

**AQUINAS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
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**NEWSLETTER
December, 2011**

We hope that this 106th year of our Alma Mater's founding was good to you and your families, and we wish you a Very Merry 2011 Christmas, and a healthy 2012. During 2011 we had 5 Alumni luncheons at the TAT, and one at the Aquinas Museum at Holy Family. Approximately 425 Alumni attended the luncheons. Please help us increase the attendance at the luncheons by calling a classmate to attend with you next year.

100 Years Ago

The academic year 1911-1912 was singularly important for our alma mater. The name of the institution was changed from St. Patrick's College to Aquinas College. The Aquinas Literary Society was incorporated by the State of Ohio to serve as the legal entity able to form a college and university staffed and administered by the Dominican Fathers in Columbus. With this charter, advertisements for the institution announced that the Dominican Fathers were prepared to offer three courses of study: The College Course, the High School Course, and the Commercial Course. The full College Course seems never to have been realized. In the 1920s, the school becomes known as Aquinas College High School, a name it held until its closing in 1965. Enrollment grew at St. Patrick's College from its founding. By 1911, the original building, known as the Meaney Building, was unable to handle adequately the increased number of students. Plans were developed in 1911 for what became the faculty house and four additional classrooms. Constructed in the spring of 1912, the new addition was ready for the school term beginning in September 1912.

Luncheons Planned for 2012

All of our luncheons (except September) will be on the first Monday of the month. The doors open at 11AM, a small program starts at 11:50AM, and lunch is at Noon.

April 2, 2012 – TAT

May 7, 2012 – Aquinas Museum

June 4, 2012 – TAT

August 6, 2012– TAT

September 10, 2012 - TAT

October 1, 2012 – TAT

Please remember to write these dates down on your calendars. Those with email addresses will receive monthly reminders, but this will be the only reminder for those without email. We will also post the luncheon dates on the website. Please bring canned goods, useful clothing and toiletries which we will contribute to the Holy Family Food Pantry for the homeless. Lunch is \$13 with \$1 going to the Association, and \$1 buys you one 50/50 ticket. Since we do not charge dues (we are strictly a social organization), money to pay our expenses come from the sale of 50/50 chances at the luncheons.

Aquinas Museum at Holy Family

If you have not yet seen our museum you owe it to yourself to make arrangements to see it. Our room at the Jubilee Museum is still slowly improving as more memorabilia comes in. If you have memorabilia that you think would be of interest to your fellow alumni, please contact one of us at the number or email address shown below. Our next opportunity to visit as a group will be at our May 7, 2012 luncheon. You can make other arrangements by contacting John Cross (614-876-2011, Johnfcross@aol.com) or Lou Nobile (614-451-4477, lngolf57@att.net) or Don Schlegel (614-771-9090, dmschlegel@juno.com). John Cross did a great job collecting all of the class composites and having them copied and mounted, but we are still missing the Class of 1921. If anyone knows or has any idea where one might be, please contact Don or John.

Aquinas Scholarship Endowment Fund

The primary sources of revenue for this charity are the Charlie Mentel Memorial Golf Tournament held in June, a raffle, and donations. The 19th annual tournament being held next year will be Friday, June 15, 2012. The golf tournament and raffle were very successful this year contributing over \$29,500 to the Fund. This year \$25,075 was given out in scholarships. Since its inception over \$257,500 in scholarships to area Catholic High Schools have been given to deserving 8th grade graduates of Parochial schools in the Columbus Diocese. We can all help perpetuate the fund and the Aquinas name by either participating in the golf tournament, buying the raffle tickets which are sent out in the spring, or making a donation (consider leaving something in your will). Contact Bob Frank (1964) at 513-494-2544 or Gary Mangini (1963) at 740-549-0980 to find out how you can help. Applications for the scholarships are on file at all of the principle's offices of the Diocesan schools. Brochures allowing contributions in lieu of flowers for deceased alumni have been given to Columbus area funeral homes. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the brochure, contact Barb Mangini at 740-549-0980 or favauntb@wowway.com.

Masses for Deceased Alumni

Father Dick McAlister, OP (1952), says Masses for our deceased Alumni and sends the survivors a nice remembrance card. During 2011 through November 1st, we had 33 Masses said. Our spirit chairman, Joe Selegue (1943), reviews the obituary columns in the Dispatch and The Catholic Times. We depend upon Alumni to let us know of deaths of classmates now residing outside of Columbus. Please contact Joe at 614-231-3368 or joeselegue@att.net.

Annual St. Charles/ Aquinas Alumni Golf Challenge Outing

The 5th annual golf challenge was held in August at the Willow Run GC and we were the hosts. We had 24 of our Alumni participate. The Aquinas team was victorious so the record is now 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. It will be St. Charles' turn to host the event next year, and it will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2012 at Riviera Country Club. The alumni from both schools feel that it is a very fun and worthwhile event. If you would like to participate please contact Frank Roberts at 614-861-3037 or froberts2@aol.com.

Aquinas Senior League Softball

We will again field a team in the over "60" league which plays on Mondays and Wednesdays at Berliner Park. Last year we had about 20 players including 15 Aquinians. This is another chance to wear the green and gold "**just one more time**". If you are interested please contact either John Tonti at 614-457-2427(johnntonti@aol.com) or Mike Whitehead at 614-538-9753

New Aquinas High School

3 years ago we sent a letter to the Diocese requesting that they consider using the Aquinas name for the next high school that they build. We received a nice reply stating that no new high schools were planned; however, they would record our interest. Several weeks ago we were approached by Board Members of the new Christo Rey High School being planned for the Columbus Diocese. The school plans to open in 2013. It will be an employer-sponsored school that provides a coeducational, Catholic, college preparatory education for urban youth with limited economic resources. The board members wanted to know if we still had an interest in naming a new high school Aquinas. We stated that we were willing to discuss the opportunity, and they are to get back to us with a proposal. We will keep you informed.

Website

Our website, www.columbusaquinas.com, is run by our webmaster, John Cross (1952) (actually, his son John) and is a good place to receive information regarding your Alumni Association. The "Message Board" on the site is a good way to pass on information to your old classmates. If you want to communicate with a particular alumnus, there is information on the front page of the site on how to obtain an address, phone number or email address.

Email Addresses Needed

Obviously, the more email addresses we have, the less our mailing cost will be. We have about 1778 still living names on our roster, and about 470 of them have email addresses. If you have an email address and are not positive that we have it, please send it to Lou Nobile at Lngolf57@att.net. If you have a new mailing address or phone number, please send it to us at the address shown in our letterhead.

Financial Report

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| Beginning Cash (October 7, 2010) | | <u>\$3589</u> |
| Revenues – Luncheons and 50/50 sales | \$ 1241 | |
| Miscellaneous | 50 | |
| Golf Outing | 963 | |
| All Alumni Luncheon | <u>2288</u> | |
| Total revenues | \$4542 | |
| Expenses – Mass stipends | \$ 230 | |
| Newsletter/and postage | 1108 | |
| Mentel Memorial Sponsorship | 200 | |
| Website | 100 | |
| All Alumni Luncheon | 2126 | |
| Misc. | <u>114</u> | |
| Total Expenses | \$3878 | |
| Ending Cash (October 3, 2011) | | <u>\$4253</u> |

Alumni Statistics

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| Number of alumni believed to be still living - | 1778 |
| Number with addresses – | 1469 |

Living 1930s grads – **55**, 1940's – **405**, 1950's - **756**, and 1960's – **562**
Our youngest Alumni turn 63 this December!!

Alumni Officers

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| President – Lou Nobile, 1957 | Historian – Tony Lisska, 1958 |
| Past President and Co-curator – John Cross, 1952 | Spirit Chairman – Joe Selegue -1943 |
| Vice president – Dick Schneider, 1957 | Sergeant of Arms – John DiSabato -1945 |
| Treasurer – Paul Nobile, 1957 | Event Chairman – Frank Roberts, 1958 |
| Co-curator – Don Schlegel, 1965 | |

2011 All Alumni Luncheon

An all Alumni luncheon was held on Saturday August 20, 2011 in Columbus at the Mentel Memorial Golf Course. The event was successful with 136 in attendance. Those in attendance unanimously voted to have a similar event in 2012. We have tentatively selected Saturday August 18, 2012 for next year's luncheon which is for all Aquinas Alumni, their spouses, and friends. This will again be an informal gathering, and the only dress requirement is to wear something green and gold. We plan to honor the last Aquinas Varsity Athletic team to win a City League championship, the 1956 Baseball team. Before we can rent a hall and arrange a menu, we need to know how many will attend. We will try to manage the cost to about \$15 a person. Please cut off the reservation form below and mail it to us ASAP along with a check for \$15 for each person coming in your party. We will send details to those with reservations regarding time, place and menu once they have been finalized. Mail the form to:

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We look forward to seeing many of you in 2012. Please let us know if your Association can help you in any way.

Aquinas August 18, 2012 Luncheon Reservation

Please reserve ___ places(\$15/person) for me and my guest. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ covering the estimated cost.
Name _____ Year ___ Guest(s) _____