



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

THE TWELFTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND FIVE



"You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ"
-De La Salle

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to our 21st Annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. As benefactors of Christian Brothers, you play a vital role in providing a quality Catholic, Lasallian education to deserving young women and men. Your generosity is an investment in the future, benefiting our students, our Church and our broader secular communities.

Tonight, we honor Thea Stidum as the 2005 Ambassador of the Year. Through her direct service, she stands as a model Lasallian. And while her deeds speak volumes of her compassion, her example bears an indelible and immeasurable impact on our community.

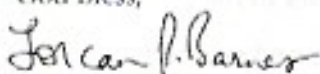
If it doesn't feel like a full year since we gathered, you are not mistaken—the last Ambassadors' Dinner was held in February. We moved the date back to October for a number of reasons, most importantly because it corresponds to our school year. This enables us to thank you for your support of the previous school year and presents us with a timely opportunity to give you an update on the new school year.

Today would have been the 91st birthday of Brother Bertram Coleman, FSC. He died three years ago this week. He was a dear friend and role model to generations of Christian Brothers students and alumni. Brother Bert founded a planned giving club at CBHS, later named The Bertram Society in his honor. The Bertram Society is made of alumni and friends who have included CBHS in their estate plans. Tonight, we expand the guest list to include The Bertram Society. We are grateful that they see a planned gift as a way to thank Christian Brothers.

Through your support, Christian Brothers is an excellent place for students to develop in a positive, Lasallian way. And because of your charity, wonderful role models like Thea Stidum are developing among our students today. Thank you.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts.

God Bless,



Lorcan P. Barnes
President

FEATURED SPEAKER



Brother Ronald Gallagher, FSC, PhD
President of St. Mary's College

Brother Ronald Gallagher, FSC, Ph.D., is the 28th President of St. Mary's College of California. A native of the Golden State, Brother Ron was born in Oakland and raised in Santa Cruz and Bakersfield. He joined the Christian Brothers after graduating from Mont La Salle High School in Napa.

An alumnus of Saint Mary's College, Brother Ron earned his B.A. in English in 1969, went on to receive an M.A. in comparative literature from San Francisco State University in 1975, and earned his doctorate in comparative literature from the University of Washington in 1990. He is also fluent in French, German, Italian and Latin, with some knowledge of Arabic, Irish and Spanish.

Prior to his January 2005 inauguration, Brother Ron had previously served the St. Mary's College community in many capacities, including chair of the Department of English and Drama; associate professor of English; assistant professor of English and Modern Languages; and assistant to the president.

Beyond the hills of Moraga, Brother Ron served as Secretary General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome from 1993-97 and Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University from 1997-2002.

PROGRAM

- 6:30 PM Cocktails
Music by Christian Brothers Flutists
- 7:20 PM Welcome & Invocation
Raymond Burnell, *Principal*
- Opening Remarks
Lorcan P. Barnes, *President*
- 7:30 PM Dinner Served
- 8:15 PM Ambassador of the Year Award
Thea Stidum
- 8:30 PM Performance
Jazz Choir and Jazz Band
- 8:50 PM Featured Speaker
Br. Ronald Gallagher, FSC
Introduced by:
Br. George Van Grieken, FSC
- 9:00 PM Closing Remarks
Lorcan P. Barnes

2005 AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR
THEA STIDUM



Thea Stidum is a proud daughter of Sacramento who has called Oak Park and downtown Sacramento home her entire life. She attended local public schools and is an alumna of McClatchy High School. Thea did stray from Sacramento long enough to continue her academic pursuits, earning her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in psychology, political science and social welfare. She also earned an M.A. in counseling psychology from the University of Wyoming.

Thea devoted her life to education. Her entire 39 year professional career included teaching, counseling and administration duties for the Sacramento City Unified School District. The majority of her service was to the Sacramento High School community, where she served thirteen years as Vice Principal of Student Services and concluded her career as principal from 1980-90. Thea was the first woman principal of Sacramento High School.

It was during her time as principal that Thea became involved with Christian Brothers High School. She was introduced to the CBHS school leadership as a member of the Metro League. She found the CBHS administration to be supportive, congenial, and helpful. Soon after her retirement from Sacramento High School, Brother Richard Camara, FSC asked Thea to join the Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees, forging a close relationship that has flourished ever since. Thea has been an excellent board member, generously contributing her time, talent and treasure to Christian Brothers High School.

Thea enjoys a full life in her retirement. She served on the St. Hope Academy Board of Directors for five years. Supporting the arts and conservative organizations working with high school and college students are passions in which she now has time to indulge. Thea has traveled throughout the United States, has visited Japan, the Holy Land and Italy. While in Rome, she demonstrated her deep affection for the Lasallian charism by visiting the Mother House of the Christian Brothers. She also enjoys needlepoint and reading paperback murder mysteries.

Christian Brothers High School is pleased and honored to recognize Thea Stidum for her life long commitment to education and for her support and dedication to Christian Brothers by naming her the 2005 AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Jazz Choir

Mr. Ron Slabbink - Director

Francesca Arostegui '08
Jennifer Ary '06
Adam Boles '06
Britton Cope '07
Will Finan '08
Kristina Guerrero '06
Alex Kemper-McCall '06
Briana Perez '07

Justin Perez '06
Anthony Tavianini '08
Ashley Thorne '06
Katie Tucker '06
James Waterhouse '06
Briana Willborn '08
Sarah Willis '06

Songs:

In a Mellow Tone.....Gabler/Ellington Arrangement by K. Shaw
Tuxedo Junction.....Feyne/Hawkins/Johnson/Dash arr. K. Shaw
This Little Light of Mine.....Traditional Arrangement by M. Hayes

Jazz Band

Mr. Travis Maslen - Director

Adam Brown '06 - Trombone
Noah Byrd '09 - Alto Saxophone
Lauren Chew '09 - Piano
Jonathan Clowdus '09 - Baritone Saxophone
Greg Cotta '08 - Trumpet
Megan Dagang '07 - Clarinet
Ben Dagang '09 - Trombone

Nick Fassett '09 - Drums
Sean Iwata '06 - Trombone
David Kootstra '08 - Tenor Saxophone
Randolph Palada '06 - Alto Saxophone
Dominic Trelford '07 - Drums
Anne Winslow '07 - Clarinet

Songs:

Jam 'n' Jive.....Michael Sweeney
You Made Me Love You.....Arrangement by Peter Blair
Comin' Home Baby.....Arrangement by Michael Sweeney

Flute Trio

Claire Gilbert '06

Erin Perry '08

Taylor Chang '09

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