La Salle University appoints first woman President

La Salle University in Philadelphia made history appointing its first layperson and first female president to serve in a non-interim capacity. Selected to serve as the university’s 29th President, Dr. Colleen M. Hancyz is the current Principal (the Canadian equivalent of President) of Brescia University College in London, Ontario, a position she has held since 2008. She has previously served as assistant dean and associate professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School from 2003-2008, worked as a securities and employment litigator at Heenan Blaikie law firm in Toronto from 1994-1999, and chaired the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada. She is vice chair of the board of the London Health Sciences Centre, a director of St. Joseph’s Health Care in London, Ontario, and an elected member of the Public Accountants’ Council of Ontario. She will formally succeed Brother Michael J. McGinniss, who finished his fifteen year term as president on May 31, 2014. Dr. James P. Gallagher has been serving as interim president since June 2014 and has been assisting La Salle in its search for a new President.

Triduum Retreat has been scheduled

The annual Triduum Retreat for the Brothers of the Midwest District has been set for April 2-4 at St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein, IL. The presenter will be Fr. Ivan Cormac Marsh, O.Carm. of Tucson, AZ. The cost remains the same as last year $285. The deadline for registration is March 12th, and the registration information has been emailed to all the Brothers.

St. George and St. Mel banquets have been announced

The Brothers of the Midwest District are invited to attend the St. George and St. Mel Alumni banquets as guests of the alums. The St. George Banquet will be held at the White Eagle Restaurant in Niles, IL, on May 4th with a social at 5:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. On June 5th the St. Mel Banquet will start with a social at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm at the same location. Those who are interested in attending may contact Megan Davison at the Burr Ridge office for complimentary tickets – mdavison@cbmidwest.org or (630) 323-3725.

Young Lasallians will “Spring into Action”

The 4th Annual Young Lasallian “Spring into Action” will take place from March 15th to April 30th. This is an opportunity to join other Lasallians and participate in a volunteer activity. Local opportunities might include a clean-up day, a clothing drive, work at a soup kitchen, tutoring students, planting a tree, organizing a book drive, among many others. “Spring into Action” is an example of the power of the international Lasallian network. Participants are encouraged to connect on Facebook and Twitter and share service stories and photos with other Lasallians around the Region using #springintoaction15. This service project is sponsored by the Regional Council of Young Lasallians. http://www.lasallian.info/lasallian-family/young-lasallians/
**This is the year of Consecrated Life**

This year the Church around the world is celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life which was announced by **Pope Francis** in November 2013. Various dates and activities have been scheduled by the Congregation for Institute of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL). In order to recognize the celebration in the Midwest District, Brothers are asked to inform **Brother Larry Schatz** about events, meetings or celebrations in their ministries and communities. The objectives for the year are (1) to remember the journey of renewal of the last fifty years, (2) to embrace the future with hope, and (3) to live the present with passion.

**More Lasallian Days will happen in March and April**

More Lasallian Days for 2015 have been published. Invitations will be mailed to Lasallians in those areas. For more information, to receive an invitation, or if you know someone you would like to invite, please contact **Megan Davison** at the Burr Ridge office – (630) 323-3725 ext. 218 or mdavison@cbmidwest.org Thos interested can also sign up at www.cbmidwest.org - click on News & Events, and click on Lasallian Days.

March 4: Lasallian Day **Naples**
The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club
The Chokoloskee Room
851 Gulf Shore Boulevard
Naples, FL 34102
10:00 am -12:00 pm

March 5: Lasallian Day **Sarasota**
Libby’s Cafe + Bar
1917 S. Osprey Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34239
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

April 11: Lasallian Day **Kansas City**
Granite City Food & Brewery (Zona Rosa Development)
8461 NW Prairie View Road
Kansas City, MO 64153
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Tickets: $24 include large brunch menu and non-alcoholic beverage service.
RSVP due by April 7, 2015

**Thank you to Brothers for their participation**

The Provinciate Office would like to thank all the Brothers who have participated in the District’s Wicker Basket Program, especially during the Lenten season. Lasallian alumni, friends, and benefactors are grateful to know that the Brothers take time to reflect personally upon and to pray for these prayer requests from the extended Lasallian family. The Office will continue to send new cards to replenish community baskets as the cards are delivered to the District Office.
Two Brothers visited Guatemala for new school dedication

The Brothers have been gone from the schools that they founded in Guatemala for about twenty years. On February 9th Brother Paul Joslin (DENA), Brother Martin Spellman, and (former Brother) Fr. Aurelian O'Dowd were present for the dedication of the new, state-of-the-art, primary school built on the campus of De La Salle Secondary School in Huehuetenango, northwest of the capital, Guatemala City. The plaque at the entrance of the complex dedicated the building to the "Hermanos Norteamericanos" who "sowed the seed with love and in their blood." February 13th was the 33rd anniversary of the martyrdom of Brother James Miller. His name is remembered by the Central American Brothers in the "Casa Hermano Santiago Miller" and at 4th Avenue in the heart of Huehuetenango, which officially bears his name. The Brothers' school, the first Lasallian venture in Guatemala, began in 1959 with some fifty students and with Brother Patrick King as the founding director. Today that school has 1,700 boys and girls from pre-kindergarten through senior high school. The primary section began at the request of the Bishop of Huehuetenango thirty eight years ago after the devastating earthquake that destroyed much of the country with great loss of life. Brother Paul Joslin was asked to be the first director, taking over the Maryknoll School at the opposite end of the city. In recent years it became clear that the diocese and the parish required that land and building, so the Central American Brothers undertook the construction of the new school on the campus of the secondary school.

Cretin-Derham partnership was highlighted

Sarah Harris, Youth Engagement VISTA, recently wrote a blog about the Habitat for Humanity and Cretin-Derham Hall fifteen year partnership. It was noticed by an editor at Habitat International headquarters, and he is planning to do an interview about connecting students to the wider community through Habitat’s work for the Habitat World Magazine. Here is the link to the blog she wrote about the partnership - http://www.tchabitat.org/blog/15-years-with-cretin-derham-hall

Directory Updates

• Brother Robert Thomas - Cerenity Senior Care, 514 Humboldt Avenue # 303, Saint Paul, MN  55107. Phone: (651) 259-1732.
• Brother Edwin Dupré - Presence Resurrection Life Center, 7370 W. Talcott Avenue, Room 266, Chicago, IL. 60631. Cell: (773) 441-0305.

Rest in Peace

• Francis Joel Carr, AFSC, 89, formerly Brother Joel Solomon, died on February 10th at Villa St. Francis in Olathe, KS. He graduated from St. Mary’s College in Winona in 1947 and was a Christian Brother for 25 years. He married Priscilla Winchester in 1976. He was an active member of the De La Salle Association of Kansas City and in 2004 he was named an Affiliated Member. Survivors include his wife, three step-children, and two brothers among others. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on February 12th at St. Peter’s Church.
• Christophe James Kesterson, 17, and Colin Kilgore, 18, died on February 14th in a one-car auto accident in Memphis, TN. Both were students at Christian Brothers High School. A CBHS representative said both students were highly involved in sports through the school. Kesterson played lacrosse, and Kilgore pitched for the Purple Wave baseball team. Kilgore wanted to continue his baseball career and recently signed a letter of intent with the University of Memphis to play baseball.
Committee discussed responses to formation needs

The Regional Education Advisory Committee (REAC) gathered in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 26-27. Dr. Maggie McCarty, Executive Director of Christian Brothers Conference, called together mission and education staff from the District of Eastern North America, the Midwest District and the San Francisco New Orleans District to review current Regional programs and discuss possible responses to emerging needs. The committee reviewed the results of a survey taken of current chief administrators in schools in the Lasallian Region of North America concerning what new Lasallian administrators need to know as they step into office. Based on the survey’s results, Dr. McCarty and the committee identified elements for a chief administrator’s orientation, which could be implemented on both the District and Regional levels. A preview of the orientation proposal was provided at the Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators (LASSCA) Conference in San Diego on February 22-25. REAC members include from Christian Brothers Conference, Dr. Maggie McCarty, Executive Director, and Alisa Macksey, Regional Programs Director; from the District of Eastern North America, Alan Weyland, Executive Director for Mission and Ministry, and Maryann Donahue-Lynch, Associate Executive Director for Mission and Ministry; from the Midwest District, Dr. Scott Kier, Superintendent of Lasallian Education; from the District of San Francisco New Orleans, Gery Short, Director, Office of Education – Mont La Salle, Dr. Greg Kopra, Director, Formation for Mission, Heather Ruple, Director, Young Lasallians, and Charlie Legendre, AFSC, Director, Office of Education – Covington.

11th Annual LASSCA Conference was held in San Diego

The 11th annual Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators (LASSCA) Conference got underway on February 22nd in San Diego, California, bringing together leaders of Lasallian secondary schools. During the program chief administrators, board members, Regional and District leaders, and others, looked for inspiration from industry and educational leaders and each other. Through presentations and opportunities to collaborate, participants addressed this year’s theme, “Lasallian Leadership in a High Velocity World.” The conference, held at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, kicked off with a celebration of the Eucharist and an opening session that included welcoming remarks from LASSCA President Chris Fay, LASSCA Vice President Denis Jones, and Executive Director of Christian Brothers Conference Dr. Margaret McCarty. Featured during the opening session was an address, sponsored by Christian Brothers Services, from Brother Thomas Johnson, Director of the Novitiate for the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN). He introduced the theme of the conference by focusing on the gifts and challenges of being Lasallian in a “high velocity age.” He touched upon how school leaders might convey to their students, faculty and staff the ageless Lasallian and Catholic values in a creative way in this era of technology, rapid change and shifting values. He told participants the key to being a good leader today, regardless of position or stature, is to be authentic and passionate.

Congratulations to

- Brother Christy Croos who was appointed the new Visitor of the District of Colombo. His mandate will begin on May 15, 2015 and will last for four years. He recently studied at SMUMN.

District educators gathered for Renewal Retreat

Twenty-six Lasallian educators from across the San Francisco New Orleans District gathered February 5-7 at Saint Joseph’s Camp in Duncans Mills, CA, for the Lasallian Renewal Retreat. The retreat offered an opportunity to teachers, staff, counselors, and administrators in District schools to reflect on their vocational journey as Lasallians. It was the ninth Renewal Retreat offered in the last twelve years. It is one of a number of formation activities and programs sponsored annually by the District’s Offices of Education and Formation. The Offices of Education and Formation strive to provide comprehensive, effective and developmentally appropriate formation programs for the Brothers, Lasallian Partners, Trustees, and students of the District.
Welcome Brothers

The Midwest District recently welcomed two Brothers to new ministries. Brother Peter Tripp (SFNO) is a Member Relations Associate with the Christian Brothers Risk Pooling Trust in Romeoville, IL, and is a member of the Westmont North Community. Brother Peter Killeen (DENA) works with students at SMUMN in the Student Success Center and the Writing Lab in Winona, MN, and is a member of the Winona Community. Welcome Brothers!

Midwest District welcomes two Contacts

The Midwest District welcomes two new Contacts. Ryan Menden, an education major who graduated from SMUMN in December 2014, is from Shakopee, MN. He has a degree in English Education from SMUMN and graduated from Holy Family Catholic H.S. in Victoria, MN in 2010. He is a member of St. John and St. Anne churches in Shakopee. Address: 1145 Merrifield Ct., Shakopee, MN 55379. Phone: (952.212.4096) Email: rmenden04@gmail.com Birthday: January 2, 1992. (Photo)

Alexander Wayne Gould, a senior at Southeast Missouri State University, is majoring in Human Environmental Family Studies with a minor in Child Studies and will graduate in May 2015. Employed at Cloppard Elementary Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center in Gape Girardo, MO, he is from Jackson, MO, and a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. He converted to the Catholic faith in 2013. Address: 2250 Jonathan, Jackson, MO 63755. Phone: (573.587.1549) Email: awgould1s@semo.edu Birthday: January 28, 1992.

Registration opens for Buttimer Institute

The 2015 Buttimer Institute of Lasallian Studies will take place June 28 – July 11, 2015, at Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga. It will include a diverse group of Lasallian Partners, Brothers, other religious, and clergy from Lasallian ministries in the Lasallian Region of North America and the worldwide Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. All registrations must be received by April 22, 2015. The cost per participant is $2,600.00 and transportation is not included in fee. Direct all registration questions to Michele Beauboeuf at michele@cbconf.org or Christy Carl at christy@cbconf.org or call 202-529-0047.

Registration opens for the Lasallian Social Justice Institute

LSJI 2015 will explore the issue of violence as it rears its head throughout Chicago’s landscape from July 19-24, 2015. Stories will be shared by law enforcement representatives, community organizers, activists, victims, perpetrators and peace makers – offering perspectives shaped by experience. Traveling to some neighborhoods throughout the city, participants will have the opportunity to see, perhaps only from a distance, the many wonders Chicago has to offer, while considering the disparities easily observed. All registrations must be received by April 22, 2015. The cost per participant is $1,200.00 and transportation is not included in fee. Direct all registration questions to Michele Beauboeuf at michele@cbconf.org or Christy Carl at christy@cbconf.org or call 202-529-0047.
Healthy Brothers

When Kelly asked me to help write this health news article, I enthusiastically agreed. She informed me that the purpose of the article was to share how she has been able to encourage me to live a healthier life.

To start, we have a set appointment every week to catch up on my health concerns. Sometimes, I do most of the talking and sometimes she does … whether I am listening or not. We have developed a great relationship. She is able to give me advice about my medical needs. We enjoy sharing with each other.

She escorts me to my Mayo Clinic appointments, because I am unable to drive long distances. Kelly has built a relationship with my doctors. They appreciate that she is part of my care. She can remember a more detailed account of the visits and the instructions that my doctors give. In general, being with Kelly makes the time go faster, and the Mayo Clinic doctor visits are actually more enjoyable.

She likes to go with me to the Winona Health visits, even though I could drive to them. She now knows these doctors as well and can stay “on top of my complete care.” That is a plus. She sometimes has more questions for the doctor than I do. We approach each visit as a learning experience.

Kelly is also challenging when she needs to be. She makes sure that I am doing the best to care for myself. She follows up to see that I am doing so. She likes to remind me to remain as independent as possible and to enjoy life. There is more to life than a disease. She is proactive in anticipating my health needs. She encourages diet and exercise and works very hard to find alternatives within my limitations.

When I told her that she was irreplaceable, she didn’t believe me. She was flabbergasted! Anyone can give “medical help,” but it needs to be someone special who can develop a “true relationship.”

Because she does not have a full time job, she is able to give more of her time and attention. For example, I woke up one morning and my entire right eye was filled with black blood. I was completely shaken. I called Kelly, and she came right over, calmed me, made an appointment with my doctor, and took me to Winona Health. So what could have been a horrific experience turned out to be pleasant and enjoyable - all because of Kelly. She treats all twenty of the Winona Christian Brothers the same.

Because my health has been fluctuating a lot lately, I feel very fortunate that Kelly is a part of my life. I think that without her, things would be a lot worse. She is able to keep me level headed and grounded.

Brother Tom Houde
Kelly Borck, RN, BSN