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OLW Alumni Newsletter

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Happenings around school



The five-year old Robotics program at OLW produced three teams that participated in the First Lego League (FLL) state tournament this winter! The MerchantCats team was the judges' overall Excellence in Core Values Award and each team scored 25th or above in the robot table performance runs. This program was started by Joshua Gustafson, class of 2012, and we are so proud of how it has flourished.

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During the Annual Gala for this school year, the Fund-a-Need raised money to provide security features for the school buildings, some defined walkways for students to travel between buildings and some green space for recess. These school improvements will occur in phases, but OLW will be better for the changes. This was the 30th anniversary of the Gala; proceeds support the OLW School Annual Fund.

Support the school!



Did you know that we have four alumnae teaching at OLW right now? And over 25 alumni families who have children at the school. Pictured above is Liberty Brown Lewis, class of 1990, with three alumni kindergartners.

Update your contact info

A few alumni updates

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Class
of 1958

Fred and Ted Kleisner

Twins Fred and Ted Kleisner, class of 1958, have been in contact with us recently and shared the following information about their lives and their family. Fred graduated from Michigan State University in three years, but Ted needed five years to graduate from the University of Denver. "I skied every black diamond slope in CO so naturally I needed a few extra years," Ted told us. They both continued the family tradition of working in the hotel and hospitality industry, although they are retired now. Fred was CEO at several hotel companies. He now lives in Bainbridge, WA and is married to Johanna. Ted was in Resort and Entertainment. He lives in Savannah, GA and is married to Karen. Both Fred and Ted serve on various professional and community boards. They enjoy giving back to their communities as they feel that Sr. Dixie and Fr. Cowell taught them.

Ted reminisces: Sister Mary Dixie was certainly the one mentor/teacher that pushed us, unwilling at times, toward success. Fred and I both played on the JV basketball team for OLW. They were then called The Waysiders. Fr. Cowell (also a great and inspiring influence on us), was a great coach however, we spent more time on "the bench" than on the hardwood floor. Sr. Dixie could shoot hoops better than most on the team, certainly both of us.

Ted also shared this update on his siblings.

Mary Jane Kleisner, OLW 1956, graduated from the University of Illinois and received her master's from Northwestern University. She works as a landscape architect. Mary Jane has identical twin boys.

Jack and Jim Kleisner, both class of 1964, also followed the family tradition. Jack was GM at The Conrad Hotel in Dublin Ireland; Jim, a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, was a Chef with Westin Hotels.

Susan Taylor Hoggood, class of 1966, lives in Algonquin, IL and said she was the first baby baptized at OLW!

Bridget McIlwain, class of 1999, is a dermatologist and dermatopathologist married to Daniel Weitbol and living in Columbus, OH.

MaryClare Zimmerman, class of 2008, recently debuted a play that she wrote at the Prop Thr in Chicago. The play is titled, "For the Record."

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