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**WELCOME**

Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter of the Canisius College Alumni Chapter of Naples. There are over 200 alumni and friends living in Collier and Lee Counties and we hope to keep you informed about the latest activities and newsworthy items regarding Canisius alumni.

We welcome your participation in chapter events, as well as, membership on the Alumni Chapter committee.

Tony Maglione, Chapter President.

**Naples Chapter Website**

To access the website for our Naples chapter go to [www.Canisius.edu/naples-chapter](http://www.Canisius.edu/naples-chapter).

**OR** Go to [www.Canisius.edu](http://www.Canisius.edu). Click "Alumni" in the top yellow area. Then click "How to Get Involved" followed by "Regional Chapters"; click on Naples, FL. Get our latest updates.

**ALUMNI CHAPTER ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DINNER**

If you haven't made your reservations for our March 13, 2018 Annual Reception and Dinner at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club you will miss what is always a wonderful evening! This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other area alumni and friends in a breathtaking setting on Naples Bay. President John Hurley and members of the college staff will make their annual visit here and bring us up to date on news from Canisius.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, a minimum donation of \$250 entitles you to the reception and dinner for two people. This also helps to defray the total cost of the dinner in addition to providing funding for the scholarship. If you are interested in being a sponsor please contact Patrick Greenwald at (716)888-8216 or at [Greenwal@Canisius.edu](mailto:Greenwal@Canisius.edu).

The charge for non-sponsors is \$60 although for graduates after 2007 the cost is only \$25. This includes an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and three course dinner. Entree choices include

## **FORT MYERS CHAPTER**

As you may have read in the first edition, we are exploring the possibility of forming a Fort Myers alumni chapter. As with the Naples chapter, it would serve as a conduit for local Canisius alumni to meet and participate in activities that may further your connection to Alma Mater or simply provide another way to reconnect with other alumni and friends in the Fort Myers area. If you are interested in participating in this venture please contact Ann Celani at [ficelaec@aol.com](mailto:ficelaec@aol.com). We welcome your input and ideas.

Ribeye Tranche of Boeuf with Large Gulf Shrimp, Cedar Planked Faroe Island Salmon and Vegetable Lasagna (vegetarian). Make your reservation on-line at [www.canisius.edu/alumni](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni) or call the Office of Alumni Engagement at (716)888-2700 or toll-free at (800)201-4952.

There are six (6) enrollees from Florida now studying at Canisius and in September there will be the first Naples area high school graduate attending the college! Admissions are essential to the future of Canisius and it's wonderful to see developing success in the recruiting efforts here in Southwest Florida.

Please consider making a donation to our scholarship fund that is used to support a Canisius student from Florida. This year's scholarship recipient received over \$3,400 from the Naples Chapter as a result of sponsor contributions. There is the opportunity to add an additional scholarship amount on the invitation.

We look forward to seeing you on March 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club!

## **COLLEGE ALUMNI RECRUITMENT EFFORTS**

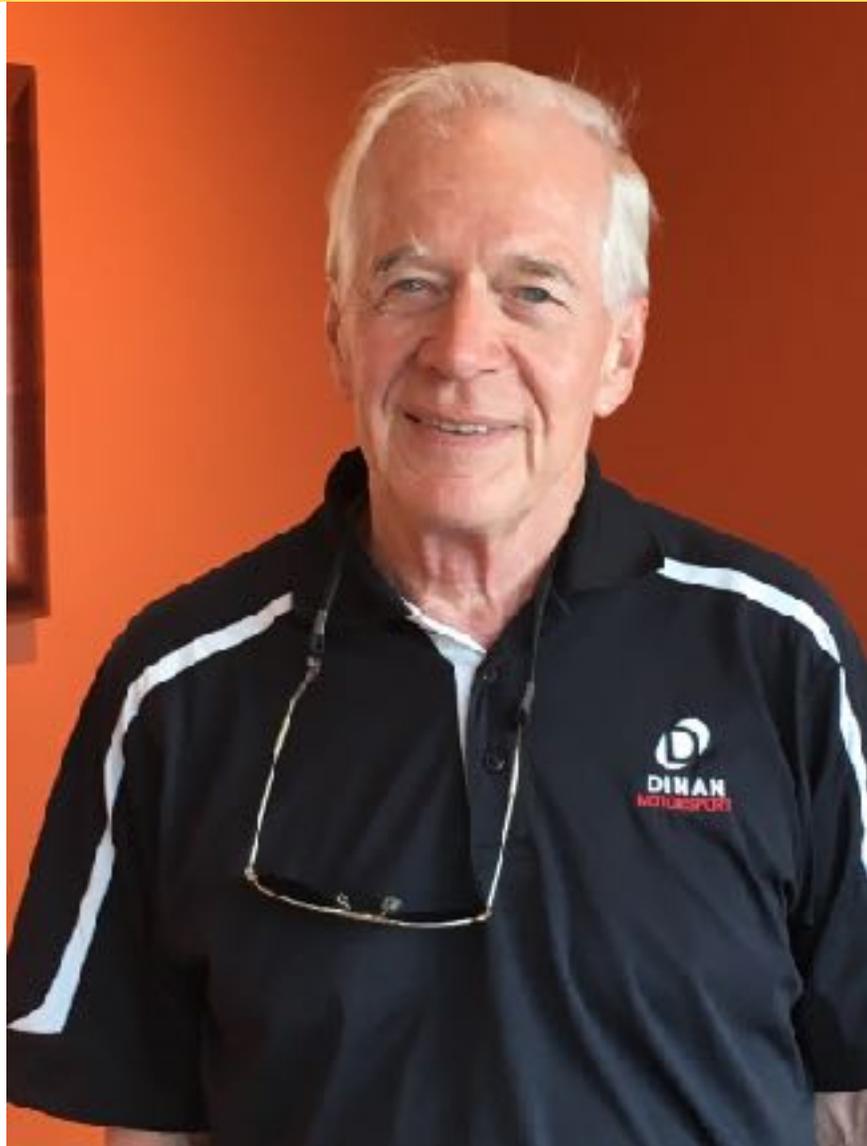
Alumni Ambassador, Tim Blewett, will be presenting information regarding Canisius College admissions to Juniors at St. John Neumann High School in Naples on February 21 and 28. He will meet with a number of students who have expressed an interest in our Jesuit Mission, academic excellence and the recent introduction of the College's "Excellence Within Reach" strategy. These recruiting efforts have supplied the Admissions team with names of several Naples students, some of whom have applied to Canisius.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

Horatio Alger, Jr. was a great American writer best known for his many novels about young men from humble backgrounds who rose to success and became leaders through hard work, determination, courage and honesty. Tom Dinan added another key element of character - perseverance.

Tom attended three high schools before graduating from Fr. Baker. He then served in the Marine Corp. from 1957-1959 and started classes at Canisius in January, 1960 in the Night School. In order to support himself, his wife, Judy, and their two children, he started work in the beer business with Regal Beverage while attending classes at night. After much effort he graduated from Canisius in 1967 with a BA in Sociology and received the Edward J. Maloney Outstanding Graduating Evening School Student Award. He then pursued graduate studies at the University of Buffalo where he received his Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Sciences.

### THOMAS DINAN, CLASS OF 1967



When Tom first began work at Regal Beverage he was a truck driver and would park his delivery truck near the campus when he attended classes. He rose through the ranks from driver to sales to General Manager. At one point he thought he would like to pursue a PhD in history but he noted that it was one of his best decisions to stay in business instead. When Regal was sold he began working for Beck's Beer and moved to Chicago. Due to his excellent management capabilities he

Tom Dinan, Cont.

advanced to Vice President and retired from Beck's in 2005. Tom and Judy bought a place in Naples in 2002 and moved here full time upon his retirement. Unfortunately, Judy passed away a few months ago; they were married almost 54 years.

Tom is active in both the Canisius and University of Buffalo alumni groups. Patrick Greenwald brought him into the Canisius family here. (Patrick has been most influential in motivating citizens of the Paradise we call Naples, Florida.) In addition Tom is an usher at St. William's parish in Naples.

Habitat for Humanity is Tom's volunteer passion and became involved with this organization when he lived in Chicago. Once he moved to Naples he continued his work with Habitat and has advanced in this charity to a number of volunteer administrative positions. Naples has the largest chapter in the U.S. and builds whole sub-divisions of homes for the less fortunate with the help of community entities, such as, Home Depot, Florida Everblades, Tampa Buccaneers, Mel's Diner and many others. They have built over 2,000 homes in the Naples area. Tom would be happy to assist you in volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity including how to swing a hammer.

When asked why Tom does what he does he responded: "It's the right thing to do."

## **CANISIUS NIGHT WITH THE FLORIDA EVERBLADES**

The Canisius alumni group will be going to a Florida EverBlades vs. Greenville hockey game at Germain Arena in Estero on March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Canisius alumnus, Logan Roe, Class of 2015, is the hard hitting defenseman for the EverBlades. If you are interested in joining us for this hockey game you can purchase a ticket for \$12. We will be seated in Section 117, Rows 17 and higher. To purchase tickets online the link is: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/everblades/EN/link/promotion/home/a18ac9dcd99485a83628163317e4fd46153b4582>. Promotional Code: CANISIUS.

After clicking on the link above, you must log in with your email account (top right corner of page) or create an account.

**OUR SPECIAL THANK YOU  
TO TONY MAGLIONE, FOR  
SERVING AS PRESIDENT  
OF THE NAPLES ALUMNI  
CHAPTER AND DINNER  
CHAIRMAN.**

**TIM BLEWETT WILL  
ASSUME THE POSITION OF  
CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
NAPLES RECEPTION FOR  
2018 - 2020.**

