

# Class Notes

## 1940s

LLOYD H. '49 and JOANNE "JODY" (GREER) KELLER '49 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They have three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## 1950s

BARRY R. EVANS '54 was re-elected by the residents of The Villages, Fla., to a third term on the Board of Trustees of Sumter Electric Co-Op. Evans writes that he is "enjoying life in The Villages, which is the greatest retirement spot around."

▼ HELEN MCCULLOUGH HOPKINSON '57 and other Chi Omega alumnae met up with current sorority members at the Thiel Choir alumni reunion concert in May. (Thanks to Bob Hopkinson '59 who took the photo.) Pictured, from left to right, are (front row) SUNNY JEONG '13, ABBY KUSSEROW '13, STEPHANIE HUDSON '12, JULIE NOVOTNY '12, MAGGIE BABINKA '08 and STEPHANIE DOLINAR '12; and (second row) MINNIE HAM '13, GAIL MCCLAIN OWENS '65, HELEN MCCULLOUGH HOPKINSON '57, JUDY MCDONALD MILLER '63, KAREN SPENCE MCCULLOUGH '65 and NANCY GIBSON '75.



## 1960s

DR. TOM REGAN '60, professor emeritus of philosophy at North Carolina State University, retired in 2001, but is still active in the field of animal rights. In 2009, he gave several lectures in Canada and Europe (Sweden, Italy and Greece) and was recognized with two major international awards and a citation. Regan received an award for outstanding contributions to the animal rights movement in Milan, Italy, and an international award for exceptional contributions to ecology in Athens, Greece. He also was named "one of the 50 visionaries who are changing your view

of the world" in the December 2009 issue of the *Utne Reader*.

JAMES V. WEHNER '65 retired from teaching German at Southwest Allen County School in Fort Wayne, Ind., but continues to teach a full schedule at Indiana-Purdue in Fort Wayne and Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. In his spare time, he plays the Highland bagpipe as a band member and soloist and is restoring/maintaining two classic German NSU minicars and two classic German motorcycles (an NSU and BMW). Wehner also enjoys playing with his grandson who he has promised a half-scale set of bagpipes when he's ready. "His mother, also a piper, doesn't object," writes Wehner.

## 1970s

JANE MARTIN '70 is a visiting lecturer of education at Westminster College and is currently pursuing a doctorate of education at Youngstown State University. She holds certifications as a reading specialist, elementary principal and supervisor, and secondary principal. She was previously the director of curriculum, instruction and assessment for the Midwestern Intermediate Unit.

JON MILLS '70 has joined Affiliated Computer Services Inc., a subsidiary of Xerox, in their State Enterprise Solutions unit as the Illinois site operations director.

JANET MACCARTNEY '71 welcomed a new grandson in June. She practices master garden design and has studied master's level horticulture at Virginia Tech.

▶ RONALD W. OWEN '71 was appointed to the Board of Directors of ESB Bank in Ellwood City, Pa., on June 30. Owen is currently senior relationship executive for First American Title Insurance Company. He also is a member of the Thiel College Board of Trustees. ESB Bank services customers throughout Allegheny, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence Counties.



CINDA J. BRUCKER '72 graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., in May with a Master's of Divinity. She was ordained as an ELCA pastor in June at Susquehanna University by the Upper Susquehanna Synod. She serves as pastor at Trinity

## Chemistry Reunion



On June 19, 15 former Thiel College chemistry majors reunited with Dr. Richard Bennett, Thiel chemistry professor from 1964 to 1998, on campus to reminisce and share stories of their post-Thiel lives. The impressive group included CHARLES COE, Ph.D. '72 (assistant professor of chemical engineering at Villanova University and owner of 37 patents); DARLA DUNN, D.M.D. '73 (former Air Force dentist now in private practice); ANDREW MANCE, Ph.D. '73 (General Motors researcher currently in the hydrogen fuel cell program); ANN SEELEY JOHNSON, M.B.A. '73 (senior technical engineer for Shaw Industries); KATHIE CUNNINGHAM TRYSON, M.B.A. '73 (regulatory affairs director for Willert Home Products); ARTHUR WETZEL, Ph.D. '73 (principal computer scientist at the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center); VIRGINIA OLSAVICKY MOSZKOWICZ, M.B.A. '74 (vice president for global continuous improvement at ModusLink); ROBERT BURNS, M.D. '74 (pediatrician with Mansfield Pediatrics); KATHRYN HELD, Ph.D. '75 (associate professor of radiation oncology at Harvard University Medical School and director of the Held Laboratory); PAUL KENNEDY, Ph.D. '75 (vice president for manufacturing at Avid Radiopharmaceuticals); SUSAN VERDECCHIA MATTESON '75 (chemistry teacher at McDowell Senior High School in Erie, Pa.); REBECCA STUMPF, M.D. '76 (family practice doctor in Uniontown, Pa.); and JAMES SECHLER, M.D. '76 (medical director of cardiac rehabilitation at Parma Community Hospital).

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Lutheran Church in Hughesville, Pa., as well as serving at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Hughesville. She also became a grandmother in March.

NORMA KLINE '74 lives in Meadville, Pa., and works at the Erie National Wildlife Refuge as a wildlife biologist. Her interests include conservation activism and converting lawns to wildlife habitats. Kline has lost touch with several Thiel friends, who can obtain her contact information through the Office of Alumni Services.

TRACY FAIR ROBERTSON '74 is chair of the Assembly of State Coordinators of English Language Arts. She is the English coordinator for the Virginia Department of Education. She lives in Midlothian, Va.

KATHY (GAROFALO) SOURBEER '74 started her 16th year of teaching and directing at Trinity Lutheran Preschool in Monroeville, Pa. Her daughter, KATIE, is a senior at Thiel and she and her husband, John, are in their fourth year on the Thiel Family Council. They live in North Huntingdon, Pa.

## 1980s



▲ ROSEANN DELLDONNA '81 enjoyed a weekend getaway in May in Pittsburgh with fellow Thiel alumnae (pictured from left to right, bottom to top) LESLIE (VICK) EVANS '82, DELLDONNA, ANN SWANSON '84, KORY (MAZZEO) STOECKLE '81, AMY (WICKERHAM) MONTGOMERY

'83, STEPHANIE SMITH '81, AMY CADWELL '83, EILEEN (FIELD) KADILAK '82, NETTI (KNOTT) LONGIETTI BONHAM '79, JOY BRESLIN '81 and DEBBIE WOODRING '82. The group came from six different states for the event and is already planning their next gathering. "So darn hard to believe we are all in our 50s now," writes DellDonna. "We all still say that those were the best years of our lives."

ARTHUR FAYNE '85 is president of 4KIDS Leadership Endowment Foundation in Cleveland. 4KIDS is an organization whose mission is to develop customized education and training programs that assist youth, individuals and families in the areas of academics, leadership, health and fitness, and vocational skill development.

CHRIS RIZZO '87 received the John W. Beatty Outstanding Chief Student Affairs Officer Award at the Penn State Student Affairs Development Day at Penn State's University Park campus in June. Rizzo, who is director of student affairs at Penn State Beaver, received one of only two individual staff awards given by Penn State to student affairs staff members working at campuses outside of University Park.

JAMES ZAHNISER '89 runs Red Robot Design & Illustration ([www.redrobotcreative.com](http://www.redrobotcreative.com)), a thriving freelance design, illustration and logo design business in Pittsburgh where he also lives.

## 2000s

▼ HEATHER M. (ACHENBACH) BALAS '01 attended the Chi Omega National Convention in Florida with juniors Melissa Sincek, Thiel's chapter president, and Katie Hassel, chapter treasurer. Balas is a co-adviser to Thiel's Chi Omega chapter, along with STEPHANIE (SMITH) TURNER '98, who also attended the convention. After the convention, Balas, Sincek and Hassel



visited the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando where they posed for a photo with the Hogwarts Express.

STEVEN L. DEDRICK '03 completed his M.B.A. with a finance focus at Duquesne University in August 2009. He is a treasury management analyst with Dollar Bank in Pittsburgh.

NATHAN R. LEARD '04 performed for the inaugural concert of the World Civic Orchestra and Choir at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 20. Leard is an accountant with TeleTracking Technologies Inc. in Pittsburgh.

ANTHONY ROBERT ROSS '04 graduated in May from Bowling Green State University with a Master's of Art in teaching with a concentration in mathematics. Ross received the Pre-Career Award for excellence in teaching from BGSU. He currently is working as a mathematics instructor at Edinboro University.

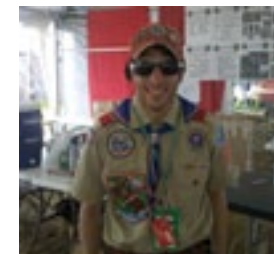
▶ This fall, SHELBY SPENCE '06 and several Metro D.C.-area alumni reunited to watch the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs take on the Somerset Patriots in Waldorf, Md. Pictured from left to right are ALLISON WYNN '09, SHELBY SPENCE '06, PEGGY DEVENY '05, KATIE GARLING WHEELER '06 and BEN WHEELER '06.



MARGERY A. WILSON '08 graduated in May with a master's degree in social work and gerontology certification from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work. She lives in the Pittsburgh area.

ALLISON OBENOUR '08 is finishing her master's degree in social work, with a specialization in geriatric care, at the University of Pittsburgh. She works in a residential treatment facility for traumatized youth in Pittsburgh.

▼ NICHOLAS THOMPSON '10 was a staff member at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree at Fort AP Hill near Bowling Green, Va., from July 26 to August 4. Between 35,000 and 40,000 scouts were in attendance, and Thompson served as a staff



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member for the Collections Merit Badge booth. The event featured presentations by Robert Gates, Miss America, the governor of Virginia, TV host Mike Rowe and many others, as well as a videotaped message from President Barack Obama. "Overall, the Jamboree was very fun, and I had a lot of fun helping other scouts at it," writes Thompson. "I cannot wait to be on staff at the 2013 Jamboree."

► LINDSEY BONA '07 to Jesse Amar on May 22 at George Washington's Mount Vernon in Virginia. The couple lives in Greenville, Pa.



## Births

To AMY ASHLEY-MATTA '97 and her husband, Joseph: a daughter, Claire James, on Nov. 24, 2009. The family resides in Pittsburgh.

To SARA K. COPE '98 and her husband, David: a daughter, MaKenna Grace, on May 27. She joins older brother, John Michael. Cope is a math teacher in Elizabeth Forward School District.

To MATTHEW R. THIRY '98 and his wife, Andrea: a son, Wesley, on February 17. He joins his older brother, William. The family lives in Atlanta, Ga.

To DAVID T. DIGENNARO '00 and his wife, Kathleen: a son, Joshua David, on June 8. The family lives in Philadelphia, Pa., where DiGennaro is a sales representative for Rain for Rent.

► To NATALIE SNYDER '02 and her husband, Benjamin: a daughter, Eve Alexandra, on May 7. Snyder is a special education teacher in the Chartiers Valley School District. The family lives in Upper St. Clair, Pa.



To AMBER L. (EISEL) CAROTHERS and her husband, JONATHAN '03: a daughter, Zoe Nicole, on February 6. Jonathan completed his master's degree as a reading specialist from McDaniel's College in May 15. They live in York, Pa., where Amber works for the York County Parks Department.

To AMY R. HOLLOWELL '04 and her husband, Michael: twin sons, Ryan Christopher and Sean David, on May 24. They join older brother, Evan Michael. Hollowell is a consultant for Mary Kay. The family lives in Greenville, Pa.

## Marriages

► AARON SKRBIN '01 to Rachel Franek on May 15 in Reading, Pa. Alumni at the wedding included JEFF LINN '02 (who served as the best man), JOSH HARGEST '00, MATT ATWELL '00 and CARISSA (EMCH) ATWELL '99. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.



▼ SHANNON L. STRANG '02 to Sixto Mercado on March 26. CAITLIN (MCKENNA) DEGNAN '04 served as matron of honor. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.



► JULIE A. GREER '05 to JUSTIN M. PAGE '05 on May 23 on a beach in Oahu, Hawaii. They currently live in Washington, D.C. where Julie is a secondary English teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



SEAN MOCKER '05 to Josie Cattron on May 9, 2009, in Sharon, Pa. Mocker is employed by Cattron Group Inc., in Sharpsville, Pa., where the couple also lives.

KAYLA CASHNER '07 to Douglas Shook on May 8 in Clarks Mills, Pa. Alumni in the wedding party included MALLORY BORRELLI '07 and KIM TUROSKI '07. The couple honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains and is living in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

## In Memoriam

SAMUEL FRANKLIN SHAKELY JR. '35 of Dallas, Texas, on Oct. 18, 2009.

LAURA ELIZABETH "BETTY" WINTERSTEEN, U.S.N., '36 of Lancaster, Pa., on June 11.

MARGARET JANE (MORELAND) HUBBARD '38 of Jamestown, Pa., on Dec. 30, 2009, at age 94.

MARY (STEINMETZ) ERIE '40 of Los Angeles, Calif., on Dec. 18, 2009 at age 92.

LENNE (GREINER) LOGAN '41 on Oct. 1.

MARTHA LOCH KOWALYSHYN '42 on March 11.

EARL E. MYERS '42 in October 2008.

KATHERINE STREMEL NURNBERGER '43 on February 3.

JAMES I. LINN '46 of Marina Del Ray, Calif., on June 5 at age 87.

PAUL KECK ULRICH '48 of Winchester, Ore., on February 3.

JOHN H. PUDLINER '49 of Macon, Ga., on June 22.

LEWIS W. LEARY '50 of Jefferson, Ohio, on August 10 at age 85. He is survived by four sons, including BRAD J. LEARY '78.

PAUL LONG '50 of Pittsburgh on March 19.

WILHELM J. BORCICKY '51 of Mobile, Ala., on May 24.

FRANK P. GREISINGER '51 of Catonsville, Md., on April 14, 2009.

CHIQUITA (FLESHER) LAWRENCE '51 of Irving, Texas, on July 19.

MICHAEL A. ROGERSON '53 of Marion, Ohio, on April 16.

MARY ALICE GERHART '54 of Butler, Pa., on July 27 at age 80.

MARGARET "PEG" (POOLE) HUSHER '55 of Los Altos, Calif., on June 28 at age 74.

RICHARD "DICK" PETERS '58 of Greenville, Pa., on May 25 at age 74.

JERRY A. ROGERS '60 of Powder Spring, Ga., on August 26 at age 71. He is survived by his wife, DIANE (GILLESPIE) ROGERS '59

MARGARET J. MCCULLOUGH '61 of Fort Worth, Texas, on April 4.

KENNETH S. MURPHY '63 of Jamestown, Pa., on April 29 at age 74.

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JAMES K. BOLTZ '70 of Durham, N.C., on Dec. 25, 2009, at age 61.

REV. NORMAN R. GAUCH '70 of Kiantone, N.Y., on July 9 at age 61.

JOHN WASCAK '71 of Mentor, Ohio, on May 7 at age 60.

WALTER JOSEPH ZOTTER '73 of Pittsburgh on May 28 at age 59.

MICHAEL C. BROWN '79 of Mount Lebanon, Pa., on July 12, 2009, at age 53.

GAYLE D. ERDICE '87 of Jamestown, Pa., on June 11 at age 56.

NANCY R. GOOD '91 of West Salem Township, Pa., on July 15 at age 78.

THERESA MARIE GALLUZZO '02 of Masontown, Pa., on May 28 at age 30.

## Friends

JENNY A. KASHNER, former employee with the Thiel bindery, of Greenville, Pa., on June 12.

MARY KEREKES, a Thiel College housekeeper for 24 years, of Otter Creek Township, Pa., on May 25 at age 81.

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## 50th Anniversary Class



On Friday, Sept. 17, the Class of 1960 gathered together for a reunion dinner in the Sawhill-Georgian Room as part of the Homecoming 2010 celebration. Fifty years faded away as the group reminisced about old times and caught up on what's been happening in their lives. Congratulations to all the members of the class on becoming part of Thiel College's Honor Circle!

Pictured are (front row) Diana (Johnston) Devine, Paul Clare and Ed Redman; (second row) Harry Reiner, Nancy Ristvey, Doris Ursitti, Bob Olson, Ralph Wagner and C. Donald Seagren; (third row) Glenn Roof, Tom Regan, Nancy (Tirk) Reagan, Wayne Scott and William McCloskey; and (top row) Lee Montgomery, Sarah (Frankenfield) Hauth, Sandy Yeager, James Casker and Karen (Glatzert) Rainey.

# 2010 Homecoming Reunion Class Photos



Pictured alphabetically: Jack Brown, Robert Dunmire, Tom Guinn, Jean Hodge, Tom Hodge, Harry Irons and Bill Satterfield



Pictured alphabetically: Carol Sue Carlson-Jones, Rosa (Kellner) Davis, Jo (Spiker) Devlin, Marnie Gill-Joseph, Jeff Ives, Dave King, Frank Kozen, Karl Mount, Janet (Kepple) Opalinski, Jane Ross-Stempel, Chris (Olson) Snyder and Cari Thieme-Busch



Pictured from left: Amy (Peet) Shetrom and Kate Albright

Pictured (on right) alphabetically: Cindy (Hood) Allshouse, Scott Armstrong, Dee (Stitt) Callihan, Rick Callihan, Debbie (Daugherty) Carr, Kelly (Douglass) Cumbie, Jeff Doerr, Dave Verno and Liz (Bruno) Wood



Pictured from left: Gail (McClain) Owens, Michael Boehm '66 and Signe (Olson) Mitchell



Pictured alphabetically: Gary Cook, Carol Detar-Jones, Paul Eberhardt, Linda Ebling, Nancy Gibson, Jack Martin, Linda Oman, Susan (Verdecchia) Matteson, Bill Parker, Carol Parker, Deb Reeher-Zraggen, George Schuler, Sharon (Guca) Skolaski, Barbara Swab '76, Steve White, Tom Wickerham, Amy (Duff) Zeffiro and Tim Zeffiro



Pictured from left: Bill Walworth, Monty McAdoo and Jeff Seiple



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