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1940s

REV. PAUL E. FAUTH '48 reached his 60th wedding anniversary in August 2010 and the 60th anniversary of his ordination in May. He and his wife, Grace, have five children (including DAVID '73, DANIEL '76 and TIMOTHY '78), seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They live in Lander, Wyo.

1950s

DALE C. FORD '50 published a book in June, "My Two Hot Wars & One Cold War," about his years as a fighter pilot and a flight test engineer. He flew 100 combat missions over North Korea and tested the world's first supersonic bomber, the B-58. Ford lives in Aledo, Texas, with his wife, SHIRLEY (BORTZ) FORD '50.

PATRICIA L. (GLESSMAN) MORRISON '54 lives in Linesville, Pa.

DR. MINORU YAMADA '58 served as the first Japanese juror at the International Singing Contest of Italian Opera held in Moscow, Russia, in September. A video of Yamada performing as a guest artist in "Dream Journey" of the Hyogo Artist Association is available on YouTube.

RAY DOOLITTLE '59 and his wife, BERTIE (BECKMAN) '58, have been retired from education (he was a principal and she was a science teacher) for 20 years, but have been on many trips, including to Hawaii and Sweden. They have three grandchildren and Ray has been busy with carpentry and masonry projects. The Doolittles write that "we have been very blessed."

1960s

JAMES E. STOUGH '62 lost his wife of nearly 49 years, Janet, in June. He writes that "life is taking on a different twist for me now with the paperwork and housework all to do myself."

HOWIE BERGESEN '67 completed the 10-mile course of the annual open-water Kingdom Swim in Lake Memphremagog, Vt., which is held each year in July.

GARY FINCKE '67 won the Stephen F. Austin University Press Poetry Prize with his 12th book of poems, "The History of Permanence," which was published in September. An earlier collection, "Writing

Letters for the Blind," won the Ohio State University Press Poetry Prize. He also has published four collections of stories, including "Sorry I Worried You," which won the Flannery O'Connor prize, and two nonfiction books, including "Amp'd: A Father's Backstage Pass," which is about his son's career as the lead guitarist for platinum-selling rock band Breaking Benjamin. Fincke is the Charles Degenstein Professor of Creative Writing at Susquehanna University.

1970s

MARTIN D. AHL '70 retired from Allegheny College as controller in April 2010 after 26 years. Upon his retirement, the college honored him with the Robert T. Sherman Distinguished Service Award. Ahl lives in Meadville, Pa.

CARL E. KRAMER '70 serves as an adviser to the Wahoo Kiwanis Aktion Club along with his duties as president of the Kiwanis Club. He served for eight years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Midland Lutheran College, now Midland University, in Fremont, Neb. He lives with his wife, NINA (ANDERSON) KRAMER '71, in Wahoo, Neb.

DR. ROBERT CRUTCHFIELD '71 was named an ASC Fellow by the American Society of Criminology. ASC Fellows are recognized for having made a scholarly contribution to the intellectual life of the discipline. Crutchfield is a professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Washington in Seattle where he focuses on criminology, deviant behavior and social control.



▲ ELAINE SURMA '78, regional director for the Bureau of Narcotics for the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, gave a drug-awareness presentation to the new Thiel College resident assistants and resident directors on Aug. 19 in the Sawhill-Georgian Room.

▼ ROB BASKIN '79 and MARILYN (DOUGLASS) CROCKETT '79 are working on a U.S. Geological Survey project on Washoe Lake, Nev. Baskin works for the USGS out of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Crockett is retired from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. Both were geology majors at Thiel. The project involves working with sonar to find fault zones under water bodies in the western United States.



1980s

AMY (MYERS) NOBLE '83 is a full-time children's librarian at the Greenville Area Public Library and full-time grandmother, better known as "Oma." She writes that "both work and home keep me very busy. If you are ever in the Greenville area, please stop into the library and say hello."

MARK THOMPSON '84 is the director of admissions and marketing at the AIB College of Business in Des Moines, Iowa.

MARK J. DOWDELL '87 was promoted to assistant regional director of the Inspections Program of the Philadelphia regional office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He lives with his wife, ANITTA L. DOWDELL '86, in Yardley, Pa.

1990s

ANDREA HALL '95 was ordained in the Assemblies of God International Fellowship. She has participated in mission trips to Kenya, Haiti and Santo Domingo. Hall works as a special needs paraprofessional in Midview Local School District. She lives in North Elyria, Ohio, with her daughter, Katelynn, who was born on Sept. 9, 2010.

SARA MECHLING SHAFER '98 received her B.S.N. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in December 2010. She

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became a registered nurse in February. She is working as a nurse in the medical ICU of Allegheny General Hospital. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Kittanning, Pa.

2000s

TARA RAUCH '01 received the American Eagle Award in fall 2010 from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in recognition of her dedication to public service and for making a difference in the lives of her fellow employees. She is a human resources specialist for the U.S. Department of Transportation and has been responsible for her agency's summer intern program for the past two years. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

SHANNA JEANNETTE (LEIPHEIMER) BOSSLER '02 was promoted from assistant director to associate director of undergraduate admissions at Alvernia University in Reading, Pa. She lives with her husband and two children in Mount Penn, Pa.

JENNIFER L. CRISAN '05 is an honors pastry arts student at Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts in Pittsburgh. She lives in Pittsburgh.

TIFFANY J. BANAS '08 completed a master's degree at the University of Central Florida in May and accepted a position as a speech language pathologist at Lake Mary Health and Rehabilitation. She also is an Amway Global independent business owner. Banas lives in Heathrow, Fla.

ANNETTE D. RODRIGUEZ CARRERAS '08 was accepted to Boston University School of Medicine's Division of Graduate Sciences. She is pursuing a master's of science in forensic anthropology.

Marriages

JOHN HAUSER '71 to NANCY GIBSON '75 on June 4. Thiel alumni in attendance included (from left to right) ROBERT HAUSER '65, WILLIAM HAUSER '63, PATRICIA DAUGHERTY HAUSER '63, JOHN GIBSON '71, the bride and groom, CYNTHIA HOOD ALLSHOUSE '90, DAVID HAUSER '77 and VIRGINIA HAUSER TRYGSTAD '73. The couple resides in Greenville, Pa.

NANCY (PRIBBLE) WERT '77 to Ronald Wert Sr. on June 25. The Werts met on a mission trip to the Gary, Ind., area and



Nancy Gibson '75 and John Hauser '71



Leah Pereko '07 and Marc Berry '08



Sarah Sumner '12 and Jeremiah Jones '10

have since gone on mission trips to New York, Georgia and Alabama. They have also worked on Habitat for Humanity

Homes and volunteer at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport, Pa. They live in Woolrich, Pa.

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LEAH PEREKO '07 to MARC BERRY '08 on July 17, 2010 in Pittsburgh. Alumni in the wedding included KRISTINE LANGFORD '07, ZACHARY PARIS '07, ANTON URBAN '06 and WALT ROSADO '07. The couple resides in Frederick, Md.

JONATHAN BAIRD '08 to Melissa Lanyi on July 9 in North Huntingdon, Pa., with the reception at the Grand Hall at the Priory in Pittsburgh. Alumni in attendance included FRANK ILY '08, DEREK BENEDICT '08, AARON TERDLE '08 and ROBERT SHRADER '71. Baird works at Dick's Sporting Goods and lives in Coraopolis, Pa.

KASSANDRA (GOMEZ) STERNS '09 to Charles Stearns on May 22. The couple lives in Clairton, Pa.

JEREMIAH JONES '10 to SARAH (SUMNER) JONES '12. Jeremiah is a pharmacy technician and Sarah is a model. They live in Mercer, Pa.

Births

To DAVID SCHREIBER '00 and his wife, Alyssa: a son, Jackson Reid, on May 9. The family resides in Medina, Ohio.

▼To NICOLE (WILLRICH) '03 and NICK COUGHLIN '03: a son, Nolan Charles, on Sept. 20. Nolan joins big brother, Noah Richard. Nicole is a portfolio manager for ProCAM, LLC in Fairfax, Virginia. Nick is an auditor for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. The family lives in Manassas, Va.



To ATHENA LYNN (LITWICKI) SYPURT '05 and her husband, Nathaniel: a daughter, Addisyn Lauren, on April 13, 2010. Sypurt is a caseworker at Armstrong County Children Youth & Family Services. The family lives in Arnold, Pa.

RICHARD McNEAL '06 and NICOLE (NOLAN) McNEAL '05: a daughter, Lydia Shea, on Oct. 10, 2010. Nicole is a middle school teacher with the Fulton County Schools

and Richard is employed by Emory University. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

▼To KYLE BROWN '07 and DANA (VanKIRK) BROWN '05: a daughter, Aleena Rose, on May 25.



In Memoriam

MARY JANE RICHWALSKY '35 of Sheffield, Pa., on June 14 at age 97.

DR. JAMES C. McELREE '39 of Greenville, Pa., on June 4 at age 93.

MARY SANKEY RACEK '41 of Fox Chapel, Pa., on July 4 at age 93.

FLORENCE A. "NINA" (GREGORY) DuMARS '44 of Adrian, Mich., on April 16 at age 88.

ELIZABETH A. "BETTY" (EATON) BAKER '48 of Blue Bell, Pa., on April 23 at age 85.

ROBERT E. RYHAL '50 of Hempfield Township, Pa., on Aug. 17 at age 84.

REV. DAVID H. SCHMID '50 of Plantation, Fla., on May 11.

FLORENCE (HARTOS) SHERMAN '51 on July 20.

ALICE W. GERBERDING '52 of Hermitage, Pa., on July 2 at age 80. She is survived by her brother, ROBERT SIEGNER '42.

ALVIN DALE McCANDLESS '52 of Wooster, Ohio, on June 2 at age 83.

ROBERT MODER '52 of Fort Myers, Fla., on June 15 at age 83.

REV. DAVID R. SCHWEINGRUBER '52 of Erie, Pa., on June 1 at age 82.

HELEN M. (BARBER) NALL '54 of Clarion, Pa., on April 13 at age 79.

CHARLES H. WAGONER '55 of Sebring, Fla., on Dec. 4, 2010.

WILLIAM N. FLOROS '56 of Hermitage, Pa., on June 23 at age 77.

LILY SOLOMON '56 on June 10.

JESSIE H. WILT '58 of Latrobe, Pa., on June 7 at age 74.



Professor David Miller '61, Ruth Miller, Michael Miller '92, Wendy Miller, Adam Michael Miller (Thiel graduation date: 2033), Ned Adams and Charlotte Adams at Adam's baptism in the David Johnson Memorial Chapel on Aug. 14. The Millers and Adamses are grandparents to Adam.

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PASTOR HOWARD RAVENSTAHL '60 of Pittsburgh on May 17 at age 72.

MAE (NEWTON) LEE '61 in October 2010.

RONALD L. MYERS '61 of Morro Bay, Calif., on June 12 at age 74.

MICHAEL V. PALAMARA '61 of Penn Hills, Pa., on March 24 at age 77.

PATRICIA (BEYER) COLLIER '65 of Rochester, N.Y., on March 21.

DOROTHY J. MARPLE '65 of Ambler, Pa., on Aug. 8. Marple was the dean of women and foreign student adviser at Thiel from 1953 to 1961. She received an honorary doctorate of letters from Thiel in 1965.

GEORGE ROBERT MERK '65 of Tampa, Fla., on June 10 at age 68.

ARTHUR R. PATTERSON '65 of Greensburg, Pa., on April 27 at age 67.

STEPHEN PAUL GERHARD '67 of Winston-Salem, N.C., on May 20 at age 65. He is survived by his wife, BARBARA JEANNE (FOREMAN) GERHARD '68.

JOHN T. ZALINSKI '69 of Poolesville, Md., on March 5.

DOUGLAS MENGLE SNYDER '72 of Schwenksville, Pa., on April 11.

EDWARD DEICHMAN JR. '75 of Midlothian, Va., on June 23 at age 58.

MEGAN M. (HICKEY) TWICHELL '96 of Delmont, Pa., on July 9, 2010, at age 35.

Still Together After All These Years



The Class of 1961 gathered for a 50th anniversary dinner at Homecoming 2011. Thanks to all those who came to the special event! Pictured are (front row, l to r) Carolyn (Neil) Shaner, Martha (Schmidt) Burkett, Bonnie (Youkers) Sowers, Pat Stearns, Carolyn "Suze" (Stineman) Schroeder, Jeannette Amick, Barbara (Kelch) Toy and Sally Ann (Condie) Krozley; (second row) Judy Pekich, Frank Stratiff, Nancy (Jones) Rambarger and Letha (Morton) Adelman; (third row) Jean (Kohlhaas) Byers, Linda (Reed) Schaeffer, Wayne McWilliams, Arnold "Arnie" Moon and Marilyn (Johnston) Brown; (fourth row) Elizabeth "Betty" Thul, Beverly (Titus) McQuone, Dian (Darby) Dow, Jim McClimans, Clyde Moffett and Tom Schaeffer; and (top row) William Reinhart, William "Bill" Heider, Gary McQuone, Anthony Krozley, Clyde McGee, Russell "Rick" Marburger, Lana (Huey) Mozes, Janet (Stone) McGuire, Dan Ackerman and David Miller.

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