

# St. Camillus Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

Message from SCAAA Board President,

**Pete Samples, September 22, 2011**

This has been an extremely busy year for the Association. Its officers have been working to establish an organizational and managerial framework necessary to sustain a solid financial status in order to reach and maintain its goals. This is an essential aspect and one of the most critical for the Association if it wishes to survive in a fast-moving but sluggish economical and financially while yet competitive market. As mentioned in previous communications, the Association has been in the process of revising its By-laws to develop a sound foundation on which to operate. This will assist the Association when making application to once again obtain a charitable gaming license and embark on charitable gaming as its major source of revenue.

In order to solidify the Association even more, two new provisions to the Association's By-laws were passed recently. The first provision allows for the election of five alternate Officers-at-Large. These officers may attend the quarterly meetings of the Executive Board Committee and participate in all matters on the agenda for discussion. An alternate Officer-at-Large may vote only when a regular Officer-at-Large is absent. The second provision provides for the election of officers to be divided initially and staggered every two years as opposed to one across-the-board election of all officers every four years. For example, this year's slate of officers for election at the annual banquet will consist of Vice-President, Secretary, three regular Officers-at-Large and three alternate Officers-at-Large for a term of four years each. The next election, in two years at the annual banquet, will be for the slate of officers consisting of President, Treasurer, two regular Officers-at-Large and two alternate Officers-at-Large for a term of four years each. This, of course, allows more continuity.

I wish to thank those who attended last year's annual banquet. Fellowship is a powerful magnet and I must say, it prevailed. Many laughs and tears of remembrance were shared. One could feel the love and warmth of friendship throughout the evening. Yes, it was a tremendous success. A big thanks to Peter and Phyllis Ferrara, who came from Sterns, KY to provide entertainment. Peter and Phyllis were writers for comedian Jonathan Winters and shared many of their personal stories as well as performing their musical talents. A special thanks to my brother, Timothy, who was responsible for getting his friends, Peter and Phyllis to take an active part in the success of our banquet. Also, thanks Bro. for accompanying me on the guitar. A thanks and a special recognition to my friend, Bob Watkins, for his years of service and for keeping the Association afloat when it needed a strong leader during critical times and for allowing us to honor him for such at the banquet.

This year's banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 15, 2011, at David's Steakhouse, starting around 5p.m. I am confident it will be better than last year, if that's even possible. Bob Watkins will provide entertainment with a slide-show that will serve to reunite us with our dearly beloved old SCA and many of those faces we saw each day in the hallways and classrooms so many years ago. Once again, it promises to be an evening filled with hugs, laughter, and yes, tears. **I love you all dear alumni and hope to see you there.**