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The 2014 Hall of Distinction Induction Banquet went very well again this year. Joyce Greek, Lisa Warburton-Gregory and Susie VanVranken are to be congratulated on a great job. Superintendent Michael Hartenstein was the emcee and we were entertained by the Hoover Hi-Los. We had one of the largest crowds of recent years.

This was the 25th Anniversary for the Hall which debuted in 1990. It's always great to recognize those who have been a force in our schools and community.



**From left- Alumni President Jim Strauch,  
James A. Brown, Dac Christman accepting for Henry Holl,  
Mary Jordan, Gary Giammarco, Judge John R. Hoffman.**



In this newsletter we'd like to feature two brothers who graduated from Hoover High School. Jim Feltz is a 1992 graduate. He played youth football through the 8th grade and then chose to focus on swimming. He was a 3-year letterman and captain of the team his senior year. Jim furthered his education at Bowling Green where he played rugby for 2 years. He was a dean's list student and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in English/Creative Writing and psychology, graduating in 1996. Throughout high school and college, Jim spent his summers as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Dogwood Pool in North Canton.

Following college, Jim moved to the Metro Detroit area to pursue a career in advertising. He works with clients to develop ideas, write ads, hire directors and actors, access locations and oversee the filming and editing of the ads. He began his career with J. Walter Thompson advertising as a copywriter for various accounts, including White Castle, Cedar Point, Goodyear and Bosch, and became the copywriter, producer and regional creative manager for the Ford Retail Advertising Force.

In 2000, he left JWT to join Campbell-Ewald Communications as Senior Copywriter in charge of the Chevrolet account, earning recognition as Employee of the year in 2004. His career in advertising has included writing national brand advertising for the Chevy truck and SUV divisions, Alltel Wireless, OnStar, the United States Post Office and USAA. His ads have appeared on television, radio, print and on the web.

Jim is dedicated to the redevelopment of the Metro Detroit area and is committed to supporting local businesses, restaurants and music venues. He freelances for website design and brand development for local businesses and does voice-over work for radio and television ads. He enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Tina and their pets, playing music and riding his bicycle and motorcycle.

Paul Feltz is a 1995 graduate and also played football through the 9th grade and then dedicated his time to the Hoover Swim Team where he specialized in the backstroke and was a 3-year letterman. He was involved in Teen Institute and Young Life while in high school. During his summers, Paul was employed as a lifeguard at Congress Lake Country Club. He furthered his education at The Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Literature and Humanities. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, volunteered for Special Olympics and played intramural football.

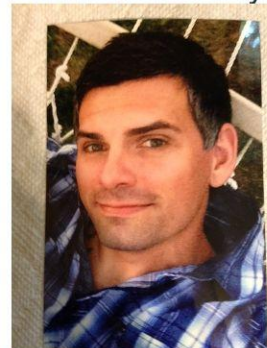
In high school, Paul was interested in music and played bass guitar in a local band. He continued his interest during his college years with a band named Midway, touring the country to perform. After college graduation in 2000, Paul moved to California to join the band "Join'r", recording original songs and performing. He also recorded original music briefly as the P Raymond Project.

In 2001, Paul was employed by Mercy Medical Center in Merced, California, as a recruiter for all positions in the hospital specializing in nurse recruitment. In 2007, he was appointed Director of Staff Development at the hospital, an affiliate of Dignity Health. He won the hospital's Values in Action Award in 2009 and was named Director of Performance Excellence in 2010. He was promoted to System Director at the corporate level of Dignity network in 2013, focusing on improving the patient experience and operations throughout the network using Lean/Six Sigma Methodology. He earned his MBA degree in Organizational Development and Human Resource Management from Cal University in the fall of 2014.

Paul is active in his community and has coached tee ball and flag football. In his free time he enjoys running and surfing. He resides in Huntington Beach, California with his wife Kory and their sons Charlie and Jack.



**Jim Feltz**



**Paul Feltz**



Nancy Elizabeth Spencer Born: July 21, 1949, Canton, Ohio  
Resides in Bowling Green, Ohio

As a youngster, Nancy Spencer showed such a keen interest in tennis, her parents dutifully drove her every week to Cleveland for professional lessons. Barely in her teens, she was playing in local and Canton City recreation matches at the old courts at Cleveland Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. At Hoover High School, she often practiced with the boys' team (there was no girls' tennis at the time). Coach Don Miller was so convinced of her talent, he was prepared to enter her into a boys' match, but rain washed out the event and Nancy lost her chance to make school history.

After graduation from Hoover in 1967, she enrolled at Miami (OH) University where she played tennis for two years, before transferring to Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, where she graduated in 1971 with a degree in sociology. At Trinity she was the number one tennis player in her senior year while finding time to work as an instructor in tennis camps during her summer vacations.

She continued to win amateur tennis tournaments in Texas, California, and Ohio in 1971-72. In 1973, she was accepted for the United States Lawn Tennis Association (USLTA) indoor professional women's tour. She made her professional tour debut in March, 1973 in Fort Lauderdale, FL and played matches against other pros including Chris Evert and Evonne Goolagong.

After ending her professional tennis career, Spencer continued to teach the sport for 25 years, coaching the girls' tennis program at Malone College (now Malone University) in 1980-83. She earned her Ph.D at the University of Illinois in 1996. Presently she is an Associate Professor at Bowling Green State University, School of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies, specializing in gender and socio-cultural aspects of sports.

Nancy Spencer is one of a rare breed of women who excelled in sports at a time when few opportunities were available. She is possibly the best tennis player, male or female, who ever came out of North Canton. Care to argue ?

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Your Alumni Association recently initiated a program to help build our endowment so that we can offer more scholarships and potentially increase the amount of some of our awards. This program encourages Alumni to make donations in memory of friends, relatives, classmates etc. We received around \$ 2500 right off the bat. Thank you to all who supported this cause. Donations have tapered off recently. Our top 6 classes since we initiated this program are listed below;

#1 Class of 1964 - \$ 5,000	#4 Class of 1966 - \$ 725
#2 Class of 1959 - \$ 3,000	#5 Class of 1975 - \$ 700
#3 Class of 1963 - \$ 1,500	#6 Class of 1965 - \$ 673

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If you have any news or information you'd like to share in upcoming Alumni Newsletters, Please send it to us at [lefty-bob1002360@att.net](mailto:lefty-bob1002360@att.net).

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Barry Miller (Class of 1966) has obtained a copy of the film of the 1964 Hoover-Lehman football game. He's produced a professional DVD with digital titles, team photos and background music. Lehman was 5-0 and Hoover was 5-1 going in. Thurman Munson was a two-way back for Lehman. Barry is offering these for \$ 24.95 plus \$ 2.95 shipping. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a great Hoover win. If you're interested, you can contact us at the e-mail address above.

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Hoover graduate Lauren Rife is currently a medical student at Lake Erie College of Medicine. She is coordinating a project at Akron Children's Hospital Summer Pediatric Research Scholars program to study preoperative fears in pediatric orthopedic surgery patients.

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Congratulations to Hoover Junior Anthony Massa for hosting a Christmas charity variety show. It is scheduled for Sat. night, Dec. 20 at 7:00 at St. Paul Catholic Church. He hopes to raise \$ 2000-3000 for charity.

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**Recent Donations**– Myron Draper (59) to our scholarship funds. Laurie Shaub in memory of her mother Florence Fay "Young" Beck (50).

**Recent Deaths**– Max Cashion (04), Kasey Cavalier (07), Robert Dahler (44), Michael Ford (48), David Grove (87), Rose Ann (Blubaugh) Hall (46), Jerry Iams (66), Mildred Juenemann (47), Harvey Lesh , Jr. (44), Matthew McKeon (04), Wyatt Allen Meek (04), Richard Myers ((47), Mike Patterson (76), Gerald Smithkey (75), Ray Eric Sponseller (99), Rev. Don Studer (49), Anna Schwallie Theiss (41), Marilyn Wolf (42).

**New Lifetime Members**– Ted Brown Class of 1954, Linda (Prince) Jones– Class of 1958. Laurie Shaub– Class of 1975.

**Congratulations** to Vivian Davidson (41) on her 90th birthday. Also to Matt Gregory as President and Steve Gregory on his appointment to the board of Pathway Caring for Children. And to Katy Falkenberg as Kentucky Intercollegiate Runner of the Week. Also to Maddy Helterbran for an outstanding soccer season at Kent State. And we congratulate Victoria Brayer and MacKenzie Sommers who were both selected for Washington D. C. internships.