

Message from the President

Hello from CCMS! Fall, football and playoff baseball ... as the Cincinnati Reds give it a go in the post-season. Your alma mater rolls along through the first decade in the 21st century with a nice strong Fall class start. As the college enters its third year under new leadership, we continue to fight for your support and feedback.

Let's talk about support...during the August Strategic Planning meeting, the Board of Trustees (BOT) reviewed a report of contributions to the college. In particular, they focused on membership to the CFME.

In the Spring Newsletter edition we wrote... *we are striving for the largest Cincinnati Foundation for Mortuary Education (CFME) membership drive since I joined the college. You are all "alumni" to the college, but a Foundation member has taken the extra step to participate in the evolution of the institution. Whether some participation in the direction and leadership through exercising your CFME voting rights, or monetarily in contributing to the annual fund, you are a critical part to our overall success.*

We have two primary requirements:

- *To enhance our building/physical plant fund;*
- *To build and strengthen our grant/scholarship fund.*



The CCMS campus has been at its present location for fifteen years. This translates into approximately 1,500 students through, 30 open houses, 30 graduation ceremonies and celebration teas, 35 CEU/training opportunities with

close to 2,000 attendees...all of this activity is wonderful and exactly what should be happening, but with it comes "wear and tear".... We need an upgrade to our HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) system in the clinical labs, and the college auditorium carpeting, seats and A/V (audio – visual) badly needs updating.

The results indicate ...

Only 3% of CCMS alumni are CFME members.

We must do better! Also remember, on the grant/scholarship front, today's economic tough times can be extremely difficult for our students. We are, as a result of earlier efforts, able to offer "needs-based" grants. Helping out where we can, we distributed approximately \$12,000 in funds last year to our most deserving candidates.

Here is my plea ... Join the Foundation! (the CFME annual membership is \$100

**645 W. North Bend Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
(513) 761-2020 Phone
(513) 761-3333 Fax**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Jon Deitloff, Springfield, OH
CHAIR
- Pat Reger, Huntington, WV
VICE CHAIR
- Anthony Casablanca, Batesville, IN
SECRETARY
- Frank Rosenacker, Cincinnati, OH
TREASURER
- Lynwood Battle, Cincinnati, OH
- Kathleen Berry, Cleveland, OH
- C. Jan Borgman, Cincinnati, OH
- R. Scott Davis, W. Portsmouth, OH
- John Gay, Burlington, KY
- Julie Gill, Cincinnati, OH
- David Kolbe, Dayton, OH
- Bill Peoples, Marietta, OH

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

- KAREN GILES, President
- DAVID W. TACKETT, Dean
- PATRICIA SULLIVAN, Executive Director
- Enrollment Management (EM)
- GARY LAY, Director
- Financial Aid
- PEGGY HARMON, Business Manager
- DANA BURKE, EM Coordinator

FACULTY

- TERESA DUTKO, Chair,
Funeral Directing Arts
- DAVID G. HICKS, Chair,
Embalming Sciences
- JOSEPH MAIN, Clinical Supervisor
- RANDY WILLIAMS,
Clinical & Facilities Manager

ADJUNCT FACULTY

- ELLEN BUERGER-KRUMME, D.C.
- PAUL CIMILUCA
- KEITH HUGHES, PhD
- BLANCHE KABENGLE
- POUL LEMASTERS, JD
- MARTIN MOLONY
- ROBERT CAMPBELL, DBA
- HOLLY SAUERBRUNN
- MARI THOMAS, PhD
- JEFF KRAMER, PhD

– a return envelope is inside)! Make a difference today! You give back to your alma mater and the generation of funeral service providers that follow in your footsteps. We need ... they need your support!

Contribute, and let me thank you in person at any of the functions CCMS will host in 2011 with the assistance of some outstanding local and national sponsors.

- Toasting the Decades (a CCMS alumni reception) to be held in conjunction with the OFDA Annual Conference April 26, 2011 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH from 6:30-9:30 PM.
- CCMS Second Annual Golf Fundraiser – Summer 2011, Cincinnati, OH. Golf in the morning, CEU offering in the afternoon.
- or at any of the various CCMS hosted CEU programs

I am still delivering programs in the state of Ohio for various District meetings and CEU efforts ... over the summer, the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association invited me to visit Myrtle Beach and tell the “Care of the Fallen” story. As the president of CCMS, I will endeavor to continue the great educational and practical efforts to develop the next generation of service providers. “Care of the Dead, Service to the Living” ... this has been, and continues to be, the foundation of this school and its dedicated faculty and staff. We will continue to count on you... our Alumni... to provide guidance to our curriculum and support to our endowment fund.

Whether you have remained in funeral service in the strictest sense – owner, operator, practitioner, trade embalmer, corporate manager/executive – or you serve the industry in a different way – funeral service products sales/service – or you have moved on to a different career completely, you are part of the 128 years of tradition from one of the most respected schools of its kind in the United States. Safe Travels –



Message from the Board of Trustees:

I am humbled and excited to assume the Chairman’s position. The board of trustees is committed to providing the best educational experience possible to the students and upholding the traditions of CCMS. Producing solid, well prepared students assures the profession will remain viable for the next generation. I look forward to working closely with the faculty and staff and getting to meet the student body.

Jon Deitloff, Chair
Tobias Funeral Home – Dayton, OH



CCMS and Regional Accreditation A call for third party comment

The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit May 16-18, 2011, by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. CCMS has been accredited by the Commission since 1982. Its accreditation is at the Bachelor’s degree level.

The Higher Learning Commission is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 1,100 institutions of higher education in a nineteen state region. The Commission is recognized by the US Department of Education.

For the past year and a half, CCMS has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission’s requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for

the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public, as well as our alumni, are invited to submit comments regarding the college to:

Public Comment on the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS)
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by April 16, 2011. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

Note: Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comment.

News of the Class

We always enjoy hearing about alums in the business and out... If you're out of funeral service, let us know what you're up to? Like this alum, we highlight:

Andrew S. Mullins, Class of '01, MBA, FACHE, CPTC, Director of Hospital Development and Community Education with LifeNet in Virginia, advances to become a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders on September 1, 2010.

"Because healthcare management ultimately affects the people in our communities, it is critically important to have a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization," says Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, FACHE, CAE, president and chief executive officer of ACHE. "By becoming an ACDE Fellow and simultaneously earning board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders can show that they are committed to providing high-quality service to their patients and community."

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, only 7,500 healthcare executives hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including passing a comprehensive healthcare management examination, meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education credits and demonstrating professional/community involvement. Fellows are also committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

Andrew is privileged to use the FACHE credential, which signifies board certification in healthcare management and ACHE Fellow status.

The American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society of more than 30,000 health care executives, is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs.



Max M. Metzger, Class of '60, received his 50-year service pin award at the 130th Indiana Funeral Directors Association Convention June 9, 2010 held at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. An US Air Force veteran, Max has worked and owned a funeral home in Royal Center, as well as, serving as an IFDA District 4 Director. Mr. Metzger and David A. Hall were the first Disaster Coordinators for the state of Indiana, and Max is a former Chairman of the Indiana State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Service.

Thomas Cole, Class of '88, After spending 20 years involvement in prep

room operations for various Funeral Homes in Ohio and Florida, he decided to purchase Sure-Guard Medical Products. His business provides personal protective equipment and services to Funeral Homes throughout the US and a few foreign countries.

Stuart Snow, Class of '08, is the new managing partner at the Neidhard Snow Funeral Home. The Mount Healthy, OH funeral home is thought to be the oldest in the state. After serving as a minister for 20 years at congregations in Ohio, West Virginia and South Carolina, Snow went back to school to pursue a life-long dream. "Now, here I am....I'm finally able to do what I've always wanted to do," Snow said. "Not many people get a second chance at their life's dream."

AS ALWAYS...LET US HEAR FROM YOU...MAKE THE NEWSLETTER!

In Memoriam

Donald G. Helmkamp, 78, Class of '57, died July 13, 2010. Donald was the former co-owner, Kolkmeier-Helmkamp Funeral Home, Delphos, OH. Most recently Donald received a service award for 50 years of licensure in the state of Ohio.

John S. Porter, 56, Class of '75, died July 30, 2010. John was a member of OFDA and former owner of Porter Funeral Home.

Joan Vaness Parks, 58, Class of '77, died July 15, 2010. Joan was a licensed funeral director, embalmer and beautician, and a longtime and dedicated employee of the Thomas Funeral Home, as well as, other funeral establishments throughout Ohio. Joan was formerly a member of the Eastern Star in Cleveland, OH and United Funeral Directors and Embalmers of Southern Ohio.

Matt Motsinger, Class of '96, passed away in his sleep ... he was 43.

Robert A. "Bob" Fanning, 79, Class of '55, passed away May 25, 2010. A veteran of the Korean Conflict – he was overseas with the US Army medical corps and 176th field artillery. He graduated Cum Laude for the Cincinnati College of Embalming and was President of Pi Sigma Eta. Bob became President of Fanning Funeral Home, Inc., a member of the West Virginia Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, and WVFDA District II. Additionally, he was extremely active in his community including – Key Club, Chairman-McDowell Heart Fund and March of Dimes, Advisor Council of the West Virginia Department of Employment Security, Chamber of Commerce, past-President-Welch Jaycees, American Legion Post 8, Masons McDowell Lodge 112, Welch Shrine and Lions Club.

James F. Higgins, 88, Class of '47, passed away January 30, 2010. A veteran of WWII, James served as a technical



Generations of funeral professionals developed their technical proficiency, business skills and caring attitude as students at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

The nation's oldest college of its kind, CCMS sets the standard in mortuary science education, with programs focusing on real experience and practical skills, in a state-of-the-art campus.

Students from across the country attend CCMS.

CCMS is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association. CCMS' degree programs are accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, Inc.

In Memoriam

sergeant US Army Air Corps – 99th Bomb Wing; 391st Bomb Group, Headquarters European Theater of Operations. He began his lifelong career in funeral service at the Memorial Funeral Home in Plainfield, NJ. After serving at the Heyer Funeral Home, Hightstown, he established the Higgins Memorial Home in Rumson in 1952, and moved the funeral home to Freehold, NJ in 1954. James was a member of Select Independent Funeral Homes, NFDA, NJFDA and the Monmouth-Ocean Funeral Directors Association. He was a very active member of his community, including member/past-President Freehold Rotary Club and Lions Club; a 63-year member of the Monmouth Post No. 54 American Legion and life-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4374.

George W. Ammen, Jr., Class of '39, passed away January 15, 2010 at the age of 91, still asking everyday "How's business?"
Sent by his son, Michael W. Ammen. "He often talked of his time at the school,

and the passion you gave him for funeral service. I was fortunate to work by his side for many years."

Robert S. Wolf, Class of '49, died October 2009. Robert was a fifty year member of the National Funeral Directors Association. He owned and operated Wolf Funeral Home in Corydon, IA for over forty years.

D. Fred Rominger, Class of '70, passed away September 2009. He was a third generation licensed funeral director/embalmer and co-owner of the Rominger Funeral Home of Manchester, KY. Additionally, he was a member and elder of the Greenbrier Presbyterian Church, a member & past master of the Clay Masonic Lodge No. 798 and a Kentucky Colonel.

J.H. Criswell, Class of '36.
Sent by his son, Tom Criswell – Criswell Funeral Home Ada, OK, Class of '69.

CCMS Staff News

Our own Ms. Teresa Dutko has achieved a great milestone in professional certification. Recently she was recognized as a Fellow in Thanatology.



A Fellow in Thanatology (FT®) is an advanced professional certification for thanatology professionals. It recognizes practitioners and educators in the discipline of death, dying, and bereavement who have met specified knowledge requirements measured through a standardized testing process and who demonstrate advanced levels of competency in teaching, research and/or clinical practice through a professional portfolio. We are most proud of her accomplishments.

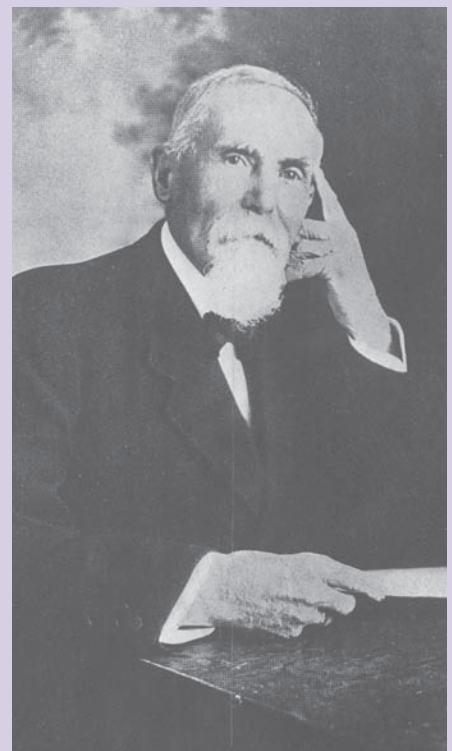
THE JOSEPH CLARKE SOCIETY FOR PLANNED GIVING



The Joseph Clarke Society is made up of individuals and families who have included a gift to the Cincinnati Foundation for Mortuary Education in their estate plans. Planned gifts are important in the building and sustainment of the endowment fund to ensure the long-term security and success of the College.

Joseph Clarke founded CCMS in 1882 after serving as a medical aid in the Civil War. During the early years of the College, Mr. Clarke traveled throughout the nation recruiting students and promoting his techniques and ideas. We draw upon that same pioneering spirit and determination as we work to ensure the future of CCMS.

For additional details or answers to any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.





Karen Giles
President



David W. Tackett
Dean



James Dorn



Teresa Dufko



David G. Hicks



Joseph S. Main



Randy Williams



Dana Burke



Brian Easterling



Peggy J. Harmon

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science



Gary Lay



Katherine O'Brien



Pat Sullivan

Spring Class of 2010



G. Robert Clark
Class President
Greens Fork, IN



Rebecca L. Schafer
Class Vice President
Aurora, CO



Alexander Cavallin
Secretary/Treasurer
Two Harbors, MN



Derek L. Bales
Class Representative
Eaton, OH



Karen Lautzenheiser
Class Representative
Van Wert, OH



Ryan Bandy
Waverly, OH



Maureen Barima
Bronx, NY



Clayton Cahall
Georgetown, OH



Hanorah Campbell
Hillsboro, OH



Khadijah I. Chappell
Cincinnati, OH



Tiffany Chimento
Warren, OH



Matthew Dixon
Beavercreek, OH



Jamie Gier
Upper Sandusky, OH



Brian Christopher Hahn
Upper Sandusky, OH



Jeffrey T. Hathy Jr.
Ashtabula, OH



Tyler J. Jamison
Coshocton, OH



Brooke C. Kurtz
Remington, IN



Matthew J. Pavley
Oregon, OH



Denise Pfahler
Attica, OH



Karen Pickens
Findlay, OH



Nicholas Quinones
Enon, OH



Jarad Roberts
Wooster, OH



Michael V. Ryan
Hamilton, OH



Fred Schutt
Toledo, OH



Cheryl Smith
Hurricane, WV



Melinda Sowers
Dayton, OH



George Michael Sparks
Madison, IN



Cynthia L. Stevens
Brownsville, IN



Patsy Struewing
Cambridge City, IN



Jill Trasin
Columbus, OH



Brett A. Tschern
Oregon, OH



Andrea VanBrimmer
Marysville, OH



Felicia A. Wilson
Brooklyn, NY



Douglas A. Wise
Lima, OH

Not Pictured:
Nicholas T. Dorman
James Herald
Jessica Satterly
Brett Slith

Spring Class of 2010 Awards

**THE NUNNAMAKER
MEMORIAL AWARD:**
Denise Pfahler
Jamie Michael Gier

**THE DR. GEORGE M.
SLEICHTER AWARD:**
Derek Lee Bales

**THE CHARLES O. DHONAU
MEMORIAL EMBALMING AWARD**
Karen Bridget Lautzenheiser

**THE OHIO EMBALMERS
ASSOCIATION**
Brian Christopher Hahn

**THE ARTHUR J.
RUSSLER MEMORIAL**
Clayton A. Cahall

**JAMES C. LYERLY
MANAGEMENT AWARD**
George Robert Clark

LAB ASSISTANT RECOGNITION AWARD
Derek Lee Bales
Rebecca Lynn Schafer
Denise Pfahler

THE IVAN P. BOWSER AWARD
Jamie Michael Gier

**THE HOMER D. LEFFLER AWARD
FOR FUNERAL DIRECTING**
Alexander Cavallin

**THE HAROLD W. WITTMAYER
AWARD**
Cynthia L. Stevens

OFDA LEADERSHIP AWARD
Douglas A. Wise

CLASS PRESIDENT
George Robert Clark

GRADUATION SPEAKER
Joe Getts

Want up to the minute info
on school events and closings?



Sign up for the
CCMS Twitter Feed at
twitter.com/ccms_college

Join the official CCMS
Facebook site!



facebook.com/ccms1882



Karen Giles
President



David Tackett
Dean



Teresa Dutko



David G. Hicks



Joseph S. Main



Randy Williams

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science



Dana Burke



Brian Easterling



Peggy J. Harmon



Gary Lay



Katherine O'Brien



Pat Sullivan

Fall Class of 2010



Robert B. Burke
Class President
Cincinnati, OH



Richard M. Williams
Secretary/Treasurer
Wellston, OH



Brittany L. Brundidge
Class Representative
Cincinnati, OH



Kimberly L. Rusk-Palmer
Class Representative
Chillicothe, OH



January A. Adams
Columbus, OH



Cinquez Aziz Ali
Cleveland, OH



Josh Batchelor
West Harrison, IN



Loren M. Bonifas
Delphos, OH



Jeff Boone
Covington, KY



Lauren Burkett
Toledo, OH



April Ann Callahan
Eaton, OH



Kristen M. Carbarly
Bellevue, OH



Scott Crawford
Mason, OH



Joe Dougan
Bellevue, OH



Jordan B. Duncan
Schererville, IN



Thomas Duris
Walbridge, OH



Maureen E. Fox
Forest, OH



Michael A. Green
Columbus, OH



Sherry M. Griffin
Cincinnati, OH



David Grubb
Hamilton, OH



Jordan D. Hart
Wadsworth, OH



LaToya J. Henderson
Cincinnati, OH



Doug Hill
Sheridan, IN



Elizabeth A. Kiefer
Cleveland, OH



Charles A. Kreinik
Parkersburg, WV



Wade J. Laughrey
Mt. Vernon, OH



Benjamin Major
Prosperity, SC



Joshua C. Marcum
Walton, KY



Amber A. Markel
Harland, MI



Martin G. Messmer
Carey, OH



Bradley A. Metzger
Delphos, OH



Jordan M. Mullins
Huntington, WV



Matthew Nuzzi
Girard, OH



Chandler R. Olsen
Hamilton, MT



Jonathan Palmer
Chillicothe, OH



Beau D. Parton
Cincinnati, OH



Michael D. Phillips
Ironton, OH



Curt D. Randles
Barberton, OH



Evan S. Rice
Ashland, KY



Becky L. Richards
Lincoln, NE



Kurt J. Rosenacker
Cincinnati, OH



Jocelyn K. Secor
Willard, OH



Stacey Lee Shafor
Cincinnati, OH



Phillip J. Smith
Dayton, OH



Craig Stines
Columbus, OH



Brian Sullivan
Vandalia, OH



Joseph B.
Thompson-Matthews
Southfield, MI



Stacy E. Tobias
Dayton, OH



Evan M. Tullius
Cincinnati, OH



Ryan W. Varnsdell
Elyria, OH



Mark E. Virgint
Troy, OH



Danielle C. Voigt
Sheboygan, WI



Nathaniel B. Warren
Bethel, OH



Marion L. Woolfolk
Huntington, WV



Stacey L. Zigran
Euclid, OH

Fall Class of 2010 Awards

**THE NUNNAMAKER
MEMORIAL AWARD:**
Danielle Voigt

**THE DR. GEORGE M.
SLEICHTER AWARD:**
Michael Green

**THE CHARLES O. DHONAU
MEMORIAL EMBALMING AWARD**
Tom Duris

**THE OHIO EMBALMERS
ASSOCIATION**
Mike Williams

**THE ARTHUR J.
RUSLER MEMORIAL**
Chandler Olsen

**THE HAROLD W.
WITTEMEYER AWARD**
Kristen Carbarly
Bob Burke

LAB ASSISTANT RECOGNITION PLAQUE
Michael Green
Evan Tullius

**JAMES C. LYERLY
MANAGEMENT AWARD**
Curt Randles

THE IVAN P. BOWSHER AWARD
Evan Tullius

**THE HOMER D. LEFFLER AWARD
FOR FUNERAL DIRECTING**
Danielle Voigt

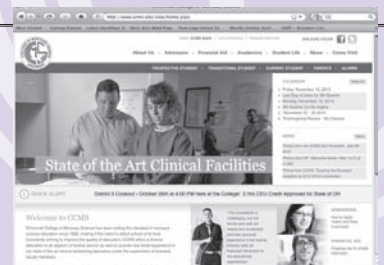
OFDA LEADERSHIP AWARD
Bob Burke

CLASS PRESIDENT
Bob Burke

GRADUATION SPEAKER
Jane Ludlow, CFSP

Continue to
visit the CCMS Website
www.ccms.edu

CCMS launched its new website two years ago. If it's been a while since your last visit, drop in and check us out...you'll like what you see. Find out where our representatives will be traveling, what's going on at the college, take a look at our staff and facilities and connect with old colleagues through the Facebook and Twitter links ... Give back to the college through the Alumni section. Best of all ... Tell us what you would like to see?





The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science

645 W. North Bend Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224
www.ccms.edu

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
CINCINNATI, OH
PERMIT NO. 1193

2010 Fall Calendar

In the Fall of 2010 and early 2011, CCMS will be at:

- October 11-13 .NFDA Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA
 - October 25VITAS, Cincinnati, OH
 - November 2 . . .OGR Annual Convention, Cincinnati, OH
 - November 11 . .Veteran's Day Ceremony, Batesville Casket Co.,
Batesville, IN
 - November 16 . .VITAS, Cincinnati, OH
 - November 18 . .CEU's (8 hours) at CCMS, Cincinnati, OH
 - February 3-5 . .ICFSEB - 107th Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC
- More to come... check website for details...*

Toasting the Decades

in conjunction with the OFDA Annual Convention,
Greater Columbus Convention Center
April 26, 2011, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 Classes of '51, '61, '71, '81, and '01 special recognition.
 All alumni welcome and encouraged to attend.
 See peers, friends and faculty from the past.

See You in July! **CCMS 2nd Annual Golf Fundraiser**



CCMS Team members from left:
Randy Williams, Joe Main, Karen Giles
and Tim Schmidt

