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We exist to unite and grow our alumni family, and champion the dream and values of Father Flanagan through leadership.

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"There is something lacking in the kind of education which teaches a youth how to make a living, but which does not teach him or her how to make a life. I do not want to minimize the importance of making a living. We must eat. We must have clothes to wear. We do need to have a roof over our heads. But there is a vast difference between living to eat and eating to live."
— Father Edward J. Flanagan



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Father Flanagan Dreamed of an Alumni Association



A large group assembled for the Sunday picnic at the last Biennial Convention in 2011.

As far back as the early 1940s, Father Flanagan had a goal to form an active and formal Boys Town Alumni Association. This summer, July 25-28, 2013, will mark the 31st Biennial Convention of the Boys Town National Alumni Association®, and it promises to be a great weekend of reunion, renewal of friendships, and a return of alumni to the home of their youth.

During World War II, there was an informal alumni group, complete with a president who reported the whereabouts of various alumni during the war. Articles were published in the *Boys Town Times* about alumni in the different services and where they were stationed or fighting. Wherever Father Flanagan went in the world in support of the war effort, he was greeted by alumni who were serving in the military. Father Flanagan's dream of an alumni association went dormant upon his untimely death in 1948 while on a mission for President Truman to Germany. It wasn't until 1951, when Monsignor Nicholas Wegner, Executive Director of Boys Town, brought together a group of alumni and the Boys Town National Alumni Association was finally formed.

In 1952, the first reunion was held at Boys Town and subsequently scheduled for every odd-numbered year.

This year we will be celebrating the 50th reunion of the classes of 1962 and 1963. Members of both classes have been busy over the past year contacting

classmates and preparing to return to Boys Town to be honored for this milestone reunion by their fellow alumni. The classes of 1987 and 1988 will be celebrating their 25th reunion, and we look forward to their return.

Your BTNAA Convention Committee has arranged, for those who might arrive Thursday, July 25, the opportunity to go to an Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game with premium seating for only \$20. If you are coming with your family or are just a baseball fan, be sure to take advantage of this new event for the Convention weekend. Families arriving early also should plan on visiting the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. It is one of the most-visited zoos in the country and boasts unique and interesting exhibits. For aviation buffs, the Strategic Air & Space Museum near Ashland, Nebraska, is a must visit. The exhibits are excellent and the collection of aircraft and missiles is impressive. Thursday evening will also see an informal pizza dinner, and also a dinner arranged by the 50-year reunion classes at a local Omaha restaurant.

Start your Friday morning off with breakfast at the Boys Town Visitors Center Café. With your Convention registration, you will receive a ticket for four meals (three breakfasts and one lunch) at the Visitors Center and one lunch on Saturday at the Great Hall (former

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From the Executive Director

Dear Alumni,

It is so good to see signs of spring at Boys Town. The winter, while always good for the soul and the soil, has run its course and now it is time for warmer days with blossoming flowers and budding leaves. It also signifies that we are only four months from the start of the 31st Biennial Alumni Convention.

I look forward to the Alumni Convention because we get to see so many of our young men and women who have become productive and useful citizens of communities across the country and who proudly proclaim they are from the most famous village in America – Boys Town.

I would like to personally commend the many alumni who responded with kind and generous donations to the Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion appeal that was sent out with the Christmas *Alumni News*. In just a few short weeks, you contributed over \$1,700 to support the cause for canonization of our beloved founder, Servant of God Father Edward J. Flanagan. This amount, combined with a donation of \$1,000 from the BTNAA, brings the amount raised since last August by alumni to nearly \$2,800. Support by alumni for all aspects of the movement continues to be the foundation of this effort, started by the BTNAA in 1999.


This past fall, Boys Town implemented our Strategic Plan to guide us in caring for children and families as their needs and challenges continue to evolve. We are guided by a set of fundamental values that have been the inspiration for developing our programs over these past 95 years. These are:

- **Safety, Permanency and Well-Being**
Helping children and families feel and be safe in any care setting, helping them get better so they can live in a permanent home setting, helping them make positive changes to ensure their present and future well-being.
- **Family Engagement**
Partnering with families to develop strategies that best meet their children's needs.
- **Religion and Faith**
Providing children and families with a foundation of strength for overcoming difficult issues and problems.
- **Behavioral and Medical Research**
Conducting ongoing and leading-edge research to develop new programs, measures of effectiveness, outcome evaluations and needed changes for existing programs.

The need for our Integrated Continuum of CareSM is great. We are offering this across the country as a common sense, research-proven and outcomes-focused approach to our nation's fragmented and overburdened child and family care system.

Please take advantage of the Convention registration form enclosed with this issue of the *Alumni News* and get your registration and hotel reservations in early.

God's abundant blessings on you and your family.


Father Steven E. Boes

Boys Town National Alumni Association®

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Alumni Profile

Robert "Bob" Johns, '63

Robert "Bob" Johns arrived at Boys Town on June 2, 1958, with his brothers Richard, '64, and Thomas, '66, from south Omaha. Their mother saw that Bob and his two younger brothers needed stability in their lives, and that Boys Town was the place where they could prosper.

"If I hadn't gone to Boys Town I would not have what I have today," Bob said. "Boys Town gave me the home life I didn't have and the ability to be able to be successful at things I wasn't sure I could accomplish. My mom made a difficult decision at the time, but it was the right one for me. I am truly thankful to her for having the courage to send me to Boys Town."

Johns said he worked for Bob Erding at the Boys Town Bank as a teller, cashing checks and dispensing Boys Town currency residents could use in the student canteen and to buy clothes in the clothing store.

Upon graduation, and using his experience in the Boys Town Bank, Johns went to work at U.S. National Bank in Omaha. His blossoming banking career was interrupted from 1965 to 1968 as he served his country in the Army.

Upon returning to the states, he enrolled at



Robert "Bob" Johns, '63

the University of Omaha, now the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and graduated in 1973. It was at this time that Johns resumed his banking career. Today, he is still in the banking business in Omaha.

Johns, the father of Johnna and Joel, and proud grandfather to Virginia, Emma and Josie, enjoys spending time with them, especially during the holidays. He says, "they bring me great joy as I grow older and they keep me young."

Johns has been working for the past year and a half organizing the 50th reunion for his Class of 1963. During this time, he has found a number of classmates and has worked tirelessly to keep them informed about their classmates and the upcoming reunion. He is hoping for a large turnout this coming July and has challenged his class to outdo the Class of 1962 in attendance.

"I believe I am the only person from Boys Town who arrived and graduated on the same day, June 2, five years to the day," Johns said. He is grateful for the support and education he received growing up. Without that foundation, he is not sure where his life might have led. Johns is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association®.

Three Boys Town Classmates from 1947 Celebrate Amazing 60 Years of Marriage

Too often, in today's fast-paced world, we find that commitment is an elusive trait. Not so for the following three members of the Class of 1947 who have celebrated, or are about to celebrate, their 60th wedding anniversaries.

William "Bill" Echols arrived at Boys Town from Birmingham, Alabama, at the age of 14 in 1943 with his brother, the late Robert Echols, D'46. Echols has fond memories of his days at the Home and lays claim to being the first boy from Alabama to graduate from Boys Town. After graduation, he worked for a short time as a file clerk in a Birmingham hospital before beginning his life work as a Senior Design Draftsman – a career at which he excelled for nearly 20 years prior to retiring in 1985.

His memories of Father Flanagan were the war-time memories most Boys Town boys had at the time. Father Flanagan was traveling a lot for the war effort and going overseas to help with the orphan problems in Europe and Japan. Like all the boys, Echols did meet with Father Flanagan and remembers this one important instruction given to him, "Get involved in church."

Echols did just that when he went back to Birmingham, and he became involved with the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), where he met his future bride, Eloise. They dated for five years and were married on January 17, 1953. Bill and Eloise celebrated their 60th anniversary this past January in Birmingham. Bill shared his secret to 60 years of successful marriage: "remain committed to each other and do what you both promised you were going to do when you got married."

When asked what advice he would give to current Boys Town youth, he



Bill Echols and his wife, Eloise.



Joe Ortega and his wife, Shirley.

replied, "be obedient to what you learned at Boys Town." Echols is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

The Echols have seven children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Joseph "Joe" Ortega arrived at Boys Town from Kansas City, Missouri, in 1943 as a somewhat defiant street kid from the big city. He quickly changed his tune when he figured out Boys Town wasn't a reform school and Father Flanagan wasn't the warden. While at Boys Town, Ortega participated in sports and was on the traveling football team. Upon graduation, he chose to go to work in the meat-packing industry in Kansas City, and then discovered that he really needed to get an education.

Ortega attended Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska. While there he started a company of fellow student-athletes who cleaned houses to earn money for school. In addition, he joined the Nebraska National Guard and in his junior year, when the Korean War began, he joined the service as a corporal. He was identified for his leadership ability and was sent to Aviation Cadet School where he completed pilot training. He received a commission in the Air Force as a second lieutenant and was selected to attend flight training in the P-51 Mustang fighter.

While he was in pilot training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, Ortega met the love of his life, Shirley. They were married July 2, 1952, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, prior to him shipping off to Korea where he flew 50 combat missions in a P-51. His aircraft was named the "Spirit of Boys Town."

After the Korean conflict, Ortega remained in the Air Force, completed his

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Boys Town National Alumni Association Award Nominations Sought

At each Biennial Convention, the Boys Town National Alumni Association honors alumni who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities or to the BTNAA through selfless service to others. Many alumni work quietly to improve the lives of others and often their extraordinary deeds go unsung. This is our way of honoring them and those associated with our Alumni Association. The BTNAA is soliciting your input for the following awards to be presented on July 27, 2013:

Father Flanagan Distinguished Alumni Award

This award is given to an alumnus who, by example throughout the years, has brought credit to themselves, their family, their community, Boys Town and our Alumni Association by serving others in a selfless and compassionate manner in the way that our founder, Servant of God Father Flanagan, did in his life. This award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Boys Town alumnus and is, therefore, given only to the most deserving persons. The award is presented at the banquet on Saturday of the Convention.

BTNAA – Alumni Appreciation Award (Non-Alumnus)

This award is given to a non-alumnus who, by example throughout the years, has brought credit to themselves, their family and their community, and is a consistent supporter by word and deed of our Alumni Association. This person is often a volunteer at the Hall of History or a member of the Boys Town staff who has gone out of their way to help the BTNAA in the work of the Association or in supporting the work that is required during the Biennial Conventions. This award is presented at the General Assembly meeting on Saturday morning.

BTNAA – Alumni Service Award (Alumnus)

This award is given to an alumnus who has shown extraordinary support and assistance to Boys Town and our Alumni Association. This award

recognizes the selfless efforts of our brother and sister alumni in helping the BTNAA accomplish its mission and in bringing together fellow alumni. This is a person who might volunteer at the Alumni Office in the Hall of History, work on BTNAA projects or in some very active way, provide a service to the BTNAA. This award is presented at the General Assembly meeting on Saturday morning.

BTNAA – Honorary President

This award is given to an individual (non-alumnus) who has shown evidence of good moral character, love of children, outstanding service in the community and love of God and man, and who will bring honor to our Association and to Father Flanagan's Boys' Home. This award is announced at the banquet on Saturday night.

BTNAA Hall of History Inductees

This recognition is given to up to five alumni who, through their life's work, contributions to their communities and support and involvement with the BTNAA, are worthy as being recognized by their brother and sister alumni by inclusion into the Hall of History. These inductions are made at the General Assembly meeting on Saturday morning.

You can access the award nomination forms on the alumni website at www.boystownalumni.org on the "Association Information" tab and by selecting "Awards" in the left column. You can also call the Alumni Office at 402-498-1151 and ask for Gail. She will either email or mail you a copy of any of the forms you will need for the nominations.

We would like to have all of the nominations for awards and recognition to the BTNAA office no later than May 15, 2013.



From the BTNAA President

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from sunny Aruba! Well, only kidding, but it sounded good after the cold winter we have had. Spring is here and it is once again time to mark your calendars and make plans for the big Convention in

July. The dates are July 25-28 and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

This is an exciting time to become involved with the Alumni Association. The canonization process, started over a decade ago by the BTNAA, is progressing. This past summer, the Board of Directors approved a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the BTNAA. Working closely with the Alumni Office and Boys Town, we feel we can enhance service to our alumni and grow our partnership with the Home by having a set of guiding goals and a plan to reach them. We will be working with Boys Town as we approach the 100th anniversary of the Home in 2017. While this is a Board-initiated effort, we cannot do it alone. We need involvement from alumni in order to get an understanding of what our membership needs as we move forward. If you would like to be involved with this important effort, please contact your Regional Director listed in this newsletter.

There has never been a better time to be a member of the Alumni Association. Our growth over the last four years has been phenomenal and we look forward to even greater growth over the next five years. If you have been putting off joining the Alumni Association, now is the time to take the next step and contact your Regional Director or contact the Alumni Office.

Election of new directors will be on the slate for the Convention. We will have openings in Regions 2, 5, 6 and 8, as well as one at-large position. If you are interested in serving, there are two ways to become nominated. The first is to be nominated by one of the active local chapters in Omaha, Kansas City or Southern California. The second is to be nominated by five individuals who are dues-paying members in your region. Please consider serving on your Board – it is a great opportunity to be part of a great organization. You can also contact the Alumni Office for more information.

Once again, I look forward to seeing all of you at the Convention.

In His name,

John Abare
John Abare, '81



From the Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters

Dear Brother and Sister Alumni,

It is spring 2013 and time once again to begin planning to return home to Boys Town for the Biennial Alumni Convention.

Enclosed with the Alumni News in this envelope you will find a registration form with the schedule of events and the hotel listings for the weekend. Please note that there are deadlines for making your reservations. Many hotels list a July 1 deadline while it is June 23 for the Marriott and Embassy Suites in La Vista.

We have a full slate of events ready for you, and Boys Town is looking forward to your return home. We welcome, especially, those alumni who are celebrating their 50th and 25th reunions back to Boys Town. Please make a special effort to join your classmates for this milestone event. You will find in this newsletter a list of alumni from those classes for whom we have no contact information. If you know the whereabouts of these alumni, please let the Alumni Office know by calling us at 800-345-0458, or emailing alumni@boystown.org.

I want to thank the many alumni who responded to the appeal for the Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion that was sent to you in our Christmas newsletter. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will help further the cause for canonization of our beloved founder, Servant of God Father Edward J. Flanagan.

Please take the time to look over the article about the upcoming elections for officers for the BTNAA Board of Directors. The Board is looking for members who are willing to assume a leadership role in our Association and will welcome your participation. You will find that being on the Board of Directors is rewarding. With the 100th

anniversary of the founding of Boys Town just four short years away, the Board will be very busy working with Boys Town to make that year a memorable one for all involved.

I ask you to consider becoming a member of the BTNAA. Many of you continue to receive this newsletter, access to our website and communications from the BTNAA without being a member of the Association. It is time for you to become a member. The cost for annual membership is minimal at \$15 per year, and the cost for a Lifetime Membership is only \$200 and can be paid over a two-year period.

Your BTNAA is working hard to partner with Boys Town and to provide benefits such as Conventions at Boys Town and across the country to keep you connected with your brother and sister alumni. Boys Town gave us a chance to better our lives, and being a member of the BTNAA and partnering with Boys Town is your way of giving back to the Home and program that gave you a chance to improve your life. Call the Alumni Office or send us an email to let us know that you want to be a member. We will help you and it is very easy to do with your credit card. Become a member now!

I look forward to seeing you this summer and wish all of you the very best as you prepare for your travels back home to Boys Town, July 25-28.

God bless you and your families.

John C. Mollison
John Mollison, '64

Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters

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High School Dining Hall). Early registration will be held Thursday at the Hall of History (old Grade School Dining Hall), and all day Friday at the Great Hall.

The Boys Town Visitors Gift Shop will be offering discounts on Boys Town-branded items and specific alumni items throughout the weekend.

On Friday, our golf tournament, arranged by Mike Trevino, '58, will be played at a new location this year – Pacific Springs Golf Club. In addition, we will have a spiritual retreat – an opportunity to share our common experiences with others – in a service led by Father Cliff Stevens, '44, at Dowd Chapel, and plenty of time to visit the Hall of History to pore over old photographs and swap stories with fellow alums. The Convention will open on Friday night with a social at the Great Hall, where food and drinks are available. This is a great way to find your old friends and classmates and begin the weekend of reunion.

We will gather on Saturday morning at the Music Hall for the presentation of the Service to Alumni and Alumni Service Awards and the announcement and presentation of the Hall of History inductees. Father Steven Boes, National Executive Director, will speak and give us an update on what is going on at Boys Town. This will be followed by the General Assembly meeting where the Board of Directors will present the annual report to the membership and voting will take place for new board members.

Part of ongoing Convention tradition, Father Boes will renew wedding

vows for alumni after the 11:40 morning Mass at Dowd Chapel on Saturday.

Following the General Assembly meeting and Mass, we will convene in the Great Hall for lunch, followed by a ceremony honoring our Boys Town alumni veterans at the Veterans Memorial. Self-guided tours of Family Homes, the high school, the Career Center (old Trade School) and the Music Hall will be available after the Veterans Memorial ceremony.

Saturday evening we will gather at the Embassy Suites-La Vista for a banquet, the presentation of the Father Flanagan Outstanding Alumni award, announcement of the new Honorary President of the BTNAA, introduction of the newly elected BTNAA Directors and officers, and recognition of the 50- and 25-year reunion classes.

The alumni choir will be singing at Mass in Dowd Chapel at the 11 a.m., service Sunday. Protestant services will be held at Chambers Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Following church services, we will gather at 12:30 p.m. at the Boys Town lake picnic grounds for a picnic and to wrap up a great weekend of reunion.

Included with this newsletter is a registration form that you can fill out and mail, email or fax to the Alumni Office. Register early and please be sure to make your hotel reservations by the date shown on the hotel list in order to receive the special BTNAA rate. If you have any questions or require any special assistance while at Boys Town, please call the Alumni Office at 800-345-0458 or email us at alumni@boystown.org. Be sure to check the website for safe and secure online registration at www.boystownalumni.org.



Tom Lynch (center) was named Honorary President at the last Biennial Convention.



A ceremony will be held on Saturday (July 27) at the Boys Town Veterans Memorial.

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From the Auxiliary President

Dear Auxiliary Members,

As many of you know, I had some medical challenges last year prior to the holidays. Thank you all for your prayers and well-wishes. I am doing well and am more determined than ever to move ahead with our good work.

I have been working on the Cookbook project through the winter months and wanted to thank you for your recipe contributions. We have a good part of the formatting done and hope to have the first set of recipes sent to the printer soon. It is not too late to send me your favorite recipes.

As you have read from the President's letter, the Alumni Association is working on a Five-Year Strategic Plan to identify and implement

projects and activities to take us into the 100th anniversary celebration of Boys Town. I would like to see if any of you have any ideas of your own of things that we can do as an Auxiliary that would augment the Association's plans.

One way we can help with the Alumni Association is to support them in every way we can. I encourage you to become active in the Auxiliary and help to create a larger sense of "family." You are invited to join us in on our biennial meeting this summer at the Convention.

I look forward to seeing all of you in July.

Sincerely,

Lisa Abare
BTNAA Auxiliary President

Three 1947 Boys Town Classmates Celebrate Anniversaries, from page 3

college education and retired as a lieutenant colonel, having flown bombing missions in Vietnam in the B-52 bomber. After the Air Force, he worked in a number of entrepreneurial ventures, founded a home for boys in California and worked as director of personnel at Boys Town.

Ortega remembers his first day at Boys Town, where he thought he was meeting the warden of the school in Father Flanagan's office. He was surprised when the priest opened a drawer and had him take some candy that he kept there for the boys. Ortega knew then that Boys Town was a special place. He fondly recalls a time in the dining hall when Father Flanagan approached him and wished him a happy birthday in front of all the other boys.

The secret to 60 years of his successful marriage, according to Ortega, is that he was lucky enough to marry a wonderful woman and they never stopped needing each other.

Ortega has been very active with the Boys Town National Alumni Association on the Board and as president. Under his leadership, the BTNAA began the Lifetime Member program, and Joe is proud to hold member No. 2 as a BTNAA Lifetime Member.

The Ortegas have five children and 12 grandchildren. They all attended the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary last summer.

Joseph "Joe" Schrantz arrived at Boys Town in the early days of September 1945, and quickly got acquainted with everyone because they knew his brother Billy, also known as "Pinky", who had graduated in 1943. This helped with his transition into the Class of 1947.

After graduation, Schrantz took a Greyhound bus back to live with his foster



Joe Schrantz and his wife, Dorothy.

parents in Phoenix, Arizona. In July 1947, Schrantz enlisted for a three-year tour with the United States Navy, attending electronics school at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois. Upon completion of his tour, he enrolled as a freshman at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, only to be recalled to active duty for the Korean conflict.

After his second tour of duty, Schrantz went back to Notre Dame and met his bride to be, Dorothy O'Donnell of Chicago. They were married on November 19, 1953. Upon graduation from Notre Dame, armed with a degree in journalism, Schrantz

began his life work as a writer and editor. He is the author of 15 books that have been published by Infinity Publishing. He wrote a book about his 50th class reunion held at Boys Town in 1997.

While at Boys Town, Schrantz was assigned to work in Father Flanagan's rectory as an assistant to the cook, Sister Bertille. He helped serve meals, which were mostly always formal, to Father Flanagan, his sister and nephew, and many distinguished guests. For these events, Schrantz had a butler's uniform.

Schrantz's "secret" to a long marriage is to keep in mind at all times that, as the Church teaches, marriage is a lifetime commitment and that it is a give-and-take proposition. Attendance at Church is a large part of Joe and Dorothy's relationship with each other and with God.

Schrantz is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

He and his wife have seven daughters and one son. They have 23 grandchildren.

In Loving Memory

EARL J. HULL, '44, passed away on January 15, 2013, in Omaha, Nebraska. Hull was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

JOAN L. MITCHELL, widow of the late Jim Mitchell, '47, passed away on January 14, 2013, in Omaha, Nebraska. The Mitchells were long-time supporters of the BTNAA.

DONALD J. O'CONNOR, D'49, passed away on December 22, 2012, in Crest Hill, Illinois. O'Connor was a Lifetime

Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

RAYMOND [RAY] ARTHUR GONZALES, '64, passed away on December 29, 2012, in Denver, Colorado. Gonzales was a member of the touring Boys Town Concert Choir and a soloist at weekly Mass. He was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

DAVID EDUARDO RIVERA, '64, passed away on December 25, 2012, in Kansas City, Missouri. Rivera was

a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

ROBERT JOHN CLEMENTS, '65, passed away on January 13, 2012, in Palm City, Florida.

WILLIAM PATRICK HAYDEN, '65, passed away on September 9, 2011, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

THOMAS JAMES MICHAUD, '65, passed away on April 27, 1979, in Boulder Creek, California.

JESSE M. MONTANEZ, '65, passed away on July 15, 1990, in Idaho.

OLIVER SNOWDEN, '65, passed away on February 6, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER ZEITTS, '65, passed away on December 28, 2011, in Omaha, Nebraska. Zeitts was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

Nominations Sought for BTNAA Regional Board of Directors

Every two years, several BTNAA Board of Director positions are open for nomination. This year, there are four positions open for nomination and one At-Large position coming open that will be filled by the new Board of Directors.

Regions that will have open positions and the current Board Member are Region 2, Bo Rhudy, '61; Region 5, Chuck Ripple, D'68; Region 6, Carl Hegerty, '70; Region 8, Lisa Morehouse-Mabey. John Fox, '81, is presently filling the At-Large position to be appointed by the Board at the General Assembly meeting in July.

Nomination forms will be mailed to current members of the BTNAA to be returned by May 31. Ballots will be mailed prior to July 1.

Below is Article VI of the BTNAA By-Laws that governs the election of members of the BTNAA Board of Directors. If you have any questions, please call the Alumni Office at 402-498-1151 and speak with John Mollison, Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters. Election of Board Members is a privilege of membership and is important as your Board of Directors moves forward with its Strategic Plan for the future of the BTNAA and to increase membership and benefits for our members.

ARTICLE IV - NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. Subject to grants of specific powers and authority made by these By-Laws to the members, the National Board of Directors shall control, formulate policy for, and administer the Association, and the National Board of Directors shall have all the powers and such authority as is necessary or incidental to performing such functions.

Section 2. Eligibility. No person shall be eligible to be a director unless they are an active member.

Section 3. Number. The National Board of Directors shall be comprised of not more than ten (10) directors.

Section 4. Selection. The members of the National Board of Directors shall be selected in the following manner:

(a) **Regional Directors.** There shall be eight (8) regional members of the National Board of Directors; that is, one from each of the following eight (8) regions:

Region I: The states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota.

Region II: The states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin.

Region III: The states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont.

Region IV: The states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and The District of Columbia.

Region V: The states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

Region VI: The states of Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas.

Region VII: The states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah.

Region VIII: The states of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming.

(b) **Nominations.** Nominations for Regional Directors may be made in the following four manners:

(1) **Alumni Chapters.** Each Alumni chapter may nominate one active member of the Association for the position of regional director for the region in which the Alumni chapter is located and the nominee resides.

The secretary of the Alumni chapter must certify the nomination, and the nomination must be received by the national office on or before May 31 of the year in which the General Assembly is held.

(2) **Members.** Any five (5) active members of the Association may nominate an active member for the position of regional director for the region in which the five (5) nominating members reside and the nominee resides. Each such nomination must; (a) be in writing and signed by the five (5) active members making the nomination; (b) be acknowledged by the nominee that he will serve, if elected; and (c) if mailed, be received by the national office on or before May 31 of the year in which the General Assembly is held.

(3) **General Assembly.** General Assembly nominations will be accepted for a particular region only if the region failed to comply with the provision in the previous paragraph, Article N, Section 4, (b)

(4). Only active members from within the affected region, personally in attendance at the General Assembly, may nominate a candidate to fill their regions vacancy on the Board, or to vote to endorse a candidate, if more than one candidate is available for the region.

(5) **National Board of Directors.** If no nominations are forthcoming from the chapters or regions the National Board will have the authority to fill the position and will make every effort to fill it with a regional candidate.

(c) **Election of Regional Directors.** The regional directors shall be elected by and from the active members residing in the respective regions. The secretary or National Board of Directors shall cause regional ballots to be printed, one for each of the regions, setting forth the name and address of each nominee for each respective region. The secretary or National Board of Directors shall cause the regional ballots to be mailed to each active member in each respective region at their address as shown on the records of the Association. Each such mailing shall:

(1) **First Class Mail.** Be by regular first class mail;

(2) **Date.** Be made on or before July 1 of the year in which the General Assembly is held; and

(3) **Secret Ballot.** Include a plain envelope marked "Ballot" in which the active member can place their ballot without disclosing their identity, and a separate return envelope addressed to the national office of the Association. The secretary of the National Board of Directors shall receive the ballots cast and hold same in the condition in which received until the General Assembly is convened, at which time the ballots shall be opened and tabulated in the presence of the General Assembly. In the event of a tie vote, the same shall be decided by the active members from that region in attendance at the General Assembly, and in the event no active member from that region is in attendance, the same shall be decided by the National Board of Directors immediately following the close of the General Assembly. In each instance in which the active members fail to elect a regional director, for whatever reason, the National Board of Directors shall make the election.

Section 5. Directors-at-Large. There shall be two (2) directors-at-Large. They shall serve staggered terms. At the General Assembly and once the eight (8) regional directors have been elected, the eight (8) regional directors and the at-large director whose term has not expired, shall submit nominations to the entire National Board of Directors, and upon secret ballot of the National Board of Directors, the nominee with the largest number of ballots shall be elected to serve on the National Board of Directors as director-at-large.

Section 6. Term of Office. The term of office of each regional director and each director-at-large shall be four (4) years, beginning at the close of the General Assembly at which his election is announced or made and ending at the close of the second General Assembly next succeeding.

Missing Members of the Classes of 1962/1963 and 1987/1988

We need contact information for the following members of the Classes of 1962/1963 and 1987/1988 to let them know about their 50-year and 25-year reunions scheduled for July 25-28, 2013. Please contact the Alumni Office at 800-345-0458 or email alumni@boystown.org with any information you might have about these missing alumni.



Various activities highlight the three days of the Boys Town National Alumni Association Biennial Convention.

1962

George Anderson
David Austin
Sheldon Bosto
Thomas Clay
Gary Coberly
David Coyle
Billy Davis
Joseph Deitering
James Del Vecchio
Albert Edwards
Brother Felician (James Sweeting)
William Ferlise
Michael Flander
Michael Ginn
Joseph Guinn
William Holland
Wilbur Horton
Eugene Huff
Kenneth Jackson
David Johnson
Richard Keegan
Michael Knoblauch
Robert Lyons
Gerald Marity
Lawrence McLeaney
David Miller
Robert Moffit
Dennis Olberding
William Reed
Pierre Ruffin
John Rutherford
Chester Schratzmeier
Robert Sitzmann
Robert Smith
James Spittler
Gerald Staten
Michael Terry
Karl Woodard

1963

Emmett Arnold
LeRoy Bagley
John Battershall
Richard Boone
Cecil Broncho
Robert Bruce
Anthony Bucciarelli
Martin Cervantez
William Cox
James (Jim) Cricket (James Crawford)
Francisco Hernandez
Larry Hoffman
Xavier Jackson
Lewis Keeler
Edward Keller
Robert Kling
William McClure
Terence McGovern
Michael McGowen
Norman Muggins
Michael Munn
Lloyd Pond
John Sopicki

1987

Vincent Akin
Jesus Alvarado
Daniel Behymer
John Bridgeford
Philip Bruner
Todd Cero
Robert Crockett
Paul Garcia
Patricia Hardiman
Michael Hatt
Tyrone Jones
Derrick Jordan
Charles Knight
Mario Lee

Arthur Lewis

Eric Lillard
Christopher Nelson
Thomas Otte
James Payne
Larry Perlmutter
Jessica Petrie
Robert Pierce
Christopher Polito
Marty Snyder
Robert Starec
Michael Warren

1988

Rebecca Aleck
Daniel (Danny) Blanchard
Eugene Bryan
Amy Burson
Matthew Bush
Lisa Dobrusky
Mari Fox
Tammy Fralish
Jason Green
Joel Hanson
Earl Jacobs
Aaron Johnson
Joseph Johnson
Jerry McBride
Tammy McCroy
Sherry Medina
Larry Michael
Robert Parish
John Petersen
James Savell
Michael Shotwell
Anthony Smith
Lorren Stricklett
Dennis Swoope
Paul Williams

Gathering at Okoboji Planned in Conjunction with Convention

For many Boys Town alumni, summer trips to the camp at Lake Okoboji conjure up pleasant memories of days in the sun, great fishing, boating, swimming and lots of games and fun. This summer, a group of alumni have organized a gathering at Lake Okoboji for some fun and relaxation prior to the 2013 reunion at Boys Town which is scheduled for July 25-28.

The organizers are looking for anyone interested in arriving a few days earlier (July 21-24) to meet at Lake Okoboji for a series of events. Sunday and Monday (July 21-22) will be set aside for arriving members and their families. Tuesday the 23rd, will see an Okoboji Golf Tournament arranged by Don and Phil Dauterive, who plan to make it an event of a lifetime.

On Wednesday, the 24th, alumni will host a barbeque for the kids who are scheduled to be at camp that week (approximately 60+ youth, staff and alumni). Alums will supply the food and refreshments for the afternoon event. The

youth and staff will provide tours of the camp for the alumni, and hopefully we will have a chance to enjoy some camp activities with the youth. The Boys Town staff is welcoming alumni to the camp and is excited about the opportunity to share Camp Okoboji experiences between generations of Boys Town alumni and youth.

Thursday, the 25th, everyone will migrate to Boys Town (sure do miss the blue bus) and back to Omaha for the BTNAA Convention registration, the annual John Corrigan Pizza Party that evening and a great weekend of fun and reunion at Boys Town.

For hotel info, contact the Boys Town Alumni Office at 402-498-1151 or email alumni@boystown.org. George Edwards, '71, is the point of contact for this event and he can be contacted on his Facebook page (George Edwards – he is holding a dog in his profile picture) or at gme3152@comcast.net.