

# REDCOAT RUMBLINGS



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## 1990-91 Executive Board Says Farewell!



As our one-year terms come to an end, we would like to thank all of the alumni for the support which kept our organization going for one more year. However, in order for our organization to continue, new people must come forward to take over as executive officers for the upcoming year at the year-end meeting on June 25. We want to encourage the people from the classes of '67, '72, and '82 to volunteer to run the organization since this is the year for their class reunions. The reunions depend on the organization for the current addresses of alumni and publicity of the reunions.

There are many things that our organization has to

look forward to in the upcoming year. We will be moving into our permanent home in St. Mary's new (our old) gym, giving us space to store our files, memorabilia and office equipment. There will also be new issues of the newsletter and another all-alumni picnic to help us keep up with what is happening with other alumni. Hopefully, the new board will have the time get the trust fund started which will provide steady funding for our organization. With your support, the Gerard Catholic High School Alumni Organization will continue. Spiritus est Qui Vivificat! Redcoats Forever!

### Year-End Meeting & Officer Elections!

Come on out and get involved! We need new officers for the coming year and people to help with events. *Your organization depends on your support!*

**When: June 25th**

**Time: 7 pm**

**Where: St. Mary's**

(Look for a sign to find out which room)

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# Editor's Notes

By Ari Tipton-'88

I would like to say that I am grateful to have been able to serve as editor of the Redcoat Rumbings this year. I think that we have put out some really good editions and I hope that they will serve as a model for future ones.

During the past year, we have developed a number of ways to cut newsletter expenses; such as using an all-purpose response form to phase out envelopes, and folding the newsletters to letter size to get a better rate on our bulk mailings. Even so, the newsletters are our biggest expense and we need your support to keep things going.

We also need donations to help with the start-up expenses for next year. If anyone can donate items such as computer-fed mailing labels, stamps, an electric stapler, or other items it would really help out.

If anyone is living or traveling abroad, send us a letter for Redcoats 'Round the World. This feature has

taken off very well and has the potential to be a major part of the newsletter.

Thanks once again to all of our advertisers, without you we would not be able to publish these newsletters. Thanks also to everyone who sent us updates and lost alumni forms. Keep up the good work. Please include your phone numbers (even if you're out-of-state) and your complete zipcode-this will get your mail to you faster.

Thanks to James Gilb for his hours of patience and help with the production of the newsletters and for tackling the ever-changing postal regulations and rate systems, and thanks to the Executive Board for all the inserting, stapling, and labeling that it took to do our mailings.

Finally, thanks to all of you that have contributed articles, address changes, and donations to the Redcoat Rumbings and thanks to all of our readers. You are the reason why we're here. I am proud to have been able to serve as your editor, and I hope to continue to serve the association in the future.

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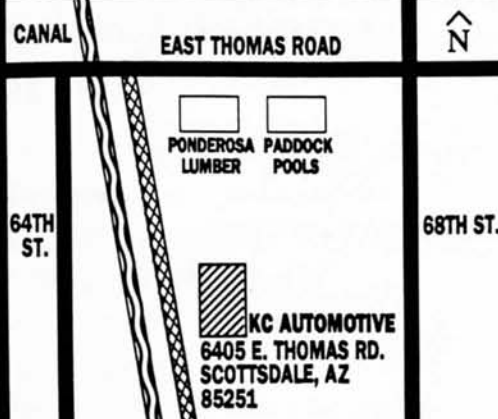
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## Nancy Contadino named first Honorary Alumnus

By Ari Tipton - '88

Recently, by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board, Nancy Contadino was named Gerard's first Honorary Alumnus. This new award will given only to a non-alumnus that has given outstanding support and dedication to the association, and who is named by unanimous vote of the Executive Board.

It is fitting that Nancy Contadino, the "mother" of the Gerard Catholic High School Alumni Association should be the first recipient of this award. On June 1, 1987, Nancy became the Director of the association, which was then a Gerard staff position. For the next three years, even after the closure of Gerard, she continued to be the "motivating force" of the association. As of June 1990 she was serving as the Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. There is no doubt whatsoever that without her tireless efforts and unending dedication there would be no alumni association today. It is with the greatest pride and deepest appreciation that we now call her as an alumnus, along with her daughter Terri '87 and son Scott '90.



## Year-End Meeting & Elections

One more reminder-on June 25, 1991 at 7pm we will be having our year-end meeting at St. Mary's. We need a large attendance to discuss plans for next year and the future of the association. We will also be electing officers for the coming year, so if you're interested in running or just helping out with events please plan to attend.

We are particularly asking the reunion classes of 67, 72, & 82 to help run the association next year. The association gives a lot of support to the reunion committees and we need your participation to help going. If you have any questions please call James Gilb at 897-8004 or 965-1636 (w).

## In Memory

By Dan Sieczkowski - '81

On March 19th out classmate and friend Stacy Corwin passed away after a battle with cancer. She will be remembered for her charm, friendliness and beautiful smile. Stacy was always full of energy. She was a cheerleader, on the student council, and I believe she dressed up as Twinkie the Kid once or twice. We are trying to to put together a memorial mass for Stacy, Bill Thompson, and Robert Knudsen on June 8th during our reunion weekend. All are invited.

In my last article I mentioned that John Verdugo was in Saudi Arabia, but I failed to mention that two other classmates: Dave Robertson and Tony Mack were over there also. A special thanks to them from all of us.

## Monastery Gathering Cancelled

**This time it isn't our fault!** We regretfully inform you that the June 15th gathering at the Monastery Pub has been cancelled because they have recently gone out of business. We just can't seem to get a break! We would like you to join us in mourning the passing of this long revered Gerard hang-out. I guess now we'll just have to find a new revered Gerard hang-out. (Like Bandersnatch maybe?)

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# Redcoats 'Round The World

By Ari Tipton - '88

In our last edition we told you about an alumnus serving in Operation Desert Shield. Recently, we received a letter from Spec. Burghardt Beasley - Class of '89.

*Today is February 3, 1991 and I just received October 1990's version of the "Redcoat Rumbings." I am pleased to hear that a corp still exists. Despite the cancellation of the Gerard School Community. My Donation is enclosed.*

*I am a member of the U.S. Army, serving in Operation Desert Storm. However, unlike many I will be leaving Saudi Arabia soon. In fact, by the time this letter reaches its destination I will be back at my previous unit, which is retrograding...*

*I have several purposes in the Middle East; from frontline soldier as a forward observer with infantry to crewman off-loading ships in support of the war effort. Though I was previously an Airborne Ranger Infantryman, I'm serving as an artilleryman with the 215 Field Artillery (Artillery since July '89).*



This is the most complete list of alumni who served in Operation Desert Storm that we have. There are, no doubt more that we are unaware of and we are sorry that we cannot print their names also.

## Class of 1969

Maj. Mark L. Jago

## Class of 1980

Capt. Dan Smith

## Class of 1981

Tony Mack

1st Lt. Dave Robertson

2nd Lt. John Verdugo

## Class of 1982

Sgt. Chris Dimitroplos

## Class of 1987

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## Class of 1989

Spec. Burghardt Beasley

If you have any items for Redcoats 'Round The World please send them to our mailing address on the back of the newsletter.



# "Heart Transplant" Project Update



By Ari Tipton - '88

Since the last newsletter a lot has happened with the St. Mary's gym project. The steel superstructure from our gym has been removed and re-erected at St. Mary's, where it will constitute about 1/3 of the total facility. This will soon be the last piece of Gerard left standing. What's most needed now are; electric furnaces, plumbing fixtures such as flush valves and commercial toilets, and other electrical items.

They will be needing the help of skilled construction-related workers and general laborers for weekly Saturday work projects. Even if you can only help out one day that will make a difference. As Roger Spade said, "We're not asking for any big commitments, a lot of little commitments will get the

job done." One of the tasks is to lay 30,000 pieces of maple flooring from Camelback's old gym.

Space for a permanent Gerard room (and alumni office) has been set aside, and Roger is hoping to help us to set up an annual alumni basketball tournament, with proceeds going to help maintain the gym and fund the association. We will need to find volunteers to coordinate and manage the tournament.

If we want a permanent home and a place for activities we need to support the gym project now. Let's show that "Redcoat Pride has not died" and rally behind the "Heart Transplant" program. For more information, or to sign up for a work day, call Roger Spade at 955-0515 (h) or 271-4190(w).

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## Alum Notes

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**Tim Cartier** is living in Durango CO where he is a part-time physician and a full-time cowboy. He is married to Toots McGuigan who is a nurse and lists as achievements - no IRS audits yet. His hobby is jumping over rocks (really).

1968

**Peggy Jahntz-Driscoll** is a Realtor in Phoenix and her husband Graham is an ENT Physician. They have 3 children; Matthew (10), Mary Beth (8), and Jenny (5). Peggy has a B.S. in nursing from ASU, a Master's in Education, and an Air Force medal of commendation. She volunteers as a baseball team mom and a mini-museum guide and enjoys softball, golf, and family parties.

1970

**Mary Travis** is a special education teacher in Chandler and her husband Ron is an executive director. They have four children; Kelly (10), Megan (7), Scott (7), and Alison (7). Mary was named Arizona Teacher of the Year for 1990 from the State ARC. She graduated in 1974 from NAU with her B.S. and received her M.A. from ASU in 1977. She helps out as a Girl Scout leader and a Special Olympics coach and she likes hiking and reading.

1972

**Gerard P. Feldhaus** lives in Liberty MO where he works as a pediatric dentist. His wife Debra is a dental hygienist and they have one child, Audra Ann, who is 1.5 yrs. Gerard attended Creighton University as an undergrad and for Dental School. He did his residency in pediatric dentistry at UMKC in Kansas City, MO and was board certified as a pediatric dentist in 1989. He likes golf and sports and plays drums in a rock and roll band.

1973

**Joan Carter-Guidry** is the owner of an invitation and announcement store in Phoenix called Thunder Thoughts, which works out well since her husband Bob owns a graphic design firm. They have three children; Cianne (8) and twins, Danielle and Kristen (5). She is in the Mother of Multiples Club and served as President of Entrepreneurial Mothers Association for 2 years. She attended ASU for 3 years and business development classes at Gateway Community College. She enjoys kids, crafts, and gardening and volunteers as a kindergarten R.E. teacher at St. Luke's and helps at her kids preschool.

1974

**Anne Briehl** lives in Albuquerque where she works in medical sales and marketing for American Cyanamid Company. She received her B.A. from Seattle University and an M.B.A. from Cornell University. She enjoys gardening, hiking, and reading.

1975

**Michael Giltner** is a mortgage broker and lives in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. His wife Anne Marie is an administrator and they have one child, John Michael Giltner VI (2).

**Anne McCormack-Vogel** is a mother and registered nurse in Phoenix. Her husband Charles is an attorney and they have 3 children; James (5), Erin (3), and Nick (1). She received a B.S. in Nursing at U of A and is working slowly on her Master's at ASU.

1976

**Penni Scott** lives in Scottsdale where she teaches piano and is the choir director at OLPH. Her husband Gary is a right of way agent for the Maricopa County Highway Department and they have no kids (yet!). She has a B.A. and M.A. in Music from ASU and wrote the choral/orchestral arrangement of "To Jesus Christ" for the Pope's mass at ASU, Sept. 1987. She was also a keyboardist in the orchestra for the Mass and she says that she's too busy to have any hobbies.

1978

**Kim Karbo-Martinez** is a flight operations manager for Club Med in Phoenix and her husband Joseph is an engineering support supervisor at Allied Signal. They have 1 child already, Alyssa (1) and another due in July of this year. Her hobbies are softball, travelling, and enjoying Alyssa.

**John McAward** is a physical therapist in Durango CO. He received a B.S. in Physical Therapy from NAU in 1984 and opened his own practice in Oct. 1990. He ran the 500 mile Colorado Trail in 1988 and the Leadville Trail 100 Mile Endurance race twice, in '89 & '90. His hobbies are ultrarunning, weight lifting, skiing, and camping.

1980

**Sue Hall-Orlando** is a scan support specialist and her husband Paul is a buyer's assistant in Phoenix. They have a new baby, Anthony Michael, born 9/7/90. She is the music director for the guitar mass at Blessed Sacrament in Scottsdale.

1981

**Julie Zeldin-Pfeiffer** lives in Las Vegas, NV and is a motel manager. She and her husband Ben have 1 child, Alexandra, who was born 2/12/91. She attended UNLV, volunteers at the SPCA, and her hobby is recording local bands.

1982

**Andrea Angulo-Gutierrez** lives in Chandler and is an accountant for the city of Phoenix and her husband Tom is an insurance underwriter for Prudential. She received a B.S. in Accounting from ASU in 1988 and they are active in their parish at St. Andrew the Apostle.

1984

**Janet Watson-Christian** is a student at NAU and her husband Scott is an accountant. They have 2 children, Nichole (5) and Tiffany (3). She has had 3 exhibitions of her work in graphic design at NAU and she enjoys racquetball.

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