

# Continuum

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## Dear Andrews Academy Friends and Alumni,

The year 2007 has been definitive for Andrews Academy's future. We believe that now is the time to aggressively determine what Andrews Academy can and should become. Several vital steps have been taken this year that affect the school's future. First, I am still on cloud nine, basking in the bright beams from the Envision Dialogue experience. Second, I am delighted to tell you that the first Leaders on Leadership Forum was conducted this year. And third, concurrent with the Envision Dialogue, the Operating Board is evaluating and perhaps refreshing its procedures.

While its traditions are the essence of the school's experience, it continues the pursuit of providing a truly exemplary program. Two groups of proactive alumni—one in Berrien Springs and one in Loma Linda—who sense the importance of perpetuating Andrews Academy's rich heritage and hold a deep interest in the school's dynamic future, joined in dialogue about what they think Andrews Academy should be in five, ten and twenty years. The conversations were brisk and bold, resulting in a composite of qualities that they felt were essential for the fabric of a secure future at Andrews Academy.

These qualities have been passed on to the Operating Board and to the committee of eleven members that is designing a description of what Andrews Academy should be in the future. Their task is major and will take considerable time. Our faith is strong that they will work with style, class and flourish, resulting in a design that will secure the school's vigorous and stable future.

You will be pleased to read David Van Denburgh's account of the premier Leaders on Leadership Forum. This event sets the stage for three or four leadership presentations during the 2007–2008 school year by individuals who have attained high levels of success in their fields and are leadership models. Traditionally, and especially during the last 30 years, the Andrews Academy program has been known for the strong emphasis that is placed on student leadership development. The Forum presentations will take the leadership education experience to an even higher level.

As other entities have been exploring the school's future, the members of the Operating Board are also considering their function in the envisioning of the future of Andrews Academy. They are contemplating ways to streamline the governance system and exploring strategies for greater effectiveness, efficiency and proficiency.

These three elements collectively are harbingers of a brightened future for Andrews Academy. We know that, as with people, WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, SCHOOLS PERISH.

*Richard T. Orrison*

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# Reader's Response

## Continuum Spring 2006

The new format of the *Continuum* in Spring 2006 marked a change from the newsletter format of the previous years. Tonya (Poole) Turner, ('91) did an outstanding job as editor.



Regrettably, she has chosen not to continue in that position. We will strive to continue the good work she began by providing updated information about your alma mater. We hope you enjoy reading in this current issue about some of the happenings of the past year.

## Continuum 2006 Revisited

Tonya & Dr. O—Just got the latest issue. Excellent job! I particularly enjoyed Baker's piece. I like that the *Continuum* now has more weight to it, and a more polished look than it had in the past.

*Ben Bokich ('91)*

## Thoughts on Reunion

After 40 years we've gathered here,  
to meet old friends from far and near.  
Our friends we seek from long ago,  
and then we met at afterglow.  
We shared laughter and food, and stories were told.  
Our memories are great; were we always this bold?  
It's been years since we met the friends of our youth,  
do I dare mention 40? It seems so uncouth!  
I'm so glad we're gathered, 40 year class of '67;  
Let's do this again, but next time in heaven!

*Marge Hill Schwartz ('67)*

## Correction

On page 16 of the 2006 Annual Report the amount of donations received by the Operating Board was reported incorrectly for both school years. Please take note of the revised numbers and their impact on the total giving.

CATEGORY	2004–2005	2005–2006
ALUMNI	\$55,621.12	\$42,096.00
FRIENDS OF AA	\$26,298.04	\$29,504.84
CURRENT FACULTY & STAFF	\$1,169.30	\$1,959.00
FORMER FACULTY & STAFF	\$1,328.66	\$2,572.09
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY	\$12,475.00	\$500.00
CHURCHES	\$58,721.50	\$63,500.00
OPERATING BOARD	\$3,364.30	\$4,101.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$158,977.92</b>	<b>\$144,232.93</b>

# Campus Update



# Campus Update

Dear Alumni & Friends,

This past school year was amazing! I really felt like part of a family and I've made friends for life. It's hard to believe that this was my last year at Andrews Academy.

There's so much to remember, like SA Campout at Muskegon National Park, and trying to save our tents from the flooding waters. Performing with the band and orchestra. Having vespers at the beach and watching the twilight fade into darkness. Mr. Baker's school play: *The Family Nobody Wanted*—they must have practiced forever!

I especially enjoyed going on SOW Safari this year. Ecuador was fantastic; working on that church meant more to me than just providing a building, it's a place to worship. The whole experience strengthened my relationship with God.

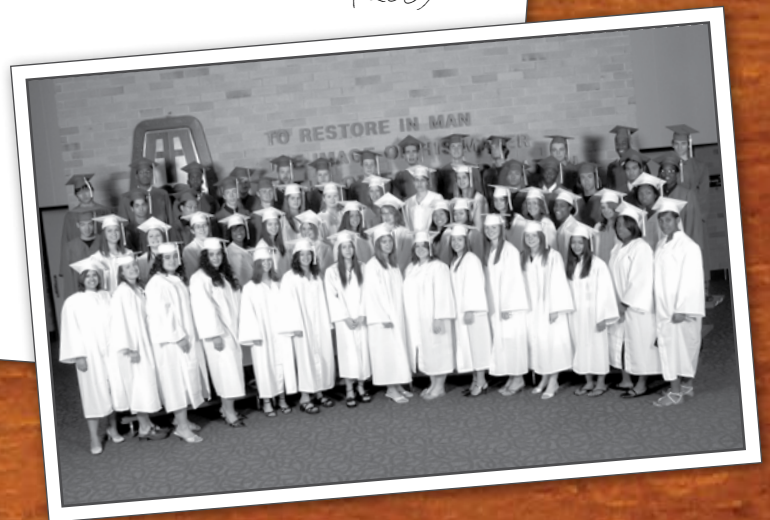
I wish I could have also gone on the German Tour, my friends came back with lots of good stories and pictures. Mr. Baker seemed to fit right in at Bogenhofen.

I'll never forget our Senior class trip to Chicago, the Bean at Millennium Park was awesome. I can't believe I haven't spent more time there!

I miss everyone already, but it's especially hard to think that Mrs. Manley & Mr. Brooks are leaving for good and that Mr. White won't be in the classroom anymore, trying to get yet another student to understand the periodic table of elements.

I hope that as I now join you as an alum, that I will continue to remember the impact that Andrews Academy has made on my life.

—Graduate of the Class of 2007



# Faculty Highlights

## Elaine Manley: Artist and Optimist

Although most students know who Mrs. Manley is, their acquaintance is all too brief and limited to semester-length courses, such as “keyboarding” or “desktop publishing.” For many the acquaintance ends when the class ends, and they forget that Mrs. Manley has nurtured them not only through instruction but also through her eye for beauty. In her classroom, students ought to have noticed her attention-grabbing bulletin boards. If they missed them there, they ought to take a closer look at the library where every month a colorful bulletin board extols the virtues of reading and the rewards of careful study.

Mrs. Manley’s eye for interior décor has created a comfortable, pleasing and aesthetic environment for students. The artistic touch of Mrs. Manley’s brush and her sense of beauty extends to places where students might have missed her deft strokes; over the past fifteen years, tastefully-arranged centerpieces have adorned tables at the school Christmas banquets and at the dinner for the Michiana retirees; miniature angels, yule logs, diminutive Christmas trees crafted from pine cones, and countless other designs have added a special ambience to the occasions. The comfortable

chairs in the library were her idea with the colors and quality of the furniture lending a quiet dignity to a place dedicated to reading and study.

Mrs. Manley enjoys travel, and the sentence she most likes to hear is “Let’s go!” Over the years, she has sacrificed her vacation breaks to travel regularly with Mr. Boward’s musical groups. Any student who has been a member of band or orchestra, and more recently of choir, knows from personal contact about her winsome ways and cheerful optimism. Her glass is always half full, never half empty. She even extended herself over the summer of 2002 to be the girls’ supervisor for the trip to Austria and Germany. On that trip she was as ready as any student to grab her suitcase and swing aboard a train for the next destination. She hiked trails in the Alpine foothills and strolled on day-length marches through the streets of Rothenburg, Freiburg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna or Hallstadt without complaint.

The end of this school year marked the conclusion of Mrs. Manley’s teaching career at Andrews Academy. The colleagues who know her will



remember her cooperative and generous spirit, and students who have sat in her classes or worked for her in the library will always recall her unreserved dedication to her work, her willingness to take time for those who faced more than their share of problems, and of course all will remember the tastefully-decorated bulletin boards assuring students that the academic world was a place where they were welcome.

In grateful recognition of her contribution to making classroom and library a place where students feel at home, and in appreciation for her cheerful spirit, the 2007 *Silhouette* was dedicated to Mrs. Manley.

## Brooks Payne

For the past four years, Brooks Payne has been the janitor and maintenance man at Andrews Academy. Brooks trained at Andrews University as an airplane mechanic and, of course, knows how to fly. He will use his training in his new post as pilot and airplane mechanic at a mission station in Papua New Guinea.



Never a man without a witty statement, Brooks Payne has sometimes been misunderstood but never silenced. Those who know Mr. Payne know that he has a willing ear, a willing heart, and a personal interest in the spiritual development of the students. The job of janitor is often a position of anonymity, where one can toil without being recognized.

People just seem to forget who cleans the floors, picks up the papers, and polishes the glass, especially if the

## Cleon White: Escaping the Classroom

In his short story, "A Christmas Memory," Truman Capote has one of the characters remark, "There's never two of anything." The man, Cleon White, illustrates the truth of this assertion. Mr. White has served for the last five years as Vice Principal of Andrews Academy, but the title would be meaningless were it not for his work in the classroom. For the past 29 years, Mr. White has taught Algebra I, Algebra II, Introduction to Algebra, Geometry and Chemistry to students at Andrews Academy. As vice principal, he continues to teach Chemistry and Algebra I.

Although many students find mathematics and chemistry beyond their ken, Mr. White has always been accessible for a word of encouragement and help with a problem.

In fact, his help sessions conducted every Wednesday evening at the "White" House have lifted the veil on the mysteries of these challenging subjects: Suddenly, covalent bonding is no longer confusing; factoring, the reason for trigonometric identities, and the quadratic formula become clear. As if tireless explanations in class and the special Wednesday evening help sessions were not enough, Mr. White

has been known to interrupt his responsibilities as vice principal to explain congruent triangles or how to apply the Pythagorean Theorem to a mystified scholar.

Neither students nor teachers at Andrews Academy wear uniforms, but it might be said that Mr. White has one. On almost any given day, newcomers to the building can spot a man in a suit, wearing a necktie with an oversized Windsor knot tied somewhat higher than accepted GQ practice would allow. The piece de resistance to the White wear, however, are the White sneakers. The White uniform immediately marks the man and has occasionally led a creative student to imitate him.

On one morning about five years ago, Jean Marcel Clouzet, a senior at the time, stood before the chapel attired in a suit, a pencil positioned behind his ear, necktie tied with a gargantuan Windsor knot leaving the tie obviously high above the belt line and in good fun rendered a plausible imitation of Mr. White. But it was only an imitation because Mr. White's self-sacrificing life style, worthy of emulation though it is, is inimitable. Mr. White is demanding



without being imperious, tireless without being tiresome, kind without being indulgent, and genuinely Christian without being unctuous.

Flash forward to a day some years from now. Mr. White has retired and no longer walks the halls of Andrews Academy. It is, say, about August 22, and the first day of school has arrived. Students who choose Andrews Academy that year will not know Mr. Cleon White. It is difficult, however, to imagine even then an Andrews Academy without the stamp his magnanimous spirit will have left behind.

school looks good. Attention is only directed at the janitor when the school begins to look neglected, when graffiti slogans remain on bathroom walls, and spilled lunches remain on the carpet of the Commons. This has not happened under the leadership of Mr. Payne. Leadership is the word to use because Payne teaches his workers as much as a teacher in the classroom teaches their students. Those who are willing have learned, and the evidence of his instruction has been apparent over

the years. One has to do something most students and parents do not do, return during a school break or over the summer. If they did, they would find Brooks and his small crew scrubbing and polishing tile floors, digging the remains of bubble gum out of the carpets, and cleaning the carpets in preparation for the next school year.

A janitor is as responsible for the tone of a school as are the principal and the teachers. In fact, if the janitor does not make the school look good,

then the principal and the teachers are fighting an uphill battle before the first assembly and the first lesson begin.

When Andrews Academy reopens in the fall of 2007, Mr. Payne will likely be a world away in a strange new country. He will be repairing, maintaining, and flying planes for mission service, but the memory of his years of service will remain with those who recall that wry grin and friendly rejoinder.

# Featured Alums

## Titus and Claudius Mueller (att. '91–'92)

Students who have attended Andrews Academy never cease to surprise their teachers with the careers they have chosen. Among graduates of the past thirty years, one finds a judge, numerous lawyers, doctors, business people, college professors, teachers K–12, and nurses. Under equal circumstances, no one would blink an eye at an alumnus who is a novelist and another who is a researcher, in this case two brothers, Titus and Claudius Mueller. They attended Andrews Academy only for the 1991–1992 school year.

This time perhaps blinking is in order. Growing up in the communist German Democratic Republic, they had long wanted to learn English. In the German Democratic Republic, however, the second language learned by all school children was Russian, the language of their “liberators.” Titus and Claudius had studied English for two hours a week for a year. When the two Germanys reunited in 1989, the possibilities widened for the two boys when their father, Matthias Mueller, took the entire family including the two boys and their younger brother, Julian, to Andrews University and enrolled the two older boys at Andrews Academy and their younger brother at the Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

Glenn Russell, who advised the two, introduced them to Mr. Baker and said, “I enrolled Titus and Claudius in English I, because they don’t know the language very well, and they will probably be less frustrated there.” They probably would have been “less frustrated” if their desire to learn as much English as possible in the year available to them had not driven them to learn as fast as possible. They asked Mr. Baker if they could take English II from him during the winter and spring quarters. Mr. Baker warned them that in the winter quarter, sophomores would be studying Charles Dickens’ *A Tale of Two Cities* and that spring quarter would be even more difficult with a study of Shakespeare’s *Richard II*. “Even native speakers complain about these two works,” he cautioned.

That did not matter to the two, and they intrepidly crossed the border from English I to English II. What happened next surprised Mr. Baker: “They wrote essays discussing both literary works without complaint, and their work was free of German word structures. In fact, it ranked right up there with the work of my best writers. It just goes to show what non-native speakers can do if they really want to master the language,” Baker commented.

Little did Baker, Titus, or Claudius know what would occur in the years ahead. Titus attended a Gymnasium in Berlin and went on to study history and German at the Free University of Berlin. Claudius graduated from Bogenhofen and went on to study at the Free University of Berlin where he earned a master’s degree in biochemistry. Titus interrupted his

studies to establish a small publishing company and published monographs written by others but returned to the Free University to study Medieval history and publishing, and Claudius continued his studies in biochemistry.

Seeing so much of what other people wrote, Titus thought he would like to see his work in print as well. “My first effort produced a fantasy novel,” he stated. He had one problem with fantasy novels, however. He wanted to bring God and discussions about God into the novel. Fantasy novels just did not seem to be the proper vehicle for the subject of God: “people might think that if the work belonged to the genre of fantasy literature, then perhaps the issue about God might be imaginary, too.” Titus found historical fiction to be ideally suited for such discussions.

“God is very real to me, and that’s what I want the reader to see in my novels,” Titus notes. To date Titus has written five novels, and four of them are historical novels set in the Middle Ages. “I always take people that really existed and write my story around them,” he remarked. His first historical novel was entitled, *Der Kalligraph des Bischofs* (in English, *The Bishop’s Secretary*), and his second was *Die Brillenmacherin* (in English, *The Glasses Maker*).

Unfortunately, it might be some time before any of his historical works appear in English translation. The Germans love historical fiction, but American readers do not. Noah Gordon, an American novelist, wrote a work called *The Physician*. It sold 10,000 copies in the United States, in German translation it sold six million copies. “German readers need an excuse for taking the time to read something and think that they might learn something from a work of historical fiction,” Titus explained. The four historical works of Titus Mueller give German readers four new reasons to satisfy their craving.

The critical press has been kind to what Titus has produced. When the Hessian Radio critiqued *The Bishop’s Secretary*, the reviewer stated, “This great historical novel written by an amazing author deals with the magic of writing, with doubts about faith, and the enticements of love.” Critics point out that Mueller’s work is well researched. The bishop Mueller writes about actually existed and in the ninth century presided over churches in the area around Turin. The bishop’s doubts about the crucifix and sculpted images made him a heretic. The discussions occurring in the book deal with how God is best represented and worshipped and force the reader to consider the issue as well.

While Titus Mueller was establishing himself in the German literary world, his brother Claudius continued to study biochemistry. He examined possibilities at several American



graduate schools. In the course of considering his options, Claudius discovered that Loma Linda University had just received a significant grant for researching Alzheimer's disease. He has spent three years at Loma Linda investing most of his time in a laboratory where he focuses on two areas.

First, the study has recruited a number of people who are at risk of developing Alzheimer's. His job is to look for biomarkers in the blood that indicate the degree of risk in the person. "It's a lot like drawing blood from people and then analyzing it for levels of cholesterol, except that we're looking for levels of certain proteins which mark the susceptibility to this debilitating disease," said Claudius. The second part of the research focuses on the relationship between levels of iron in the blood and Alzheimer's disease. The results of the research will, of course, furnish Claudius Mueller with material for his dissertation and may move science closer to a way to treat the disease.

The youngest sibling of the Mueller family, Julian, just got married and is pursuing a degree in music and American studies in Germany. As to their time at Andrews Academy, Claudius remarked, "We just had one year, and we wanted to make the most of it." Those who know the boys would agree that indeed they did.

—by Mr. Thomas Baker

## Nancy Gerard ('73)

Nancy Mauro Gerard was recently featured in a special "Salute To Women" section of the *Calhoun (GA) Times*. Following is an abstract of the feature:

Nancy is currently the director of Development and Alumni for Georgia Cumberland Academy (GCA). The Gerards moved from Michigan to GCA in 2002, quickly falling in love with the milder climate, mountains and friendly people of Calhoun. After graduating from Andrews Academy in 1973, Nancy attended Andrews University, where she met and later married her husband Greg Gerard, now principal of GCA. Graduating from Andrews with both bachelor and master's degrees in Home Economics, she and Greg went back to school at Western Michigan University to receive their doctoral degrees. She has a doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis in family studies.

She began her career as a Home Economics teacher and then moved on to teach Family Studies at several universities in California. After returning to Michigan to be closer to their roots the Lord opened up the doors for them to move to Georgia.

"We were familiar with Georgia Cumberland Academy but had never been involved with the school. In 2002 we heard they were interviewing for a new principal. David Cress was president of the Georgia Cumberland Conference at that time and he extended an invitation for us to come as a family," Gerard said.

"When they offered the Director of Development and Alumni position to me I thought, 'I've never done this before.' I was afraid of trying something new but then I realized this was part of God's plan for me and I decided to give it a try. This has turned out to be the most wonderful blessing. I love what I do and where I am," she said. The Gerard's have two children, Allison, a GCA senior, and Andy, a sophomore at Andrews University.



# Featured Alums

## Davona (Thoresen) Church ('73)

Since her graduation from AA in 1973, Davona has been on an interesting journey. It began in 1985 when she cared for two Haitian infants in her home in Port au Prince, Haiti. It was then she realized her desire to take care of sick and needy babies.

From 1986–1989 she and her husband were licensed by the State of Florida to be foster parents for newborns awaiting adoption. During these three years they cared for 23 babies. In 1992, she and her family moved to Blantyre, Malawi, where she discovered a great need for a place to care for orphaned and abandoned newborn babies. She began by taking them into her own home, and then opened an official home for them in 1995. Most of these babies were HIV positive, and many babies died in her arms. It was here that she gained valuable experience in caring for sick babies. “Open Arms Infants Home” ([www.openarmsmalawi.org](http://www.openarmsmalawi.org)) is still nurturing needy babies in Malawi.

In 2000 her family moved to Maryland, where they again became licensed for foster care. Living between two large cities, Washington D.C. and Baltimore, there were many babies being placed for adoption. In two years their family cared for 43 newborns, usually two or three at a time. In 2002 her family moved back to Africa, spending time in Burundi & then Tanzania.

Her husband and their two daughters were very supportive of her idea to create a new baby home in Tanzania. They all enjoyed having some of the early infants stay with their family while the “Cradle of Love Baby Home” was constructed.

The first phase of construction was finished on December 8, 2005. Along with the help of local nannies this home is able to give love and attention to over 30 children, and provide medical care when needed. Davona states, “I have come to Tanzania to serve, and for me that is through caring for young infants. I feel blessed to use the talents that God has given me to help those who have no one to provide the love they so desperately need.”

The second phase of construction is still on-going. That is the completion of the volunteer apartment on the second level of the home. They are ready to put up the trusses and roof, but funds are still needed.

If you would like more information on Davona’s work, please visit: [www.cradleoflove.com](http://www.cradleoflove.com).



## Andrew Rice ('90)



Following his graduation from AA in 1990, Andrew attended Andrews University and Walla Walla College where he completed his BS in Biology in 1995 and MS in Biology in 1998. During his senior year he spent four months as a student missionary in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, teaching high school history, geography, economics, and study skills at Pohnpei SDA school. It was during this experience that he discovered teaching was his preferred future career choice.

After completing his formal education he had the opportunity to fight wildfires for two seasons, conduct raptor surveys for a timber company and become a Sea Kayak Guide in the San Juan Islands for five years. In addition to guiding he taught kayak safety skills courses through a local outfitter.

During college he spent four summers in Anacortes, Washington at the Walla Walla College Marine Station and in 2000 relocated full-time to Anacortes. He taught high school biology at Skagit Adventist School and began a marine education business. Academic Adventures provides 5th–12th grade students, as well as adults, with opportunities to participate in field-based marine education. Academic Adventures is now in its seventh year. For more information about his program please visit: [www.AcademicsAndAdventures.org](http://www.AcademicsAndAdventures.org).

Currently Andrew is an adjunct professor at Skagit Valley College where he

teaches general biology. He is also preparing for spring Academic Adventures programs. Andrew and his wife, Becky Leavelle Lehmann, had an outdoor wedding at Rosario Beach. They spent their honeymoon sea kayaking in the San Juan Islands and enjoying an Alaskan cruise. They live in LaConner, Washington, where they share a love for adventure and the outdoors.

They have a Golden Retriever named Vesta and three cats—Tux, Koosh and Checkers. Last year Andrew ran his first marathon, became Pathfinder director of the Cascade Eagles Pathfinders, and graduated from Leadership Skagit, a local leadership development program which resulted in the installation of a “heron cam” in the largest heron nesting colony in western Washington.

Some of Andrew’s best memories from AA include: “cycle tour to Sleeping Bear Dunes, backpack trip on the Appalachian trail, senior year, and all the friends he made while having an excellent four years.”

## John Kang ('93)



Since graduating from AA in 1993, John pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Classical Languages and Literature from The Johns Hopkins University and did graduate studies in linguistics at Seoul National University.

John and his wife, Jeong-eun Lee, brought their first son home from the hospital on May 26, 2006. Currently, John and his family live in Bangkok, Thailand where John is working as Chief Administrator for California Christian International School (CCIS). This school opened in 2006 and currently has about 70 faculty and students. This close-knit Christian environment has faculty members representing a variety of countries, including Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States.

While juggling the responsibilities of administrative work, John also teaches. He is currently preparing to teach a language he majored in while in college, Latin. This will add to the current list of languages offered at CCIS—Chinese, Korean, German and Japanese.

John enjoys traveling and has recently taken his family to Jeju Island, an island located to the south of Korea. He also traveled to Myanmar and Vietnam with future hopes to explore more of Southeast Asia as time permits.



If you would like to suggest the name of an alum to be featured in an upcoming issue of *Continuum*, please contact us via one of the following methods.

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# Alumni Tributes

## Charlene Vitrano (1923–2006)

My first recollection of Charlene Vitrano was in a Sabbath School program just before my sophomore year at EMCA. She gave the mission story that Sabbath and it was dynamic! Here was this attractive young mother of two (Joyce and Ed), whom we had never seen before, dressed in a yellow sari, which we also had never seen before. It was one mission story about India where everyone paid attention. While I don't remember all the stories that she told, I do recall that they were fascinating! Everyone was on the edge of their seat, and we were disappointed when the mission story ended.

That positive introduction set the tone for what we students came to recognize as a very committed teacher interacting with us, her "children." As the secretary to the principal and secretarial science teacher, we found her to be someone we could easily talk to, who always had a cheerful smile and warm greeting, and who made a great confidant. We were disappointed when it was announced that she would be leaving our school, but our disappointment turned to joy when we discovered that it was temporary and due to an expected addition (Roger) to the Vitrano family.

My next encounter with Mrs. Vitrano was as a colleague for 13 years. She returned as a full-time teacher and we served on committees together. She was still the same friend that I had known as a student, but now she was also someone I could share ideas about the classroom with and go to for advice. She was helpful in projects that some of my history students were working on. When the students were studying the history and literature of the Indian sub-continent, Mrs. Vitrano invited the whole class to her home one evening for a traditional Indian meal. The girls went to her house and helped in the food preparation, while the boys helped with setting the table. As we ate she explained about the foods we were eating and told us stories of the time she and her husband spent in India. It was a memorable evening to say the least!

As an educator, Mrs. Vitrano was a master teacher. She kept a pen and a tablet of paper on her night stand so that

if during the night she awoke with an idea she could write it down. Typical of all she did, she left nothing to chance. And as always, she was an encourager of her students. She had lists of what needed to be done, and gently guided the class officers in successful completion of their various tasks. She could make even a stumbling neophyte successful and look good.

My last opportunity to work with Mrs. Vitrano was when I returned to the Berrien Springs area. I was asked to serve as Alumni President and Mrs. Vitrano was the academy sponsor.

What a delight it was to work with this dedicated lady once again. As she had done so many times in the past, she kept me on schedule and up-to-date with alumni business. It was wonderful to serve with one who "knew all the ropes." Any successes I had that year were due to Mrs. Vitrano working in the background.

I think I speak for all at Andrews Academy who knew and loved her when I extend my deepest sympathies to her husband, Steve, and her family. Her passing saddens all who knew her, but as she was the model of a Christian lady we know that there is more to come on that Great Day. I want to be there to see her, don't you?

—Farrell Gilliland ('61)  
Former Faculty



## John Lungu (1926–2006)

John's life began September 19, 1926, in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Simeon and Maria (Almasan) Lungu. While attending high school in Youngstown, he worked at a gas station, and then in a steel mill. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes Naval Center, where he became a signalman on aircraft carriers in the South Pacific during World War II.

John married Helen Constantine on September 11, 1948, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He joined the Detroit Fire Department where he worked for 30 years. He worked part-time as director of maintenance at Southfield Junior Academy in Detroit for about 15 years. Their son, Jack Charles, was born in 1954, and Lisa Ann, their daughter, was born in 1960.

In 1976, John and Helen moved to Berrien Springs where John took the job of Custodial and Maintenance Supervisor for the University Schools, including Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

John had many interests and hobbies. He was an excellent photographer, did many oil paintings, enjoyed birds—especially hummingbirds and Baltimore orioles, raised purple wisterias and annually propagated his own favorite, geraniums. His creativity was evident in his woodworking—grandfather clocks, showcases, birdhouses and feeders. John also authored three books, including his autobiography, *My Mother's Son, John*. He and his family enjoyed traveling, camping, and many fun cruises with the resulting souvenir hat collections.

During his time at Andrews Academy he impacted the lives of many of the students and faculty. Upon his retirement the students dedicated the 1993 yearbook to him and wrote the following tribute:

"You 'came with the building' and with your arrival began high quality traditions, standards of excellence and habits of system and order for the Andrews Academy environment. For fifteen years you have created and maintained a pleasant place which nurtures our teaching and our learning.

Your special role in the Andrews Academy experience clearly demonstrates that some very effective and important teaching is done outside of classrooms.

You are a teacher in the truest sense of the word. You model for us an exemplary work ethic. You teach us to value clean, orderly surroundings. You show us through your care and regard that inanimate objects can have long-lived usefulness.

Visitors often express their positive impressions of our school's physical appearance and their amazement that for fifteen years the educational experience for hundreds of youth has centered here. It is your qualities of diligence, thoroughness and order which make our atmosphere noteworthy to our guests. The caliber of our school and of our schooling are enhanced through your ministry."

He also received several heartfelt wishes from his colleagues:

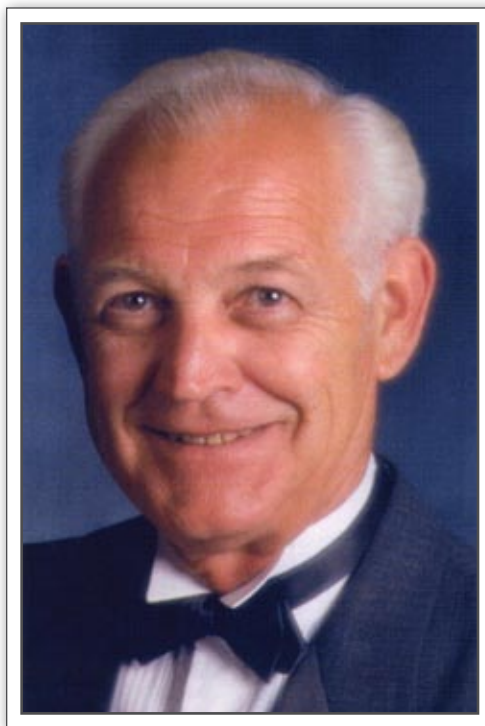
"Thank you for making my introduction to AA a warm and wonderful one! There will never be another more devoted to duty and deed than you. May the Lord return to you bountiful blessings and His love abound in your life."

"Working with you for 13 years has been a privilege and honor for me. My life has been truly blessed through our association. I am grateful for the many times and ways you made my work lighter and brighter. I am grateful for your friendship. God bless!"

"You've made this school a first-class institution. Your thoughtful and responsible ways have formed the basics of quality at Andrews

Academy. I'll miss you, Colonel."

John was called to rest on July 27, 2006, and will be greatly missed by all whose lives were touched by his generous and good nature.



## Alumni Reunion 2006

We had a great turnout during last year's Alumni Reunion. We would like to thank everyone for coming from far and near to attend, and encourage them to join us again this year.

Highlights of the weekend included: Alumni Convocation; Career Seminars—where our current Andrews Academy students were inspired by twenty of our alumni who participated; Friday vespers with Dr. Michael Hasel ('87); Sabbath School with Rodney Bowes ('97); and a inspiring worship service by our alumnus of the year, Dr. W.G.C. Murdoch ('67), followed by a well-attended fellowship luncheon. Sabbath evening featured a dedication ceremony, during which a plaque was unveiled renaming the C-Wing to the Smith-Vitrano Hall, where alumni blessed us with their vocal and instrumental talent. This event was followed by the Charlene Vitrano Memorial concert. We had a brave turnout for Shydepoke, which was held despite the light rain. The school teams dominated with the outcome of 11–8 for the men, and 48–0 for the women. Hopefully we'll have better luck this year!

Our alumni committee chose to acknowledge the following individuals from each of the honored classes:

### **WILLIAM WIESE ('47)**

William Wiese graduated from Andrews Academy in 1947 and has spent much of his time since in the mission field. Bill and his wife, Annita, served in both Seoul, Korea and Bangdung, Indonesia in the publishing ministry, from 1977–1983. They also spent time in Romania conducting evangelistic meetings. They have four children, Lorelee, Claire, Calvin and Brenda. Although Bill could not attend this year's reunion, he would like to share his thoughts with us: "Nothing can happen that we cannot handle while we trust in God. He walks with us through the valleys and over the mountaintops. We know that He is there for us and that one day soon, with those who have been faithful, we will meet beneath the tree of life beside the crystal flowing river. Our prayer is that none of us will miss that grand and glorious event—God's gift to mankind. What a wonderful reunion that will be!"

### **RICHARD SMITH ('57)**

Richard Smith, with his sons, owns and operates a major excavating firm: Harold Smith and Sons. After graduating from Andrews Academy (EMCA) in 1957, and marrying his high school sweetheart Marcia Haley ('57), he established the excavating company in Holly, Michigan. The Smiths have three children: Dale, Dan and Deanna. In the 1980s the Smith family moved the excavating business to Orlando, Florida. Through the years Dick has been actively engaged in church, civic and

community activities. He has been a member of the Jaycees, served as a township trustee and supervisor, and secretary and chairman of the township planning commission. His church leadership has included Pathfinder leader, deacon and elder. Forrest Lake Academy Church activities are energized through his faithful participation. He is a vigorous influence in the Florida Michigan Academies Annual Reunion planning committee. Dick and Marcia have provided a home for many needy youth and families. Their generous hospitality has been a significant factor in changing lives.

### **DR. WILLIAM G. C. MURDOCH ('67)**

Following his 1967 graduation from Andrews Academy, Bill pursued an academic career that led to earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Andrews University, a Doctor of Medicine degree from Loma Linda University, and a Child Psychiatry fellowship at the University of Michigan. After directing the adolescent section in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan, he joined the faculty of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and the medical staff of Loma Linda University Hospital in 1986.

Currently, Dr. Murdoch serves as chair of the LLU Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine. He has lead intervention teams to tsunami areas, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. He is married to Jean Kinzer Murdoch and they have one daughter, Emily Elizabeth.

### **BRIAN SHOW ('77)**

After graduating from Andrews Academy in 1977, Brian majored in business & accounting at Columbia Union College and received his MBA from George Washington University with a marketing concentration. He is a member of the National Honor Society for Business and Marketing. Currently, he is vice president of Royal Glass Company in charge of IT, human resources and accounting. At Spencerville Adventist Church he is a leader in the high school division, which serves Spencerville Adventist Academy. In 2004, the new youth pastor asked Brian to help put together a mission trip to Belize for the high school youth. The annual mission trip has become his passion. When he talks you hear his passion for people in villages without clean water, for the local church workers, but most of all for the students. Brian says, "Mission service changes lives. Our short-term mission trips have awakened a desire for local community service among our students." Brian took the Spencerville youth to Belize again in March 2007.

## **CORALIE McMILIAN ADDERLEY ('82)**

After graduating from the Academy, Coralie attended Andrews University and Florida International University (FIU). She completed her bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration in 1986 and her master's degree in Health Services Administration in 1993. She is currently working on her Fellowship with the American College of Health Care Executives. After graduating from FIU in 1986, Coralie returned to her native Bahamas and began working for the Ministry of Health as an executive officer, and has worked in the Bahamian hospital system in various positions with increasing responsibility. Coralie has served as chief hospital administrator for the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, Bahamas since 2002. Princess Margaret Hospital is a 405-bed teaching hospital with an annual budget of \$73 million.

## **DR. MICHAEL G. HASEL ('87)**

Michael G. Hasel resides with his wife, Giselle, and their two daughters, Daniella and Sarah at Southern Adventist University. He is director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology/Religion in the School of Religion. He completed his undergraduate training at Andrews University before receiving a master's degree from the SDA Theological Seminary in 1992. He was awarded a master's degree in Near Eastern Studies and Anthropology from The University of Arizona, and in 1996 became the youngest recipient of the PhD degree (with distinction) in the program's history. In 1995–96 he was the Samuel H. Kress Fellow at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. In 2005, he served as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at the Cyprus-American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI) in Nicosia, Cyprus, funded by the U.S. Department of State. Hasel has participated and served in administrative capacities on eight different archaeological sites in the United

States, Israel, Jordan and Cyprus. Currently, he is heading up a new initiative in collaboration with The Hebrew University excavations at Hazor, the largest biblical site in Israel.

## **RODNEY BOWES ('97)**

Soon after graduation, Rodney Bowes knew he wanted to dedicate his life to spreading God's love and message of salvation. In 1998, he went to the Philippines as a student missionary. After he returned, Rodney furthered his education and met and married his wife, Julie. In 2005, they moved to Wildwood, Tennessee, where they currently work at the Wildwood Health Retreat. Here they work with people struggling with addiction and drug abuse, diabetes, alcoholism and more. Rodney feels combining the health message with the gospel is imperative to effective ministry. Rodney and Julie hope to begin a new program establishing Adventist Schools of Health and Evangelism all over the world—especially in the Far East, such as Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, and possibly even in the Middle East.

## **ASHLEIGH BURTNETT ('05)**

Ashleigh Burtnett has already realized one of her life dreams—to become a missionary. After graduating from the Academy she enrolled at Andrews University as a physical therapy major, and finished her freshman year before becoming a student missionary. During her time at Andrews she was the coordinator for the Benton Harbor Nursing Home Ministry, continuing to show her desire to help those in need. She is currently teaching and tutoring both English spelling and vocabulary in Thailand, grades 5–9 at the Adventist International Missions School. In addition to her teaching, she has also helped the school develop a student council, and is assisting with the production of their yearbook.

We would like to acknowledge our honored alums from the 2006 Alumni Reunion. Thanks for making it such a wonderful weekend!

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**Class of 1947**



**Class of 1957**

# Alumni News



**Class of 1967**



**Class of 1977**



**Class of 1982**



**Class of 1987**



**Class of 1997**



**Class of 2005**

## 1947

Marceil (Straman) Moore & Esther (Goldberg) Jones

## 1957

**Row 1:** Wilma (Doering) McClarty, Marcia (Haley) Smith, Sandra (Hoover) Botelho **Row 2:** Charlotte (Medley) Cylke, Carlotta (Day) Munson, Carolyn (Wilson) Mettler, Alberta Oliver **Row 3:** Arlan Nelson, Richard Smith, Roger Olson, Bob Torkelson, Kendall Marsh

## 1967

**Row 1:** Linda (Andrews) Alger, Carol (Chaffee) Lewis, Kathleen (Freeman) Clough, Denise (Snyder) Grentz, Ellowyn Oster, Deborah (Hickey) Johnson-Hillock, Pauletta (Coy) Johnson, Kathleen (Fetke) Sagmo **Row 2:** Julianne (Patterson) Vande Vere, Mark A. Umek, Anne-May (Friis) Wollan, Sheryl Craig, Marijane (Shuler) Mosher, Marge (Hill) Schwartz, William Murdoch, DyAnn (Harkness) Salmi, Sarah (Riley) Burke **Row 3:** Carol (Marsh) Walker, Steven Warren, Ronald Symonds, Stan Detweiler, Steven Becker, Donald Stiles, David R. Seidel, David Willauer

## 1977

**Row 1:** Rene Church, Peter Kissinger, Vickie Moore, Maria (Maquera) Fox, Vicki (Newer) Province, Susan (Nelson) Sellers, Gely Cress, Sue (Siewert) Woods **Row 2:** “Ralph Kite,” Peter Jon Shuler, Brian Show, Linda (Martz) Garrett, Beth (Streeter) Snyder, Robert Baptist, Nancy (Helm) Church, Rod Church, Glenda (Goosey) Winnell **Row 3:** Dan Sloan, Randall Jones, Stanley Maxwell, Keith Parris, Jim McKee—Sponsor, Eileen Dry, Robin (Boothby) Rayner

## 1982

**Front:** Gregg Patterson, Mark-Erik DiBiase, David Leffler, Greg Engelman **Row 1:** Sue (Edween) DiBiase, Rachelle (Medina) Hanson, Coralie (McMillan) Adderley, Debbie (Weithers) Poole, Mindy Scarlett-Persaud **Row 2:** Dana Wales, Ellyda (Nainggolan) Tan, Robin Dix, Esther (Wutzke) Penn, Sheila (Lavallee) Kipp, Tom Baker, James Miskiewicz, Teri (Walton) Tipton **Row 3:** Stacey Kuhlman, Ted Hessel, Chris Wagoner, Rebecca (Shea) Erdelyi, John Reichert, Scott Vallieres

## 1987

**Row 1:** Sanjiv Massey, David Maquera, Robin (Scharf) Kadera, Mona (Dower) Sarcona, Juna (Kim) Tsao, Manuela Kulinski, Donna M. Wheeler **Row 2:** Kevin Wein, Sue (White) Wein, Kelly (Kantor) Sebree, Julie Hill, Roberta (Nelson) Kelly, Laurena Parris, Twyla (Dennis) Smith, Sara Gatewood **Row 3:** Alexi (Turner) Liebelt, Jean Blazen, Karen (Holman) Cervera, Cherie (Munger) Peden, JanElla (Sands) Schnepf, Sissel Sagmo, Cyndy (Chilson) Shelley, Cindy (Rasmussen) Trubey, Cindy Belz, Tami (Knott) Smart, Jeff Rice **Row 4:** Jon Hanson, Daniel Anderson, Leroy Steinbacher, Oscar Canale, Michael Hasel, David Borton, Mike Wutzke, Corry Lane, Buck Reed, Jess Burns, Steven Griggs, Ryan Murray

## 1997

**Row 1:** Natasha Matychuk, Dino Poua, Melissa (Castillo) Poua, Kimberly Fortin, Sarah (Spangler) Lee, Leticia Addai, Aimee Vitangcol, Letitia Cochran, Michelle (Proctor) Stembridge **Row 2:** Edvin Pandjaitan, Wilson Pandjaitan, Rebecca (Yunker) Hollacid, Rahel (Davidson) Schafer, Nicol (Robinson) Clark, Lindile Ncube, Sonja (Jacobs) Owens, Nicholas Jones **Row 3:** Pastor Glenn Russell—Sponsor, Heidi (Vega) Aimonetti, Julia Locklear, Maritza (McKenzie) McKinney, Jaime (Russell) Walders, Katie (Freeman) Johnson, Karin (Kaufman) Hill, **Row 4:** Jay Chilson, Fares Magesa, Jason Carlson, Robert Fuste, Corey Gooden, Douglas Show, Rodney Bowes, Eric Ellison, Olen Netteburg, Ricky Robertson

## 2005

**Row 1:** Coronel Lopez, Elizabeth Read, Melanie Maguad, Kristi Kissinger **Row 2:** Edwin Hernandez, Sarah Olaniyan, Maxine Murray, Christelle Miot **Row 3:** Ryan Choi, Joel Harris, Ashleigh Burtnett

## Marriages

**Ryan Beckermeyer** ('03) & **Layna Nicholas** ('05), were married on March 31, 2006. They are expecting their first child in December, 2007.

Martin Lee & **Sarah Spangler** ('97) were married on May 14, 2006, in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

**Graeme Stembridge** ('96) & **Michelle Proctor** ('97) were married on May 21, 2006.

**Kent Zappia** ('00) & **Lindsey Erhard** ('02), were married at the Stevensville Adventist Church by Pastor Glenn Russell on June 25, 2006.

Willie Iwankiw & **Jodi Poole** ('02), were married on July 23, 2006, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and now reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.

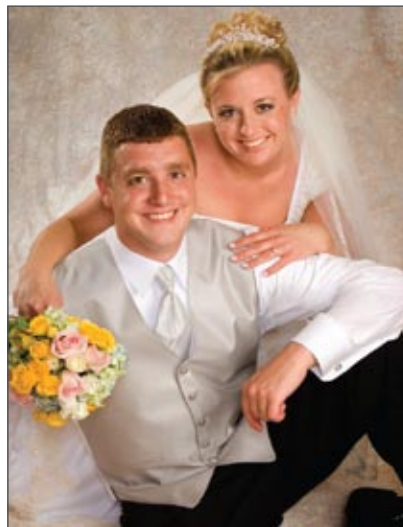
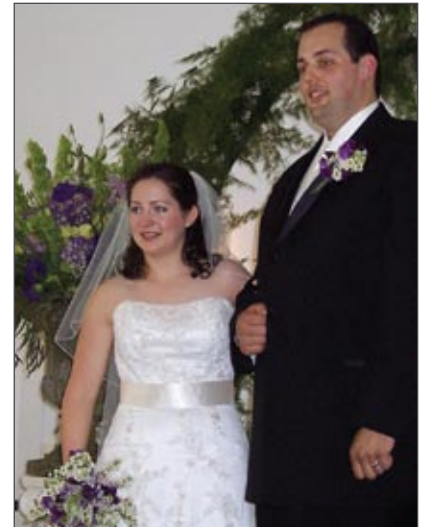
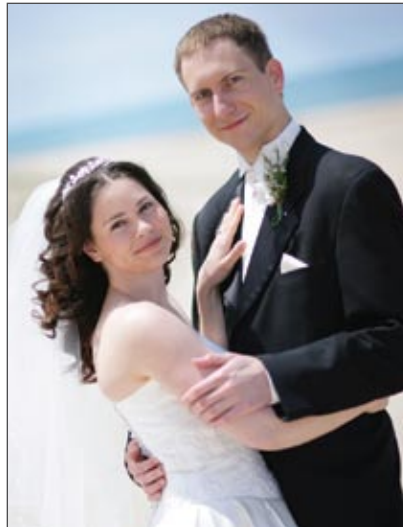
Ben Layman & **Gretchen Kunitz** ('99) were married on August 5, 2006.

**Andrew Rice** ('90) & Becky Lehmann were married on August 27, 2006.

**Jean-Marcel Clouzet** ('01) & **Tammy Paulien** ('01) were married in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on October 1, 2006. They now reside in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

James Shumaker & **Kimberly Smith** ('00), were married on November 19, 2006, in Berrien Springs, Michigan. They now reside in Louisville, Kentucky.

**John Hood** ('03) & Natalie Richards were married in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on May 20, 2007.



### First Row

Left: Sarah & Martin Lee  
Right: Michelle & Graeme Stembridge

### Second Row

Left: Kent & Lindsey Erhard  
Right: Jodi & Willie Iwankiw

### Third Row

Right: Natalie & John Hood



## Births & Adoptions



Ryan Williamson



Annalie Nachreiner



Maxwell Snyder



Aaron Beardsley



Saige Tomkiewicz



Min-ki Kang



Rosa Serrano



Isa Stratton



Zacary Robertson



Sarah & Joshua Chobotar



Staci Church

Saige was born on January 13, 2006, to **Sonja (Riedlinger)** ('88) & Greg Tomkiewicz.

Ryan was born on February 6, 2006, in Detroit, Michigan, to **Melissa (Wagtowicz)** ('90) & David Williamson.

Annalie was born in Indiana on February 21, 2006, to Lynette & **Ryan Nachreiner** ('89).

Maxwell was born on April 21, 2006, to **Tonya (Hippler)** ('96) & **Chris Snyder** ('96).

Min-ki was born in Thailand on May 26, 2006, to Jeong-eun Lee & **John Kang** ('96).

Luke & Jasmine were born on June 15, 2006 to Vessna & **Gregg Patterson** ('82).

Lauren & Evelyn were born on June 7, 2006, to **Patricia (Lange)** ('92) & Robert Potts.

Rosa was born on August 18, 2006, to Deborah Smith & **Samir Serrano** ('88).

Aaron was born on August 24, 2006, to **Annie (Zappia)** ('93) & **Mark Beardsley** ('92).

Amelia was born on August 28, 2006, to Erika & **Oscar Canale** ('87).

Finley was born on September 12, 2006, to **Wencke (Maier)** ('95) & **Andrew Baker** ('95).

Isa was born on December 13, 2006, to **Shelley Swanson** ('88) & Mike Stratton.

## Births & Adoptions (cont.)

Zacary was born on January 2, 2007, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to **Valerie (Metzger)** ('81) & **Art Robertson** ('86).

Sarah & Joshua were born on January 26, 2007, to Jeannine & **Todd Chobotar** ('88), in Florida.

Sydney was born on April 7, 2007, to **Lesley (Medina)** ('95) & Michael Taylor.

Staci was adopted by **Davona (Thoresen)** ('73) & Max Church on May 8, 2007.

## Life Updates

**Jack ('49) & Frances (Beck) ('49) Schleicher** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary aboard a Caribbean cruise, on June 12, 2006. It was hosted by their children, Doug, Denise & David, and their families.



The Class of '55 held a mini-reunion for members of their football team in April of 2007. Pictured here, with their wives, are: **Tom ('55) and Marlene Wilson, Tom ('55) & Delcy ('56) Kuhlman, Joel ('55) & Sandra Hoover, and Bud ('55) & Gail Cason.**

**Perri (Baerg) ('84) & Steve Lowe ('84)** were married on June 11, 2005, 24 years after they dated at Andrews Academy. They are pictured here with their combined family.



We love to hear about important life events that happen in the lives of our alumni.  
Please let us know when they occur, so we may share your good news!

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**Paul Muffo**—July 22, 2005. Father of **Jim Muffo** ('73) & **Cheryl (Muffo) Lockwood** ('77), and grandfather of **Rolund Lockwood** ('05).

**Agnes Keirnan** ('38)—December 2, 2005.

**Frances May Bartlett** ('35)—March 15, 2006.

**Cleo Wightman**—March 22, 2006. Mother of **Wanda (Wightman) Poole** ('65) and grandmother of **Shanna (Poole) Leak** ('94), **Jodi (Poole) Iwankiw** ('02), & **Donnie Poole** ('90).

**Eva Munar**—March 29, 2006. Mother of **Ellen (Munar) Tambunan** ('75) and **Arthur Munar** ('78) and grandmother of **Rachel Tambunan** ('03).

**Sylvia Kunze**—April 5, 2006. Mother of **Anthony J Kunze** ('90) and **Gabriella S Kunze** ('93).

**Owen Moore**—April 17, 2006. Father of **Teresa (Moore) Record** ('75), **Vickie Moore** ('77), **Craig** ('77), **Carter** ('80) & **Corry Lane** ('87), and grandfather of **Tasha Mashni** ('02), **Preston** ('03) & **Derek** ('05) **Lane**.

**Raymond Papendick**—April 17, 2006. Brother of **Ada (Papendick) Leet** ('60).

**Albert Bauer**—May 6, 2006. Father of **Raelene (Bauer) Brower** (att. '71) and grandfather of **Jennifer (Brower) Moes** ('91).

**Dr. Asa Thoresen**—May 31, 2006. Father of **Meylan Thoresen** ('78) & **Davona (Thoresen) Church** ('73).  
**John Lungu** (former faculty)—July 27, 2006.

**John Lungu** (former staff)—July 27, 2006.

**Betty Collier**—August 2, 2006. Mother of **Eldon** ('54) & **Larry** ('57) **Collier**, grandmother of **Rhonda (Collier) Johnson** ('78), and great grandmother of **Cassandra Johnson** ('04).

**Nellie (Candelaria) Hunt**—August 26, 2006. Wife of **Dennis Hunt** ('70).

**Peter Steinhagen**—August 29, 2006. Father of **Heidi (Steinhagen) Snowden** ('86) & **Christina (Steinhagen) Lamperski** ('87).

**Charlene (Smith) Vitrano**—September 2, 2006. Mother of **Joyce (Vitrano) Dirnberger** ('66) & **Edwin** ('69) & **Roger** ('78), and sister of **C Roy Smith Jr.** (former faculty, *deceased*).

**Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Koudele**—September 8, 2006. Mother of **Kathy Koudele** ('75) & **Elizabeth (Koudele) Perkins** ('78).

**Marcia (Specht) Guy**—September 9, 2006. Mother of **Susan (Guy) Reeder** ('79).

**Herbert Helm Sr.**—September 21, 2006. Father of **Herb** ('73), **Mike** ('74), **Nancy (Helm) Church** ('77) & **Steve** ('79) **Helm**. and grandfather of **Herbie** ('05) & **Andrew** ('06) **Helm**.

**Lola Nadine Smith**—October 5, 2006. Mother of **Gordon** ('68), **Larry** ('69), **Stanley** ('71), **Chana** ('73) & **Martin** ('78) **Smith**, and the grandmother of **Elizabeth** ('05) & **Charles** ('06) **Smith**.

**Bethel Habenicht**—October 12, 2006. Mother of **Linda Habenicht** ('71) (*deceased*).

**Merlin Poole**—October 22, 2006. Husband of **Wanda (Wightman) Poole** ('65), and father of **Shanna (Poole) Leak** ('94), **Jodi (Poole) Iwankiw** ('02), & **Donnie Poole** ('90).

**Harry Boward**—November 13, 2006. Father of **Dean Boward**, Music Teacher at Andrews Academy, and the grandfather of **Mark Boward** ('94).

**Kirsten Holman** ('84)—November 18, 2006. Sister of **Karen (Holman) Cervera** ('87).

**John Szucs** ('65)—December 4, 2006

**Henry Mattson**—December 15, 2006. Father of **Melodie (Mattson) Bell** ('76) & **Morris Mattson** ('87).

**Justina Peshka** (former faculty)—December 25, 2006. Mother of **David** ('70), **Daniel** ('73), **Deborah** ('74) & **Dawn (Peshka) Schjeide** ('77).

**Harold Ahlers**—January 20, 2007. Father of **Floyd** ('61) & **Lloyd** ('61), **Lori** (attende), **Lisa** (attende), **Ahlers & Tamara (Ahlers) McDonald** ('96).

**Bernard Andersen**—January 20, 2007. Father of **Connie (Andersen) Severin** ('72).



We apologize if we have not included your loved ones in our memorium. Please let us know of a death in your immediate family so that we may acknowledge the lives of alumni that have been affected.

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# Looking Back

## Southern California Reunion

The Southern California Alumni reunion on May 5, 2007, featured an inspirational worship service with a challenging sermon by Pastor Greg Schaller ('76). Vespers music was provided by Wayne Sheppard ('77), Elizabeth Taylor ('79), Salim Serrano ('88), Kim Knowlton ('84), Ellyda Tan ('82), and Meleilani Barnes ('93); along with reflective thoughts by Mr. Baker. An evening of fun and games followed at the XRtainment Zone. The event was hosted by Kim Knowlton ('84) and Ernie Medina ('83).



### First Row

Left: Wayne Sheppard III ('77)  
Right: Greg Schaller ('76)



### Second Row

Left: Salim Serrano  
Middle: Elizabeth Johnston Taylor ('79)  
Right: Ellyda Nainggolan Tan ('82)



### Third Row

Left: Roy Kim ('91), Mark Umek ('67), Warren Johns ('63), and Sandra (Lee) Blank ('63) envision the future of Andrews Academy  
Middle: Warren Johns ('63) leading out  
Right: Kim (Medina) Knowlton ('84)



### Fourth Row

Left: Lani Barnes  
Middle: GQ bouldering wall climber, Dr. RTO  
Right: Mr. Baker taking the Dash Challenge

## Leaders on Leadership

Mr. Paul Stokstad, founder and CEO of PASCO Scientific, a leading distributor and manufacturer of classroom scientific equipment, visited Andrews Academy on May 16 for a day-long presentation of Christian leadership. Mr. Stokstad's visit marked the first of several presentations planned by the newly formed Leaders on Leadership Forum.

company to pursue theological studies at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. It was there that he had a conversation with God.

"I was in the habit of making requests to God much like a telephone conversation," he said. "I would pray that he would guide me, then essentially hang up the phone."

It was during one such conversation that Stokstad heard a distinct response, one that would define not only that moment, but also his role as a Christian leader.

After laying out his grievances and expressing uncertainty about what he was to accomplish at the seminary, Stokstad heard the Lord's reply: "First, you have no right to complain, you've had a good life. Second, I told you to come to the seminary, not be a pastor. Third, if I do call you, it's not because of what you bring, but what I give you."

It was the third message that really caught Paul's attention, and it has been the guiding principle for his leadership at PASCO Scientific and his role in the business world.

The Forum, comprised of Andrews Academy faculty, students and alumni, was created to engage successful Christian leaders. His presentation challenged students to learn from the example of effective leaders and keep their own leadership firmly grounded in Christ.

Stokstad began his career in science as a physics student at Dartmouth College where he got the idea that he could design a better physics apparatus than those he was using in the classroom. With a small loan from his parents and permission to use their garage, he set up shop and began manufacturing and selling the Millikan Oil-Drop apparatus during his summer vacations. To his surprise, the business flourished.

Amidst his success, however, Stokstad realized that he had, in his words, "left God in the rearview mirror." Years later, with the company in full swing, he felt called to the ministry. Convinced of the Lord's leading, he contacted his financial advisor and informed him that he would be taking some time away from the

Mr. Stokstad communicated his message of servant leadership during a special hour-long assembly. Students responded positively to his presentation and had the opportunity to ask him questions during four classroom sessions that provided a more personal and intimate setting.

"I thought he was really interesting," said Andrew Tidwell, SA Treasurer, 2006–07. "I especially enjoyed the luncheon and talking with him."

The special luncheon in the Home Economics room, planned and hosted by Lori Manley and Krista Metzger from the Alumni Development office, gave student leaders the chance to visit with Mr. Stokstad and AA alumni in a sophisticated and private atmosphere. Many students remarked that the lunchtime conversations were very beneficial and that they enjoyed the one-on-one time with Mr. Stokstad.



The Leaders on Leadership Forum, chaired by Daniel Bacchicchi, is currently making plans for their next guest in the fall.



### LEADERS ON LEADERSHIP FORUM DIRECTORS

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Deborah (Weithers) Poole ('82)  
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