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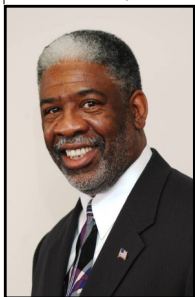
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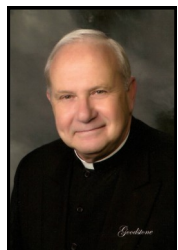
## South Bend Community Hall of Fame



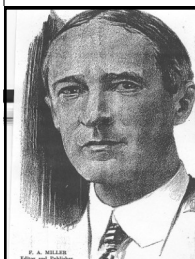
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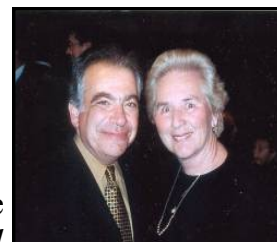
Nearly four hundred-fifty people attended the 2009 Hall of Fame induction banquet at Century Center on November 5th to honor another class of outstanding inductees and award recipients. Master of Ceremonies, **Bob Montgomery**, WSBT executive and radio personality, introduced **Lynn Coleman** who was recognized for his work with young people in our community as a policeman and public official; **Don and Pat Cressy** for their business achievements and volunteer services; **Reverend David Link** for his work with the homeless and imprisoned and recognition for his high standards for the legal profession; **Kathleen and David Sparks** for their charitable works and the founding of Ronald McDonald House and promoting education; **Bonnie Strycker** for her work with youths in danger of failure at the Youth Services Bureau; **Mark and Nan Tulchinsky** for their commitment to community service and the education of children and **Frederick A. Miller**, the son of a South Bend Tribune founder who fought corruption in government and the evil in unjust treatment of people. Award recipients recognized for their achievements were **Skylar Diggins**, a Washington High School All-American high school basketball player who currently plays for the University of Notre Dame;; **The John Adams Mock Trial Team** (pictured below are team members: **Joshua Courtney, Jennifer Deeter, Adam Kern, Eilis Smyth, Chrils Silvestri and Gabriel Young**) that won the 2009 National Mock Trial Competition; **Distinguished Community Service Award** winners were **Joan Lennon**, for her work with women's health particularly as a spokesperson for cancer patients. **Mary Jo Stanley** for her years of service as a volunteer working at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care and numerous other service organizations; **Nancy Hellyer, President and CEO of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center** accepted the **Corporate Award** for contributions to education for the hospitals work in the community and in schools to educate and train young people in the many areas of the health care field. **Peter Mullen** was awarded the **Ideal Baldoni Public Service Award** for his integrity in the performance of his duties as a public official. **For more information on the honorees please visit the Alumni Association web site at [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com)**



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Joan Lennon



Mary Jane Stanley



John Adams Mock Trial



Nancy Hellyer



Peter Mullen



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## Memorials



Eleanor Farber, Riley '43; Marianne Kuminecz DeMeyer, Central '50; Virginia Bartels, Washington '55; Jerome, Jerry, Perkins, Central '47; Kenneth Stilson, Central '50; Entee Shine, Central '50; Bill Meyer, Central '46; Suzanne Pietrzak Bella, Riley '50; Geraldine Doran

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## **Dave Dunlap Joins SBAA Staff**

**David Dunlap, Central '59** joined the Alumni Association staff in June as the executive secretary. He is a retired career Social Studies teacher who was assigned to Jackson and Riley High Schools. He served as tennis coach and swimming coach at both schools and has a number of state championships to his credit. The number of conference and state individual champions is quite lengthy. In addition to the daily office duties Dave is working on overhauling the organizations by-laws and administrative structure.. He has served on the SBAA Hall of Fame Committee for several years and has volunteered his time and efforts to make the golf tournament a success. His zest for teaching and coaching has 'carried over' to his work in the Alumni Office and has created a new enthusiasm for achieving our mission.

## 1954 Central Class Makes Donation

**At the August Lunch Club meeting, representatives from the Class of 1954 made a donation of \$2100 to the Alumni Association Bill Przybyysz and Fran Dabrowiak Rinehart presented the check to a surprised, and grateful, Ron Bella, Executive Director of the Association. 1954 class members, Bob & Liz Ebbole, Marlene Tokay, Sharon Przybyysz and Sheila Herczeg attended the luncheon. This contribution is the largest class donation made to date. Many thanks to the '54 Bears for continuing the 'legacy' of Central —and the motto 'I Will Keep Faith'.**

## THE ALUMNI MAILBOX & Other Stuff



**Liz Rekos Farr, Central '70** reported that over 600 alumni and friends gathered the last Friday in June for the annual 'All Class Reunion' at the Serbian Church Hall. Liz, with **John Charles Bryant '57** and **Dave Roeder '68** have been working on the event for years with 'great' success. **Michael Infalt, Central '49** passed away in July, Mike was an avid golfer and quite successful in the creative and administrative ends of the graphic arts and printing business. ; **Don Newman, Riley '41** recently became a life member of the Association. Don and wife Stephanie live in Belleair, Florida. Don has a published book that is quite interesting and available via the Alumni Association. It reflects on a life of achievement and service at local, state and national levels. **Jill Kuespert Anderson, John Adams '70** living in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin recently renewed her membership; We recently welcomed **Beverly J. Snyder Swartz, Central '45** as a new member. She resides in Sarasota, Florida; **Phyllis Kuboske, Central '39**, resides in South Bend and recently sent a nice contribution to the Association; **Jerry Perkins, Central '47** passed away in South Bend on May 30th. Jerry played basketball for John Wooden at Central and was outstanding in football on teams coached by Bob Jones. . He retired from the South Bend Police Department after 21 years of service and later was head of security for the South Bend School Corporation then was appointed U.S. Marshall for Northern Indiana serving for 13 years. We received word that **Kenneth Hal Stilson, Central '50** died in Hemet, California. He retired from the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1980 and was said to have done '...an above average job enjoying his retirement.....sounds to me like he 'played the whole song well'. **Ernest Witucki, Washington '60** still lives in Denver—and why not, right—and renewed his membership; **Roger Winter, Riley '49** will be inducted into the Riley Athletics Hall of Fame at the school's next banquet. Roger was one of a few student-athletes to have earned four varsity monograms in a single year. He later was played at Kalamazoo College when stricken with polio in 1952. a short time before polio vaccine was available. He has been deceased for many years, but not forgotten for his achievements; **Christine Stanley Brown, Central '66** recently contacted the Alumni Office to ask about the status of her membership. She lives in Bel Air, Maryland and is affiliated with the John Hopkins School of Public Health.

### Entee Shine — A Central Legend

Entee Shine was larger than life from the moment he drew his first breath. He was 12 pounds, 9 ounces at birth. And, you could say, he lived up to it, too. Shine, was the first black to be on the football team at Notre Dame and played varsity basketball there the first semester of his sophomore year. Shine was nearly 79 when he died in late October. He first made a name for himself playing on three South Bend Central High School teams that accumulated a 69-17 record under coach Bob Primmer. He played briefly as a sophomore on the 1947-48 team but scored 317 points as a junior on a 23-6 team and 372 points as a senior. Friends and teammates, Jack Morrical, Gene Fodge recall Entee as a nice, gentle guy who did not flaunt his celebrity. A three sport athlete he was a dominating end in football and was part of a Central Basketball team that reached the state's Final Four in his junior season of 1948-49, when it was a single-class tournament. He capped off his varsity career with a 26-2 record the next season. That season included a 25-game winning streak before losing in the finals of the Lafayette Semistate in 1950. Entee was later elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Entee made history at Notre Dame, even if his time there did not last long. He played on the freshman football team his first year because freshmen were not eligible to be on the varsity back then. decided to concentrate on basketball. His sophomore year, Shine saw varsity basketball action, averaging 5.5 points while helping the Irish to a 7-1 start before academics ended his tenure in January 1952. On hearing of Entee's death, Dick Rosenthal, an ND teammate and later ND athletic director, said 'Entee was a good teammate and ...an enjoyable person to be around'. Entee enrolled at Tennessee State, but was drafted into the Army for a two year stint. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams and recruited by the Harlem Globetrotters but returned to South Bend where he worked at Studebaker until it folded and then the Oliver Corp.. Eventually he worked for the city of South Bend until his retirement when he took a part time job at the South Bend Tribune. He was an avid reader and a huge Notre Dame fan. He is survived by three children and nine grandchildren. At the time of his death he was living with his daughter Robin Davis in Atlanta, Ga. As Bill Moor stated in the Tribune 'that big baby, became a big man—a very interesting man and one I really miss. ( Thanks to the South Bend Tribune for the information in this item).



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## Notices & Announcements

**Book Store Notice:** due to limited space the listing of publications for sale at the Alumni Association will no longer be posted here. Please visit our web site [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com) and click on the Bookstore Link for information.



**Missing Yearbooks :** The Alumni office is missing the following books that will complete the Association's library of yearbooks for posterity. The missing books are"

Riley—55, 60 , 77, 78, 83, 96, 97, and all books '00 to 2009

Washington — 51, 52, 55, 69, 98, and all books '01 to 2009

Adams — 66, 93, and all books '96 to 2009

Clay — 87, 93, 97, and all books 01 to 2009

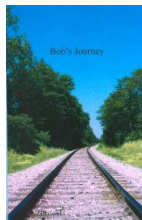
Jackson— 1974

LaSalle 79, 96, 97, 01 and 02

Central is complete from 1940– to 1970 and there are numerous books before 1940 that date to the 1800's.

**Alumni Association Board of Directors Meetings:** The Board of Directors meets officially in September each year. A second meeting is held in March. The Executive Committee meets four times a year and other committees meet as needed. For more information visit the Association web site at [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com)

**New Alumni Association Board Members:** Liz Farr, Central '70; Greg Humnicky, Central '64; Tim Baker, Central '63



**New Author Bob Zilkowski, Central '52** has written a book titled 'Bob's Journey'. It is published and is a short essay on his growing up in South Bend. He wrote it for his grandchildren and yet, many of you who grew up in the 40's and 50's will likely recall similar memories, particularly those who went to Central. We still have the following books for sale: 'Kurt Simon—Businessman, Benefactor' ; 'Newman's Musings' by Don Newman; 'Keeping Track' by Bob Smith and The South Bend School's Home Economics Cookbook.

**High School Student Directories for sale:** The Alumni Association was gifted copies of the new directories compiled for each high school. The only caveat is we must sell them for the public rate. If a class representative or someone is interested in procuring a book please contact the Alumni Association. Our thanks to the Education Foundation for arranging this gift.

**Riley High School Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet:** The event is planned for mid-February The event is held at the high school and is open to the public. For tickets contact the high school by calling 574-283-8400.

*Best Wishes for a Healthy & Happy New Year!*

## Alumni Profile

### Robert H. Wright, Washington-Clay '40

was born in 1921 and grew up in Clay Township. Following graduation he, like many local grads, went to work at Studebakers. The 'winds of war' were blowing since the mid 30's and of course December 7, 1941 was a great awakening call. Bob answered that call by enlisting in



Lt. Col Wright 1981



Lt. Wright 1944

the Army Air Corps in February 1942. His training would take him to Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, Tampa, Florida, Columbus, Mississippi and Chanute Field in Illinois. His training culminated in his assignment as a pilot of a B17-Flying Fortress, the plane that replaced the B24 in Europe. It had a crew of nine and

was assigned mostly daylight missions. He and his crew picked up their new plane in July 1944 in Savannah, Georgia. They then flew to Bangor, Maine, Goose Bay, Labrador, then to Greenland, Iceland and Scotland where they were assigned to the 34th Bomber Groups stationed at Mendeleshm, England. Their assignment was to fly 25 missions, but the new P51 escort planes became available and could provide air cover on missions into Germany so they now had to fly 35 missions before being replaced. (***Please go to the Alumni Association's web site to read an account of the near fatal mission of Bob's plane and crew when they flew to bomb Dresden, Germany.***)

Following WWII, Bob remained active in the Air Force reserves and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War assigned to Lawson Air Base in Georgia. Bob and his wife, Esther, a social worker in Chicago and a South Bend Central graduate, married in 1947. They have one daughter, Sue, who is a Purdue graduate and is a pharmacist at Memorial Hospital. Bob entered private business and owned and operated an Ace Hardware on South Michigan Street in South Bend. Lt. Colonel Wright retired from the reserves in 1981 after 39 years of service. Though he doesn't talk much about the dangers of his sorties over enemy territory you can sense the pride he has in his performance of duty and his achievements. He now enjoys woodworking and golf. ...Just another unsung son of our community of whom we can be very proud.

## Reunions & Gatherings

**The Riley Lunch Bunch,** an organization for alumnae (women only that is), and faculty meets monthly. The ladies meet at various locations. For information contact Marilyn Dulmatch Class of 1950 at 574-291-3185.

**The Riley After 50 Reunion,** a gathering of classes that have graduated 50 or more years will celebrate a reunion on Saturday, August x, 2010 at St. Hedwig Church Hall on Western Avenue. Social hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a family style dinner at 6:00 p.m.. Each class has a representative who will be contacting class members. Officers of the organization are President Ed Baer, '51, Vice-president Dick Kish '47 and Treasurer, Jack Zeigert '46.

**All Class Central Reunion** will be held at the Serbian Hall on Keria Trail on the last Friday in June 25, 2010. Contact Liz Rekos Farr at 574-234-1603 John Charles Bryant at 574-233-9795 or call Dave Roeder, '68 at 574-233-4566.

**Central 1960** Is planning a 50th reunion,

**John Adams '60** no superstitions here...the event is planned to begin on Friday the 13th in August 2010. There will be a luncheon, golf and tours on Saturday with dinner in the evening at Juday Creed Golf Course. Call Barbara Geans Snyder at 574-291-5457 for information. Cards have been sent by the committee to classmates. Did you get yours?

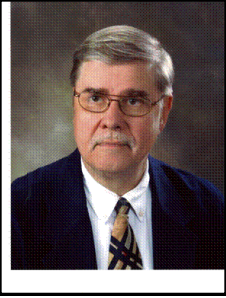
**Central '55** is planning a reunion in July 2010 which will celebrate their 55th...kinda 55th of 55. More information will be posted here as it becomes available. But mark your calendar because the committee is working on it.

**Adams '65** is planning a 45th reunion on July 30 and 31, 2010 at the Elks Club. Buddy King will play oldies music. Contact Ken Price for more information at 574-329-1483.

**Adams '2001.** Erin Busch is planning a 10 year reunion. More information here as it becomes available.

**Visit our web page at [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com) for information regarding services offered by the Alumni Association and the posting of reunion information.**

### SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS



Once again I thank you, the alumni of our schools , members of the Alumni Association and the many contributors to the Alumni Association for your generous support of your organization and the mission of our school corporation. There are many cliches' regarding the 'rearing of children' but you really do help to provide the tools needed to give our students a solid academic education and the educational experiences to help them become productive citizens. South Bend is fortunate to have people like you . On behalf of our students and staff we, again, thank you and wish you the best for 2010.

### Scholarship named to Honor Lauren Hamm Davis, Adams '70

By unanimous action, the South Bend Alumni Association Executive Committee established an annual scholarship award to recognize the many years of service by Lauren Davis. Lauren graduated from Ball State University and is a Certified Public Accountant. She is the president of Lauren Davis & Associates CPA, PC with her home office in Mishawaka. The scholarship will be awarded annually at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the Scholarship Committee chaired by Mrs. Connie Varga of the TCU Foundation. The official Scholarship name is to be determined and the conditions of qualification will be determined after consulting with Mrs. Davis and will be posted on the Association's web site. The first award will be given in May 2010. Lauren has served continuously as Treasurer of the Association for nearly 20 years. She is married to Fred Davis and they have two sons. Dan who is a U.S. Marine officer stationed at Kanehoe, Hawaii and Brian who lives in South Bend. SBAA Chairman, Mark Turner, Clay '80 made the announcement of the Scholarship at the Hall of Fame Banquet on November 5th. Jim Kapsa, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Banquet and Superintendent of the South Bend Community School Corporation presented Ms. Davis with a bouquet of flowers. (see the Association's scholarship program in detail on the web site [www.southbendalumni.com](http://www.southbendalumni.com))



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## Celebrity Corner

(this feature relates information submitted by people who have friendships, happenstance meetings or stories with/about 'people of celebrity'....

Back sometime in the late 60's or early 70's I had just heard or read that some celebrities don't wish to have people acknowledge, approach or 'pester' them. Not long after I heard that my wife and I were in Chicago and walking past The Palmer House in the early evening. As we approached the door three men were in a hurry walking out the door and turned in our direction. The guy in the middle was **Ted Williams**. I must have gawked and I pointed at him. Guess Ted didn't mind because he looked at the two of us, shook his head and said .... 'yep, it's me!'

Ron Bella, Riley '52

The Life story about **Eddie Rickenbacker** is long and full of achievements, but here is one I had not heard before; I would title it simply 'Forever Grateful'. One exploit of Rickenbacker's life while on a mission in the pacific theatre in 1942 the plane he was in was ditched in the ocean and he and the survivors were on a raft for 24 days. Because of his intense survivor determination all but one survived the ordeal with little food and water. As the story goes, a sea gull landed on the head of one of the men and they were able to grab it. They used every part of that gull for food, and bait to fish. Many years later Rickenbacker was seen daily at an ocean side park spreading food for the gulls and now you know why. By the way, his wife so believed in his survivor instinct that when the Navy called off the search for the lost men in the third week she insisted....with some clout....that the search continue. They were found the next week in bad physical condition, but alive...and Eddie himself lived until the mid 1970's. **Good stuff huh!**

## Yearbooks



If you have a copy of a yearbook you wish to donate please contact us. Many people are looking for a class book they lost over the years. If you are **looking for a yearbook** we may be able to help. We do ask for a donation which helps with our mission....Please go to our web site for complete information.



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Throughout the year we get a number of long distance calls and emails asking for class reunion information. When you are planning a reunion give us the details so we can pass it on to callers who want to know 'what's going on.' and we will post it on our web site too. Nothing to fear—we won't charge.



2009 South Bend Community Hall of Fame honorees. Starting at left: Don Cressy, Pat Cressy, David Sparks, Kathleen Sparks, Rev David Link, Nan Tulchinsky, Lynn Coleman, Pete Mullen, Bonnie Strycker, Mary Jane Stanley and Joan Lennon

PHOTOS BY JOSI DOYLE, HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE



Hall of Fame Banquet MC Bob Montgomery above, SBAA Chairman, Mark Turner extending an official Welcome and Nancy Sulok conducting press conference



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