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Showing Up

by Kristin (Conrad '90) Garrabrant

This year on the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene, I heard someone say that Mary Magdalene is the Patron Saint of showing up. Mary Magdalene showed up to the tomb of Jesus and did something radical. She stayed. Even when everyone left, she stayed. Even when it was revealed that the tomb was empty, she stayed. Mary Magdalene understood that unwavering love stays, not for what it can get out of the relationship, but because it is love.

It is within this newsletter, that I am most grateful for all of you...our many generous donors who have that unwavering love for Fisher Catholic High School, and who stay. You keep showing up, when it is instinctual, but especially when it's hard. Thank you.

Did you know that Fisher Catholic High School opened its doors in November of 1971?! In honor of this 50th year anniversary, we will be launching our \$50,000 FOR 50 YEARS campaign this fall! Look for more details soon! If you are interested in getting involved at FC or in making a donation, please contact me, Kristin Garrabrant, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at kgarrabrant@cdeducation.org. St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

2020-21 FIGHTING IRISH ANNUAL FUND REPORT

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\$7,350 TUITION FOR CATHOLIC STUDENT

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FISHER CATHOLIC'S COST PER STUDENT

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We are grateful for the following donors who have provided Fisher Catholic High School with gifts for *unrestricted* use. This Annual Report recognizes donor giving to our annual fund between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. If you identify a needed addition, alteration or omission, please notify Kristin Garrabrant, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at <u>kgarrabrant@cdeducation.org</u>.

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Downpour Doesn't Dampen Spirits!

By Mary (Farmer '69) Rogers

The 7th Annual Chuck Rogers Memorial Golf Outing hosted 144 golfers at the Lancaster Country Club on Sunday August 1, 2021. The morning flight flew through the links, but the afternoon group was delayed by a downpour. The rain did not dampen the players' spirits!

For more information about the Chuck Rogers/Bishop Fenwick Class of 1969 Memorial Fund or to make a donation visit our website, <u>chuckrogersmemorialfund.com</u>. We look forward to hosting another great golf outing in 2022!



Left: Bishop Fenwick Class of 1969 was well represented. Pictured from left to right are Don Eaton, Greg Hoch, Bob Clum, and Jim Faulkner.

WINNERS!

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FIRST PLACE (score of 61): John Snider, Bruce Carpenter, Alan Anderson, Jim Wildermuth

SECOND PLACE (tie score of 62):

*Nick Boyden, Dan Boyden, Ben Boyden, Brodie Ritchlin

*Justin Bruce, Kate Bruce, Colin Brown, AJ Dyer *Walt Wellstead, Steven Wellstead, Michael Wellstead, David Mauger

LONGEST DRIVE ON HOLE #2: Tom Rogers

CLOSEST TO THE PIN:

Hole #3-Grant Smith Hole #5-Steven Wellstead Hole #14-Patrick Kenney Hole #18-Karl Schosek

SKINS GAME (TWO WINNERS):

Steve Kennedy, Bob Bradford, Dave Young, Chris Kraft Paul Sullivan, Jim Barner, AJ Fecht, Denny Lambright

50/50 WINNER: Chris Smith

Downpour Doesn't Dampen Spirits! (cont.)

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Our photographer Leo Thimmes—check out the awesome photos at <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos//fchssports/</u> <u>collections</u>.

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Many thanks to our volunteers!

Jim (Class of 1969) & Angel (Class of 1975) Faulkner Leo & Jane Thimmes (Class of 1969) Russell (Class of 1997), Leah, Emery & Charlie Rogers Marie Cutlip Jane Hill (Class of 1969) Kellie Griffin (Class of 1998) Nicole Kolikohn (Class of 1999) Cathy Henry (Class of 1973) Ben Grobe Bob Clum (Class of 1969) Stan Schorr (Class of 1971)

GREATER GOOD FROM UNEXPECTED DEATH

BISHOP FENWICK ALUMNI | 1969 Graduate

by Mary (Farmer '69) Rogers



I grew up on the south side of Columbus. I attended Corpus Christi Elementary where I received my First Communion and was confirmed. When I was 16, my family moved to a small farm in Thurston, Ohio. Lancaster was the nearest Catholic High School and I entered Bishop Fenwick in my sophomore year. I had attended Holy Rosary in Columbus for my freshman year, so entering another small, closeknit community made me feel welcomed and "at home." I blended right in and enjoyed the college prep curriculum. In 1969 I graduated as Valedictorian. This accomplishment helped me to earn a full scholarship to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing. I was allowed to choose any school for my core subjects and I elected to attend Ohio Dominican College for my first two years.

In the summer of 1971 I moved to Washington, D.C. and finished my nurse's training at Walter Reed General Hospital. I was commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps in 1973. I spent the next three years working in the Surgical ICU and Post-operative Recovery Room. I finished my military obligation and returned to Ohio. My nursing career has allowed me to remain a life-long learner and I have been privileged to work in intensive maternity, surgery, and nursing care. education in various hospitals. I retired in January, 2021 after logging 48 years of active nursing.

Below: Mary's retirement on January 15, 2021.



GREATER GOOD FROM UNEXPECTED DEATH, cont.

My personal experience at Bishop Fenwick was happy. I enjoyed my classmates and established life-long friendships. I was raised by devout Catholic parents and found the thread of religion in my daily learning was comforting. One of the highlights of attending Bishop Fenwick was participating in the Junior/Senior play. For both my junior and senior years, our school staged a "multi-media light celebration" called "Joy Is Like the Rain." It was one of the most memorable experiences of my life! And in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 1969, a small group of original and current student actors/singers/instrumentalists and dancers joined together to stage "JOY 2019."

So, what is my connection to Chuck Rogers? Chuck was somewhat of a "rebel" in school. Always looking for shortcuts. Always looking for fun. But I saw a kind and earnest man inside his challenging façade. We began dating our senior year. We were inseparable. Chuck failed senior English and was not allowed to graduate with our class in June. He stood in the back of the Church and watched as his classmates accepted their diplomas. With encouragement from me and his parents, he attended summer school and graduated in the "Class of 1969 1/2." As I approached the end of my sophomore year in college, Chuck and I decided to marry before I drove off to Washington, D.C. and he headed west to Kansas City to study airline ticketing. So, you can see we didn't even live together the first year we were married! But we made the most of the situation, and eventually Chuck moved to D.C. Chuck opened and operated his own small engine repair shop in the Washington, D.C. area. We were happy and successful there. We entertained our friends and family from Ohio often. Our first child, JoAnne, was born at Walter Reed Hospital in 1976 which added to our joy.



Left: Chuck Rogers in 1969.



Right: Chuck and Mary Rogers, May 22, 1971.



GREATER GOOD FROM UNEXPECTED DEATH, cont.

In 1977, Chuck's father was gravely ill and we moved back to Ohio to support his family. It was then that Chuck became an active Alumnus at Fisher Catholic. He sat on Parish Council at St Mark Parish as a representative to Fisher Catholic. He participated in the FC Advisory Council and the Athletic Association. I supported him in his endeavors and was also active in fund raisers.

In 1979 our son Russell was born. Chuck and I were delighted. JoAnne and Russell attended St. Mary Elementary and Fisher Catholic. As parents, Chuck and I taught them the beliefs of our Catholic faith and felt education in a Catholic environment was good for body and soul.

Chuck was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2014. He died four weeks after his diagnosis. My world took a sideways turn. But supported by my family and friends I was able to get through all the craziness of the unexpected death of my husband. Because of his dedication to FC, the administration offered the school for Chuck's viewing and calling hours. Over 600 people attended that evening. Our family was overwhelmed with the outreach!

Several months after Chuck died, four of our classmates-Jim Renard, Jim Faulkner, Jim Henahan and Bob Clum- approached me with the idea of establishing a memorial to Chuck to support FC. I was touched and delighted. After several organizational meetings, we established the Chuck Rogers/Bishop Fenwick Class of 1969 Memorial Fund. This advisory fund is managed by the Catholic Foundation. The money we raise is used to support FC Athletic Association. Over the past seven years we have sponsored the Irish Party and the Chuck Rogers Memorial Golf Outing. We also have dedicated contributors who support the fund with private donations. We have raised over \$73,000.00! The board consists of Russell Rogers and Laef Fox (both Class of 1997) and Bob Clum, Jim Faulkner, Jim Henahan, Jane Shonk Thimmes and myself (all Class of 1969). If you are interested in visiting our website, go to chuckrogersmemorialfund.com.

In my retirement years I am grateful to have time to give back. I sit on the St Mark Parish Council. I am president of the Chuck Rogers Memorial Fund. I stay active in several nursing organizations. I love having my kids and grandchildren visit at my mini-farm. I am grateful that God has blessed me with my loving family and a Catholic community.



THANK YOU for your astounding gift of over \$73,000 to the Fisher Catholic Athletic Association!

AUGUST 31, 2021



FISHER CATHOLIC ALUMNI | McGill ('91) Named New Girls Soccer Head Coach

As a 1991 graduate of Fisher Catholic, Coach Brad McGill was a four-year varsity soccer and tennis player and a three-year member of the basketball team. He also had lead roles in the school's musicals and was a member of the marching band, stage band, and quiz team.

Coach McGill earned undergraduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Economics from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL where he was a four-year starter and captain for the school's club soccer team and a member of the marching band. Brad was Willie The Wildcat (Northwestern's mascot) and was lucky enough to represent the school at the 1996 Rose Bowl. He went on to earn a Masters in Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon

University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Coach McGill began his coaching career as a recreational soccer coach in the Canal Winchester league for several years before



Above: Brad as Willie the Wildcat at Northwestern University!

becoming a coach for a local soccer club. He is excited to share his love for soccer and to help the team experience the comradery and sense of accomplishment that the sport afforded him at Fisher and throughout his life.

Coach McGill is excited for the upcoming 2021 soccer season! Brad enjoys traveling, playing in adult soccer and basketball leagues, and spending time with his wife Kamara and three children - Annie (FC '24), Sammy (St. Mary's 7th grader), and Zoey in Canal Winchester (pictured above).



AUGUST 31, 2021

FISHER CATHOLIC ALUMNI I Anders ('93) New Girls Soccer Assistant Coach

As a 1993 graduate of Fisher Catholic, Coach Chris Anders was a four year varsity letterman of the men's soccer team and a two year letterman of the men's varsity basketball team. Anders was named honorable mention All-District as a freshman, selected Second Team All-District in 1990 & 1991, and received 1st team All-District in 1992. Anders was also named to the 1st team all MSL in 90, 91, and 92. Following a memorable high career, Coach Anders went on to be a four year letterman at Ohio Northern University with the men's soccer team.

Coach Anders earned his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University in May, 1998 and later graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree with High Distinction in November 2004. Coach Anders began his professional career at Fairfield Medical Center as a staff Pharmacist and continues to be employed as a Clinical Pharmacist to this day.

Coach Anders began his coaching career as many parents do by coaching his children in rec league soccer. (Micaela – 2019 FCHS graduate, Cora – FCHS senior, and Cayden FCHS sophomore) This will be Anders' first year assisting the girls soccer team under the leadership of former high school teammate Brad McGill (FCHS '91). Anders welcomed the responsibility, positive atmosphere, and opportunity to teach a great group of girls.



Coach Anders also recognizes the outpouring of support from the Fisher family and the dedication of parents, past players, coaches, and teachers to help our student athletes achieve success not only on the field but in the classroom.

Coach Anders lives in Lancaster with his best fan and wife, Brandice, and their three children Micaela, Cora, and Cayden (pictured above). Anders looks forward to watching his remaining two children graduate from Fisher, and carrying forward the tradition and honor of being a Fisher Catholic graduate.

THANK YOU, COACH ANDERS!



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