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November Birthdays

- 1 - Sophie White
- 2 - Noralea Matz
- 3 - Michael Smerlick
- 5 - William Bowler
- 6 - Gary Yeager, Kathie Daley
- 7 - Brad Ross, Kameron Thomas, Jacob Souchak
- 8 - Jean Smerlick, Caitlin Goodman
- 9 - Quinn Evans, Earl Yeager
- 11 - John Beausang, Nicholas Purcell, Joseph Siminitus
- 12 - Reilly Babcock
- 13 - Edward Hosler
- 14 - Maggie Osburn, Cole Demcher, Wesley Evans,
Jacqueline Menuchak
- 16 - Cheyenne Stein
- 17 - Charles Guensch, Grace Menuchak
- 18 - Mark Osburn, Norman Kauffman, Andrea Allar
- 19 - Barbara Bechtel, Ida Heckman
- 20 - Keely Nichole Shellhamer, Keith Strouse
- 22 - Janet Grabowski, Thomas A. Schreppel
- 24 - Doris Vaughan, Joanne Viduszynski
- 25 - Lorie Kauffman
- 26 - Ronald Boris, Charles Brokhoff
- 27 - Nancy Depsky, Lance Reedy
- 30 - Charles Bickleman, Justin Monick





TRINITY TOPICS

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NOVEMBER 2011

Consecration Sunday Is Coming – Sunday, November 20th 9:30 AM

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's vestry has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and vestry members. Since we will make no followup visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Senior Warden,

Kurt Kovalovich

Trinity's Mission Statement

*"To be a Christ-centered parish, that knows Christ and makes Him known to others
by sharing our gifts, striving for justice,
and respecting the dignity of every human being."*

CONVENTION REPORT



Father Jim and Nancy Rinehart, Al and Karen Portland, and Kurt Kovalovich attended the 140th Diocesan Convention in Bethlehem.

The mood of the Convention was somber with the Bishop's address focusing on the Diocesan and Parish response to the recent floods. He noted that although we may fear, prayer can help us cope with tragedies. The Diocese has set aside \$25,000 from the New Hope Campaign for money to be used to meet immediate needs during a disaster or crisis, in contrast to previous times where there was a search for funds to assist. Discussions continue towards the full communion of the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church.

The Keynote speaker was Reverend Gary Harke from the PA Council of Churches.

Resolutions included the formation of parish and diocesan prayer-and-study groups to discern the Church's call to the homeless and poor and to discover how our faith may be strengthened and sustained; and a resolution to build relationships within and between the Christian and Muslim communities.

The New Hope Campaign has revised its fundraising goals upwards and is succeeding in changing lives in South Sudan and in the Diocese of Bethlehem. Grants are awarded locally based on three criteria here in the Diocese: for clothing, sheltering and/or feeding ministries.

For Kajo Keji, the Episcopal Churchwomen's project was to provide fabric for school uniforms. Two meters of fabric, costing \$10, will make one uniform. The fabric is purchased in South Sudan, and tailors in that country will make the uniforms, providing jobs and skills in addition to the uniforms themselves. There are currently 6 primary schools and a college in Kajo Keji serving 1200 students, and in February of 2012 a high school will be completed which will serve an additional 800 students.

The Standing Committee asked each attendee what was the best thing our congregation did last year, what our greatest challenge is, and what our most effective outreach ministry is. The results will be available for review in the near future.

Kurt Kovalovich and Nancy Rinehart, Convention Representatives



Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm
at
Trinity Episcopal Church
Centre Street and Howard Avenue
Pottsville

*Come and join the Churches of Pottsville
as we give thanks to God for our many blessings.*



A Thought about Stewardship

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

(The book of Common Prayer, page 329)

A word from “Trinity” the Church Mouse

Dear Parishioners,

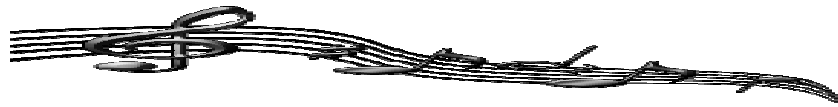
Each Sunday we collect food for the Food Pantry. This is one way we “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves”. We practice our mission by feeding the hungry and bringing compassion to the world. So keep filling up those food boxes so we can bring health and life to our community.



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THE MUSIC CORNER *by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach*



November begins the preparation of the holiday season and that is so in the choir as well. We have already begun practicing Advent music and soon Christmas will follow. The preparedness and expectation of Advent should remain with us all year long – not just a four-week period. Our faith and its constancy continually shine through the music that the choir presents. Someone commented that they can understand all the words that the choir sings – that is what we strive for – the music of the scripture reaching your ears so that the impact of the day's readings are enhanced. Listen carefully so that your expectation makes every day joy-filled.

Please join us on Sunday, November 20 for an exciting, unique concert experience -- Harp Principals! Janet Witman and Mindy Cutchner will showcase their beautiful instruments in our second presentation this season. Celebrating Christ the King and Consecration Sunday with a 9:30-a.m. service and brunch will be busy – please return and join us for a glorious musical journey in the afternoon.

Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

AND – once again we can use the talents of our cooks and bakers for the post-concert reception – if you can help in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board or in the ambulatory. Thank you!

TRINITY ARTISTS – Please remember that our annual Art Exhibit will take place on Sunday November 20 in conjunction with our concert series. Hopefully, you have been inspired in your medium of choice and are ready for the submission deadline on Friday, November 11th. Many thanks!



Parish Directory Updates and Changes

This will be a new section in each Topics newsletter where we will post changes and updates to the parish directory. Please call the office at 622-8720 or e-mail babercem@verizon.net with any changes.

Vestry Highlights



- The work on the bell tower has started. Some donations have already been gratefully received to help cover costs.
- We were able to reach out and essentially donate some items from TCC to St. Paul's UCC Church in Ravine whose organization lost virtually everything due to recent floods. They gave us a freewill offering, but we were happy to be able to get quality items to a place where they will be well used and are so greatly appreciated and needed.

Trinity Website News



After many hours of detail work and creative TLC that has gone into making our parish website look so professionally done and aesthetically put together, Pam Foley has given the reigns to the office staff for the majority of website maintenance from now on. Please thank Pam for all of the hard work she has voluntarily put in to making our website a great resource for parishioners, community members, and visitors alike. And tell your friends to check it out!

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those serving in the armed forces especially:

Michael Steinruck, Cassie Kauffman Holm, Tom Austerberry, Joseph Nangle, Erik Ryland, Larry Reedy, II, Stephen M. Reier, Michael J. Reier, Jeffrey J. Bohanick, Ethan Garrity, Jake Shirey, Eric Walls

Those sick or in need of healing: especially:

Fr. Cal Adams, George Barlow, Duane Barnhart, Anne Barton, Ray Barton, M. Jean Bedford, Henry Bigg, Alexis Bohr, Ron Boris Jr., Ron Boris Sr., Darlene Bouch, Betty Bradley, Ivana Bradley, Joan Cake, Sara Conlen, Phyllis DeMarco, Jean Ebling, Norm Emery, Jerry Field, Ken Fisher, Margaret Frederick, Ron Frederick, Dorothy Frye, Robert Glovich, Ed Harris, Ida Heckman, Holly Hedstrom, Walter Howells, Robert Hubler, Larry Kachelries, Dotte Kelly, Martha Kline, Barbara Kull, George LaHoop, Lena Levkolic, Jeff Lippencott, Anthony Merlino, Jr., Robert Miller, Rose Morgan, Espn Murphy, Rita Murphy, Wendy Nabholz, Heidi Nangle, James Oerther, Michael O'Malley, Maxine Peroutka, Betty Price, Elizabeth Pritiskutch, Mark Rauco, Sally Ring, Jennifer Robinson, Donna Ross, John Ross, David Rupnow, Harry Russell, Bill & Tina Rutecky, Julie Sells, Rayne Slackus, Abigail Smith, Heather Anne Smith, Vivian Smulley, George R. Stone Jr., Wendy Stone, Kathy Strouse, Lora Hart Wentzel, Tish Wetherill, Sophie White, Nancy Williams, Peter Williams, Mary Witman, Shirley Woodring, Arlen Zerbe, Ron, Bob, Joan, Judy, Lea & Trent, Mike, John, Paul, Betty, Jen, Linda, Ben, Kim, Jessica, Tom, Jane, Lois, Deno, Walter, Betty, Dot



“All Saints’ Day”

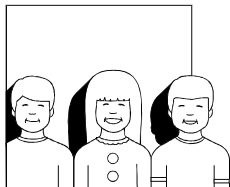
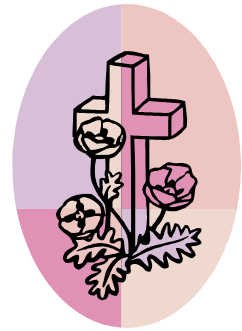
**Holy Eucharist
in
St. Luke’s Chapel**

Tuesday, November 1st – 7:00pm

“All Souls’ Day”

**Holy Eucharist
with Reading of the Necrology
at
The Chapel of the Resurrection**

Wednesday, November 2nd – 12noon



Church School News

Our Juniors Program, geared toward our older students, met for the first time on October 23. They will resume their class on November 6. No Juniors class will be held on October 30. Just a reminder that they will meet from 9:00-9:45 on Sunday mornings allowing for those students to then participate in the services as acolytes, readers, assistants to the other Sunday School classes, or as members of the congregation for the service. Any questions please contact Janet Curtis.

On November 13, Lea Bortner will lead our group in the monthly music program downstairs. What a fantastic addition to classes! Thank you, Miss Lea!

There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on November 20. There will only be one service that day for Consecration Sunday.

November 27 marks the first week in Advent. We will distribute Advent calendars and begin the Jesse Tree.

In other news, plans are being made for the annual Trinity Bowling night at Strike Zone Alleys in Pottsville. This has always been a fun event. It is not just for the youth but for the whole congregation. All are welcome. Watch the weekly bulletins for further details.

Submitted by Dawn Burns

Charles Baber Preservation Trust of Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Thanksgiving - Counting My Blessings

Thanksgiving is a festive time with family and friends (and pets) gathering to share good food and fellowship. It is also a time of remembrance and gratitude for the many blessings in our life. Here at the Charles Baber Cemetery, I have many blessings to be grateful for as well.

Foremost is the blessing of my creation by God. It was a creation of soft undulating grassy green hills, forested with a variety of trees and shrubs nurtured by many underground springs and a large reservoir. I was populated with many birds of the air and a multitude of creatures both large and small. When Pottsville was founded, I was a forested woodland with wolves, mountain lions, and deer. Many of the trees on my property today were still on my property 200 years ago- trees like the mighty White Oaks by the chapel, the tall stately Eastern White Pines, the Norway Spruce with their drooping branches looking like draped tinsel, the many Norway Maple encompassing the Mt. Laurel section, the Sugar Maple throughout the grounds changing to golden yellows in the fall, and a mixed assortment of Red Maples, Beech, Ash, and Dogwood.

As my thoughts move from my creation, my blessings continue to grow as I see the hard work of Committee and Board members for my preservation and the continued care and maintenance of my trees, my grounds, and my buildings. People like Joe O. and Frank S. who work through the Arbor Day tree replacement program, and who help with the nature tours and Feb. tree-pruning class. The annual tree sponsors who replace my dying trees with new plantings, and Fr. Jim for his blessings of the new plantings. Others like Jay Z. and Stu and Danielle R. who provide the historic walking tours. People like Carol F. and the Penn State interns who built my website and are adding descriptions of my beautiful trees, my spectacular seasons, my history, the varied and artistic memorial markers, and the architecture of my buildings and entrance. Caregivers like Bob W., Tom D., and Randy S. who diligently maintain my grounds and buildings through all the seasons of snow, heavy rains, summer grass mowing, and fallen leaves. And my office staffers, Edna R. and Francine B., for their bookkeeping, recordkeeping, billings, and newsletter printings.

I am blessed with a diligent Board (Fr. Jim, Kurt K. Jay Z., John R. Norm K., Carol F., Joe O., and John G.) who watch over me and anguish over my budget, trying to stretch my investments in the shrinking economy. I was doubly blessed through the efforts of Jay Z. and the estate of Kathryn Speacht in the formation of an endowment account with the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation. And blessings are received through my Baber Appreciation Day, all the hardworking volunteers, the band with its music waltzing through the air and trees, the chatter of the attendees at the picnic, and the choir's lilting voices in the quiet night at Evensong .

I am blessed because I am a cemetery that provides a tranquil, natural burial ground for your deceased loved ones. A cemetery that allows the customizing of the size, style, and design of the memorial markers to personalize the loved ones buried there. A cemetery that provides the mourners visiting the burial sites with comfort and solace in a serene, natural environment.

Blessings occur through the appreciation of my grounds by the joggers and dog walkers, and through the community residents who drive by or walk my property and enjoy the beauty of nature. I am blessed when the schoolchildren and members of the Veterans Association visit me on Memorial Day and replace the flags on my memorial markers. I am blessed when the special needs school children walk my property on their lunch because it calms them, and when the track team runs through, and even when children absentmindedly transverse my property to and from school.

Blessings come in the summer when Fr. Jim uses my chapel for Trinity's summer services and for All Saints' Day and funerals. And I am blessed by all the church parishioners, Board and Committee members, and members of the community who care enough about me to make contributions for my continued existence for future generations to use and to enjoy. Thanksgiving is a joyful day, and I am truly blessed and appreciative for all who care about me. Best Wishes to everyone for a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving!

Submitted by Carol Field

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST

Senior Adventures: Our last scheduled trip for 2011 will be to Madeline's in Orwigsburg on Thursday November 17. It is not too late to join us, call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 to make your reservations today.

Operation We Care next mailing will be November 15, if you have already donated for boxes to our local servicemen and women stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan, thank you, if you haven't it is not too late, donations always accepted, call Kathy Burda at 621 -3220 for more information.

Community Services for Sight is committed to serving those who are blind or visually impaired in Schuylkill, Carbon & southern Luzerne counties. Services include transportation to medical appointments, counseling services, screening programs, education, support groups and a low cost eyeglass program. For more information contact Lori LeSante, President/CEO of Community Services for Sight at 570-455-0421.

Healthy Holiday Cooking Tips:

Substitute low-fat or non-fat sour cream or yogurt for your dips

Make cream soups using non-fat evaporated milk rather than cream

Chill soups, stew and chili and then skim solid fat off top and discard

Choose plain over self basting turkey

Baste turkey with low sodium broth, wine or fruit juice or place foil tent over as it cooks to avoid drying out

Roast turkey on rack to allow fat to drip into pan

Remove any skin before eating

Marinate in fruit juice, wine or low-fat sauces. Try rubbing dried herb and spice mixtures (oregano, basil, rosemary) onto surface for added flavor

Use fat separator or zip-lock bag to obtain pan juices but eliminate fat layer (clip small hole in bottom of bag and allow only juices to flow out-discard fat layer and bag)

For stuffing, use whole grain bread or wild or brown rice-add cranberries or other dried fruit and nuts

Try decreasing sugar in recipes by 1/4 to 1/3-increase sweet spices or double vanilla or almond extract or add citrus zest for more flavor

For pumpkin pie, use non-fat evaporated milk for filling and eliminate crust and serve soufflé style

Top cakes with powdered sugar, cinnamon or cocoa instead of thick frosting

In baking substitute half of fat in recipe with applesauce or prune puree

Using a streusel topping rather than a second pie crust saves fat and calories

For a low-fat cheese dip, add diced tomatoes and chilies and serve with baked chips or fresh veggies

Add raisins, dried cranberries and pretzel sticks to a bowl of nuts to decrease calories and fat

Beware of Living Trust Mills & Annuity Scams-Slick sales agents destroy senior's estate plans, the security of their investments and life savings.

Unfortunately, when it comes to living trusts, unscrupulous con artists are ready to play on consumers' fears of the unknown. In some cases, consumers-mostly elderly-are solicited by phone or mail to attend seminars or to set up in-home appointments to discuss living trusts. Living trusts are then marketed through high-pressure sales pitches which they prey on the fear that assets will be tied up indefinitely or that estates are prone to heavy taxes and fees if a living trust is not in place. Con artists often rely on unfamiliar legal terminology to convince consumers that a living trust is right for them even though many of the complex rules and fees that can complicate estate distributions do not exist in Pennsylvania.

Sometimes victims are sold worthless "kits", costing several thousand dollars, which are nothing more than standard forms that may or may not be valid, as laws concerning living trusts vary from state to state. In other cases, false promoters simply want to gain access to consumers' financial information so they can sell them other products, like insurance annuities.

Tips to avoid becoming victims of Estate planning scams:

Watch out for companies that market trusts and also sell annuities or other investments.

Estate planning is a complex task and usually involves the advice of more than one expert, such as an attorney and tax accountant.

Living trust mill agents are not attorneys and are not experts in estate planning. Their goal is to sell their products and earn commissions, not protect the interest of seniors.

Documents in trust packages may not comply with Pennsylvania law.

Do not give in to high-pressure sales tactics. Legitimate offers will be around long enough for you to properly research them.

Sales agents may fail to disclose possible adverse tax consequences or early withdrawal penalties that may be incurred when transferring stocks, bonds, CDs or other investments to annuities.

Shop around. Check out other offers with a trusted attorney or estate planner.

Verify any stated government affiliation or endorsement.

Before withdrawing money from an existing investment to buy an annuity or to make any other investment, get copies of the sales offer documents and review them with people you trust, such as your financial advisor, attorney or family member before signing anything.

The Cooling-Off Rule states that if you buy a living trust in your home or somewhere other than the seller's permanent place of business (like a hotel seminar), you have three business days to cancel the deal.

Reprinted from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's Consumer Reference Guide for Seniors- How to Avoid Scams & Fraud. Toll Free Senior Helpline 1-866-623-2137.

Speak to a trusted attorney to determine if a living trust or a will is right for you.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 All Saints' Day</i> 7:00pm Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Diakon "Belly Dancing Class"	2 All Souls' Day 10:30am Zumba Class 11am Study Group 12noon Holy Eucharist @ CBC—Necrology 7:30pm Choir	3 Clergy Day 10:30am Diakon Pilates Class	4 7:00-9:00pm Pottsville Recreation Ballroom Dancing	5
6 Pentecost XXI <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 9:45am Church School 10:00am Holy Eucharist II	7 7 pm Study Group	8 7:00pm Diakon "Belly Dancing Class" 7:00pm Vestry Mtg.	9 10:30am Zumba Class 11am Study Group 12noon Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Choir	10 10:30am Diakon Pilates Class	11 Youth Group Event 7:00-9:00pm Pottsville Recreation Ballroom Dancing	12 Youth Group Event Rector @COM 10am Diakon Thought Exchange Diocesan Renewal Assembly III
13 Pentecost XXIII <i>Veteran's Sunday</i> Youth Group Event 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 9:45am Church School 10:00am Holy Eucha-	14 1:00pm Pinnacle Health 7 pm Study Group	15 11am— Operation We Care 2 pm Clergy Bible Study 7:00pm Diakon "Belly Dancing Class" 7:00pm CBCPT Mtg.	16 10:30am Zumba Class 11am Study Group 12noon Holy Eucharist 5:30 Big Brothers/ Sisters Dinner 7:30pm Choir	17 11:00am Senior Adventures— Orwigsburg	18 10:30am Healthy Resolutions 7:00-9:00pm Pottsville Recreation Ballroom Dancing	19
20 Last Pentecost "Consecration Sunday" 9:30am Holy Eucharist & Brunch 4:00pm— Trinity	21	22 7:00pm Diakon "Belly Dancing Class"	23 10:30am Zumba Class 12noon Holy Eucharist 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service	24 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 Advent I "Blessing of Advent Wreath" 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 9:45am Church School	28	29 7:00pm MPT Meeting 7:00pm Diakon "Belly Dancing Class"	30 10:30am Zumba Class 12noon Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Choir			

DATE	READERS	ALTAR GUILD	CHALICE BEARERS/ ACOLYTES	GREETERS USHERS	COUNTERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
November 6 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	K. Kovalovich OT A. Portland NT F. Osenbach POP J. Bednar	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	G. Moyer J. Bednar Acolytes C. Demcher C. Menuchak	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	H. Mitchell N. Buehler	In Loving Memory of and in Thanksgiving for the Life of Abigail Rinehart	Carol Field to Margaret Keyworth
November 13 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	C. Field OT F. Brocious NT P. Bortner POP H. Mitchell	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	B. Rutecky P. Bortner Acolytes John Curtis Jacquelyn Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky J. Mansell T. Malarkey	H. Mitchell B. Bednar	In Loving Memory of A. Glendon Acker by Wife Liz and Family AND In Loving Memory of Anna L. Harris by Edward Harris Sr., Mrs. Douglas Howe, and Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Harris	Peter Bortner to Walter Bohnenblust
November 20 9:30 a.m. ONE SERVICE	OT D. Beausang NT J. Brocious POP J. Giansello	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	G. Moyer A. Portland Acolytes C. Menuchak C. Demcher	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	B. Bednar A. Portland	In Loving Memory of George R. Stone Sr. and William C. Stone by Emmeline Stone and Family, and Carol Field	
November 27 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	K. Kovalovich OT T. Malarkey NT P. Bortner POP A. Portland	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	B. Rutecky H. Mitchell Acolytes John Curtis Jacquelyn Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky J. Mansell T. Malarkey	A. Portland N. Buehler		