

# LEAGUE OF SAINT MAUR DINNER

PREVIOUS  
FIDELIS AWARD  
HONOREES





## **Past Fidelis Award Recipients**

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## More on our previous Fidelis honorees!

### 2022 - Richard (Dick) and Ginger Hunninghake

Richard (Dick) and Ginger Hunninghake are outstanding supporters of Maur Hill-Mount Academy. Their four children, Sandra, Scott, Bret and Erin attended either Maur Hill Prep (MHP), Mount St. Scholastica (MSSA) or Maur Hill-Mount Academy schools. Dick retired in 2021 as the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at MH-MA. He began his career at Maur Hill Prep in 1979 as an English teacher, assistant football coach, and assistant basketball coach. During his tenure, the football team won state titles in 1979 and 1992. Dick was the head basketball coach from 1982-1990 before moving into administrative duties. He was Headmaster from 1998-2003, then Director of Operations, and ended his career as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director from 2005-2021. In 2022, Dick was honored with the NEK League Lifetime Achievement award. Ginger is a native of Atchison and has been with Exchange Bank of Atchison since 1979, currently holding the position of Vice President of Marketing. During her 43-year career, she has received the title of Ambassador of the Year from the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce and served as chairman of the chamber board. She was co-chair of the Amelia Earhart Festival, LakeFest concert for 14 years and received the SIFE Leadership Employee of the Year from Benedictine College. She served as Parent Club president for Maur Hill-Mount Academy and helped her husband at games, selling tickets, keeping score at volleyball games and working the concession stand. She serves as Vice Chair of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.



### 2021 - Steve and Alice Brentano

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## **2019 - Mick '84 and Geri '86 Harris**

Mick and Geri Harris have been instrumental in the revitalization of Maur Hill-Mount Academy. They have been major supporters of nearly every improvement the school has made, and Mick served as chair of the board of directors for two years, a time in which growth and improvement expanded rapidly. Geri was involved in the Parents Club, the President's Circle, and helping coordinate different aspects of the annual League of St. Maur Dinner. All three of their children graduated from MH-MA.



## **2018 - Richard and Dee Andra**

Richard and Dee Andra have a combined 57 years of educating Maur Hill, Mount St. Scholastica Academy, and Maur Hill-Mount Academy students. Rich began at Maur Hill in 1962, retiring from Maur Hill-Mount Academy in 2006. He also took a year off 1965-1966 to pursue his Master's Degree at Notre Dame. Rich also spent many years with the title, "coach" while at Maur Hill, coaching track, cross country, and assisting in football. Dee began her teaching career in 1994 before retiring in 2008.

Since their retirement, the Andras have continued to support the school and can be found fondly reminiscing with former students and colleagues at school functions.





## **2017 - Jonathan '87 and Shannon '87 Mize**

Jonathan D. Mize is the son of John and Cheryl Mize. He is a 1987 graduate of Maur Hill Prep. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1990 with a degree in Marketing/Communications.

Jonathan has had a long history with his family's company, Blish-Mize Co., starting as a part-time employee during the summers of his high school days. He began full-time with the company in 1990 as a sales trainee, then sales representative out in Denver, CO 1992-1995. He has held several positions in the last 27 years, including CEO & President, which is his current position. Jonathan has also been President & COO of Hardware House, LLC since 2009, of which Blish-Mize is a majority owner.

Jonathan's lengthy list of community and board involvement includes Board Member for Distribution America Buying Group, Charlotte, NC- 2013 – Present, & Chairman of Distribution America – 2015-2017. Current Board Member of Hardware Group Association (HGA) 2015-Present. Past Board member of the Atchison Family YMCA - 2000 – 2009. Past board member of the Atchison Chamber of Commerce 2000 – 2006. Past Chairman of the board of directors for the Atchison Chamber of Commerce 2003 – 2005. Current board member of the Atchison Area Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) - 1999 – present. Current board member of the Atchison Santa Fe Depot Board of Trustees - 2004 – present. Present Chairman of the Board for the Atchison Santa Fe Depot Board of Trustees – 2006 – present. Past board member of Maur Hill - Mount Academy High School 2005 – May 2012. Past Chairman of the board of directors for Maur Hill - Mount Academy High School - 2009 – 2011. Current Endowment Board Member for Maur Hill – Mount Academy.



## **Jonathan and Shannon Mize continued...**

Current Board Member of UMB Bank, Kansas City, MO. Current Associate Board Member of UMB Bank - Eastern, KS (Atchison, Manhattan, & Topeka branches). Current Board Member of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Member of Atchison Advisory Committee for the Courtney S. Turner Charitable Trust 2012 – Present. Jonathan was nominated by Ingram's Magazine - 50 Kansans You Should know in June 2015, and Ingram's Magazine – 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders in Greater Kansas City in November 2016. He is also a member of the Atchison Rotary Club and was awarded the Club's Citizen of the Year Award in 2006. He is also a member of St. Benedict's Parish.

Shannon L. "Rawlings" Mize is the daughter of Ken and Joyce Snyder. She is a 1987 graduate of Mount St. Scholastica, where she made honor roll all four years, and lived as a domestic boarder for two years, commuting the other two years from DeKalb, MO. Shannon went on to graduate from the University of Kansas in 1991 with a BA in Child Psychology.

Shannon has held several different roles over the years. Most importantly, as a homemaker during all those "at home" years raising their children. She was also a sales assistant, and dishware department buyer for Nell Hills, and currently is the human resource coordinator at Blish-Mize Co. where she's been since 2015. She has also remained active in her community, volunteering on countless committees for the Atchison Catholic schools & Maur Hill – Mount Academy.

Jonathan and Shannon were married on September 14th, 1991. They are the proud parents of two children, Lauren '13 and Nathan '14.

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## **2016 - Roberta Wolters and the late Philip Wolters '47**

Philip Wolters was a true Atchisonian, through and through. He was born in Atchison, Kan. on January 20th, 1929 as one of 10 children. He grew up playing sports, shooting marbles, and swimming in Mighty Mo. He attended St. Benedict's grade school and Maur Hill Prep, graduating in 1947. Phil was known in high school for his athleticism and winning personality. He was a member of one of Maur Hill's most successful football teams, as well as the school's basketball team.

Phil worked at the Pillsbury Mill the summer after graduation before attending St. Benedict's College. He was at St. Benedict's for two and half years before leaving to serve the US Army for two years. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1952, Phil went on to work at Midwest Solvents as a bookkeeper and was soon promoted to Grain Buyer. Phil gradually worked his way up in the company, eventually becoming the vice president of what is now MGP Ingredients. Phil retired from MGP after 43 years with the company. Throughout his life, Phil served many organizations, including Maur Hill's 500 Club, the Atchison YMCA, Bellevue Country Club, The Knights of Columbus, The Elks Club, The VFW, the American Legion, the Atchison Chamber of Commerce, the Fellowship Club, and was president of several grain associations.

Just like her husband, Roberta (Besette) Wolters is a proud and loyal Atchison native. Roberta was born October 2, 1937, in Atchison, Kan. She graduated from ACCHS in 1955 where she was involved in many activities, including marching band, vocal groups, and was president of the Kayette organization and vice president of the Future Homemakers of America. Roberta began work at Midwest Solvents (MGP) after graduation. She worked as the switchboard operator, receptionist, and billing clerk.

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## **Roberta Wolters and the late Philip Wolters continued...**

This is also the place where she met the love of her life, Phil. After meeting Phil, Roberta joined the Catholic Church and was baptized in November 1956. The couple was married on October 25, 1958, at St. Benedicts Church in Atchison.

Phil and Roberta had six children together, all of whom are alums of Maur Hill and Mount St. Scholastica Academy (Karen Wolters-Schultz '77, Katherine Wolters-Kohler '77, Kimberly Wolters-Lewman '78, Deborah Wolters-Rigden '82, Philip "Mark" Wolters '84, Denise Wolters-Thomas '87).

The Raven legacy has continued the third generation with four of Phil and Roberta's 19 grandchildren attending and graduating from Maur Hill - Mount Academy (Andrew Lewman '07, Austin Lewman '12, Avery Lewman '16, Philip Saragusa '20.) Roberta still attends all of her grandchildren's school activities and can always be found with her family in the MH-MA stands cheering on the Ravens.



## **2015 - John '75 and Lisa Klebba**

John '75 and Lisa Klebba were honored as this year's Fidelis Award recipients. Born in Jefferson City, Mo., John Klebba made the transition to Atchison to attend Maur Hill Prep School as a boarding student, graduating in 1975 as a class salutatorian. After graduation, John attended Drake University, where he got his BSBA in Accounting and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He then went on to the University of Notre Dame, completing their Joint Degree Program and Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, and with a Master of Business Administration with high honors in 1983. John is now the current



## **John '75 and Lisa Klebba continued...**

President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Legends Bank and its holding company in Linn, Mo.

Lisa, an Osawatomie, Kan. native, graduated from Osawatomie High School in 1974 and went on to graduate with a BA in History from Pittsburg State in 1977 and with a Masters of Library Science from Emporia State in 1980. Lisa retired this past May as the Associate Director of Library Services at State Technical College of Missouri. While John grew up Catholic, Lisa came into the church through the RCIA program, and they were married in Roeland Park, Kan. at St. Agnes Church in 1986. The couple is now faithful and active members of St. George Parish in Linn.

When it was time for their oldest son to attend high school, John's positive boarding experience at Maur Hill aided in the decision to send him and all four of their children (John '06, Joe '07, Megan '09, Patrick '11) to Maur Hill-Mount Academy as boarding students. The decision to send their kids out of state for school was not an easy one for John and Lisa, but ultimately, they saw the value a boarding experience could provide in preparing students both for college and life afterward.

The Klebbas' commitment to MH-MA over the years made them an obvious candidate for this prestigious award. The Fidelis Award, meaning "faithful," was created in 1991 by the Board of Directors of Mount St. Scholastica Academy to recognize selected alumnae, benefactors, and friends who have contributed significantly. The criteria established by the Board requires that the honorees give outstanding personal or financial service to the school in the true spirit of Christ.





## **2014 Jerry '59 & Bernadette '63 Urban, Jerry & Virginia Kuckelman**

The 2014 Fr. Edwin Watson, OSB Award was given to Jerry '59 and Bernadette '63 (Enzbrenner) Urban. Maur Hill-Mount Academy also honored the late Jerry Kuckelman and his wife Virginia Kuckelman with the Fidelis Award. "The first thing that comes to mind when I think both of the Kuckelman's and Urban's is 'sacrifice,'" said MH-MA president Phil Baniewicz. "Both families have given so much to Catholic education, in particular Maur Hill-Mount Academy, for decades. They are outstanding examples of people who are committed to the faith on the deepest levels. It is a joy to honor both couples at the League of St. Maur dinner this year.

Jerry and Bernadette Urban have given significant and lasting contributions to Maur Hill Prep School, Maur Hill-Mount Academy, and to their community. They have three children - Brenda, Jerry '89, and Scott '92. Bernadette has been employed at Maur Hill-Mount Academy for 35 years and is currently serving as the Alumni Director. "Jerry and I are very honored and blessed to be receiving this award. We're humbled by this experience," stated Bernadette Urban.

Jerry and Virginia (Pickman) Kuckelman have been long-time supporters of ACES (now St. Benedict Catholic School) and Maur-Hill-Mount Academy. They put their three daughters through Mount St. Scholastica Academy; Debbie '76, Theresa '80, and Liz '85; while their sons, Jerry '77, Mike '82, and John '90, attended Maur Hill Prep. The Kuckelmans have been parishioners at St. Benedict's Catholic Church for 47 years and were the first lay Eucharistic ministers in the parish. They were also part of the original League of St. Maur. Their service to the community and Maur Hill-Mount Academy makes them the perfect recipient of the 2014 Fidelis Award.





## **2013 Dan '71 & Joyce '71 Nolan, PJ & Ramona Cummings**

Maur Hill-Mount Academy honored two local Irish families at the League of St. Maur Dinner, held at 6 p.m. Saturday, September 21, at the Kansas City Airport Marriott. The 2013 Fr. Edwin Watson, OSB Award was given to Dan '71 and Joyce '71 Nolan. Maur Hill-Mount Academy also honored P.J. and Ramona Cummings with the Fidelis Award. Both families have given countless hours of service and support in the spirit of Christ. "In particular, both of these local families have shown tremendous commitment to Catholic education. Plus, they are both great examples of outstanding Atchison hospitality, humble, and of course, have that strong Irish spirit," said MH-MA president Phil Baniewicz.

Dan and Joyce (Minnis) Nolan have given significant and lasting contributions to Maur Hill Prep School, Maur Hill-Mount Academy, and to their community. The couple has five sons - Riley '95, Spencer '97, Garin '98, Deke '00, and Brady '02, all of whom graduated from Maur Hill Prep. Joyce currently serves on the St. Benedict School Endowment Board. "We are very simple, but blessed people. Our awards in life are the blessings we have received from God; our parents, sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, siblings, and extended family and friends," stated Joyce Nolan. Their countless efforts and support make them outstanding recipients of the 2013 Fr. Edwin Watson, OSB Award.

P.J. and Ramona Cummings from Atchison, Kansas have been long-time supporters of ACES (now St. Benedict), Maur-Hill-Mount Academy, and Benedictine College. They put their four daughters through Mount St. Scholastica Academy; Karen Bell '74, Brenda Levinsky '76, Sandy Sampson' 77, and Lisa Hamrick '82. While their sons; Alan Cummings '79 and Kevin Cummings '89 attended Maur Hill Prep. Throughout the



## **PJ & Ramona Cummings continued...**

years, they have opened their home to MH-MA boarders, as well as day and ESL (English as a second language) students. Even today, many of those former students remain in contact and hold a very special place in their hearts. The Cummings' service to the Atchison Community and Maur Hill-Mount Academy makes them the perfect recipient of the 2013 Fidelis Award.

The night was a smashing success, raising \$87,000 for MH-MA. In particular, the Fund-a-Need event raised enough money to provide new scoreboards for all of the athletic facilities on campus. The night ended with an impromptu performance by Garin Nolan, who appropriately led the crowd in a rousing rendition of "Oh Danny Boy." A big thanks to everyone who attended and contributed toward making the night such a success.

