

1954**Reunion Oct. 2-4** 

Bob Bhaerman recently retired from the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C. He now resides in Pickerington, Ohio, and is serving as the coordinator of the American Humanist Association's Humanist Education Center.

1972

Linda (Lanzone) Suponic recently celebrated 18 years of marriage to her husband, Jim. She is a toddler teacher at Back Mountain Child Care in Shavertown, Pa.

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James A. Rodda retired from his post as high school principal in the Wayne Highlands School District. In his 34 years with the district, he also served as a social studies teacher, assistant football and wrestling coach, and assistant principal at both the middle and high schools.

W. Lee Miller is proud to announce Independent Sealing Company's 20th year in business. Miller, current president and founder, formed the Independent Sealing Company in 1987.

1976

Garry Taroli won five gold medals in swimming in the Keystone State Games. Taroli lives in Dallas, Pa., and is an attorney for Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald law firm.

Sandra (Akromas) Kershaw was inducted into her company's Quarter Century Club in May 2008. Kershaw is the frontline manager in the construction sector for the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board of Ontario.

1978

Michael Heller has been accepted into the Charis Spiritual Director Training Program of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Christopher O'Brien was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for winning numerous national powerlifting championships and setting several national records from 1976 to 2001. O'Brien was an All-MAC defensive end at Wilkes in 1977.

1980

Col. Mark A. Rado is currently serving in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Rado is director of manpower and personnel for the Multinational Security Transition Command, Iraq. Prior to his deployment, he graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, in Washington, D.C.

1981

Dana Shaffer, D.O., has retired from clinic practice at Exira Family Medicine Clinic, Exira, Iowa, to focus on his position as an associate dean at Des Moines University. He provided medical care to residents of Exira and surrounding communities for 23 years.

1982

Donna Hine MBA '83 has been named controller at United Neighborhood Centers of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Regina Morse, R.N., has successfully completed the HealthCare Risk Management course at University of Florida and also successfully passed the state exam to qualify as a licensed health care risk manager. Morse is currently employed at Citrus Health and Rehabilitation in Inverness, Fla., as director of risk management and quality assurance.

1986

Gary C. Mrozinski earned a doctorate in educational administration from Temple University. Mrozinski is dean of business and technologies at Luzerne County Community College. He resides in Taylor, Pa., with his wife and son.

1988

Susan Imboden Vrablic received a master of science degree in nursing with a specialization in adult health from Misericordia University in May 2008.

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Gary Katulka received a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Delaware in January 2008.

1993

Frank Mitchell earned a master of higher education administration degree from Baruch College, CUNY, in February 2008.

1994**Reunion Oct. 2-4** 

Suzanne (Stchur) Jones and husband Stephen welcomed daughter Kathryn Paige on Nov. 16, 2007. Kathryn has two older siblings, Rebekah Claire, 5 years old, and Andrew Stephen, 3½ years old. They reside in Byram Township, N.J.

1995

Kimberly Tremel and Justin Lynn were married June 21, 2008. They reside in Farmingdale, N.Y.

1996

Jenn Moisey MBA '01 and **Jeff Moisey '99** recently launched an online strategic marketing firm, JumpFrog Marketing. They have hired another alumnus, **Steve Donlin '06**, and currently employ a Wilkes intern.

1998

Shannon (Stair) Bushong and husband Brandon welcomed their first son, Winston Neil, on July 18, 2008.

1999**Reunion Oct. 2-4** 

Robert Thomas Bartorillo and **Lyn Farruggia '04** were married on Aug. 4, 2007.

Lucia (Piccolino) Peregrim is operations manager for her and husband David's family-owned business, Ricochets Rapid (Auto) Detail, which has been in business since 2002. They reside in Scranton, Pa.

2000

Greg Riley and his wife, **Shea**, welcomed their first

Doris Gorka Bartuska honored by Pa. Medical Society

Doris Gorka Bartuska, M.D., '49 is the 2008 recipient of the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Distinguished Service Award.

Bartuska, who joined the Pennsylvania Medical Society in 1972, received a unanimous vote of the Medical Society's board of trustees. To qualify for the award, a physician must demonstrate a lifetime of significant achievement as judged by peers.

She becomes only the 23rd Pennsylvania physician to win this highly prestigious award since it was first introduced in 1956. She joins a distinguished list of past recipients, including Jonas E. Salk, M.D., and C. Everett Koop, M.D.

In her nomination, Bartuska was described as an endocrinologist who advanced treatments focused on the genetic aspects of endocrine diseases, endocrinology of aging, osteoporosis and thyroid diseases. Her work stimulated national interest in a woman's health agenda with emphasis on prevention and treatment of osteoporosis and smoking, including smoke-related disease. Her involvement in medical humanities and medical ethics led to participation in the President's Forum on Physicians and Social Responsibility.

She is emeritus professor of medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine and has published numerous publications in her field. She was the director of the division of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism, as well as the endocrine fellowship training program at WMC - MCP, now Drexel University College of Medicine. She graduated from Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1954.

She is past president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society; past president of the medical staff at



Doris Gorka Bartuska, M.D. PHOTO BY ©KDP STUDIO

the Medical College of Pennsylvania; past president of the Philadelphia Endocrine Society; and past president of the American Medical Women's Association. She is also a founding board member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. In addition, she is one of the first female voting members of the House of Delegates at the American Medical Association.

A photograph in the fall 2008 issue of Wilkes magazine was incorrectly identified as Doris Gorka Bartuska. We apologize for the error.

child, Lia Marie, on Feb. 7, 2008. The family resides in Wyoming, Pa.

Michael and Jennifer (Kovacs) Peckally welcomed their second child, Owen Michael, on Dec. 4, 2007. The family resides in Newportville, Pa.

James L. Caffrey MBA'03 has been promoted within the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and health system. Caffrey previously served as administrative director of facilities support services at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., as well as chief of engineering at the VA

Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He was named to "Who's Who In Healthcare Facilities Management" by *FacilityCare Magazine* in December 2007.

Nicole (Monahan) Lamkin and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Joshua Joseph, on May 11, 2008.

2001

Loan (Do) Mask married Robert Mask of Louisiana on April 19, 2007. They reside in Pennsauken, N.J.

2002

Erin Theresa Priestman and **James Moran '03** of Larksville were married on Nov. 3, 2007. They reside in Berwick, Pa.

Christina Marie Pantucci and Erik Joseph Adzema married on Oct. 20, 2007.

2003

Erik Stahlnecker and Jessica Ametrano MS'07 were married on May 17, 2008. Jessica is a teacher at Crestwood High School. Erik is a teacher at Pocono Mountain West High.

2004

David J. Grasso was awarded a doctor of medicine degree from Drexel University School of Medicine in May 2008. He will begin an internship at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, in June and a residency in radiology at Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, in 2009.

Michael D. Kashnicki was promoted to assistant vice president and commercial loan officer for First National Community Bank. He attended the Central Atlantic School of Commercial Lending through the Pennsylvania Bankers Association.

Tiffany Leptuck and Nicholas Meadows were married on May 3, 2008. Leptuck is employed as a forensic biology-DNA analyst in northern Virginia.

Eric J. Pape earned his doctor of optometry degree from the State University of New York College of Optometry. He received the Eschenbach

Award for Excellence in Low Vision. Pape is practicing in New York and Connecticut.

2005

Rajitha Devadoss was accepted to the NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars Program as a fellow for the 2008-2009 program. She will travel to Chennai, India, to complete clinical research in HIV/AIDS.

Devadoss is a current third-year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Alexis Petite MS'06 is a special education teacher, softball coach and personal trainer in New Jersey.

2006

John Untisz and Kristin Kile were married on May 31, 2008. John is attending Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Graduate Degrees 1989

Stephen L. Broskoske, MS, and Kimberly A. Price were married on June 1, 2007.

Mrs. Broskoske is pursuing her master of business administration degree from Wilkes. They reside in Alden, Pa.

2000

Richard Pokrifka, Pharm.D., and Kathryn Werner were married Oct. 6, 2007. Pokrifka works as a pharmacist at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Linda Chong, Pharm.D., and her husband, Nick Souchik III, welcomed their second daughter, Natasha, on June 9, 2007.

2001

Jessica (Crowley) Howard, Pharm.D., and Brian Howard, Pharm.D., announce the birth of their son, Sean Patrick Howard, on June 6, 2008.

Brent L. Borzak, MS, is now principal of the Carbon Career and Technical Institute, Jim Thorpe, Pa.

2002

Nancy Fera, MBA, was recently promoted to food service district sales manager, Northeast Region, at Metro. She has worked there since 1997 and most recently held the title of manager-consultant of education services.

2004

Mary Lou Henninger is principal of Mahanoy Area High School.

Dawn Marie (Cacciamani) Kelly, MS, and her husband, Chris, welcomed their first child, Brielle Catherine, on Aug. 21, 2008. Kelly is a kindergarten teacher for Valley View School District, Archbald, Pa.

2005

Lisa (Samala) Brady, Pharm.D., was married on Sept. 8, 2007, to Kevin Brady. They reside in Hoboken, N. J.

Corinne Kimberly Gawelko, MS, and Sean Patrick Walsh were married Aug. 4, 2007. She is employed by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

Kristina Elizabeth Mullay, Pharm.D., and John Thomas Wakeley were married on Sept. 29, 2007. She is employed as a pharmacy manager with Contract Pharmacy Services.

2007

Richard M. Patricia, MS, a television, radio and digital media teacher at Warren County Technical School, directed and produced a film, *Strive For Happiness*, which takes a closer look at his life growing up in a household with a loved one who suffered from serious forms of mental illness.

2008

Paul Brennan, MS, was recently promoted to principal at Riverside Elementary West School, where he will oversee more than 300 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. He served as a sixth-grade teacher at Riverside Elementary East for the past five years.

Cara Kasa, MS, and Vinnie O'Hop were married on June 28, 2008. She teaches at Pittston Area School District's Intermediate Center. He is enrolled in a master's program at Wilkes.

In Memoriam

1950

Capt. Francis Stanley Pinkowski of Pawcatuck, Conn., passed away Dec. 22, 2007. Pinkowski was born in Nanticoke, Pa., and attended Nanticoke High School, graduating in 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations. At the end of his tour of duty, he attended Wilkes College. In 1950, he was recalled for the Korean Conflict, was commissioned ensign in 1951 and attended Officers Candidate School, Newport, R.I. He then returned to Wilkes College, where he acquired a certification in education in 1953. He was an Ancestral Colonel of Wilkes College.

Pinkowski became an instructor in the department of education and head football and baseball coach at Wilkes College from 1958 to 1962. He later joined the N.J. State Department of Education and served as an adjunct faculty member at Rider College, Trenton State University and Mercer County Community College, retiring in 1991. He retired as captain from the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Bender Pinkowski; one son, Mark F. Pinkowski; and four grandchildren.

Edward J. Woronowicz of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., died July 16, 2008. Known professionally as Eddie Warren, he managed The Kiddie Shoppe, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for 40 years until its closing.

1951

Stanley J. Kieszek of Forty Fort, Pa., died Sept. 19, 2008. He graduated from Wilkes College with a bachelor of science degree in economics.

Kieszek spent 60 years in the newspaper business, beginning with *The Times Leader* in 1937 and retiring in 1977 as assistant day city editor with the *Citizen's Voice*. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Surviving are a son, Michael C., and a grandson.

1952

Albert Titus Cole of Nicholson, Pa., died July 28, 2008. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1932 and later received his teaching degree from Wilkes College.

Cole taught in Easton's public schools and the North Pocono School District, where he taught history until his retirement in 1978. His wife is the former Shirley Johnson Nordahl.

1955

Margaret "Peg" Williams Schlager of Durham, N.C., died June 11, 2008. Her husband of 54 years is **George Schlager '57**. She graduated from Hanover Township High School, class of 1951, and Wilkes College.

She taught school in Dover and Roxbury, N.J. She was an avid member of the Roxbury Art Association and the Carolina Designer Craftsmen Guild. Margaret became a docent at the Duke University Museum of Arts in 1975.

1956

John C. Yarashes of Luzerne, Pa., died Aug. 3, 2008. He was born in Luzerne and was a graduate of Luzerne High School and Wilkes College. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was formerly employed as a case worker by the Luzerne County Welfare Department.

He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Groover; stepchildren Debbie Hulse, Virginia; Terry Soules, Luzerne; Darrell Soules, Maryland; and Shari Dailey, Luzerne; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1957

John J. Musto of West Pittston, Pa., passed away on July 10, 2008. Educated in West Pittston schools, Musto earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Wilkes.

He taught English in Roosevelt Junior High School in New Brunswick, N.J., then moved to Boeblingen, Germany, where he taught English in the military school system. He was a retired guidance counselor from the Wyoming Valley West school system.

1958

Frank Bielenda of Nanticoke, Pa., passed away July 16, 2008. Bielenda was a former principal of Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School. He was a graduate of Nanticoke High School and received his bachelor of science degree

from Wilkes College and two master's degrees from the University of Scranton.

He received a letter of eligibility to become a superintendent from Lehigh University. Bielenda previously served as a caseworker for Luzerne County, a high school teacher, guidance counselor and supervisor of guidance services before his retirement in 1998. He was also the Title IX coordinator and curriculum coordinator.

1960

Louis D. Davis Jr. of Meadowbrook, Pa., a retired company president, died Aug. 21, 2008. After service in the Army in France, he earned a bachelor's degree from Wilkes.

He then joined the family firm, L.D. Davis Industries, a supplier of paper adhesives for such products as Whitman Sampler boxes, Phillies cigar boxes, and Milton Bradley puzzles and Monopoly boards. He was president of the Huntingdon Valley firm from 1977 until retiring in 2000, when his son, Tripp, took over. He served on the boards of Wilkes University and Meadowbrook School and supported many charities.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Shirley Hitchner Davis; daughter Shelley Schorsch; and seven grandchildren.

Joseph R. Morgan of Delanco, N.J., died Dec. 10, 2007. Morgan was a graduate of Girard College and Wilkes. He had been president of Packaging Consultants in Pennsauken, N.J., since 1976.

1963

John F. Sheehan Jr. died June 23, 2008. A graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes College, he was employed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition to his work with FEMA, his career included positions at the Pennsylvania Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Commonwealth Telephone, the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and J.F. Sheehan Associates.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Jackie; daughter, Heather; son, John III; and three grandchildren.

1964

William D. Carver of Kingston, Pa., passed away Aug. 9, 2008. Mr. Carver was a licensed certified public accountant for 46 years and was the owner of Carver and Associates LLC, Wyoming, Pa.

John S. Fine Jr. of Dallas, Pa., passed away on Aug. 11, 2008. After attending Wilkes College, he graduated from Dickinson School of Law.

He became a partner in the law firm Aston, Fine, McHugh, Caverly, Wetzel & Geist, where he practiced for many years.

1965

Kenneth D. Antonini of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., passed away July 5, 2008. He graduated from Wilkes with a B.S. in secondary education and biology and general science. He also attended Florida State

University. He received a master's degree from Temple University. Ken retired from the Wilkes-Barre School District after 30 years of teaching science and biology.

Surviving are children **David '92**, Pearland, Texas; **Gregory '95**, Pleasanton, Calif.; and **Jane Loftus '97**, Trucksville, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

1966

John W. Strobel of Alexandria, Va., died Aug. 21, 2008. He earned his bachelor's degree in physics from Wilkes in 1966 and completed his master's degree in engineering at Penn State University.

Strobel's early career was with the electronics division of the Philco Corporation. He later accepted employment with the Department of Defense, U.S. Navy. His 37 years as a civilian employee of the Navy started at the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Pa., and his last years of service were at a special program office in the Washington, D.C., area.

1967

Jerome Kucirka of Dallas, Pa., passed away June 9, 2008. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Wilkes College and a doctorate of physics from Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Kucirka was a faculty member for more than 27 years, serving in the physics, engineering and mechanical engineering departments, and finally the engineering and physics division. He worked on department, school and university-wide committees. He was adviser to the Physics Club and Sigma-Pi-Sigma, the Physics Honor Society, from 1989 to the present.

He is survived by wife **Gaye C. Gustitus, D.O.**; and brother, **John**.

1971

Robert P. Kapp of Scranton, Pa., died Aug. 6, 2008. He was a graduate of Scranton Central High School and attended the Wharton School of Finance and graduated from Wilkes with a degree in finance.


He was employed by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and retired from the Pennsylvania employment office, where he was an examiner. An Army veteran of World War II, he enjoyed restoring antique automobiles, especially his 1949 Mercury.

1974

Joseph G. Olivieri passed away Sept. 15, 2008. He graduated from GAR High School and Wilkes. Joseph was the owner of Four County Tile. Surviving are his wife of 32 years, **Karen Tomczyk Olivieri**; brothers, **Carmen** and **Florentino (Fiore)**, both of California; and sister, **Antoinette (Ann) Galle**, Wilkes-Barre.

1980

Paul P. Zongilla of West Pittston, Pa., died July 28, 2008. He is survived by his wife, the former **Christine Danoski**. He served with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Prior to his retirement, he worked for **Schott Glass Technologies**, Duryea, as a supervisor.



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1987

Raymond L. Kern Jr. died Sept. 19, 2008. He graduated from Dallas Senior High School, class of 1979, where he excelled in football and track-and-field.

He was office manager of Kern Brothers Beverage in Dallas for 16 years before

establishing WoodPro Insurance Agency in Dallas, which he operated until his death.

Friends of Wilkes

Libby Capin, wife of 61 years of former Wilkes President Bob Capin, passed away Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008.

The Wilkes-Barre native was a lifetime member of Ohav Zedek Synagogue and Hadassah, member in perpetuity of the JCC of Greater Wilkes-Barre and Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Surviving in addition to her husband are daughters Ellen Haeussler and Deborah

Buckler, son David, eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and sister Goldie Fried. Contributions to her memory may be made to the Wilkes University Capin Accounting Scholarship Fund, 84 W. South St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18766.

**Calendar of Events****December**

- 1 String Ensemble Fall Concert, Gies Hall, Darte Center
- 4 Jazz Ensemble Concert, Darte Center
- 5 NEPA Alumni Holiday Gathering, Sno Mountain, Scranton, Pa.
- 6 Piano Recital, Gies Hall, Darte Center
- 6 Choral Ensembles Concert, St. Luke's Church, Scranton
- 7 Choral Ensembles Concert, St. Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre
- 7 Civic Band Concert, Darte Center

January

- 14 Washington, D.C., Alumni Gathering

February

- 2 Art exhibit: "Painting the Beautiful: American Impressionist Paintings from the Michener Art Museum Collection," Sordoni Art Gallery. Through March 15.

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