

1960s

George Burk '63 of Scottsdale, Ariz., has written his second book, "Value-Centered Leadership: A Survivor's Strategy for Personal and Professional Growth." He is also the author of "The Bridge Never Crossed: A Survivor's Search for Meaning." More information is available at www.georgeburk.com.

The Ypsilanti Courier reported in February that **Robert Slone Jr. '65** was retiring after more than 27 years as the city clerk of Ypsilanti.

In February, the Bedford Now reported that State Senator **Beverly Swoish Hammerstrom '66** was concerned about the elimination of scholarship money for private colleges in Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed budget. She said that at Adrian, her alma mater, such money is important for recruitment. Bev resides in Temperance.

Donna Lindberg '66 retired at this year's annual conference with 37 years of pastoral ministry. She most recently served as pastor of the Manistique First United Methodist Church and as the Marquette District Project Director. Donna lives in Manistique.

Terrance Robinson '66 was honored to accompany Ana Marisol Melendez M.D., to receive her degree from the University of Leon (Nicaragua) School of Medicine in December. Terry and wife Barbara supported Ana throughout her quest to reach this goal. Terry was also elected secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Dermatologic Association in August, and then elected to the Board of the United Fund of Kitsap County (Wash.) in October. The Robinsons live in Bremerton, Wash.

1970s

The Niles Daily Star ran a story in February about how Niles Community Schools Superintendent **Doug Law '71**, and his wife **Ellen Kucik Law '71**, ended up living in the community and raising their family there.

Eric Larsen '72 was honored for his anti-Vietnam War activities by being formally adopted as a family son into the Mei clan of Saigon. He was given the name "Ho Mei." Eric resides in Greeley, Colo.

Mike Selleck '73 has been appointed as director of connectional ministries for the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. This appointment is headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., where Mike and his wife, Chris, reside.

The News Herald in Morganton, N.C., reported in March that **William Ferrucci '74**, an emergency care physician with Mountain Emergency Physicians for Blue Ridge Health Care, was elected vice president of Valdese Hospital by the medical staff. The Ferrucci family lives in Valdese, N.C.

Kenneth Munsch '74 of Holland had an article on outsourcing design and innovation published in the January/February edition of Research Technology Management. He is a director in the Creative Office of Herman Miller in Zeeland.

Dave Seanor '75 was honored as the Florida Magazine Association's Editor of the Year for 2003. Dave has been editor of Golfweek magazine, an international newsweekly that covers competitive golf and the golf industry, for nine years. His prior journalism experience includes stints at Crain's Detroit Business, PGA Magazine, Chicago Sun-Times, New York Post, Detroit News, Lansing State Journal, and Gannett Westchester (N.Y.) newspapers. During his senior year at AC, Dave was an intern with The Daily Telegram, in Adrian. He and his wife, Patti, live in Orlando, Fla. Their daughter, Shannon, is a sophomore at Florida State University; their son, Nick, is a junior at Oviedo High School.

1980s

The Battle Creek Enquirer reported in February that Battle Creek resident **Christopher Sliva '81** was appointed a tax partner in the Kalamazoo practice of the tax and financial consulting firm BDO Seidman LLP.

The Chelsea Standard reported in February that **Jason Lindauer '82** was running for city council. He was later elected. Jason and his family reside in Chelsea.

Melanie Themanson Fuhrmann '86 has been named chair of the voice department at the Adler Institute of Music, which is part of the David Adler Cultural

Center (Museum) in Libertyville, Ill. She also teaches private voice lessons at Antioch High School, continues to sing in the Chicago Symphony Chorus and serves as a soprano soloist in the region. Melanie lives in Round Lake Beach, Ill.

Mark Anderson '87, the men's basketball coach at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, and his team, won the NJCAA Division II National Championship this year, defeating Mott CC, Flint 74-67. Mark was awarded both the Region XII District 7 Coach of the Year and the NJCAA Men's Basketball Division II National Coach of Year 2004, finishing 24-10. Mark's wife, **Maureen Hemmeter Anderson '90**, coaches volleyball for Thomas Jefferson Middle School, also in Cleveland. Her team won the city championship this past fall with a 15-0 record. The Andersons reside in Brunswick, Ohio.

BIRTHS

Jean Gillespie Kaczmarek '87 and husband Tom announce the birth of Brandon Thomas on Jan. 7. He joins twin brothers Nathan and Justin, 3. The Kaczmareks live in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. E-mail her at mnmkaz@itol.com

Mark '89 and **Michelle McIntyre Diebold '92** announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Elizabeth, on Dec. 27. She joins brother Robert, 4. Mark is a police officer and currently serves as the school and community services officer. Michelle continues as a family practice physician faculty for the Family Practice Residency Program at Oakwood Hospital. The family lives in Riverview.

Scott Gout '89 and wife Janice announce the birth of Jessica Anne on July 18. She joins sister Madelaine, 4. The Gouts live in Tecumseh, and Scott is employed at Wacker Chemicals in Adrian.

1990s

Attorney **Scott Moore '90** has announced the establishment of his practice in the Dime Building in Detroit. Scott lives in New Hudson.

Kathy Dee (Harrison) '97, who was very active in theater at AC, is presently the

musical composer/musical director for an urban musical stage play. Because of the attention it is getting in New Jersey, Kathy is helping negotiate a national tour and college tour of the production "When a Man Loves a Woman." Visit the production website www.whenamanloves.com.

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Heather Boudreau Remsing '92 and husband Steve announce the birth of Jason Christopher, on July 5. He joins sisters Sarah, 4, and Ashley, 3. The Remsing family lives in Midland.

Liz Lozon Broughton '93 and husband Steve announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Elizabeth, on Sept. 19. She joins sister Riley, 4, and brother Preston, 2. The Broughton family lives in Shady Shores, Texas, near Dallas. E-mail her at elizabe976@aol.com.

Kevin '94 and **Jodi Howell Alore '92** announce the birth of their son, Braden Kevin, on Nov. 19. He joins sister Adrienne, 5. Kevin is a probation officer for Wood County in Bowling Green, Ohio. Jodi is employed by Hylant Group in Toledo, Ohio. The Alore family lives in Oregon, Ohio. E-mail them at jka75@aol.com.

Tim Hilliard '95 and wife Stephanie announce the birth of Kaitlyn Marie, on Dec. 11. Tim is currently the East Coast Regional Director for Towne Air Freight. The Hilliards moved two years ago from Michigan to Long Beach, N.Y., as a promotion with Towne. They can be reached by e-mail at thilliard1751@msn.com.

Mark '95 and **Aimee Lanning Adamski '95** announce the birth of their daughter, Janine Rachelle, on April 4. She joins sister Megan, 3. The Adamski family lives in Sterling Heights.

Paul '95 and **Brenda Parks Ivity '95** announce the birth of Luke Anthony, on Jan. 15. The Ivity family lives in Southgate.

Courtney Crespo Clontz '98 and husband Jeremy announce the birth of Tanner Michael, on Jan. 21. The

Clontz family lives in Clio. Courtney chose to leave her position as a reading recovery teacher in Mt. Morris to be a stay-at-home mom.

Aaron '98 and **Alison Eggly Klotz '99** announce the birth of Logan Aaron, on Feb. 25. Aaron is the sports information director and an assistant football and baseball coach at AC. Alison teaches special education for Onsted Schools. The Klotz family lives in Adrian.

WEDDINGS

Jane McNabb '95 and Robert Kovicak were married Nov. 8, in Burton. The wedding party included maid of honor **Jennifer McNabb '94**, and bridesmaids **Audra Young Lucas '94** and **Deanna Paoletti Holly '95**. Guests included **Darin McNabb '89**, **Kristen Mickey Chinery '97**, **Stefanie Georges '97**, **Dave '96** and **Nicole Towle Dudus '96**, and **Alan '98** and **Melissa Fenner Collins '96**. Jane is employed as the purchasing manager for Cayman Chemical Co. in Ann Arbor. Jane and Robert live in Belleville.



Jane McNabb Kovicak '95
and husband, Robert

Jim Shaw '96 and Danielle DeMartin were married Oct. 24, at St. Frances Cabrini in Allen Park. Jim is a business teacher at Fordson High School in Dearborn, and completed his master's degree from Wayne State University in April. The Shaws are building a home in Brownstown.

2000s

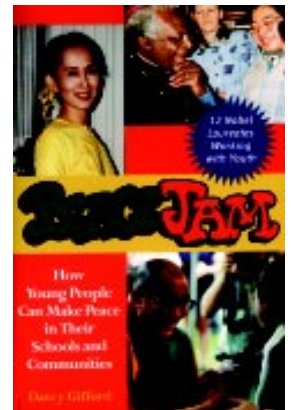
BIRTHS

Heather Naughton '01 and husband Les Crosby announce the birth of

Giving PEACE a chance

Sometimes, the right influences can change your entire life.

Stories about how that's happening are the heart and soul of a new book by **Darcy Gifford '91**, "PeaceJam: How Young People Can Make Peace in Their Schools and Communities" (Jossey-Bass, 2004).



PeaceJam (www.peacejam.org) is an international education program built around Nobel Peace laureates – including the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The laureates work personally with youth to impart their wisdom and character. According to PeaceJam, its goal is to "inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves and the world."

Gifford explains PeaceJam through the dramatic stories of five teens who have gone through the program. Take Rudy; his life was defined by the violence of gang life. A massive Chicano covered with tattoos, he was PeaceJam's biggest skeptic when he went to his first PeaceJam conference. Then he saw Rigoberta Menchú Tum, a "nice, short, smiling woman" from Guatemala who had won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 – a woman who, after living through the annihilation of her family and being forced into hiding, emerged as a champion for the rights of Indian peasants. Rudy realized that if she could accomplish so much, so could he.

Rudy is now back on the streets, but now as the program director of a statewide antigang program. He's one of a growing number of "PeaceJammers," who, after being in the presence of other great lives, have begun to see their own greatness emerge.

The book coincides with the video/DVD release of a documentary about PeaceJam. Each chapter contains background on the laureates, and ends with several educational activities.

Gifford is the former director of public relations and sports information at Adrian College. She is now a freelance writer. (Her profile of Jack Vivian is on pg. 15.) For more information, including reviews of the book and information on how to buy it, go to darcygifford.com.

New STATE Bird?

Making the case for the Kirtland's warbler

by **Michelle Groleau Engel '97**



Dr. James Bull '76 wants the Kirtland's warbler to be the new state bird of Michigan.

Note: Cyndy Allen Callog '73 illustrated the Kirtland's warbler in the logo for the Michigan Audubon Society, shown here.

A little blue and yellow bird is raising a big fuss in Lansing. The Kirtland's warbler, which nests in young jack pine forests in Northern and Upper Michigan, may soon replace the American robin as Michigan's state bird.

Dr. James N. Bull '76 is part of the movement to make the change. After leaving Adrian College with a bachelor's degree in Biology and Earth Science, Jim earned a master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University, and a doctorate in Environmental Education from the University of Michigan.

As president of the Detroit Audubon Society, Jim has been working with the Michigan Audubon Society, which spearheaded efforts to adopt a new state bird. He is also working with a group of grade schoolers from Grand Blanc who have been lobbying for the warbler in Lansing.

The students found information about the Kirtland's warbler while doing research for a class debate, and decided the warbler should replace the robin. Jim was invited to speak to the students.

"They really did their homework," he

said. "They put together excellent presentations, and wrote to their legislators."

When Jim learned the bill might die in committee, he contacted their teacher, Vickie Weiss, and the students set up appointments with State legislators.

"The kids were not intimidated at all," said Jim, "and the legislators were very impressed. They answered some tough questions."

As a result, the Urban and State Affairs Committee scheduled a hearing May 20, and some of the students testified. Hearing results were unavailable at press time; however, if the committee passed the bill, it will move on to the full Senate, then the House before taking effect.

Those who want to see the Kirtland's warbler replace the robin as state bird have several reasons.

"The warbler nests only in Michigan," explained Jim. "People come from all over the world to see it, which contributes to our state economy."

In addition, warbler conservation efforts have contributed to the forest products industry and to habitat for other Michigan wildlife. The warbler is on the endangered species list, but has made an excellent comeback over the last 30 years. In 1976, there were 167 nesting pairs; today there are more than 1,200.

Jim has a personal interest in seeing the Kirtland's warbler named state bird. His father, who worked for the Department of Conservation, was sought after for his knowledge of the Kirtland's warbler and its nesting areas. Jim grew up watching the warbler, and eventually took a summer job showing birdwatchers where to find them.

Since 1977, Jim has participated in every census of the Kirtland's warbler, taken each year in early June. Pairs are counted by listening for the male's distinct song, which can be heard for nearly half a mile.

Jim would like to see a flood of letters sent to Lansing in support of the Kirtland's warbler. Visit www.michiganaudubon.org for more information, and write your legislators to encourage support for this little bird with a big voice.

Emma Noelle, on March 16. Heather is a fourth grade teacher in Aurora, Colo. The Crosby family lives in Parker, Colo.

WEDDINGS

Laura Darold '00 and **John Neff '01** were married July 12, at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Laura is a kindergarten teacher at Renaissance Public School Academy, and John is currently seeking a teaching position. Alumni serving in the wedding party were **Karen Fuller Gregurich '00**, **Jill Cain Welch '00**, **Dennis Gugin '01**, **David Lawrence '03**, and Russell Melton, former student. Several Adrian alumni also attended the wedding. John and Laura live in Mount Pleasant.



John '01 and Laura Darold Neff '00

Kelly Jo Waldron '00 and **James Gilmore '01** were married Oct. 25, at Herrick Chapel on the Adrian College campus, followed by a reception at Holland Gardens in Ohio. Serving as groomsmen were **Chad Rinke '02**, **Scott Burnham '02**, **Matthew Mika '01**, and **Tony Mortimore '02**; **Lindsay Swank '01** was the maid of honor. Guests included **Chris Kyles '02**, **Dusty Reckner '00**, **Kris Hoag '01**, **Adam Schiermyer '01**, **Matt Schiermyer '01**, **Ryan Speiser '01**, **David Frederick '00**, **Wayne Fallis '00**, **Rafeef El-Hajj '99**, **Jenny Davis Burnham '02**, and AC faculty and staff Professor Kimberley Davis and family, Professors Brian and Robin Bott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mensing, and **Mary Moran '83** and son.

Ann Betzoldt '02 and Jason Smart were married Aug. 9 on Christmas Cove Beach in Northport. **Jenni Driskill '00** was the maid of honor and **Jamie Carter Kauffold '99** served as a bridesmaid. Ann is the daughter of Jack and **Mary Cermak Betzoldt '68**. The couple lives



What happens next? Find the results to the Urban and State Affairs Committee meeting at www.adrian.edu.

in Breckenridge, Colo., where Ann is employed by Summit County Schools as a teacher and coach.



Ann Betzoldt Smart '02 and husband, Jason

In Memoriam

Esther Schaffnit Gay '27, of Thousand Oaks, Calif., died Dec. 18. She was preceded in death by husband **Hoig Gay '27**. Survivors include a daughter and a son.

Word was received of the death of **Ruth Williams Urschel '31**, retired medical office manager of Minneapolis, on Dec. 2, 2001. Surviving are a daughter, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a sister.

Mary Edith Hawver Powell '32, retired elementary teacher and resident of Maumee, Ohio, died March 16. She was preceded in death by her husband **Eugene Powell '32** and sister **Marguerite Hawver Jabinson '29**. Survivors include two sons, daughter **Kay Powell Klement '65**, 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and brother **Carl Hawver '34**.

Mary Alice Younglove Classens '35, of Frankfort and former owner of Classens Togyery Shoe & Childrens' Store, died Nov. 19. She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jean Prideaux Carlson '41, of Kingsford, died Nov. 1. She retired at 71 years of age as an editorial assistant with Commerce Clearing House, Inc., in Chicago. Surviving are two daughters, seven

grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Lynn Schultz '42, of Sebring, Fla., formerly of Adrian, died Jan. 17. Lynn worked for the State of Michigan in Lenawee County's Department of Social Services as the volunteer services supervisor, retiring in 1983. Surviving are his wife **Jean Welsh Schultz '45**, three sons and a daughter.

Robert Benner '44, of Sun City West, Ariz., formerly of Adrian, died Jan. 1. A member of ATO, Robert was the former owner of Aquaphase Lab., Inc. He was preceded in death by his wife **Kathryn Forsyth Benner '35**, father **Henry Benner '20** and mother **Ruth Shierson Benner '17**. He is survived by brother **William Benner '49**.

Van Peck '51, who resided in Anna Maria Island, Fla., died April 4. He had retired from Stauffer Chemical after 25 years in production. Survivors include his wife Mary, two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

John Gault '53, of Canyon Country, Calif., died Nov. 10. He was retired from McDonnell Douglas Corp. as a lead flight test engineer. Surviving are his wife Alice, one son and a brother.

John Blight '50, who resided in Delaware, Ohio, died Nov. 7. He was executive director of the National Middle School Institute. Surviving is his wife Lois.

Robert Poucher '50, lifelong resident of Adrian and owner of Poucher Motors for more than 40 years, died March 15. Survivors include his wife Jean, a son, three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his brother **Glenn Poucher '50**.

Robert "Al" Mitchinson '60, minister for New Hudson United Methodist Church for 36 years, died Jan. 17. He is survived by his wife Shirley, a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and two brothers, including **F. Gordon Mitchinson '61**.

Alice Smoll MenCavage '61, of Adrian and former teacher in Port Huron, died Feb. 21. A published poet and author, Alice is survived by her husband

Wallace, a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Robert "Bobby" Sumerel '63, resident of Adrian and retired from Hydro Aluminum, died March 13. Survivors include his mother, three daughters, one son and a grandson.

LaVon Wolfe '63, resident of Adrian, died Jan. 5. LaVon was a retired middle school teacher who taught for 25 years, was an avid tennis player and served as a swim official for the Adrian area for 30 years. He was also a member of the SAE fraternity. Survivors include his wife Pat, daughter **Pamela Wolfe Roark '91**, and son Scott, as well as brother **Bruce Wolfe '60**.

June Stoddard Beal '70, former resident of Onsted, died Nov. 22 in Adrian. She was a retired elementary teacher at the Adrian Public Schools. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren, one sister and two brothers, including **LeRoy Stoddard '62**.

Mary Brenner Skelton '70, of Belmont, Mass., a substitute teacher in the Belmont Public Schools, died Dec. 12. Surviving with her husband, **Terrance Skelton '70**, are a daughter and two brothers.

Dean Walters '71, of Sebring, Ohio, and director of pastoral care at Edwin Shaw and Massilon Hospitals, died March 9.

Friends

Herbert W. Voegel, former chair of the business administration department, died Jan. 9, 2004. He taught at Adrian from 1962-1972, and then at Ferris State University for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Janis (Land) Voegel, who taught home economics at AC from 1968-1972.

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Shooting STARS



A plague has infected our national pastime. It usually comes from Mexico, is administered via needle into the bloodstream, and has caused pitchers more grief than strained rotator cuffs and failed contract negotiations combined.

Steroids, or allegations thereof, have changed the face of professional baseball. The days of dominating pitchers are long gone. Players like Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, and Jason Giambi are bashing baseballs like never before while Commissioner Bud Selig and other keepers of the flame do not even bat an eye to stop the insanity.

This is not the first time in the last decade professional baseball has undergone public scrutiny. In 1994 a player strike alienated fans, but they were soon officially brought back by the record-shattering homerun race between Mark McGwire and Sosa a few years later. McGwire won, and in doing so gave baseball fans something to be genuinely proud of.

But things have only gone downhill from there. McGwire retired amidst controversy over his supposed usage of testosterone boosters. Sosa was caught with a corked bat, and Selig further infuriated disillusioned fans by canceling an all-star game amidst a tie in extra innings.

One has to wonder just how baseball officials can stand by and allow Bonds' tainted homerun record to stand. In 1988, sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of his Olympic gold medals after testing positive for steroids. Most every major sport around the world has ruled governing the usage of illegal substances.

Steroids are a form of cheating. Period. That's why they are banned globally. That's why Bonds' records should be erased. That's why every player should have to undergo random drug testing at least three times per season.

If Roger Maris' old record of 61 homeruns should have an asterisk by it in the record books, the least we can do as sports fans is to demand the printing of a small needle next to each one of Bonds' records.

~Jeremy Fielder '05

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NOTE FOR ART ALUMNI

The next Alumni Art Auction is being planned for Homecoming 2004. Over 40 alumni artists participated in the 2001 auction, which raised approximately \$4,000 for the new studios in Ridge.



Joseph Fortunato

Joe Fortunato, 85, of Tecumseh, died Feb. 21. He was AC's athletic director and head coach for football and basketball in the 1950s. His 1954-55 basketball team won the MIAA championship and went to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, and the United National Intercollegiate Coaches Organization named him coach of the year. He also coached at several high schools, and at Upper Iowa University, Dubuque University, and Toledo University. In addition to other honors, he was inducted into the halls of fame at Upper Iowa University, Kent State University, and Adrian College. He retired from Tecumseh Products as director of employee benefits in 1984. He stayed involved with AC athletics, coming to games and to Hall of Fame events. Speakers at his funeral included **Bruce Stephens '59, Henry Hughes '57, Fred Henry '57 and Dan Murphy '58.**

He is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren and two brothers.

Tour Sunny Spain

May 2005

Highlights include: the sunny beaches of the Costa del Sol, a cruise across the Straits of Gibraltar to Morocco, Granada and the Alhambra, Seville, Cordoba, Toledo, Madrid, the Palacio Real, and Barcelona. The tour is 12 days and costs approximately \$2136 for students, \$2491 for adults 25 and older. The price includes roundtrip airfare, hotels, ground transportation, breakfast, dinner, admissions, tour guides, and all airport fees. For applications, itineraries, or more information, please contact Dr. Robin Bott at 517-264-3908 (w), 517-263-5239 (h), or e-mail: rbott@adrian.edu.

