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## Alumni News

**Dr. Gary Clark '72** and wife Sherrie visited with Br. Ephrem and Academy officials in early August while registering his son Gary as a new Trojan. Gary now has his own radio show in addition to hosting his long-running television show. Gary keeps in frequent contact with his '72 classmates via Facebook and soirées in his Baton Rouge home. Some serious discussion about the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June 2012 is ongoing.



Three **former Academy teachers** visited various monks on a hot (112° F) August 3. James Rankin, former math teacher and coach, **John Figari '83**, foreign language teacher, and **Benno Schluterman '53**, former headmaster. Figari teaches Spanish and French at Verde Valley School, a co-educational boarding school in Arizona.

**Tom Schad '03** wrote: “In Hawaii, I was attending a NASA teaching workshop on the Big Island and then I spent a few days on Maui working with a collaborator of mine. . . .I've been stuck for too long in the Tucson desert where fishing is pretty much nonexistent.”

**Steve Goebel '78**, an infection control specialist in San Antonio, TX, became a grandfather June 11.

**David W. Willmann '69**, CAPT(Ret) USN provided the following: “As always, I look forward to, and enjoy, catching up on Subi news through your emails. I am a little late on this update, but we are very proud in our family to have celebrated the graduation of our youngest daughter, Megan, from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in May. The graduation speaker was President Obama and I was privileged to put my uniform back on (8 years since I retired) and to commission Megan as an Ensign in the Coast Guard. Megan is assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter DECISIVE, home-ported out of Pascagoula, MS. It is a 210 foot long cutter, assigned to patrol the Gulf and the Carribean.”

**Bobby Harris '93** spent almost 10 years with Clear Channel as the Global Creative Tech Director , and five and a half years with Nike Corporate in Oregon as the Global Apple Architect. He recently accepted a new position/promotion running IT operations for Cole Haan (a Nike brand) in NYC. He now works in downtown Manhattan and misses his commute to Heard Hall. Bobby said to tell Br. Jude that he owes him.

**Jerry Pye '67** updated us: “Just letting folks know that I'm now in Italy. I accepted a 3-yr position as Family Advocacy Program Manager, responsible for handling all domestic violence (spouse & child abuse) for United States Army Garrison-- Vicenza, Italy. My main focus will be Family Wellness and Prevention & Training in mitigating domestic violence whenever/wherever we find it.”

**Steve Susi '89** wrote: “Recently I've volunteered my time to help found a new company dedicated to screening high school athletes for cardiac-related illness called **mCORE™** (Mobile Cardiac Overview and Risk Evaluation). Our new website — still in "beta" — has just launched:

<http://mCOREathletes.com>.

Abbot Jerome, Fr. Hugh, and Glenn Constantino attended a surprise ceremony for **John Beuerlein '71** at the Edward Jones headquarters in St. Louis. John was honored for his 35 years of service at Edward Jones.

**Patrick Weigant '11** became an Eagle Scout on August 10, 2011.

**Seth Buckman '08** is a senior at the University of Central Arkansas.

**John Zagursk '07** is getting married this December.

**Urban Terbieten '43** sent greetings from Finland, from Russia, and also from the Middle East in August.

**Msgr. Thomas Weinzapfel '39** recently had a celebration for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.

**Pierson Callahan '89** communicated this news items recently: "I am out of the office for a couple of days. I type this as my newborn son sleeps on my chest."

**Peter McLain '93**, a mechanic for American Airlines in Tulsa, is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the diaconate training program.

**Ryan Cravens '06** works at Cravens Abstract and Title Company in Paris and is an Appraiser for Harman Appraisal and Consulting Firm. He is engaged to Britne Kuykendall.

According to **Jason George '03**, **Ralph Duda '03** and **Jeston George '95** are operating a successful advertising/marketing business in Little Rock.

**Dr. David Zubalik '50** died Sept 7, 2010.

**Clay Gilliland '81** recounted his experience during June 2011:

"After many years of climbing various peaks in the US and abroad, including, Mt. Ranier 3 times (14,411'), Kilimanjaro in Africa (19,300'), and Orizaba in Mexico (18,600'), the one at the top of my bucket list was Mt. McKinley in Alaska, also known as Denali as called by the local Indians and means "The High One." After flying onto the glacier to base camp at about 7,000 ft, we began climbing. The mountain is huge and takes approximately 3 weeks to climb the 25 miles to the summit of 20,300 feet. After 2 weeks of great weather and successfully making it to 17,000 ft, the highest base camp, and setting up camp on the West Buttress of the mountain, the weather turned bad. It was -30 degrees or so at night and snowed 4 feet over the next several days. Suffering from altitude sickness I was forced to go down on day 16. There were 4 other members of our team (9 started out) that remained at 17 k for 3 more days to try for the summit but the weather never improved.

"The mountain is so pristinely beautiful. The West Buttress Route dominated by the Kahiltna Glacier for the majority of the early route and surrounded by other peaks of note including Mt. Foraker and Mt. Hunter. (Btw, of the 17 attempts to climb Mt. Foraker this year, none made the summit.) It was a success in my book; I learned alot, got to meet a bunch of fellow climbers from all over the world, and challenged myself in one of the most beautiful places on earth! It was truly a spiritual experience."

## Academy News

The **2011-2012 academic year** began with an enrollment of 172 students, 112 boarders and 60 day students. Nine countries and 12 states are represented in the student body.

Abbot Jerome, homilist at the Mass opening the school year, explained the significance of the senior rings: "On this important day we officially begin the school year and the seniors receive their rings, signifying their acceptance of leadership," Abbot Jerome Kodell, O.S.B., said in the Sunday, August 21, 2011, homily. Abbot Jerome continued, "Rings are a sign of leadership, or maturity . . . but the ring doesn't make anything happen; the one who wears it makes it happen or fails to make it happen." He compared this moment, the beginning of the senior year, to a hang glider who needs the "courage to step off the mountain and into the air . . . so that he can soar." Similarly each senior hopefully will really take off.

The homily concluded with the admonition for seniors to take their role seriously, “to live up to the ring.” Abbot Jerome reminded the seniors, underclassmen, parents, and monks to realize that Jesus will always be with us during this exciting time, this new school year.

The Academy **Golf** team competed in five matches during August.

**Dr. E.J. Chauvin '77** and Dr. Karen Hollenbeck have been elected to serve on the **Academy Board of Trustees**.

Jody Chauvin, son of E.J. and Yvonne, a member of the Academy’s 125<sup>th</sup> graduation class, is the current **Student Council President**.

Generous alumni and friends have contributed \$89,500.00 for the new Main Building dormitory furniture, \$17,500.00 still being needed. To help out on this project, please contact the development office, 479-934-1001 or you can make a donation online at <http://www.subi.org/Abbey/donate.php>.

Sixteen **new students** have close connections to Subiaco alumni, e.g., son, brother, grandson, nephew.

The Trojan **tennis team** beat Dardanelle easily, but lost to Mena 2-5. Alex Sharum, son of **Leo '79**, was victorious in singles.

## Abbey News

The Abbey’s **viticulturist** stated recently: “Many thanks to all who helped in the grape harvest. Despite the hot weather we were able to keep the grapes watered throughout the summer. We believe it was the third best harvest in the last ten years. And Br. Anselm is busy in the cellar.”



The Abbey **Carpenter Shop** recently received a donation (from Richard Grace of Russellville) of a computer numerically controlled router. Br. Jude has spent many hours learning the accompanying software program and plans to create wood carvings, bas reliefs, and decorative items for sale in the Coury House Bookstore.

Eight people became **Oblates of Subiaco Abbey** at Vespers on August 27, 2011. Those making oblations were Pat Baker, Don Berend, Daphne Berend, Mary Holder, Tom McMahon, Anita McMahon, Carol Rayl, and Betty Saveth. Fr. Mark is the Oblate Director.

**Richard Udouj '79** and Derrick Elkins will be invested as **novices** on September 7, 2011.

The **first profession of monastic vows** by Novices Patrick Richey and Brian Owens will take place during Vespers on September 8, 2011.

Three men will be coming to Subiaco to begin the one-year period as **candidates** for the monastic life.

**Br. Patrick Boland, O.S.B.**, is studying for the priesthood at St. Vincent Archabbey Seminary in Latrobe, PA.

Fifty-seven (57) head from the **Abbey Angus** herd have been trucked to the pastures of **Steve Schmitz '91**, due to Subiaco’s dry weather and lack of sufficient hay.

**George Lensing '95** and Steve Wilmes of the **Abbey and Academy Development Department** visited with sixteen Tulsa area alumni and friends in August. Visits in Little Rock in late August are planned, as is an August 31 gathering in Memphis (Br. Ephrem, Abbot Jerome, and Headmaster Rob Loia will also attend this event). Tim Tencleve and George will visit alumni and friends in Houston, TX, September 25-28, 2011. George will be in Carrboro, North Carolina, and surrounding areas October 11-17, 2011. Br. Ephrem, Abbot Jerome, and Headmaster Rob Loia will travel with George and Steve to an October 30 North Texas gathering (10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at the recently renovated historic St. Peter’s Church in Lindsay, TX). This same group will attend a gathering of alumni and friends in St. Louis on November 11, 2011. George will travel to Seattle on November 12 to meet former Academy football coach Chris Carlisle and area alumni.

**Input request – please send updates about your own activities or information about your Subiaco classmates for the October issue of this e-newsletter.**