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# REDCOAT RUMBLINGS



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## JOHN JUNKER CHOSEN FIESTA BOWL DIRECTOR

(Excerpted from Arizona Republic article of 1/17/90 by Kent Somers)

The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl turned to a familiar face, selecting John Junker its executive director to replace Bruce Skinner, who resigned this month. The bowl's board of directors met Tuesday night and chose Junker, a former assistant executive director of the Fiesta Bowl.

"I feel fortunate and blessed to be the guy," said Junker, who becomes the bowl's fourth executive director in its 20 year history. Junker, 34, (and a Gerard grad from the class of '73) was assistant executive director from 1980 to July 1989, when he resigned to become the executive director of the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso.

Junker said John Hancock Bowl officials were gracious, allowing him to pursue the Fiesta Bowl position after spending six months on the job. "I'm very grateful to the people down there, and they understand this is my home and my family, a place I spent 10 years helping to build something," he said.

One of his main objectives will be to enhance the Fiesta Bowl's image as a volunteer organization, Junker said. "The big thing is many people don't

realize we're a volunteer organization," he said. "The people who hired me are volunteers," Junker said salary details had not been finalized.

Junker developed the Fiesta Bowl's marketing department, which generated \$3 million in 1988, mostly from corporations that sponsored various events. The Fiesta Bowl has 1,034 sponsors. In his first four years with the Fiesta Bowl, Junker's duties included directing media relations. The bowl then decided it needed a marketing director, and Junker was chosen. He helped negotiate Sunkist's sponsorship.

A native of Ohio, Junker graduated from Gerard High School and received a bachelor's degree in broadcasting from Arizona State in 1977.

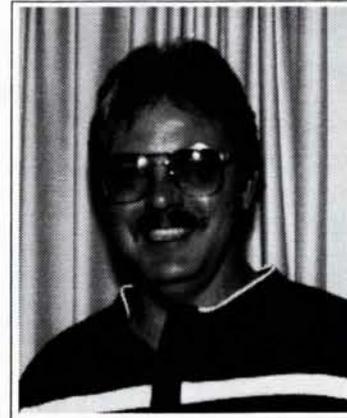
"We need to make sure we continue to stay out in front on New Year's Day."



John Junker

## The President's Corner

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Dear Fellow Grads:

It's January, 1990, the start of a new year and decade for your Alumni Association. It is also customary for Presidents to deliver their "State Of" messages, so here it goes.

Reflecting back, 1989 was a challenging year for the association. Despite Gerard's closing, Alumni response to continue the Association has been very encouraging, with over \$3,000 received from donations or advertisers. Expense control has been excellent! I am very proud of your officers, director, and our "working" members for their efforts to meet the Association's objectives, remain within budget, and close the year with a modest surplus.

Our income goal for 1990 is \$5,000. Only through our Alumni generous support can we achieve that number. You will find, enclosed with this newsletter, an envelope for just that purpose. Support the Gerard Alumni Association by returning that envelope with your contribution. And, as always, thank you.

Alumni activities are already shaping up. The Spiritus Award to recognize outstanding alumnus achievements will be presented for the third consecutive year in May. St. Mary's High School has generously agreed to allow presentation of the award at their graduation ceremonies. Please take

some time and send us a nomination. It is important that we recognize our outstanding members.

Lastly, the Alumni Picnic is in the works for **April 22** at El Dorado Park in Scottsdale. Volunteers are needed, along with quality items for the picnic raffle. If you can be of assistance with either, please feel free to contact the Association or call me at (602) 967-1246.

Again, thank you for the support, and I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

Terry O'Neill  
President  
Class of '69

### GERARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association

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## SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE AFFECTS GERARD GRADS

The quake that hit San Francisco during the World Series last Fall was indeed sensational news, but reading about it and living through it are two different matters entirely. Since approximately 30 grads live in the San Francisco area, we wrote them and inquired about their welfare. Of the 30 only six responded, and only two letters, to Bill Ganz ('66) and Phil Gore ('77), were returned by the post office.

**Sr. Mary Kevin Gaul**, a former Gerard teacher, lives in Burlingame and admits to being well "shook up," but thanks God that their high school had no structural damage, but lots of cosmetic damage.

**Mary Briehl Smith**, class of '79, and her husband also survived without receiving any structural damage to their home; however, plants, books, pictures, and kitchen cupboards were knocked to the floor. Mary reports that she was at work at 5:04 on October 17th when the quake hit. She grabbed the women next to her and they instantly decided to head to the door frame. The building was constructed to move with the waves so it felt like they were on a lake in a row boat. After the building stopped shaking, they ran outside where they found the ground still moving. It didn't take them long to decide to call it a day.

Living in the hard-hit Marina district, **Sally Brennan-Rath** ('78) and her husband, Bill, held their breath until their building was given the green light by building inspectors. They came through with minimal damage. Sally was working at Macy's on Union Square when the whole building shook violently. With her in the store at the time was an out-of-town visitor. As they were leaving the building the power went out. Not realizing the extent of the quake's damage, they just wanted to get home. "Home" turned into a nightmare as the fire burned just a few blocks from their building.

**Marianne McKinley**, class of '72, and her son were on a school playground during the earthquake. They were knocked off their feet, but were unharmed. Their home was also fine, but the cupboards were open and the food was on the floor, but nothing major was broken. Marianne is moving north of San Francisco and getting married late spring or early summer.

**Ruth Szilagyi** ('68) was on her way to teach a class in Palo Alto, about 35 miles from where she lives. When the quake hit, she thought she had a flat tire because her car started fishtailing. However, as she pulled over, she realized that other cars were pulling over and that the traffic lights were swaying. Not realizing the full magnitude of the quake, she didn't discover until she got to school that classes had been cancelled because there was no power. On her return trip to get home she reports that the strangest part of the drive was coming up to the City and seeing only headlights of cars. Despite everything, Ruth still loves SF and wouldn't live anywhere else.

Our final reporting grad was **Bill Redican**, class of '66. Apparently, Bill shares a sensitivity, along with highly evolved organisms such as goldfish, to unwelcome tectonic migrations. He reports that he didn't sleep well for three nights before the quake, and on the day of the quake felt more and more agitated as the day went on. At exactly two minutes to five (he looked at his watch), he couldn't concentrate on his work anymore. He felt like he had drunk ten cups of coffee. By 5:00 he was shaking all over. He told the rest of the office that he had to go for a walk in their (Berkeley) neighborhood to calm down. Six minutes later the quake hit. The warehouse wall across the street was waving around like a sheet, standing on the sidewalk turned into a surfing lesson, and a truck was bouncing around without a driver.

After 15 seconds it stopped, and people poured into the street. Bill drove to the Berkeley Marina and watched the sun set behind San Francisco as an apocalyptic spiral of smoke rose over their Marina. Sirens screamed everywhere. Collecting his thoughts he pondered such ethereal matters as "How did Jerry Michaels ever survive after swallowing that huge glob of mercury in Mr. Aldous's physics class?" and "Did Sr. Marian Clare ever get over her thing about patent leather shoes?"

Without exception, all the grads considered themselves very lucky and grateful to God to still be alive. We do too.

## Alum Notes

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### CLASS OF 1967

**Michael Vallenari** and his wife, Alison, live in Scottsdale where he works as a commercial real estate broker with Iliff Thorn. They have two children, Brooke and Tyson. A graduate of ASU, Mike volunteers his time to serve on the Arcadia Little League Board of Directors, and coaching Little League and soccer.

### CLASS OF 1969

**Joe Dougherty** and **Louise Jahntz** (\*70) plan to be married February 23. Joe and Louise were re-acquainted at the 2nd Annual All-Class Reunion Picnic last year.

### CLASS OF 1970

**Mary Shilling Travis** is a high school special education teacher in Chandler. She received a Women of Chandler Award in 1985 and was nominated for the AARC Teacher of the Year in 1986. Mary and her husband, Ron, have four children and they enjoy hiking and family sports. The Chandler Special Olympics and girl scouting are some of Mary's volunteer efforts.

### CLASS OF 1974

**David Angulo** and his wife, Erminia, live in Valencia, California where David is a dentist. They have a daughter, Amanda, and expect another child in May. David volunteers his time to the St. Joseph's Children Dental Clinic.

### CLASS OF 1975

**Larry Kirch** lives in Mt. Dora, Florida where he is a planner for the Lake County Planning Department.

**Debbie Ball Veltri** enjoys being a part-time color and fashion consultant for Casual Corner at the Metro Center. She and her husband, John, have two children, Teresa and Christina. Debbie is currently interested in weight training. She has been attending Glendale Community College and hopes to finish after the children are more self-sufficient. She volunteers at St. Jerome's and also does seminars on color analysis for churches and schools.

### CLASS OF 1976

**Bettina Medeiros** became Mrs. Eric Velgos on February 1st. Bettina is Assistant Vice President and paralegal at Security Savings and Loan Association. Eric is a television photographer and editor for KAET-TV in Tempe.

### CLASS OF 1977

**Michael Salcido** is an attorney with Burch & Cracchiolo. His wife, Lisa, works for KDKB radio in retail marketing. Mike is involved with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Volunteer Lawyers Program, and various pro bono work. Mike and Lisa were married October 21, 1988.

A letter was sent to REDCOAT RUMBLINGS by a C. Haggerty concerning the death of **John Karp**. John attended Gerard from 1974 to 1976 and then transferred to McClintock High School for his senior year, 1977. John was one of the 110 people who perished when United Airlines Flight 232 crashed in Sioux City, Iowa. Services were held at All Saints Catholic Newman Center at ASU.

### CLASS OF 1978

**Kevin Clark** is the owner of an automotive repair shop (KC Automotive) in Phoenix. In 1987 Kevin was accepted to the Olympic Training Center for cycling. In addition to cycling, Kevin enjoys swimming and skiing.

**Shelly Davis** is a computer coordinator for Osborn Schools. Shelly received her M.Ed. from ASU and teaches religious education classes for 4th grade at Holy Spirit Church in Tempe.

### CLASS OF 1979

**Capt. Christopher Robertson** is engaged to marry Kathryn Schnelle of Brentwood, Tennessee. Chris received a bachelor's degree in broadcast production from ASU and is a captain in the United States Army Signal Corps, based in Ft. Ord, California. They plan a May 12 wedding at San Carlos Barrameo Mission in Carmel, California. (Photo)

### CLASS OF 1980

**John Sizer** and his wife, Colleen, announce the birth of their second child, a son, John Jr. John reports that little John weighed in at 7 lb. 6 oz. on January 27. Congratulations!

**Rebecca Nabity Hendershot** and her husband, Mark, became the proud parents of Nathan Karl, born October 11, 1989. Rebecca is an accountant with John C. Lincoln Hospital, and Mark works for Maricopa County. Congratulations!

### CLASS OF 1981

**Pam Joseph Zilavy** lives in Ft. Collins, Colorado with her husband, Dan. Pam graduated magna cum laude from ASU in 1987 and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. She enjoys drawing and stained glass.

**Gail Sharko** is engaged to marry William Littleton. Gail is a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines, and William is employed by Lyon's Commercial Brokerage Company. They plan a February 24 wedding at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Scottsdale. (Photo)

**Paula LeBeau Sears** and her husband, Alan, welcomed their new daughter, Anna Marie, into the world on December 31, 1989. Paula graduated cum laude from ASU in 1985 and enjoys interior designing, swimming, and tennis. Alan is an attorney, and they have two other children, Kelly and Shelby.

### CLASS OF 1982

**Dorothy Paytas** and David Fritz exchanged wedding vows on January 6 at OLPH in Scottsdale. David is pursuing a bachelor's degree in industrial supervision at NAU. They traveled to Hawaii on their wedding trip and are currently Flagstaff residents. (Photo)

## Alum Notes

**Ens. Judy England** is a student naval aviator currently based in Corpus Christi, Texas. She graduated from University of San Diego (B.A.), National University (M.S.) and is in the Aviation Officer Candidate School.

**Debbie DeJulia Parea** is a legal assistant and her husband, Tim, is a musician. Debbie and Tim enjoy working on original music and lyrics for his top 40 band. Debbie also enjoys painting, drawing, and plans to go back to school part-time in 1990. For two years she participated in the Big Sister program.

### CLASS OF 1983

**Ann Marie Eldridge** was married to Richard Barker on January 20 at Brophy Chapel. Ann Marie is a business analyst with Dun and Bradstreet in Tucson, and Richard attends U. of A. where he is studying economics. (Photo)

**John Phoenix** is a senior material planner at Garrett General Aviation Division. John is married to Julie Turlip who graduated from Xavier High School. Julie also works at Garrett. John is finishing up at Rio Salado Community College and then plans to graduate from University of Phoenix.

**Suzanne Svetlik Hanson** is a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital working in the ICU Nursery. Her husband, Scott, works for American Express. They have a 4 year old daughter, Amanda. Suzanne graduated from Mesa Community College in December '88.

**Sheila Vaananen** is a graduate student at ASU. She received a bachelor's in physical education in 1988. She enjoys working with the Special Olympics and the Nancy Green Ski Team.

### CLASS OF 1984

**Jim Laubmeier** is a Phoenix Firefighter. He enjoys coaching Pop Warner Football and teaching CPR and "Learn Not to Burn" classes. Jim graduated from Mesa Community College receiving an A.A. in Fire Science and expects to become a paramedic with the Phoenix Fire Department. Jim reports that he is still very single.

### CLASS OF 1985

**Robert Sanders** lives in Coronado, California where he is a computer data input operator with Penhall Environment. Robert attended Phoenix College for one year and is currently at UCSD as a part-time student studying computer science. He enjoys surfing, tennis, water polo, and lacrosse.

**Vincent Chiodi** is a student at ASU where he was elected to a personnel position of a local chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon, a national marketing fraternity. Vince says he still likes to play the drums.

**Paula Vaananen** lives in Calgary, Canada where she is studying to receive a master's degree in science. She graduated with 1st class honours from Queen's University, tree-planted in Northern British Columbia in the summer, and then travelled in Europe for three months. She is studying gastrointestinal physiology.

### CLASS OF 1988

**Dina Ponzeline** is a full-time student at NAU. She enjoys gymnastics, ice skating, skiing, and is active in the Air Force ROTC and the Arnold Air Society (a non-profit organization).

### CLASS OF 1989

**Courtney Paige Morton** attends Phoenix College where she enjoys cheerleading and soccer.

**Burghardt Beasley** is a cannon crew member in the Army Field Artillery. He has received numerous awards including Junior S.O.F. Green Beret of the Year, High BRM, and Best Shot. He is currently stationed in Stuttgart, West Germany.

### ALUMNI PARENTS

**William Bresnahan** passed away recently. His funeral was held at St. Theresa's Church on January 19. Mr. Bresnahan sent his six children to Gerard: **Michael** ('75), **Maureen** ('76), **Rita** ('78), **Dave** ('80), **Carol** ('82), and **Janine** ('83). He will be missed by all.

(See Alumni Photos on p. 8.)

## Aumni Information Policy

All information obtained regarding Gerard Catholic High School Alumni is the sole property of the Gerard Catholic High School Alumni Association. Information may be used for Alumni Association purposes only unless otherwise approved by a majority vote of the Alumni Board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Association. Requests for information must be submitted in writing to the Registration Office, clearly stating the purpose, and bearing the valid signature of the requestor.

**CLASS OF 1970  
20 YEAR REUNION**

DATE: Saturday, April 21, 1990

PLACE: The Pointe at South Mountain

TIME: 6:30 - Cocktails (Cash Bar)  
8:00 - Dinner

COST: \$50 per person

For Reservations Contact:

- Louise (Jahntz) Dougherty - (602) 839-2368
- Nancy (Jahntz) Rominek - (602) 838-3197
- Patti (Sargent) Sterneau - (818) 768-8286



**CLASS OF 1980  
10 YEAR REUNION**

John Pinnick, Chairman, reports that as this newsletter goes to print, the Reunion Committee has agreed that May will be the reunion month. The date has not yet been selected. However, Rustler's Roost will be the site.

Members of the Class of 1980 can expect to be hearing from John and his Committee soon.

It is hoped that the Class of 1980 will participate in the upcoming Alumni Picnic on April 22, even though it does not coincide with their reunion.

For more information, contact:

- John Pinnick - 275-2736
- Beth (Sack) Rossman - 451-9337

**THIRD ANNUAL ALL-CLASS  
REUNION PICNIC**

Mark your calendars now because the next Gerard Reunion Picnic will be held Sunday, April 22, at El Dorado Park in Scottsdale. The Picnic Committee is busy making plans for food, drinks, games, and lots of fun. If you didn't attend the last two picnics, don't let this one go by without attending. Come on back and see all your old friends. See who's changed and who hasn't. A flyer will be sent out in March with more details. Raffle Man Bill Bollinger ('71) has once again agreed to be the man with the prizes.

Added Note to the Class of 1970: This would be a fun way to top off your 20 year reunion weekend! Hope to see you all there. Maybe this year's picnic will spawn another romance. (See Alumnotes, Class of '69)



**SPIRITUS AWARD**

Purpose

The purpose of the Spiritus Award is to demonstrate that a Catholic Education can provide a sound basis for academic and professional excellence as well as instilling a sense of Christian responsibility to serve the community at large. The Spiritus Award shall be presented annually to recognize an alumnus who has achieved excellence in his or her profession and/or who has provided leadership in his or her community which reflects Christian principles and moral values.

Nominations

Nominations shall be accepted annually during the approximate period of December 1 to March 31 with selection to be completed no later than April 30 of each year. Nominations must be sponsored by at least one other alumnus of Gerard.

The following have paid to advertise their support.  
Any Gerard family or parish wishing to participate,  
please contact **Michael Henry at 451-3761**

**Henry**

Bill '77, Mike '80, Scott '84

**Spade**

Geneva '68, Viola '71, Evelyn '76, Keith, Kevin & Kent '77,  
Roger '86, Tina '87

**Bresnahan**

Mike '75, Maureen '76, Rita '78, Dave '80, Carole '82, Jeanine '83

**Gourley**

John '73, Suzan '74, Joe '78, James '80, Jeff '85

**Kerber**

Chris '75, Sue '77, Jennifer '82, Beth '85

**Ajamie**

Thomas '78, Theresa '79, Jean Marie '80, Jacqueline '82, John '83

**Candelaria**

Christi '88

**Chasse**

Debora '73, Donna '74, Patricia '76, Mike '78, George '80

**Garson**

Adrian Robert '85

**Laulinger**

David '84, Paul '85, Mike '89

**Sargent**

Patti '70, Cindy '73, Steve '75, Sallie '77, Chris '81, Lia '83

**Hurst**

Barry '89

**Kirkegaard**

Jamie '75, Caryn '76, Rick '78, Tom '81, (Hal '74)

**Proctor**

Robert '83

**Sikora**

Elizabeth '74, Julia '77, Stephen '78, Walter '82, Susan '83

**Hawes**

Steve '80, Vince '81, Matt '83

**Sheridan**

Vince '87

**Larkin**

Jim '67, Peter '73, Mary '77, Joe '79

**Daley**

John '81, Tess '81, Chris '83

**Fischer**

Vicki '72, Suzi '73, Steve '76

**O'Neill**

Kathy '67, Terry '69, Joe '71

**Bourque**

William '70, Dennis '72, Tim '73, Kathy '75, Steven '77, Daniel  
'78, Neil '82

**Bollinger**

Bill '71 and Terry (Sieczkowski) '71

**Phillips**

Maura '74, Sally & Sheila '77, Regina '82, Nathan '84

**Kelly**

Tim '80, Sara '82, Brian '74

**Knudsen**

John '76, Mike '79, Robert '81, Karen '82, Larry '88

**Kirch**

Mary Ellen '69, Tom '70, Bob '72, Bill '73,  
Nancy & Larry '75, Margie '79

**Jahntz**

Peggy '68, Brian '69, Nancy '70, Louise '70,  
Greg & David '71, (Matthew '73)

**Martinelli**

Vince '84

**Phoenix**

Jerry & Kathy '78, Bill '80, John '83, Jim '86

**Wolff**

Joe '79, Jan '81, Jacquie '85

**Malenfant**

Mark '78, Matt '79, Michelle '84

**Dotd**

Charlene '66, David '68, Michael '70, Cynthia '72,  
Dennis '74, Steven '76

**Hollaender**

Dutch '74, Gretchen '76, Fritzie '79

**Grucky**

Tom '67, Larry '68, Jerry '80

**Ryan**

Kathie '72, Tom '74, Mary '76, Mike '78, Anne '79, John '81, Pat '89

**Von Flue**

Dan '73, Kathy '74, Mary Kay '77

**Klecka**

Michael '68

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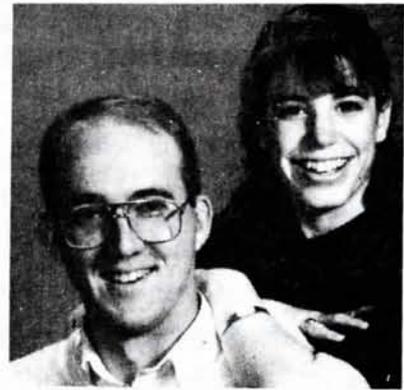
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Are you tired of making the same old things for your family? Stuck for exciting ideas for parties?

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