219.95
MSIT dinner tickets	90.00
	509.95
Return check	100.00
Fee	10.00
	110.00

TOTAL	\$6,731.21
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Total Income	\$14,477.86
Total Expenses	-6,731.21
	\$7,746.65

Checkbook Balance	
April 15, 2011	\$7,746.65
Certificate of Deposit	+ 12,961.07
	\$20,707.72

Donations to school (2002–2011)	\$31,104.20
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Respectfully submitted,
Millie Del Bove

THANK YOU

To the Class of 1960 for their
donation of \$350.00

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HEAVENLY MUSIC

When we moved to Staten Island, all the neighbors went to Brighton Heights Reformed Church, overlooking New York Harbor; so we went too. Since I liked to sing, they talked me into joining the choir. After several weeks of practice, the Sunday came when I was to perform for the first time. No one had told me that I had to wear a dress, (they called it a vestment,) and that ended my choir career right there!

The church was very old. The air pump for the organ was in the basement. It still had the hand pump bars used in the days before electricity, similar to the old hand pump fire trucks, but they had been supplemented by an electric air pump over the years. A short time after we arrived, the church Elders decided that the old organ had outlived its usefulness. They held a fund raising drive to finance one of the ultra modern electric models. The drive was a success and the new equipment was duly installed. A special service, consisting only of organ music, was scheduled for the next Sunday to show the congregation that the new instrument would make music sound like it was supposed to.

The church was packed, and the choirmaster proceeded to "pull out all the stops" playing a great variety of beautiful pieces. Right in the middle of the recital, a voice boomed out from the organ, "This is Dalzell Tug "so and so", when are you going to get those **#!'^* barges out of here? Well, you can imagine the scene that followed. The poor organist tried to shut the electricity off, but the voice kept repeating similar obscene messages at full power. The ladies covered their children's ears and the men laughed uncontrollably!

It took several days to diagnose the trouble. One section of electrical wire in the

system was the right length required to receive short wave ship-to-shore frequency transmitted from the tugboat. It took weeks

to convince the preacher to let them turn that infernal contraption on again during church services!

Submitted by
James N. Fritze
Class of 1943

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NEW GRADUATE



Richard Taeschner, Tom Ograsso, Cathy Taeschner

Tom Ograsso, a lifelong resident of New Dorp left McKee in his senior year to volunteer for service in the Navy and therefore, was unable to attend his June 1943 graduation.

The 2011 Holiday Luncheon proved to be a special event for Tom as he finally received his long awaited diploma.

STORIES

We need help with our newsletter. We would appreciate it if you would send us your stories.

Stories can be about almost anything – life experience, an experience at school – anything. Just send us your stories please.

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2011 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Lilian Popp looks on as John De Palma speaks



Former assistant principal L. Somach



President Ken McIntyre

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AWARD

The Staten Island Women's Political Caucus awards Lilian Popp the Elizabeth A. Connelly Leadership Award.

Michael McMahon and Lilian Popp



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January

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February

M. James Brech, Celeste Bruns, Esther Cruz-Hannan, George DeRosa, George Fatton, Kenneth Gibson, Ida Grober, Vincent A. Guardino, Jean Infantino-Avino, Richard LaDieu, Marian LaManna-Culet, Elsie J. Ledeman, Carmine Lombardi, May Long-Lombardi, John E. Martellotti, Kathryn Miller-Capofari, Charles Navarino, Vincent Navarino, Stanley Okun, Anthony Procopio, Diane Rappavaga-Marcello, Peter John Stazzone, Lynn Valent-Comler, Anthony Vigliotti.

March

Frank Aguilero, Sverre Norman Andersen, Albert Balossi, Helen Boehm-Lacertosa, Carl Cangialosi, Thomas Cavagnaro, Lorraine Corvo-Morris, Charles Doyle, James Edkins, Grace M. Falcone, Doris Frabotta-Stella, Frank Franzel, Louise Fulmo-Antonellis, Ronald J. Giovannucci, Fred Haspel, Mildred Hoffmann-Del Bove, Bill Koenig, Ann Langdon-Ihnken, Beverly Licastri-Castranova, Angela Mavrilleo-Kempton, Michael McDonough, Frances O'Connor-Dowling, Stevan Peters, Lillian M. Popp, Jeannette Rowan-Kripinski, Kenneth J. Smith, Angela Spisto-Pasquale, Vincent A. Tummolo, Michael Zawada.

April

Ann T. Baez, Richard Battaglia, Patti Corde-Taber, Eric Ettinger, Dominick Gagliardi, Joseph N. Lumsden, Carl Pappalardo, Kathleen Kelleher, Loretta M. Lita, Rose M. Maco-Koier, Michael N. Neri, Steve R. Steiner, Steve Steiner, Robert T. Tocco, Joseph A. Tocco, Paul W. Walker, Fred W. Zaccaro.

May

M. Carlton J. Abbott, Theresa Balbi-DiCosmo, Ralph E. Brech, Theresa Carbone-Abinanti, Joseph Carducci, Jeanne de Berendey, Samuel DeFazio, Charles DiMartino, Joseph Anthony DiMartino, Jack Donnelly, Richard Fenty, Jean Hall-Seeward-Byrne, Stanley J. Humin, Dorothy King-Matowik, Lilly Knudsen-Fitzgibbon-Wilcox, Patricia McKay-Mazzuki, Josephine Muccino, Scott Nye, Salvatore Palumbo, Eleanor Panza-Inguill, Angie Perno-Navarino, Nicholas Pietromonico, Lucille Rizzo-Mandato, Joseph V. Sorrentino, Esq., Dolores Sparandera-Tarsi, Robert J. Tosto, Robertvan Wart, Alan Wagner.

June

Rosemarie Blouidi-Sigaurik, Ross Boffa, James Boris, Ann Cafaro-Koeth, Theresa M. Cafaro-Koeth, Elizabeth Carlini-Morand, Lisa Cherkaski, Joseph Coppolo, John F. Crews, Gloria DeTeresa-Keller, Roy J. Garlick, John Gaynor, Nancy Hickman-Teague, Henry Hoste, Edward Kelgiron, Melinda E. Kline, Alberta Mazzer, Thomas McEterney, Jo-Ann Nola-Casimira, Robert E. O'Connell, Albe Paradise-Castro, John Pasquale, Michael Paul, Lucille Piccolocolo-Towson, Gerald Sauter, Marlene Santangelo-Socci,

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