

Mrs. Bowling Recognized for Years of Service



At the Fall 2013 Professional Day hosted by the Catholic Schools Office for the Diocese of Little Rock, Carol Bowling received recognition among her peers for her 25 years of service in Catholic Schools. Carol, a 1980 SH graduate, attained a BS in Elementary Education and Early Childhood from Arkansas Tech University in 1988. She began her career at Sacred Heart in 1988 as the third grade teacher where she has remained since. "I love third grade. They are old enough to write really good stories, and can work. I have had every opportunity to change grade levels from K - 6, but I will never give up my third grade," said Mrs. Bowling.

In addition to teaching, Carol was in charge of the Kids Club for 18 years, Beta Club for three years, and served as Elementary Coordinator for four years. "It is pretty cool that I have been here at Sacred Heart long enough to teach some of my former classmates' children and now former students' children," added Mrs. Bowling.

Sacred Heart Hosts Trivia Night

On January 25th, Sacred Heart School hosted Trivia Night. Nearly 200 people attended. We are very appreciative to our sponsors, food donors, volunteers and everyone who played trivia for SH, as well as to the event emcee Chris Kane of the KATV Channel 7 Daybreak show. It was a fun night and we are looking forward to next year! Photos are available on the Sacred Heart Facebook page.

Chris Kane from KATV Channel 7 Daybreak - emcee for Trivia Night - with his grandfather and Sacred Heart alum Clem Kordsmeier, '49



Rebel Plaza Pavers Still Available

If you missed the opportunity to claim your spot (or one for your family, your class, etc) on the Rebel Plaza, you will have the chance again this year. Sacred Heart School is now preparing to add names to the plaza over the summer. Pricing and information is available at www.sacredheartmorrilton.org



ENDOWMENT

Supporting the Future of Catholic Education at Sacred Heart

Legacy Society Launched and Founding Members named

On November 20th, Sacred Heart Catholic School Endowment Fund officially recognized the Founding Members of the newly formed Legacy Society. The Legacy Society was established to recognize those who have named the Endowment in their estate plans with gifts of any size. A full list of members is available at www.sacredheartmorrilton.org on the Endowment page and additional photos are posted on the school's facebook page. All members were presented with a certificate and the families of those who have already passed received on their behalf. During the event, it was also announced that the Endowment Fund had topped \$1M – a long-term goal for the Fund that provides direct operating support to the school every year. Established in 1986, the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund provides permanent, supplemental income for Sacred Heart Catholic School in Morrilton, Arkansas.



Founding members of the Legacy Society Ray ('53) and Pat Berkemeyer

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Sacred Heart Student Performance:

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Thursday, April 3rd for the student body

Saturday, April 5th Dinner Theater: Dinner begins 6:00pm with play at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 6th Matinee at 2:00pm

The SH Booster Club would like to thank area businesses who stepped up this year as game sponsors. We appreciate your continued generosity and support. This year's game sponsors included Hagans Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Koontz Electric, Inc., Mon-Ark Feed & Fertilizer, Inc., Mt. View Chevrolet, and United Steel Workers Local 13-1965.



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Sister Mary Gottspomer, former SH Principal

Sister Mary Gottspomer, SHCS principal until 1984, died at home at St. Mary of the Pines, Chatawa, Miss. on January 3, 2014. Born January 16, 1933, Sr. Mary was the sixth of ten children born to Joseph G. and Caroline (Vetter) Gottspomer in Hattiesville, AR. She finished her secondary education at Sacred Heart School where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. After profession of vows Sister taught children in primary and middle grades in several schools, eventually returning to her hometown of Morrilton where she was appointed elementary principal of Sacred Heart School for twelve years. In 1988, Sr. Mary became the first Arkansan to be recognized by the National Catholic Education Association with the

Distinguished Principal Award.

After 20 years as Principal of St. Peter Elementary School in Pine Bluff, Sister Mary retired to St. Mary of the Pines in 2004 where she assisted in the library and in the hobby shop for as long as her health allowed.

Memorials for Sr. Mary may be sent to St. Mary of the Pines; 3167 Old Hwy 51 South; Chatawa, Ms. 39657.

Sacred Heart Receives Grants for Security

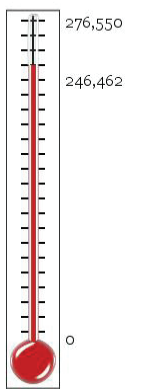
Over the past year, Sacred Heart School has been in the process of increasing campus security through the installation of cameras and electrified doors, both of which will help control access to SH buildings. Funds for these projects have been donor funded, partially through grant funds, including:

- \$5,000 from the Arkansas Community Foundation (ARCF), Conway County Legal Beverage Association Fund. ARCF makes grants to improve the quality of life in Arkansas and collaborates with individuals, families, and organizations to build local communities through philanthropy. ARCF ended the 2013 fiscal year with more than \$190 million in assets and has provided more than \$109.8 million in grants since it began operation in 1976. Contributions to ARCF, its funds and any of its 27 local affiliate offices are fully tax deductible. Visit www.arcf.org to learn more.
- \$3,500 from the Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) from the Diocese of Little Rock

Annual Fund Campaign Update

Thanks to VERY generous donors, we are now at 89% of our goal for this year's annual campaign. **We want to appeal to you to consider making a gift this school year, if you have not already done so.** Our funding priorities this year include:

- Renovation of North side of High School
- Renovation of Elementary bathrooms and completion of lobby bathrooms
- Security cameras, electrified doors, and accordion gates to block school access
- Playground enhancements, including the addition of pre-k playground and equipment and fall zones for safety
- Technology Improvements
- Tuition Assistance and Operating support



National Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Sacred Heart School celebrated with a variety of activities during the week of January 26-February 1st. Photos are available on our facebook page.

REUNIONS



The Sacred Heart Class of **2003** celebrated their 10 year reunion on Saturday, September 27, 2013 at the home of Chris & Mary Magie. It was catered by Vince Scherry from Road House BBQ. Nine out of the ten graduates attended the reunion. Bottom Left: Chris Magie, Laura (Dixon) Cochran, Amie (Dold) Widner, Daf (Fez) Leach. Top Left: Luke Hill, Charles Ruff, JR Congine, Zach Huett, & Brandon Resecker.

The Sacred Heart class of **1988** gathered at Yesterday's in October to celebrate their 25-year class reunion. They enjoyed reminiscing about old times and catching up with old friends! Classmates able to attend were Brenda Kordsmeier Wilson, Robert Riedmueller, Patti Andrews Bottoms, Cindy Ring Gottsponer, Tish Mahan, Tracy Kordsmeier Schichtl, Tracey Westcott Brannon, and Kim Hill Robertson.



The class of **1989** gathered at Yesterday's in Morrilton to plan for their upcoming 25th Reunion.

Sacred Heart classes of **1959 thru 1965**: Denis and Dixie Drilling invite classmates and their spouses/and/or friend to a reunion on Sunday, April 6th, at their farm in Hattieville, AR beginning at 11:30 am. Please RSVP by March 29th to your class contact.

Alumni Basketball Game Played



In November 2013, graduates from St. Joseph School in Conway and Sacred Heart at Morrilton played each other in a series of basketball games at the St. Joseph Family Activity Center. The competition was designed to raise money for the schools' Athletic Booster Clubs and included four divisions; Men Under 35, Women Over 35, Men Over 35, and Women Under 35. They played for the Rivalry Ball Trophy which was dedicated to the memory of the late Kathryn Mourot. She taught and coached at both Sacred Heart and St. Joseph between 1968-1991. The trophy went to the school that accumulated the most points over the four games. The final score was 116-86 in favor of St. Joseph. Next year's tournament will be played at Morrilton.

ALUMNI

Alum of the Year Awards Given



School Board President Norbert Gunderman and Alumna of the Year Marguerite Hoelzeman

Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012-2013 Alumnus and Honorary Alumnus of the Year awards. Both were recognized during the Homecoming ceremony on January 17, 2014.

This year's recipient for the Alumnus of the Year is Marguerite Thomey Hoelzeman.

Marguerite Thomey graduated from Sacred Heart School in 1948. She has worked full time in the Sacred Heart kitchen for over 37 years, but even during her high school days she worked in the lunch room.



Booster Club President John Fresneda and Honorary Alumnus of the Year Stan Willis

Through the years Marguerite has served Sacred Heart in many capacities. She held a position on the school board, was an officer of both the Altar Society and the Booster Club. Marguerite has spent over 70 years working and volunteering at Sacred Heart School. She has seen many generations walk through the cafeteria over the years and her cooking is legendary among Sacred Heart graduates.

For her tireless efforts and dedication to Catholic education, Sacred Heart is pleased to recognize Marguerite Hoelzeman as this year's Alumnus of the Year.

The Honorary Alumnus of the Year award was created to recognize individuals who, although they may not have attended and/or graduated from Sacred Heart, have shown great commitment and dedication to the school over the years. This year's recipient for the 2013-2014 Honorary Alumnus of the Year is Stan Willis.

Stan began his involvement with Sacred Heart in 1970 when he taught bookkeeping at the school in his first year out of college. During the 70's he also served on the Bazaar committee for seven years and he was one of seven men who reorganized the school board in order to keep the school open, despite the lack of subsidy from the parish and the pastor's intention to close Sacred Heart School. In 1986, he wrote the by-laws and started the Sacred Heart Endowment Fund with a gift of \$5,000 that was bequeathed by a deceased parish member. Today the Endowment Fund provides annual operating support for the school and is worth over \$1 million.

Stan has filled vital roles at the school and church over the years, including President of the School Board and member of the Parish Council and Booster Club. Stan is currently serving on the parish's Finance Committee, Cemetery Committee and Building and Grounds Committee and sings in the church choir. In 2011, he helped organize the "Friends of Sacred Heart" and helped lead the renovation of the former Youth Hall building where the pre-school now resides. Stan was also recently instrumental in raising the money and negotiating the purchase of property to increase the size of the Sacred Heart campus.

Sacred Heart is pleased to acknowledge Stan's years of service to Sacred Heart and to recognize him as this year's Honorary Alumnus of the Year.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Alumnus of the Year	Honorary Alumnus of the Year
2012-2013 David Ruff, '65	2012-2013 Pedro Fresneda
2011-2012 Denis Drilling, '57	2011-2012 Jack Kordsmeier
2010-2011 Fred Hoelzeman, '48	2010-2011 Terry Resecker

ALUMNI NEWS



Kim (Resecker, '06) and Andrew Liley were married on September 21, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church, with a reception to follow at KC hall with their close friends and family. After graduating from SH, Kim received a Bachelors degree from UCA and Certificate of Occupa-

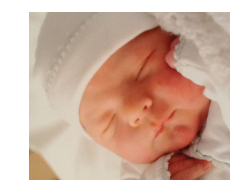
tional Therapy Assistant from Baptist Medical. She currently works at Peds Plus in Russellville. About their wedding day, Kim says "The best part was having our family and friends there and being able to share such a happy moment with everyone we love. The day couldn't have been more perfect and we are blessed to be apart of the SH family!" Kim and Andrew celebrated their honeymoon at Rivera Maya in Mexico.

Edward ('97) and Carey Wiedower ('97) Ruff welcomed baby Isabella Quinn on November 26, 2013. She weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz. Baby Quinn has one proud, three year old sister, Gabbi.



Josh and Amy (Dunlap, '01) Rehm, along with daughter Abigail, of Conway welcomed their son, Elijah David Rehm, on October 21, 2013. Elijah weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Eric and Anna (Dunlap, '06) Noland of Opelousa announce the birth of their daughter, Piper Olivia Noland, born at 2:46 p.m., Friday October 18, 2013. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. Piper was also welcomed by big sister Ella.



Brad ('94) & Misty (Beck, '96) Willbanks of Conway announce their third son, Worth Thomas Willbanks. He was born on Monday, January 27 at 12:30 pm at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. He weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 18 in long. Big brothers include SH students Beck (kindergarten) and Sebastian (pre-k).



Abby (Zimmerman, '02) and Matt Parham welcomed their third child, Ealyn Marie on November 25, 2013. She was 7lbs, 8oz and measured 20 1/2 inches. Big brother Brayden is in kindergarten and big sister Ansley will start pre-k in the fall.



Angie (Gunderman, '80) McCarter was recently named as a Rising Republican Star by the Alabama Republican Party. Angie has lived in Huntsville, Alabama for 30 years where she has been involved in

her community, as well as in federal, state and local politics. She currently serves as the Vice President of Government and External Affairs for Davidson Technologies in Huntsville. Previous political posts have included Press Secretary for the Wayne Parker for Congress campaign in 1994 and political consultant in several congressional races. She also worked on the Alan Keyes's 1996 presidential campaign, served as Executive Director of the Alabama Aerospace, Science and Industry Commission, and was the north Alabama Field Director for U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions, as well as his press secretary in his 2002 senatorial campaign. She has served in leadership positions for a multitude of boards; she and her husband Tim have one son and one grandson.

Chris Magie ('03), along with his wife, Mary (Kordsmeier, '04) Magie, have opened a new business in town. Magie Veterinary Clinic opened on February 3rd at 404 East Harding Street in Morrilton & services small animals, horses, & exotics. Dr. Magie graduated from Arkansas Tech University in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. He attended Veterinary School at Mississippi State University in Starkville, where he graduated in 2012 as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Magie & his wife Mary have 2 daughters, Kylie, who is 5 & attends Kindergarten at Sacred Heart, Amelia (2), & another daughter, Olivia, due in March.



Sacred Heart Catholic School sincerely appreciates ALL donations of any amount. We will recognize these gifts in our next newsletter. Thank you again for your continued support.

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Fundraiser

Saturday, April 26th, 5 - 8 pm
Sacred Heart Gym
Limited Tickets Available
\$30/person if ordered by 04.18.14
\$35/person after deadline

Join us for all-you-can-eat shrimp, crawfish, corn, gumbo, slaw & beverages

Tickets can be purchased by Calling 501.354.4358 or online www.sacredheartmorrilton.org
Must be 21