

# St. Camillus Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

## A Message from SCAAA Board President, Pete Samples, September 10, 2013

“I had no idea this was going to happen”, the surprised Frances Ann Gieszl- Bobbitt said on the evening of October 13, 2012, as she was asked to come forward and be acknowledged for her outstanding leadership. It was with my utmost pleasure as SCAAA President and personal friend to announce Frances as the recipient of the Elizabeth A. Hardesty Award and it was the honor of Treasurer Stu Hardesty to make the presentation at the 2012 Annual Banquet and Reunion. “The Association offers its highest level of recognition for individuals who attended SCA and who have made a positive difference on the Association through their leadership and dedication by way of the Elizabeth A. Hardesty Award.” Since its creation in 1992, there have been only five recipients respectively, Elvira Cima, Mae Pietrowski, Wilma Goins McKeenan, Bob Watkins and Frances Ann Gieszl-Bobbitt.

Appreciation is also extended to Bob Watkins for his DVD contribution lending to the success of the 2012 Banquet and Reunion and for making it even more memorable for the Class of 1962 and their 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration. Once again, Peggy Smith, the Association’s volunteer Director of Alumni Affairs and CEO, as well as the entire Executive Board helped put together an evening of memories that will last a lifetime for the members of the Class of 1962.

This year’s 2013 Annual Banquet and Reunion will highlight the Class of 1963. The event will take place at David’s Steakhouse, Corbin, KY, Saturday, October 19, 2013, starting at 5pm. Please contact Peggy Smith and let her know you will be there. The cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person. In order to remain an active member of the Association, a \$10.00 per year membership fee is necessary. The fees for membership and the banquet may be paid at the door or mailed to SCAAA, P. O. Box 1701, Corbin, KY 40702.

The Association’s plans for 2014 will focus on accomplishing its two primary goals of providing a way and means for alumni members to maintain contact with each other by serving as the focal organization for all such efforts, and supporting the re-establishment of a catholic high school in the Corbin geographical area.

I must take this opportunity to say that my heart goes out to all the parents, teachers, students and others who so gallantly attempted to maintain an elementary school on the hill in the name of St. Camillus Academy of Corbin. I believe that they exerted all physical and mental energies possible with no “stone left unturned and no avenue left untraveled” to keep the doors of St. Camillus Academy open just as the Association did in its efforts years ago to save the SCA high school program and more recently the 1914 building. May God bless each and every one of you.

I look forward to seeing my fellow alumni on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

