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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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*"Success is a question of degrees, not of completion. The most successful men and women, the men and women who have accomplished much with their lives, are precisely the ones who never seem able to catch up with their ambitions."*

– Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan



# ALUMNI NEWS

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## Phil Dauterive, D'70, Elected to Lead Boys Town Alumni Association Board

Phil Dauterive, D'70, was elected Boys Town National Alumni Association President during the recent Alumni Reunion in July. Officers and new board members were announced at the General Assembly.

Besides Dauterive, officers elected for the 2017-2019 term are: Vice President, Larry Adams, '68; Secretary, Lisa Morehouse-Mabey, '89; and Treasurer, Steve Postert, '69

The BTNAA begins Boys Town's second century with a new board structure to better represent the membership of the group. Over the past two years, the board of directors worked diligently to create a board structure that is more encompassing of the broad range of years represented by the membership.

The new structure is made up of different groups by their years of graduation. It was put into place to get a more equitable representation and give voice to a broader range of members. The groups and their board representation are: 5–15 Year Group, one member; 16–25 Year Group, two members; 26–35 Year Group, two members; 36–45 Year Group, three members; 46+ Year Group, 2 members; and At-Large, one member, for a total of 11 members on the board.

Nominations for the open positions on the board were held in May and elections were held by secret ballot throughout the months of June and July, with ballots being counted at the General Assembly.

The second position in the 16–25 Year Group did not have an eligible candidate elected so the board of directors will appoint an eligible representative from that group to the position at their September 2017 meeting.



Dauterive, '70



Adams, '68



Morehouse-Mabey, '89



Postert, '69

**The following alumni are members of the new board:**

**5–15 Year Group:** Kim McGiffin-Warner, '04, term expires in 2019 (previous member)

**16–25 Year Group:** Steve Vogt, '94, term expires in 2021; Second position vacant

**26–35 Year Group:** Doug Courville, '87, term expires in 2021; Lisa Morehouse-Mabey, '89, term expires in 2021

**36–45 Year Group:** Phil Dauterive, D'70, term expires in 2019 (previous member); Dennis Buckman, '72, term expires in 2021; Bob Matthews, D'71, term expires in 2021

**46+ Year Group:** Larry Adams, '68, term expires in 2019 (previous member); Sam Vargas, '65, term expires in 2019 (previous member)

**At-Large:** Steve Postert, '69, term expires in 2019 (previous member)



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## From the Executive Director

Dear Alumni,  
Thank you!

Thank you for coming home to your 33rd Biennial Alumni Family Reunion; for hosting a wonderful picnic for the kids and staff on Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan's birthday; for reminding us all how important the work we do at Boys Town is; and for joining us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of this great Home!

The week of celebration was a reaffirmation of our beloved founder's dream and of his visionary program of care that made possible the opportunities so many of you were given in life. That you, along with your families, came home to share in this centennial speaks volumes of both the gratitude and love you have for your Home! I was particularly touched that you held an "Appreciation Reception" for former and retired staff. It is a beautiful testimony to their hard work and influence in your lives. There were tears of joy as those who labored for you were reminded that what they did really made a difference. Hats off to you for a classy and meaningful event!

It was particularly touching that Joe Renteria, '35, came here to celebrate his 100th birthday during this milestone family reunion. He represents a valued link to Boys Town's storied past and is a reminder that we can all have a rewarding and fulfilling future by living the values and principles instilled while at Boys Town. NBC News visited campus and ran a feature about Boys Town during its Nightly News. It can be viewed at the Alumni website.

I commend the Boys Town National Alumni Association Board of Directors for having the courage and foresight to make a change to your board structure in order to become more relevant for the alumni of today and the future. This evolution of your board will open up opportunities for embracing our younger alumni and will help to ensure that the

BTNAA will continue to exist for generations to come. Your new board of directors has an exciting challenge ahead of them as they continue the long tradition of partnership with Boys Town that began with the founding of the Association in 1951.

We are confident in the direction of Boys Town's many programs of care as we launch into the second century to help and heal our nation's children, families and communities. The legacy of our founder, Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan, is the solid foundation upon which our programs are based. In evolving to meet the needs and challenges of the children and families of today, we are mindful of the fundamental tenets of our founder and continue to give the love, care and spiritual support needed by the children in our care. We are, however, exploring the tremendous advantages of new technologies and treatments to expand the delivery of services and significantly improve the positive outcomes experienced by each of the children we serve.

School is under way and our homes are filling up. Our residential program is strong and the staff is excited about the possibilities for future growth of the children at Boys Town. I ask you to pray for our kids in the coming year. Keep, also, our dedicated staff in your prayers... for they are the key to the success of our kids.

I hope to see you at the Boys Town Homecoming football game this fall. It is always great to recognize our alumni during this particular game. We love to have the bleachers filled with alumni cheering on our Boys Town Cowboys!

God's blessings upon you and your families.



Father Steven E. Boes  
National Executive Director

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### Alumni Profile

## Tony Wish, '69

Anthony "Tony" Wish, '69, was living in a tough neighborhood in South Omaha and was heading down a troubled path when his mother and Catholic Charities intervened to place him at Boys Town just before the start of the school year in the fall of 1962.

It was a move that he said changed his life for the better.

At first, Wish said he had difficulty adjusting to life in the dormitory at Boys Town.

"I soon learned getting along was a key to staying out of trouble," Wish said. "I ran away a few times but found Boys Town was my best option."

Sports played a role in helping Wish adapt to Boys Town. He played on the midget football team coached by Scott Clark.

"I went on my first jet airplane ride to Philadelphia to play in the Liberty Bowl, a game which we won," Wish said.

By the time Wish reached Boys Town High School, he worked harder on his academics and played football. He especially enjoyed learning the electronics trade under Ralph Forke.

After graduation, Wish found he had a talent for construction.

"I started my own business in 1973 and called it A-1 Construction," Wish said. "I also married my wife, Laima, and we had three beautiful



Wish, '69

children. My best job was when our company submitted the winning bid for the remodel of Eagle Hall on the Boys Town campus. We gutted the building and made it more adaptable to family-style living for the girls who were admitted to the Home."

Wish also enjoyed a renovation of the Great Hall (High School Dining Hall).

During the renovation, he salvaged several of the tiles depicting sports activities. He recently made a set of plaques with the tiles mounted on them. He said they bring back fond memories of his youth at Boys Town.

Wish sold his construction business in 1989 and moved to Las Vegas, where he bought an automotive warehouse. He expanded it to four warehouses before selling it. In 2001, he started an electronics manufacturing company.

"I finally decided to make Ralph Forke, my old electronics teacher, proud by making use of the knowledge I gained in his classes," Wish said.

While he ran that company, Father Peter called and asked Wish to participate in the opening of a satellite home in Las Vegas. Wish said it was good to see the Home expand to meet its mission to serve underprivileged kids.

In 2008, a Chicago company bought Wish out

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## Boys Town's Most Prestigious Awards Presented at Alumni Banquet

The Boys Town National Alumni Association announced its most prestigious award winners for 2017 at the reunion's Saturday night banquet at the Embassy Suites in La Vista. A more complete biography of each of the award winners can be found on the Alumni website.

### Father Flanagan Distinguished Alumnus Award

**Judge William D. "Bill" Maddux, '53**, arrived at Boys Town in September of 1948. While at Boys Town, Maddux was an outstanding and well-rounded citizen, participating in sports and student governance.

Maddux has been a longtime and committed supporter of Boys Town and the Boys Town National Alumni Association. He was a member of the Boys Town National Board of Trustees for over 20 years. He and his wife, Debra, donated one of the new homes at Boys Town when the campus was expanding its residential home program. He is a past president of the Boys Town National Alumni Association and a Lifetime Member.

### Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

**Mary Carter, '03**, arrived at Boys Town in the fall of 2000, committed to changing her life's less-than-constructive path. She embraced Boys Town's program of care. Her success in school,

athletics and Junior ROTC led her to choose a career in the United States Air Force.

She is presently stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy, on deployment in Afghanistan. Carter is a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

### The President's Award

**Edward J. "Ed" Flanagan, '81**, arrived at Boys Town in 1973 after the untimely death of his mother.

In 1990, he was appointed to the BTNAA Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.

In 1999, Flanagan joined the BTNAA Board of Directors and was appointed by then-President Ken Suddeth, '66, to chair a committee to investigate and measure the interest in a movement to canonize Father Flanagan. That effort has reached heights only imagined when the committee was first formed.

### Honorary National President

**Norbert "Knobby" Meysenburg** began his life-work at Boys Town in 1957 and worked as a Cottage Counselor in Cottage 27 for 17 years. In 1976, Meysenburg was appointed Director of Boys Town's Camp Lake Okoboji, a position he held until 1992.



Maddux, '53



Carter, '03



Flanagan, '81



Meysenburg



Nelson

Upon the death of Francis (Moe) Szynskie In 1992, Meysenburg was appointed as the Boys Town National Alumni Director, the first and only non-alumnus to hold the position.

### Special Award

**Sharon Nelson**, a member of the Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion Devotional Council, is recognized for her long and committed service to the cause for canonization, her work with the Flanagan League Pilgrimages and her tireless devotion to prayer on behalf of the cause.

## Hall of History Inductees Announcement Highlights General Assembly Meeting

Three Hall of History inductees highlighted the announcement of award winners at the Boys Town National Alumni Association's General Assembly on Saturday morning, July 15, 2017.

A complete write-up for each winner can be found on the BTNAA website.

### Hall of History Inductees

**Robert D. Keeder, '63**, arrived at Boys Town from Jackson, Michigan, on September 29, 1960. He was a member of the Boys Town Choir.

Keeder represented Region 5 on the BTNAA Board of Directors, serving two terms as President. It was under his leadership, and that of Joe Ortega, '47, that the BTNAA Lifetime Membership program was conceived and implemented. He is a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**Andrew C. "Andy" Olivo, '66**, arrived at Boys Town on October 11, 1961, from El Paso, Texas. He immediately got involved in sports. He was a member of the first Boys Town football team to win a state championship. That team went 10-0.

Olivo is a strong supporter of the Boys Town National Alumni Association, having served as a board member and President. He was elected to the Boys Town National Board of Trustees. He is a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**Reginald E. "Reggie" Walton, '67**, arrived at Boys Town on February 18, 1960, from Saint Louis, Missouri. He exhibited a talent for singing, sports and leadership. He found his niche in the swimming pool, becoming a three-year varsity

letterman in that sport.

Walton passed away on October 7, 2016, his 68th birthday. He was a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

### Alumni Service Awards

**Gene Horan, '57**, has long been a supporter of the Association. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the BTNAA Scholarship Fund, former member of the BTNAA Board of Directors and a retired teacher and coach from Boys Town High School. He is a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**Albert M. "Bo" Rhudy, '60**, is chairman of the BTNAA Sports Hall of Fame Committee and a former board member representing Region 2. He is a strong and loyal advocate for Boys Town and the Boys Town National Alumni Association. He is a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**Jason Suibielski, '81**, has served as a valuable volunteer in updating the alumni database. His work has resulted in adding thousands of names to the BTNAA directory and discovering dates of death and identifying alumni who were killed in action or who died while serving in uniform. The 27 names being added to the Veterans' Memorial this year were found by Suibielski. He is a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

### Alumni Appreciation Awards

**Carol Trevino** is a dedicated and longtime member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association Auxiliary. She has served in a number of positions with the Auxiliary, including President.



Keeder, '63



Olivo, '66



Walton, '67



Horan, '57



Rhudy, '60



Suibielski, '81

She has worked tirelessly with her husband, Mike, '58, in keeping track of many alumni.

**Lisa Abare** has been a driving force in recent years with the BTNAA Auxiliary. Under her leadership, the Auxiliary produced a cookbook with recipes from alumni and the Boys Town kitchen. She has also organized highly successful silent auctions during the BTNAA Conventions.

### Special Award

**Leonard Berthelsen, '70**, received a special award for serving as BTNAA Scholarship Fund president. Under his leadership, the Scholarship Fund has grown to more than one million dollars and the number of scholarships awarded has significantly increased.



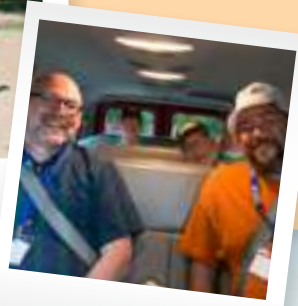
# 2017 ALUMNI REUNION SNAPSHOTS...



WEDNESDAY

## A Trip Down Memory Lane

Alumni got to take a trip down Memory Lane when they boarded vans and headed for the Boys Town summer camp at Lake Okoboji to start Reunion Week. Around 30 Alumni spent their time in the vans reminiscing about their trips to the Iowa lake back during their childhood at Boys Town. They got to tour the new, improved camp and had a picnic lunch with the current kids at the lake. The group had a chance to play some sand volleyball together before heading back to Omaha late in the afternoon.



## Reception with Former Staff a Hit

A new activity for Alumni this year was a Wednesday night reception with former Boys Town staff. The reception was a big hit, with almost 100 in attendance for the gathering at the Great Hall. Former Boys Town Executive Vice President Dan Daly, along with former High School Principal Bob Gehringer and former Wegner School Principal Cathy DeSalvo, highlighted the group of former staff in attendance. A number of former teachers, support staff and campus employees also attended the event.



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

## Father Flanagan Birthday Picnic Unites All

A picnic bringing together Alumni with current Boys Town youth was held Thursday afternoon at the lake. The picnic celebrated Father Flanagan's birthday and attracted close to 600. Sweltering heat met the picnic-goers but it didn't dampen the spirits of all those in attendance. For many of the Alumni, this was the first activity of Reunion Week. The Boys Town kids enjoyed the opportunity to meet the alums and practice their social skills. It was a great kickoff event.

## "Boys Town" Movie Shown in Music Hall

Getting out of the heat made the showing of the original "Boys Town" movie a popular event Thursday afternoon at the Music Hall. A nice sized gathering attended the showing, even though everyone who attended admitted they had previously seen the movie at least once. The historic movie, starring Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney, has always been a favorite for all Boys Town kids, but seeing it on the big screen of the refurbished Music Hall made it seem even more special to all of the Alumni. And as mentioned earlier, the air conditioning made it seem even better.



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

## Golf Tournament Attracts 44 Players

Shoreline Golf Course was the new host of the annual Boys Town Alumni Golf Scramble. The event continues to be a popular one, with 44 players comprising 11 teams. Starting early in the morning helped players avoid the most intense heat of the day. As has been the case for years, Mike Trevino, '58, organized the event and did a fantastic job.

## Welcome Social Draws Large Crowd

Without a doubt, the Friday night Welcome Social at the Great Hall drew one of the largest crowds (over 500) in recent memory. Celebrating Boys Town's Centennial was definitely a draw for those who chose to come back for the historic Biennial celebration reunion.



FRIDAY

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## From the BTNAA President

Wow! What a great reunion!

The enthusiasm of all my brothers and sisters and their families while attending this year's reunion and the 100th Anniversary of Boys Town was phenomenal. It truly was a "FAMILY" reunion. I was excited while attending all the events, listening to older and younger alums sharing stories with each other about their time at the Home. We need those stories to continue the legacy of Boys Town. I want to thank Father Boes and the staff at Boys Town for welcoming us home. Outstanding job!! I also am extremely appreciative of John Mollison and Gail Page, the staff at the Alumni Office and all the volunteers for all their hard work putting this week of events together.

Congratulations to the Classes of 1966/1967 for their 50th reunion and the classes of 1991/1992 for their 25th. We look forward to seeing our brothers and sisters from 1968/1969 and 1996/1997 at our next biennial Alumni Family Reunion in 2019.

A new board was installed at the General Assembly Saturday morning. We welcome the new board members: 5-15 Year Group, Kimberly McGiffin-Warner, '04; 16-25 Year Group, Steve Vogt, '94; 26-35 Year Group, Lisa Morehouse-Mabey, '89, and Doug Courville, '87; 36-45 Year Group, Dennis Buckman, '72, Bob Matthews, D'71, and myself. Remaining on the board will be 46+ Year Group, Larry Adams, '68, and Sam Vargas, '65; and At-Large, Steve Postert, '69. This new board is a reflection of the change from regions to year-based directors. I want to acknowledge

all the people who participated in the election process.

A special thank you to outgoing board members John Fox, Chuck Ripple, Ron Fisher, Bruce Dolan and the late Ken Gilchrist for their hard work and leadership in putting this new board structure in place. The new board will better represent all alumni and improve communications. The Alumni website is a great place to see what is going on inside the board and keep you up to date with other alumni activities. It will also provide you with the information about contacting your representative on the board.

Moving forward with this new board, our mission is to strengthen the bonds of the alumni through better contact and communications within the Association, so that the BTNAA will continue to be a vital Association for the next 100 years! We are in the process of planning the mini-convention for next summer. Please check the Christmas edition of the Alumni News and website for the location and dates.

As we start Boys Town's next 100 years, Father Flanagan's dream continues to grow. Father Boes showed us the dream is in good hands. Please continue to pray for the Canonization of Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan and the work of the good people caring for Boys Town's children throughout the country.

Phil Dauterive, D '70  
BTNAA President



## From the Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters

Dear Brother and Sister Alumni,

What a great alumni family reunion we just experienced. Thank you to each and every one of you for making this milestone reunion one for the history books... more than 500 alumni and their families were in attendance over the nearly weeklong celebration! We joined together as a family of one, each of us from different backgrounds, races and religions, yet one in family with a common legacy and heritage. This could only happen at Boys Town!

A big thank you goes out to the BTNAA Board of Directors and the Convention Committee for putting together a fast-paced, fun-packed and meaningful reunion. None of what you experienced happened by accident. It took the hard work of dedicated people like Gail Page in the Alumni Office, volunteers and board members, and the tremendous support of the Boys Town staff. Please let them all know how much you appreciated their efforts.

Congratulations to this year's award winners for being recognized for your many contributions to the BTNAA and your communities. Read more about them in this newsletter and on our website, [www.boystownalumni.org](http://www.boystownalumni.org).

We were thrilled to have our own centenarian, Joe Renteria, '35, join Boys Town to celebrate 100 years and for Joe to celebrate his 100th birthday on July 17, 2017, with the Boys Town kids in the Great Hall.

A moving ceremony was held at our Veterans' Memorial

as we added 27 new names to the Wall of Honor. We were pleased to have Lori McAllister Fox, daughter of Lt. Col. William McAllister, (USA) D'57, join us for the ceremony. Her father was tragically taken from her when he was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco in 1986. We are grateful for the research work of Jason Suiielski, '81, who found the many names added to the memorial this year.

Your BTNAA board of directors is going to be hard at work building your Association for the future. Make sure you reach out to your year group representative and let them know how you want your Association to grow into the future. We need your help in bringing new membership to the BTNAA.

Let us know what you are doing. We are always looking for stories for the quarterly Alumni News and for the website. Share with your fellow alumni the happenings of your lives. All you need to do is send an email to [alumni@boystown.org](mailto:alumni@boystown.org), reach out to us on the alumni website Forum ([www.boystownalumni.org/forum.html](http://www.boystownalumni.org/forum.html)), or call the Alumni Office at 800-345-0458. We want to hear from you.

John Mollison, '64

Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters



## From the Auxiliary President

Boys Town Alumni Auxiliary elections were held at the 33rd Biennial Alumni Family Reunion and I am honored to be your new Auxiliary President. Other officers are Shannon Greene, Vice President, and Mary Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer.

Many thanks to our outgoing officers, Mary Abare and Rita Berthelsen, for their support and contributions to our Auxiliary.

A silent auction was held at the reunion and it was a great success. Thank you to those who donated to the auction as well as those who bid on the items.

A new centennial edition of the auxiliary cookbook is available for \$10 plus shipping by contacting me at [coelsch@aol.com](mailto:coelsch@aol.com).

The Auxiliary voted to make a donation to support the kids at the Lake Okoboji camp to help make sure they are able to enjoy their trips to the lake. We are proud of being able to do this for the youth of Boys Town.

The Boys Town National Alumni Association Auxiliary is open to any family members or friends of Boys Town graduates. Lifetime memberships are \$50. Membership applications are available by emailing me at [coelsch@aol.com](mailto:coelsch@aol.com).

Sincerely,

Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger  
President  
BTNAA Auxiliary

## Boys Town and Alumni Joe Renteria, '37, Celebrate 100 Together During Reunion



Boys Town Alumni celebrated along with fellow alum Joe Renteria during the July reunion.

They celebrated Renteria's 100th birthday right in the middle of the Home's 100-year celebration.

Renteria turned 100 on July 17 and celebrated with Boys Town youth during their lunch period at the Great Hall. Renteria was presented a birthday cake and was able to sit and talk with various students. He was also recognized Saturday evening at the Alumni banquet.

Renteria shared one of his favorite stories of his involvement with Father Edward Flanagan during his lunch with the Boys Town youth.

Renteria said he arrived at Boys Town as a rebellious child. As a Native American in the early 20th century, he was unwelcomed by many, and his attitude reflected the way he had been treated. Father Flanagan set the groundwork for his happy and meaningful life by welcoming him with open arms and teaching him the power of positive



Renteria shares a story with Boys Town youth.

where family life begins.

"Being in a family setting is good," Renteria said. "The way things are set up now here at Boys Town is the way it should be. A hug feels so good. That little sign shows that someone genuinely cares about you. That is the way it should be, and I hope that is the way it will continue forever."

## Wish (continued from page 2)

and he decided it was time to retire.

"My wife and I moved to Coaldale, Colorado, and today we live the Colorado dream," Wish said. "Fighting boredom, I built a large shop and now build custom pieces of furniture and do a lot of artwork. My pieces are in a gallery in Salida, Colorado."

Wish said he is forever thankful for what Boys Town did for him.

"We all remember how difficult it was to receive discipline and apply it to our lives," he said. "However, if we look back, we can see this was what made us what we are today. I thank God that someone had the vision to send me to the Home and help me become a responsible and contributing adult. That never would have happened without the discipline I received at Boys Town."

## In Loving Memory

**STANLEY E. CLOVER, D'45**, passed away on June 13, 2013, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**JOHN D. "JACK" CONELY, D'45**, passed away on May 10, 2017, in Novi, Michigan. Conely was a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**THOMAS "TOM" M. HENTZEN, D'45**, passed away on July 14, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas. Hentzen was a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**MERJILDO CHAVEZ, JR., D'47**, passed away on June 29, 2017, in Redwing, Minnesota.

**PAUL E. SIBLEY, '51**, passed away on May 3, 2017, in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

**EUGENE W. MOCKMORE, D'59**, passed away on March 21, 2017, in Muscatine, Iowa. Mockmore was a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**PATRICK M. MCCAULEY, '63**, passed away on April 24, 2017, in Mansfield, Texas. McCauley was a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**JUAN L. BALADAD, '64**, passed away on May 7, 2017, in Palmdale, California.

**DAMON K. FABRE, '75**, passed away on November 11, 2016, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Fabre was a Lifetime Member of the BTNAA.

**BERNARD R. "BERNIE" DEVLIN**, former staff member, passed away on May 4, 2017, in Omaha, Nebraska.

**GERADETTE L. "GERI" IZZEN**, former staff member, passed away on April 29, 2017, in Omaha,

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SATURDAY

## Veterans' Names Added to Memorial

In a moving ceremony Saturday morning, 27 new names of alumni who were killed in action or died while serving in uniform were added to the Boys Town Veterans' Memorial. The event drew numerous alumni, paying their tributes to those who served their country and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

## Awards Banquet Attracts Sellout Crowd of 370

The Awards Banquet drew a sellout crowd of 370 to the La Vista Embassy Suites on Saturday night. Alumni and their families enjoyed an evening of celebration. Highlights of the evening included singing "Happy Birthday" to alum Joe Renteria, who turned 100 years old during the Reunion weekend, and the announcement of award winners and newly elected board members.



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## Farewell Picnic Wraps Up Reunion Weekend

The Reunion weekend wrapped up Sunday afternoon with the traditional Farewell Picnic by the lake. Following church services at the respective chapels on campus, over 400 turned out for the picnic. The 2017 Alumni Reunion will be remembered for its celebration of Boys Town's first 100 years and, no doubt, the sweltering heat that accompanied all of the events. Nevertheless, the week showed the commitment and love of the alumni to their proud home.