

SPECIAL EDITION



The Beehive
Elections 2008

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE

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2007/08 PTO BOARD:

- Principal**
Joanne Yates
- Pastor**
Rev. Dominic Irace
- President**
Brian Frank
- Vice President**
Kathy d'Alelio
- Treasurer**
Jorge Franchi
- Secretary**
Larry Gasteiger
- Members-at-Large:**
Debbie Caffi, Jodi Langan, Lisa Phillips
- Faculty Representative:**
Marybeth Cuccias
- Immed. Past Pres.**
Cecily Miner

Dear Saint Ambrose Parents,

Election of the PTO Board is an exciting time and an important one for the health and future of our school. Your PTO Board members are your conduit and voice to the school administration. Each Board member volunteers his or her time and talent to maintaining an open and responsive link with you, the school, and the parish.

This year we are fortunate to have a selection of nominees that outnumber the positions we need to fill. The biographies of each of our nominees are posted in this special edition of the Beehive for your review and consideration.

I have also attached one serial-numbered ballot for you to fill out and an envelope for you to return it to the school office for counting. Just check the correct number of names for each position as prescribed on the ballot, place it in the envelope, and return it to the school in your child's folder. The teacher will send the envelope to the school office for central collection. You may also opt to place your ballot and envelope in the special box I will provide in the school office. **We can only accept one ballot per family.** We will accept ballots until the end of the school day on Monday, 12 May 2008.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Chip Hollcraft, Ellen Giuseppe, and Scott Brown will count the ballots, tabulate the results, and present the names of the 2008 – 2009 PTO Board at the PTO General Membership meeting to be held at the Saint Ambrose Spring Concert at 7:00 PM, 13 May 2008.

Please make your selections carefully and submit your ballot on or before the end of the school day, 12 May 2008 to be counted.

God bless you and keep you in His care.

Brian K. Frank
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PTO President

RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

I have been on the PTO Board as a Member-At-Large for the last two years. I have also served as the Grant Committee Chairman since its inception three years ago, and as the Saint Ambrose Development Committee (SADC) Chairman since its inception last year.

I have acted in many other roles at school, including Room Parent, Birthday Calendar Girl and Photography Coordinator. My husband and I have three children at Saint Ambrose School (Robert – 6th grade, Savannah – 4th grade, and Ryan

– 1st grade) so we plan to be in this community for many more years.

Biography: Lisa Phillips



When I'm not volunteering at school or providing taxi services for my kids, I run my own

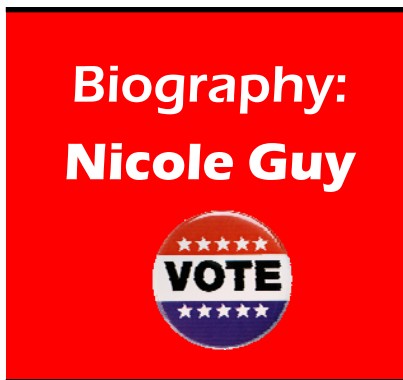
business providing engineering consulting services to the Navy in the VIRGINIA Class Submarine Program Office.

I have agreed to run as President of the PTO Board for the upcoming school year because I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead, and I think we have a great opportunity to expand upon our successes and truly enhance the quality of our children's education here at Saint Ambrose.

RUNNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT

The upcoming school year will be my fifth as a parish member and Saint Ambrose parent (Julia, who will be in 5th grade; and Sam, who will be in 3rd grade). We joined Saint Ambrose after moving back to the Washington area after several years in western Massachusetts, and were warmly welcomed as part of this close-knit community. I am and have been involved in numerous school and PTO volunteer activities, including Room Parent, the Children's Clothing Consignment sale, Field Day, Colonial Day, the school directory, and the Development Committee. Additionally, I was heavily involved in the Gala this

year as chair of the Food and Beverage Committee and a member of the Solicitations Committee.



I am a professional conference and meeting planner, and for the past 14 years have worked for a local conference and exposition management

company in Reston, managing all aspects of current and future annual conventions, conferences, trade shows, training seminars, board meetings, and large social functions. My clients are primarily nonprofit membership associations in Washington, DC and Chicago with conference attendance of 1,000 - 10,000 delegates.

I am enthusiastic about serving on the PTO Board, and building on our recent successes to make our school the best it can possibly be for our children and families.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

My name is Geoff d'Alelio and I have been a member of the St. Ambrose Parish for over 27 years. I moved here with my parents in 1980, at that time the Parochial Vicar was Fr. Irace. My family has been involved with parish organizations during most of our time in the parish. My parents were involved with Lecturing, Bereavement Committees, Director of the Altar Servers, Knights of Columbus and Bell Choir.

My wife and I have continued in those footsteps. Kathy and I are on the Parish Advisory Council

together. Kathy substitute teaches, aids in the lunchroom,



been a room mother (numerous times), PTO (At-Large and Vice President), Adult choir and other

various committees when asked.

I have been involved with the Knights of Columbus, CYO Sports programs, and assisting Adult Choir activities.

As far as the school goes, I have been involved in several activities throughout the years: Installation of initial network, installation of basketball backboards on playground, and was a member on the 5 year Design for Excellence facilities committee, Gala evening support, as well as lunch and playground duties.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

I am in my fifth year as a Saint Ambrose parent and Parishioner. I have three children in the school: Aidan is in 4th grade; Bridget is in 2nd grade; and Kieran is in kindergarten. My son Brendan is 3 years old and wishes he could go to Saint Ambrose now, too. He is quite comfortable being at the school and especially likes to work in the lunch room and hang out with the ladies in the office!

I have found the opportunities to volunteer at the school to be very rewarding and a great way to get to know many of the wonderful Saint Ambrose families. In particular, I served for several years as a Room Parent

and the past two years I have worked on the Gala, including co-chairing it this year.

**Biography:
Lori Fitzsimon**



I am a product of 19 years of Catholic school education – including 7 years at Catholic University (4 for undergrad and 3 for law school). I am happy to

be able to send our children to a school that provides them not only with a challenging academic curriculum but a strong religious foundation as well.

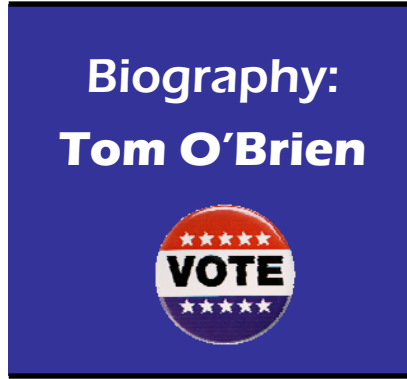
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Saint Ambrose reminds me of my small grammar school, Saint Paul the Apostle, in Yonkers, NY. I love the smiles on the children when I do playground duty. I later attended Mount Saint Michael in the Bronx.

My bachelor degree is from CUA. My M.S. and Ph.D. are from American University. All are in biochemistry. My son Pat is in first grade. Molly will enter Kindergarten next year.

I have enjoyed judging the Saint Ambrose and Diocesan science fairs. I have also come in and talked science with some of the older students. They were able

to run some anthrax tests in class. (I used a safe surrogate!)



I am one of four founders of Tetracore, a ten year old biotechnology company in Rockville. You can find out about it more on line. It came

out a Navy program I founded with one officer and a corpsman in 1992. While there, we did things like inspect Saddam Hussein's anthrax facility at Al-Hakam. Our work led to it being blown up in 1996.

Outside of work and family, I spend a lot of time coaching youth sports. I have coached BRYC football for over ten years. Joe Joe Heisley from the third grade was the star on my championship team last year. This winter, I coached the first grade Hokies. I am now coaching two lax teams and umpiring little league.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

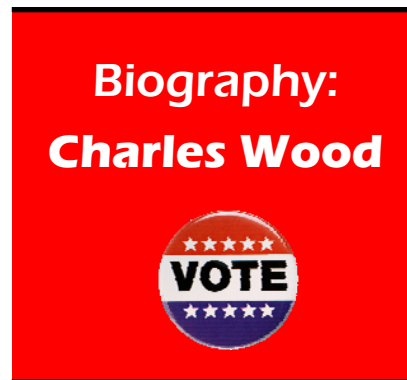
I am Charles E. Wood. I am originally from Texas, but have lived in Virginia since 1996.

I am a USMC Veteran, and I have been a Parish Member for approximately one year, but this is the third year that I have had children attending Saint Ambrose School.

Our former Parish was Saint Philip. I have a boy in 2nd grade (Andrew) and another one (Matthew) in Kindergarten at Saint Ambrose School.

I enjoy going on field trips with them and their classes. I have


enjoyed serving with the Technology Group for Saint Ambrose this year.



I also enjoyed attending my first auction with my wife (Lemy) at the school this year.

HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE

Just fill out your family ballot and return it to the school office in either your child's folder or in the ballot box in the school office before Monday, May 12th.



SAMPLE BALLOT

Saint Ambrose Catholic School
PTO Board Election
2008 – 2009 School Year

President (select **one** only)


- Lisa Phillips

Vice President (select **one** only)

- Nicole Guy

Members-At-Large (select **three** only)

- Geoff d'Alelio
- Lori Fitzsimon
- Tom O'Brien
- Charles E. Wood



VOTE TODAY!