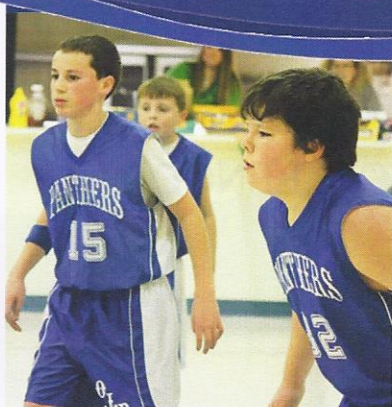


Spring 2013



# Peace Spirit *and* Pride



Annual Report

# Our Lady of Peace 2012-2013



## Our Mission

As pastor, principal, faculty, students, parents, parishioners...

We Are the People of



PRAYER



ENCOURAGEMENT & EXAMPLE



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



COMMUNITY, COMMITMENT,  
COVENANT



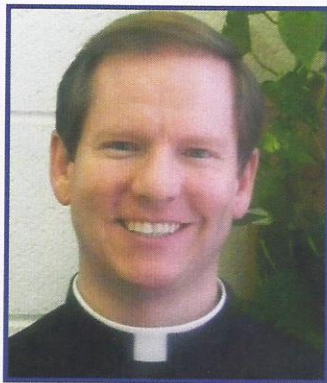
ESTEEM FOR OURSELVES AND  
OTHERS



Our lady of Peace School

[www.olpschool.org](http://www.olpschool.org)

# Messages of Peace



## Message from the Pastor

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This wonderful school continues to be one of the greatest joys of my priesthood! I want to thank you for your tremendous support for without you we could not steadily advance in the ways we have. The new lighting and windows have brightened our way and the Peace Center will soon be completely painted and furnished with a new floor- God is so good! Our school is ascending to new heights- we are projecting close to 260 students for next year under the guidance and leadership of Mrs. Reilly and her amazing faculty. Together, may we continue to form the minds, hearts and souls of the leaders of tomorrow to labor for Christ and His Kingdom!

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Dennis".

Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.  
Pastor



## Message from the Principal

Dear People of Peace

This fiftieth anniversary year has been an exciting journey for us. Last year we invited you to join with us in "Lighting the Future." In the spirit of Father Lee and initial members, goals were set for facility and program to provide the best environment and education for the young people and all parishioners at Our Lady of Peace. As the foundation was laid fifty years ago, the strength of that foundation remains paramount. With your generous investments these goals were achieved:

New energy efficient windows were installed

New window shades were added to the classrooms

New energy efficient lighting was added to all the building

Wireless technology access was added with class sets of laptops and iPads

What accomplishments in a year! You truly have illuminated our future. The true essence of Peace has always been, and remains to be found, in the Light of Christ. So, in the words of that childhood song: "Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine" for Our Lady of Peace.

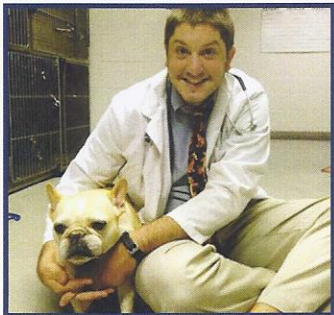
In Peace and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C'Ann Reilly".

C'Ann Reilly  
Principal

# Alumni Highlights

## Dr. Jonathan Blackwell DVM



Dr. Jonathan Blackwell DVM, OLP graduate of 2001, has graduated from Tuskegee University School of Veterinary Medicine in May of 2013. Jonathan graduated from West Virginia University in 2009 with a BS in Animal Sciences and went on to Tuskegee University in

Alabama to complete his doctorate. Jonathan is the son of proud parents Jack and Sandi Blackwell.

## Addie Schneid



Addie Schneid, Class of 2008 and daughter of 8th grade teacher, Renee Schneid, returned to her alma mater to share her first published book with OLP's Kindergarten and First Grade classes. Addie has just finished her Freshman year at West Virginia University in Elementary

Education. Her dream of writing a children's book began when she was 15 and culminated last fall with her writing "Shelly on the Seashore." She was able to get her book published through Authorhouse and it is now available on Amazon.com. In the book, Shelly the seashell travels throughout the world on the ocean's currents. She visits and makes friends around the globe before finally washing ashore at Myrtle Beach, SC. Addie wanted to use the story to teach children about world geography. She hopes to continue writing books. Way to go, Addie! OLP is so proud of you!!

## David Park and Chase Harler

David Park, Class of 2010, and Chase Harler, Class of 2012, received awards from the Wheeling Elks Lodge No. 28 as Ohio County Co-Athletes of the Month for March 2013. David and Chase led the Maroon Knights to an improbable run to the State Semi-Finals at the recent Boys State Basketball Tournament.

## Jodie Gantzer

Jodie Gantzer, Class of 2000, is getting married this coming August in California.

## Jena Saseen



Jena Saseen graduated from Our Lady of Peace in 2002 and was an Honors Cum Laude graduate of Bishop Donahue High School in 2006. She then went on to Wheeling Jesuit University where she received her undergraduate degree in both

Elementary Education and History-Secondary Education in 2010. She received her Masters in Educational Leadership in 2013 and received her certification in Teaching English as a Foreign Language in 2012. She currently resides in Shanghai, China teaching English to elementary students. She sends a very special "Thank you" out to all the teachers she had at OLP and BDHS. They were the true inspiration for her to become a teacher!

## Sr. Frances Feeley, SM and Sr. Colleen Morris, SM



Sr. Frances Feeley, SM, left, and Sr. Colleen Morris, SM stopped by to visit their old stomping grounds. The Marist sisters and former OLP teachers currently live in East Pointe, Michigan.

## Cooper Blair

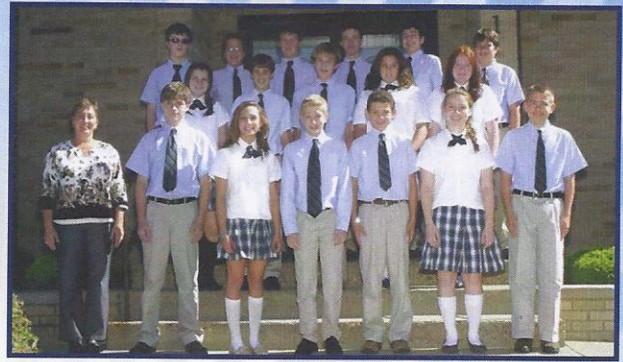


The Wheeling Elks Lodge No. 28 has initiated including grade school students in the Athlete of the Month award. The March 2013 Marshall County Athlete of the Month award was given to Our Lady of Peace 3rd Grader, Cooper Blair, Class of 2018. Despite losing both legs at an early age, Cooper has been a standout in the youth basketball, baseball and hockey leagues in Marshall County.

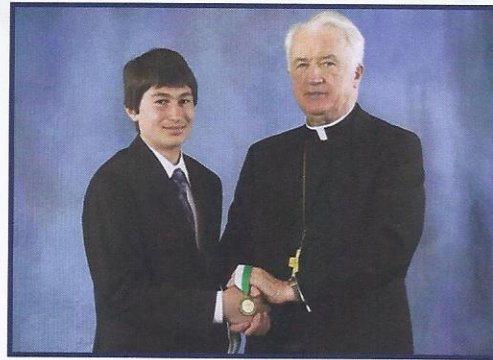
# OUR LADY OF PEACE GRADUATIONS



**Class of 1963**



**Class of 2013**



**Jaren Straughn**

**2013 Diocesan Aquinas Recipient**  
Bishop's Dinner for Catholic School

## PREVIOUS DIOCESAN AQUINAS RECIPIENTS



1996

Andy Thalman



1997

Melanie Sechrest



1998

Joseph Saverimuttu



1999

Lindsey Pastorius



2000

Heather Schneid



2001

Jessica Blackwell



2002

Caitlyn Kish



2003

Samantha Simon



2004

Jessica Hays



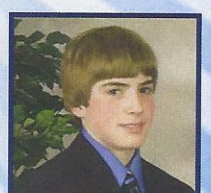
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Rachel Lauri



2006

Paul Henry



2007

Ian Schau



2008

Monica Mason



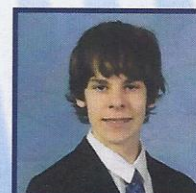
2009

Sarah Henry



2010

Daniel Callahan



2011

Adler Roth



2012

Coleton Berletch

# Our Lady of Peace School Awards in the Fiftieth Year



Presentation at NCEA Convention  
in Houston, TX

Today's Catholic Teacher National  
Catholic School of Tomorrow Innovations in  
Education Award 2013

Our Lady of Peace also received  
the award in 2010



Wheeling Chamber of Commerce  
2013 Teacher of the Year

**Mrs. Maureen Thalman Kerr**

Class of 1994  
OLP Middle School Teacher



**Mrs. Grace Kolibash**

2013 Bishop's Cross Recipient

*"The People of Peace have been blessed with Amazing  
Grace through the person of Grace Kolibash."*



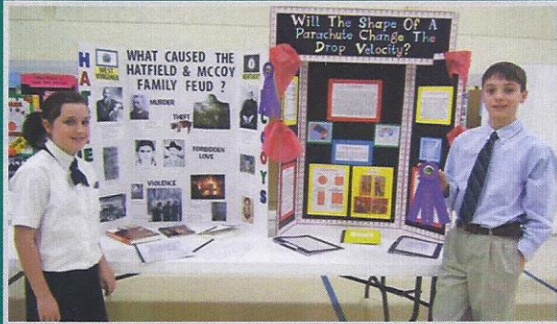
Cancer Research Classic  
Game Ball presented to

**Erin Roth**

for her contributions to  
Our Lady of Peace School

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

## OLP Academic Fair Best in Show Awards



**Social Studies**  
Madison Menendez  
**Science**  
Chris Costain

## Regional Social Studies Fair

Madison Menendez – First Place  
US History

Allyson Berletch – First Place  
World History

Caitlyn Robinson – First Place  
Local & State Studies



## Mt. Olivet Lions Essay Winners

Brayden Carter – Grade 8

Cameron Lloyd – Grade 7

## Mt. Olivet Lions Peace Poster Contest

Sarah Reidel



## Diocesan Science Fair

Nate Rush – First Place

Chris Costain – Second Place

Elana Polenski – Third Place

Alyssa Bartsch, Cubby Varner –  
Superior Distinction

## West Liberty Science Fair

Nate Rush – Third Place  
Mathematics

Isabel Reilly – Honorable Mention  
Environmental & Social Science

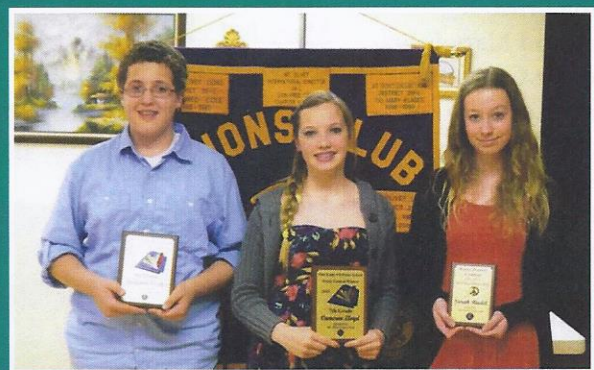
## Diocesan Social Studies Fair

Madison Menendez – First Place

Caitlyn Robinson – Second Place

Allyson Berletch – Third Place

Michael Reilly, Julie Schlanz, Hailey  
Dobrzynski – Superior Distinction



## National Geography Bee Qualifier

Isabel Reilly

## Marshall County Math Day

Bobby Geyer (Grade 4) – First Place

16 Superior Ribbons were awarded to the  
Our Lady of Peace Math  
Team members

# 2012-2013 Advancement Gifts

In this Fiftieth Anniversary Year our gratitude is extended for your investment in our future and our mission

## Gifts of \$10,000 or above

Carmella Battaglino  
Dr. John Battaglino, Jr.

Virginia Battaglino  
George & Lenora Ferdinand  
C'Ann & Phil Reilly

Ray & Marilyn Thalman  
A Special Friend

## Gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999

Jean Curran Moses

Susan Curran McGlaughlin

Marc & Amy Schneid Yester

## Gifts of \$1,000-\$4,999

Kathleen Antonucci  
John & Janet Callahan

Roy & Sylvia Huggins  
Curt & Katie Oliver  
Ron & Kitty Patrick

Randy Weisner  
Bruce & Sandee Wilson

## Gifts of \$500-\$999

Walter & Pat Doran  
Trey Dunlevy

Jodie Gantzer  
Angelo Jafrate  
Jim & Marilyn Schnupp

Bill & Sally Sechrest

## Gifts of \$200-\$499

Stuart Bloch  
Howard & Pat Dabrowsky  
Fred & Mary Games  
Terry & Tammy Kirkland

Alan & Bobbie Landers  
Dick & Sheree Leffe  
John & Chris Mazelon  
Daniel Montgomery  
Tom & Tess Morando

Beth Narrish  
Col. Judith Sanders  
Rick & Cel Schneid

## Gifts to \$200

Jane Albert  
Doug & Lee Bentz  
Curt & Alexa Blinco  
Peter & Erin Cuffaro  
Rob & Sherrie Dunlevy  
James Ebbert  
Joe & Donna Ernst  
M/M Alfred and Mary Felici  
Mike & Debbie Gantzer  
David & Ann Gaudino  
Greg & Patty Gompers  
Joseph & Annetta Griffin  
Mary Jo Guidi  
Steve Gulajski

Rebecca Guy  
Ross & Phyllis Hill  
Holly Hobbs  
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Hofreuter  
Tom & Christine Holmes  
Gary Horvath  
Richard & Wave Humway  
Mark & Jennifer Jarrett  
Mary Jo Keim  
Betty Kemp  
Mark & Donna Kemp  
Steve & Maureen Kerr  
Ron & Barb Klug  
Lora Kociban  
Grace Kolibash

George & Jane Krupica  
Paul & Genny Kudlak  
Jason & Marcie Lehrke  
Greg & Lisa Marquart  
Jack & Marlene McGovern  
Howard & Delores Nikolaus  
Lauren O'Dea  
Bob & Karen Palmer  
Victor & Vicki Paul  
Sue Pokwatka  
Wilfredo & Martha Tiu  
Chuck & Judy Wallace  
Bill & Latrisha Whitelatch  
Kevin & LeeAnn Wilmot  
Bill Reddy

Matt & Diane Schau  
Jack & Patty Schellhase  
Mark & Lori Simon  
Bob & Connie Stahl  
Kim Starcovic  
Debby Stauver  
Jane Straughn  
Erma Tatar  
Chris & Erica Wilson  
Ed & Vera Witzberger  
M/M Michael Young

**Total Gifts:**  
**\$238,890**

## Contributions were made in memory of:

Albert Family members  
Nello Antonucci  
Deceased members of Battaglino Family  
Matthew & Margaret Berletch  
Chic & Virginia Curran  
Ginny Lee Ebbert  
Becky Gadell  
Mary Louise & Charles Gantzer  
Steve & Donna Gulajski  
Frances Heise  
Grace Hill  
Fr. Raymond Jablinske  
Charlotte Jackley

Robert & Teresa Jafrate  
Jared Kirkland  
John Kiss  
Andy Kociban  
Tom & Karen Kolibash  
Fr. Robert E. Lee  
Deceased members of Mazelon Family  
Sam Mecodangelo  
Genevieve Mitan  
Herman & Dorothy Montgomery  
Pete Morando  
Mike Moses  
Deceased members of Paul Family  
Shawna Salatino

Dorothy Shrieve  
Anne M. Stahl  
John & Rose Voyda  
Witzberger Family members

## Contributions were made in honor of:

Jane Albert family members  
Trey Dunlevy  
Betty Kemp  
Aimee & Jennifer Pokwatka  
Cel & Rick Schneid  
Chris, Amy & Michael Wilson



# True Blue Society

Our Lady of Peace recognizes individuals and families who have given to the Annual Fund consecutively for the past 5 years. They have shaped our future.

**Kathleen Antonucci**

**Carmella Battaglino**

**Dr. John Battaglino, Jr.**

**Virginia Battaglino**

**John & Janet Callahan**

**Howard & Pat Dabrawsky**

**Rob & Sherrie Dunlevy**

**Joe & Donna Ernst**

**A Special Friend**

**Gary Horvath**

**Mary Jo Keim**

**Betty Kemp**

**Mark & Donna Kemp**

**Grace Kolibash**

**Dick & Sheree Leffe**

**Howard & Delores Nikolaus**

**Lauren O'Dea**

**Bill Reddy**

**Jack & Patty Schellhase**

**Rick & Cel Schneid**

**Jim & Marilyn Schnupp**

**Bill & Sally Sechrest**

**Erma Tatar**

**Ray & Marilyn Thalman**

**Ed & Cindee Yahn**

## Legacy Society

The Our Lady of Peace Legacy Society was established to acknowledge members of the parish and school who want to financially support the legacy of Peace through a bequest or as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

Miss Carmella Battaglino

Dr. John Battaglino, Jr.

Miss Virginia Battaglino

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Blatt

Dr. John Braddock

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Braddock

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferdinand

Rev. Raymond Jablinske

Rev. Robert E. Lee

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis G. Mason

Mr. and Mrs. George Saseen

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilson

## Thank you to our Community Friends

### Partners in Education

Bayer Corporation

Wheeling Hospital

### Grants Received From

Bayer Corporation

Bishop Schmitt Memorial Fund

Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

- Insurance Investment

- Tuition Assistance Program

IBM Corporate Affairs

New Horizons Trust Fund

Raskob Foundation

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth  
Foundation

Title Grant Funds

Target

### Scholarship Endowment

Charles & Mary Gantzer  
Scholarship

(funded by their children)

### Community Donors

A E Pelley

Allied Plate Glass

Altmeyer Funeral Homes

Auto Choice

Berry, Kessler, Crutchfield &  
Taylor

Black Sheep Vineyard

Bowman Law Offices

Thomas Burgoyne

Capital Business Interiors

Cardinal Business Forms

Carney & Sloan, Inc.

Centre Town Fitness

Chris Miller Furniture

Coleman's Fish Market

Comcast

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*Community Friends Continued...*

Dairy Queen  
DeFelice Bros. Pizza  
Domino's Pizza  
Delegate Mike Ferro  
Full House Entertainment  
Ghaphery Law Offices  
Glen Dale Animal Hospital  
Grisell Funeral Homes  
Home & School  
Howard Long Wellness Center  
Howard's Diamond Center  
J K Tank Rentals  
K of C Council 12195  
Kalkreuth Roofing

Kepner Funeral Homes  
Senate President Jeff Kessler  
Commissioner Orphy Klempa  
Scott Klinkoski  
Klug's Greenhouse  
Kucera Plumbing & Heating  
Ladies Auxiliary K of C  
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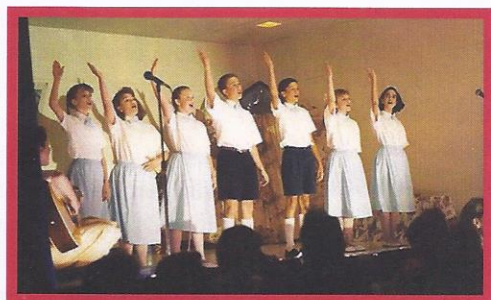
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Strauss Ind.  
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WesBanco  
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WV Catholic Foundation  
Phillips, Gardill, Kaiser & Altmeyer, PLLC  
PPG Industries Foundation



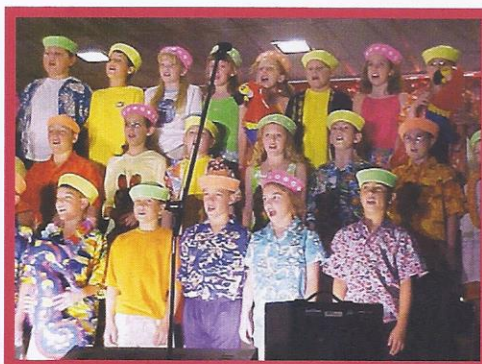
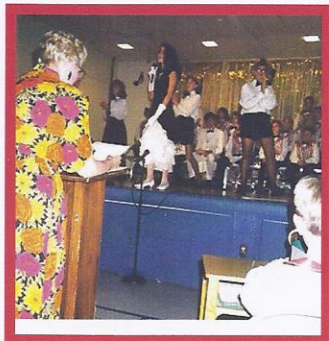
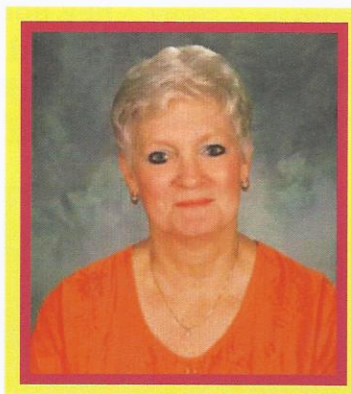
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## BROADWAY

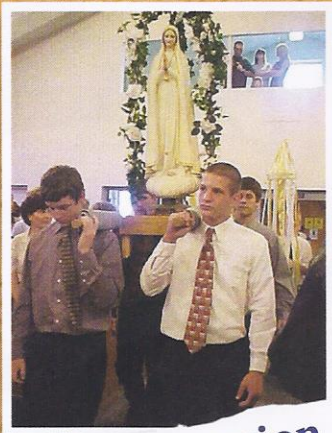
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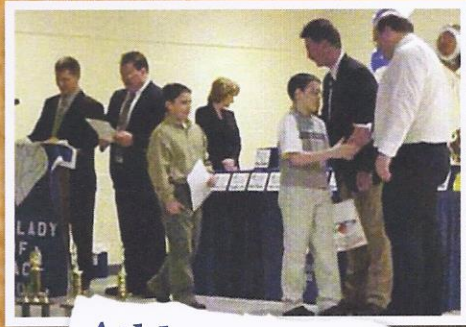
*Honoring*  
**Mrs. Bonnie Milam**  
Our Lady of Peace Teacher



# Spring Traditions



May Procession



Athletic Banquet



Pre-School/Kindergarten Ceremony



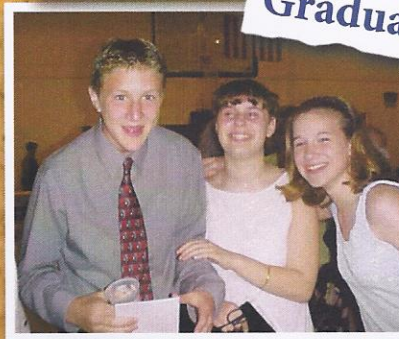
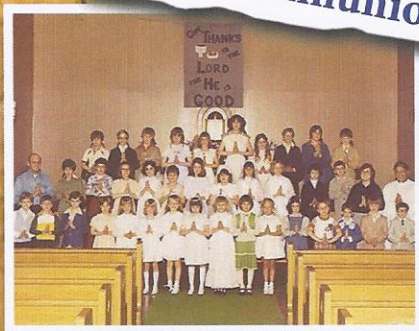
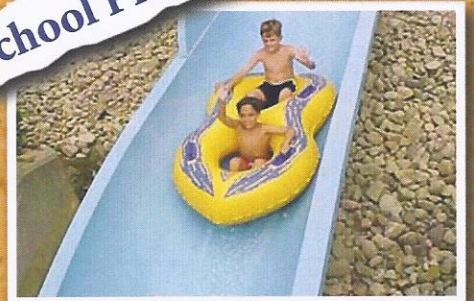
First Communion



Graduation



School Picnic

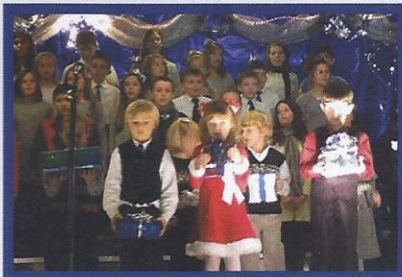
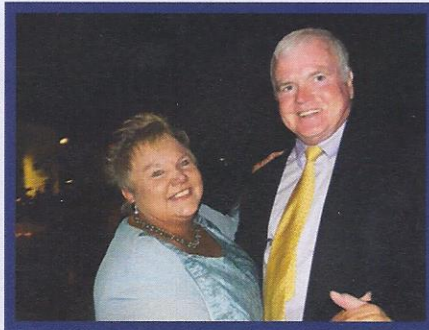




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