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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It looks like winter is finally over, temperatures getting into the 50s.

A small group from the McKee Alumni & Friends organization went to the Superior Chocolate Factory. We saw a film on how cocoa beans become delicious chocolate and then we had a tour of the factory. The owner, George Kaye, a McKee graduate, and Hall of Fame member was very informative as was his granddaughter, Stephanie. They really know their business when it comes to making chocolate. At the end of the tour we were all given a large chocolate bunny, very generous of the factory.

I enjoy going to our events. It is always nice to get together with our alumni and friends. I look forward to talking over old times.

I would like to give special thanks to Mr. Leo Gordon, teacher of Graphic Arts for coming to our board meeting along with Mr. Dennis O'Connell, teacher of Construction Technology and giving us a PowerPoint presentation on their classes. They asked for our help in obtaining an extension for the woodworking shop table saw to facilitate cutting of large pieces of plywood.

Mr. Gordon requested funds to buy a book binding machine. The machine will help in a project copying yearbooks from the past which will be available for a nominal fee to alumni who have lost or misplaced their yearbooks.

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ONE OF OUR OWN



I was born and raised in South Beach and have spent almost my entire life in the same house.

I graduated McKee Vocational and Technical High School in 1957, where my main course was carpentry. For a few years I worked in my father's construction company as well as in various marinas on Staten Island. After a while, I joined the US Navy and spent four years serving in the Sea Bees.

When I got out of the Navy, I married the love of my life Angelica and after two years of marriage, we had our first daughter Suzette, who now lives in Connecticut. Suzette presented us with two grandchildren Stephanie, 24, who is studying to be a nurse and Stephen, 21, who is attending college. Our second daughter Denise, who still lives on Staten Island, also has two children, Daniella and Salvatore. Both operate their own businesses.

After years of going from job to job, I finally settled down and went to work for the City of New York. I spent 30 years working for The NYC Housing Authority. I started working in the maintenance department and rose to a position in management.

I played the drums in various bands, before and after my enlistment in the Navy, with my best friend Al Basile, who played the accordion. I was once asked to play the drums for Bobby Rydell's band, but passed up the

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Both teachers have spent a lot of time looking for yearbooks from past years and they have found all but two years. I believe we are missing 1949 and 1974. That was quite a task and again thanks to both Mr. Gordon and Mr. O'Connell.

It looks like Mrs. Popp, Dawn and Tak Tanaka will be moving to Georgia very soon – sad for the McKee alumni. We hope they will be able to come up and visit as often as possible especially for the luncheons.

We have one more request – if anyone knows of any classmates we WOULD really like them to join our association. As you know as time goes by we lose some of our members

either by moving out of state or by going home to the Lord.

I would also like to thank some of our local politicians for getting funding for different projects at the school. James Otto, our new Borough President, has been instrumental in many ways helping Ms. Henry with funding.

Thanks to Rosemarie Signorile who made and donated the centerpieces for the Spring Luncheon. Again this year kudos to Rosemarie.

Our next event will be the Holiday Luncheon in December. We hope to see you all there, but for now, have a great summer!



Ken McIntyre,
President



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chance because we were expecting our first baby and taking the offer would mean I would miss my daughter's birth and who knows what else.

I love being on the water and fishing. In fact, I once caught a 876 pound Bluefin tuna. I became a scuba diver and am able do under-water repairs. The fact that I became a scuba diver surprised no one because people always said I had sea water in my veins. When we retired, Ann and I became Snowbirds. We have traveled to Australia, most of Europe, all of the Caribbean, Hawaii, and a large part of the US! We have visited many places and seen many wonderful things only to find out that "there is no place like home."

I feel that McKee has given me the strength, ability and knowledge I needed to handle many great jobs and to do many great things

The people in McKee are special. There was always a smile or a friendly glance when you pass each other in the hall. The teachers were an inspiration to me. The teachers were compassionate and understanding especially when we did something we weren't supposed to do. They put us in our place, but in a nice way.

What can I say as I sit and write this? There is so much. I am blessed to have known many of you.

My bucket is empty. I've done it all with your help.

God bless you all!

Bob Tosto
Class of 1957

NOMINEES FOR HALL OF FAME

We are asking members to submit names for consideration for the Hall of Fame.

Please use the following criteria when submitting an applicant.

CRITERIA

The following criteria should be observed when nominating a person for the McKee Hall of Fame.

Candidates must have made a noteworthy contribution to any of the following:

McKee High School, his or her community, workplace, organization or larger societal group through individual endeavor.

Nominators must submit a detailed biography with description of applicable service and, if possible, validation of information.

Documentation should be sent to the President of the McKee Alumni and Friends Association, Inc.

A committee appointed by the president will review applications and the executive board will vote on the recommended applications.

Please mail all entries for the Hall of Fame Candidates to the president:

Ken McIntyre
 117 Bedell Ave.
 Staten Island, NY 10307

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance June 30, 2013		\$5,398.82
INCOME		
Dues/New	60.00	
Lifetime	300.00	
Renewals	650.00	1,010.00
Events		
Dinner Dance		4,836.00
Christmas 2013		4,724.00
Spring Luncheon		
May 2014		
Reservations	2,000.00	
50/50	495.00	
Lifetime	140.00	2,635.00
Donation		35.00
Total		<u>18,638.82</u>
EXPENSES		
Accountant Fee		300.00
Oasis Christian church/ general & board meeting		300.00
Postage/Bulk mail/ Supplies/Misc.		845.19
Events		
Dinner Dance		3,889.00
Old Bermuda Inn		
Christmas Luncheon 2013 Staaten		3,602.26
Christmas Luncheon 2014 Staaten Deposit		
500.00		
Seagull Dinner/Journal Ad		150.00
Donations to School		
Unibind Co.		
Graphics Equipment		1,000.00
EXATOR Co. /Construction		
Tech.Equip.		950.12
Total		\$11,536.57
Credits		\$18,638.82
Debits		<u>11,536.57</u>
		7,102.25

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ELDER LAW – 101



WILL OR TRUST? Probate Or no probate? Long Term Care or Medicaid? Decisions, decisions, decisions!

Having a simple will prepared was long considered the tried and proven way to settle the distribution of one’s assets upon death. However, our senior generation is living longer and has accumulated significant assets. We are blessed with large employer funded pensions and 401K’s and the value of our homes has appreciated significantly. So the current advice of lawyers and financial advisors to seniors is to place their assets into a trust to avoid the expense of court probate proceedings and to protect those assets from the Medicaid lien. However, creating a trust can be expensive and the creation of an irrevocable trust will then deprive you of the use and enjoyment of those assets. So my advice is to avoid trust unless you have significant assets to protect. For example, if all you have is a house and \$50,000 in the bank, you can have a simple will prepared and name your dearly beloved child or children as joint beneficiaries on your bank account. (Like a bank account in trust.) You could also add their names to the deed as joint owners of your home, but even if you did not, the home would automatically pass to your children by operation of law upon the death of the parent owner.

On the other hand, the creation and funding of a trust would be preferred where large cash or real estate investments are involved. In this case, the trust would allow for a quicker,

smoother transition of ownership and control.

Guardianships

A few final words on guardianship procedures for those who find themselves without a power of attorney to handle the affairs of a parent or sibling who is now incapacitated. The guardianship procedure is set forth under Article 81 of the NY Mental Health Law and we are fortunate here in Richmond to have two very knowledgeable and compassionate judges who are assigned to hear petitions for guardianship. The process is neither costly nor lengthy and will put you in touch with knowledgeable individuals who can help ease your burden.

Duane C. Felton, Esq.
Class of 1967

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Check book balance	
4/15 /2014	7,102.25
Certificate of	
<u>Deposit Account</u>	<u>+13,102.90</u>
Total	\$20,205.15
Donation to school	
(2002-2014)	\$42,872.37

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Del Bove

Obituaries

"Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."

— Rabindranath Tagore

January

Mary Caleb-Carvalho, 73
 Assunta D'Angelo, 90
 Charles B. Buckle, 83
 Lucille Buonocora-Midura, 89
 Rose Casucci-Collo, 82
 Walter De Marest, 74 (1957)
 George Donovan, 78
 Joseph Hosmer, 86
 Aneo LaBargo, 80
 James Long, 72
 Angelina Mastropieri, 93
 Francis Nelson, 93
 Kenneth Nilsen, 66
 Frank Paoluccio, 77
 William Sobiesiak, 95
 Gilbert Van Pelt, 85

February

Nicholas Antonacci, 76
 Antoinette De Mato-Lumini, 91
 Gail De Martinis-Middleton, 54
 Class of 1977
 George Domina, 86
 Ida Franceschini-Fantino, 89
 George Garner, 73
 Jeannie Vigliotti-Silvestri, 86
 Robert Voto, 38
 Thomas Wise, 83

March

Carmella Latona Bove, 77
 Joseph Cassano, 91
 Raymond Chappell, 65
 Rose DeSantis-D'Amico, 71
 Michael Lepro, 63
 Robert Long, 81
 Stanley Longo, 87
 Bartholomew Martuccio, 83
 Thomas Millazzo, 84
 Raymond Piccolini, 83
 Carmela Potenza-Albano, 91
 Charlotte Rohling-Schaffer, 65
 Anthony Siringano, 83
 William Szablowski, 92
 Josephine Tomasello-Massa, 94
 Frank Trimarche, 82

April

Marion Biada, 93
 James De Marco, 86
 Leo Gniewkowski, 88
 Anna Mathiasen-Pisano, 74
 Alfred Newcombe, 82
 Phillip Nucci, 61
 Edward Spicer, 87



2013 Holiday Luncheon



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Name: _____
 First name Maiden name Last name

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____

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Date of Birth: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Check one: Alumni: _____ Friend: _____ Faculty: _____

Membership dues \$10 per person per year. Lifetime dues \$150.00 per person

\$10X _____ number of years = _____

Make checks payable to: McKee Alumni and Friends Association and mail to:
McKee Alumni and Friends Association, Inc, 51 Bell Street, Staten Island NY 10305
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THE
DAY

HOLIDAY
LUNCHEON

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 9, 2014

DONATIONS

Walter Ettinger
Class of 1961
Louis Guerriero
Class of 1941

LIFETIME MEMBER

Lifetime raffle winner
Holiday Luncheon
Frances DiStefano-
Vitagliano

McKee Career-Tech High School
McKee Alumni and Friends Association, Inc.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Walter Adamson, Raymond Anderson, Paul R. Bedford, Joseph Bertolini, Harry Bombardi, Jr. Edwin C. Brech, Claude Campbell, Cornelius Connelly, Walter B. Dawson, Robert Dobrowski, Jacqueline Donlon-Steiner, Walter Ettinger, Bill Fortin, Walter Garner, Jo Jo Hession-LoPresti, Kenneth A. Hoch, Carole Kalkstein-Dalton, Paul King, Kenneth L. Kuester, Helen Kutko-Outlet, Carol LaDieu, Kathryn Lombardo-Cassa, Danny Magee, Anita Mastroberti-Giordano, Joseph Mavaro, Clarence McGhie, William Mcaffatt, Thomas J. Munnell, Jacqueline O. Olivia-Van Dyke, Joseph A. Palumbo, Alfred Pearce, Marie Pizzolo-Palumbo, Nancy Rannie, Seymour Reiss, Thomas Sieberg, Barbara J. Stapleton-Thomas, Salvatore Tirone, John A. Urban

February

Robert Arslanian, M. James Brech, Esther Cruz-Hannan, George De Rosa, George A. Fattori, Kenneth Gibson, Vincent A. Guardino, Jean Infantino-Alvino, Richard LaDieu, Marian LaManna-Oulet, Elsie J. Lederman, Carmine Lombardi, May Long-Lombardi, John E. Martelotti, Kathryn Miller-Capofari, Charles Navarino, Vincent Navarino, Stanley Okun, Tyreek Penn, Jr., Anthony Procopio, Diane Rapcavage-Marcello, Peter John Stazzone, Lynn Valent-Cormier, Anthony Vigliotti

March

Diane Ambrosini-Guadagno, Frank Aguiaro, Sverre Norman Andresen, Albert Balossi, Helen Boehm-Lacertosa, Carl Cangialosi, Thomas Cavagnaro, Lorraine Convo-Morris, Charles Doyle, James Edkins, Grace Falcone, Doris Frabotta-Stella, Frank Franzel, Louise Fuimo-Antonellis, Ronald J. Giovannucci, Fred Haspel, Mildred Hoffmann-Del Bove, John Curtis Holzer, Bill Koenig, Ann Langdon-Ihnken, Beverly Licastri-Castranova, Angela Maviello-Kempton, Michael F. McDonough, Frances O'Connor-Dowling, Barry Paparella, Stevan Peters, Lilian M. Popp, Jeanette Rowan-Kripinski, Angela Spisto-Pasquale, Scott Tompkinson, Vincent A. Tummino, Michael Zawada

April

Ann T. Baez, Richard Battipaglia, Ruth Cordes-Taber, Eric Ettinge, Dominick Gagliardi, Joseph N. Gumbs, Christopher Ifill, George Kaye, Joe Labita, Kenneth Laub, Carmine Marotta, Florence Monaco-Kohr, Michael Notarfrancesco, Thomas O'Brien, Donna Pina-Young, Robert Scott, Vincent Trucelli, Paul Wakeman, Vincent Zasa

May

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, Roger Falloon, Richard Fenty, Jean Hall-Seeward-Byrne, Stanley J. Humin, Dorothy King-Matowik, Lilly Knudsen-Fitzgibbons-Wilcox, Patricia McKay-Mazzuki, Josephine Muccino, Scott Nye, Salvatore Palumbo, Eleanor Panza-Ingulli, Lucille Rizzo-Mandato, Joseph V. Sorrentino, Esq., Dolores Sparandera-Tarsi, Robert J. Tosto, Robert van Wert, Alan Wagner

June

Rosemarie Biondi-Signorile, Ross Boffa, James Burns, m Cafaro-Koeth, heresa M. Cafaro-Koeth, Freddy Cammarano, Elizabeth Carinci-Morand, Lisa Cherkaski, Joseph Coppola, John F. Crews, Gloria DeTeresa-Kellner, Ruth S. DiToro, Roy J. Garlisi, John Gaynor, Nancy Hickman-Teague, Henry Houle, Edward Keighron, Melvin E. Kling, Alberta Mazur, Thomas McEnemey, Jo-Ann Nola-Cashman, Robert E. O'Connell, Alice Paradise-Castro, John Pasquale, Michael Paul, Lucille Piciocci-Townson, Sanford, Marianne Santangelo-Sood, Thomas Sheridan, Clara Shorrock-Cubberly, Charles Vasquez, Edward Volpe, Robert Walker

