

PiusXI CONNECTIONS

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2009 Distinguished Alumni to be Honored at Graduation



David and Marie Lewis Kuemmel (both '50)

Each year at graduation, Pius XI High School recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves as models of integrity and demonstrate excellence in service to the church, the civic community, to Pius XI, or to his/her profession. The 2009 Distinguished Alumni honorees are **David and Marie Lewis Kuemmel (both '50), Greg Kolton '68 and Mary Riegert '66.**

The **Kuemmels** began their Pius XI journey as freshmen. They fondly remember both S. Clotildis and S. Judine who took a personal interest in each of them and set them on college paths they may not otherwise have thought about. From 1969-1986, David and Marie were Pius XI parents, as they saw each of their eight children through “their” high school. In 1986 when one of their younger children mentioned that a classmate might not be able to return to Pius XI because of a change in the family situation, the Kuemmels were inspired to create a scholarship to assist the student to continue studying at Pius XI. Now 22 years later, their commitment to Pius XI continues, as does their scholarship!

Greg Kolton set out on his career path before he ever walked through the doors of Pius XI – as a child playing monopoly he insisted on being the banker! After 34 years in the banking industry, he and his wife Heidi established Foundations Bank in 2005. Foundations Bank prides itself on responsiveness and customization of services to its clients – building community-wide success by helping clients reach their financial goals. The bank also is active in the community, supporting several charity events, and leading the fundraising efforts for the Veteran’s Bell Tower Memorial in Pewaukee. Kolton served as chairman of the Pius XI board of directors, and he and Heidi have taken a lead role in capital fundraising efforts at Pius XI. Kolton is also a proud Pius XI parent; his daughter Breahan is in the class of 2009.



Greg Kolton ('68)

It could be said **Mary Riegert** loves and cares for Pius XI High School as if it were a member of her own family. Indeed, Pius XI runs deep within her family! Husband Dick Fischer is a graduate along with her eight siblings. Mary is mother of two Pius XI alumni, aunt to nine more alumni, as well as three current Pius XI students. Mary has served Pius XI as a teacher and guidance director for more than 30 years, led the girls cross country team as head coach for 30 years and has been the assistant girls track coach for the last 10 years. In addition to helping out as a substitute teacher and office worker, Riegert has volunteered tirelessly for numerous Pius XI functions including: every auction since its inception, nearly every Open House for 30 years, every Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony held to date, and several alumni reunions. In her “spare time,” Mary also volunteers for fundraisers, phonathons, mass mailings and prospect evaluation meetings. She is a consistent ambassador for Pius XI and a positive role model for a countless number of young women. She has truly demonstrated a caring attitude and enthusiasm for all that is Pius XI.



Mary Riegert ('66)

Join our Connections event at Maxie’s Southern Comfort

Pius XI Connections is a business networking program that connects Pius XI alumni doing business or providing services in the greater Milwaukee area. Our third event in the series will be held at Maxie’s Southern Comfort on Wednesday, May 13. Owner **Joe Muench '87** will host the event and give a brief presentation: *Carving a Niche to Industry Success*. Happy hour, including free appetizers, begins at 5:30 p.m. Maxie’s has quickly become the hippest location on this side of town. Check out their website at www.maxies.com which includes a brief biography of Joe:

Joe Muench has been a leading chef in Southeastern Wisconsin for the last 16 years. He began his culinary management career as sous chef at the landmark Milwaukee restaurant Grenadier’s. Joe was the first chef at Eddie Martini’s and went on to become executive chef at the Big Foot Country Club in Lake Geneva. Most recently, Joe was corporate chef for DeRosa Corporation and executive chef at Sticks & Stones in Brookfield. Now Joe is ready to get his southern cookin’ groove on.!

Come celebrate Joe’s success and network with other PXI alumni on May 13. **Remember to bring your business card. We will be emailing a directory of those who attend. RSVP is required to Pam Knackert at 414-290-0216 or pknackert@piusxi.org.**





Pius XI's award-winning theater department is especially pleased to present Disney's Beauty & the Beast at the historic Pabst Theater in downtown Milwaukee.

Friday, May 8
7 pm

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Saturday, May 9
7 pm

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Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 10
2 pm

Pabst Theater
144 East Wells Street
Milwaukee

Reserved seating only!
\$25 – \$10

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What a beautiful way to spend the day with mom! Tickets are selling quickly for what will surely be a sold-out event – so don't delay.

To order tickets, call
414.290.8151

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Congratulations, Faculty!

- Social Science teacher **Mary Talsky** was selected as a 2009 Herb Kohl Fellowship recipient in recognition of her skill as a leader and agent for positive change, and her superior ability to inspire love of learning. Ms. Talsky also recently earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- **Pat Crowley** was named Pius XI athletic director in December. He joined Pius XI with experience as both football and track head coach, and athletic director at Northwestern Military Naval Academy in Lake Geneva. Additionally, he was a 9-12 phy. ed. instructor, head track coach and head football coach at Racine Case High School.
- The Pius XI community gathered in January to honor and celebrate years of service and commitment of the following faculty and staff:

35 Years: **Gary Pieske**
30 Years: **Terry Harvey**
25 Years: **Brian Kangas, Ken Kessenich, Shirley Koller, Julie Mikolajek, John Stodola**
20 Years: **Cathy Burnett, Mike Kolz, Joanna Nicholson, Sherrie Schumacher**
15 Years: **Kathy Calvano, Mary Wolff**
10 Years: **Sandy Artymiuk, Donna Bailey, Marybeth Gardner, Dominic Inouye, Anne Rector**
5 Years: **Karen LeSage, Talia Maltz**

We welcome you to send notes of congratulations to or gifts in honor of any of your favorite faculty or staff listed above.

Thank you!

Special thanks to these alumni who participated in our 2008 Career Fair:

A.J. Hornick '97 (firefighter), **Peggy Riegert '76** (nursing), **Mike Riegert '72** (attorney, current parent), **Mary Jo Sievers '76** (nursing, current parent), **Peter Stefaniak '79** (real estate agent), **Bob Stocki '67** (graphic arts), **Emily Anderson Wentworth '01** (marketing), and **Patrick White '92** (professional athletics).

If you'd like to host a booth for this event next year send an email to: alumni@piusxi.org.

Support Pius XI High School

Remember to save the date for the Fr. Carney Memorial Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 10 – only \$125 with early bird registration. See the Pius XI website for details.

Remember too, if you shop at Pick N' Save or Target, be sure to designate Pius XI to receive a portion of your purchases!

PXI Reunion Weekend!

Are you in the class of 1958 or earlier? How about '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, or '04? If you answered yes, then this is your Pius XI Class Reunion year! Mark your calendar and save the date. All these reunions will take place at Pius XI.

Friday, October 16 **Class of 2004**
Saturday, October 17 **Classes of '99, '94, '89, '84, '79, '74, '69, '64**
Sunday, October 18 **Class of 1958 and earlier**

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