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Monthly Report to the Joint Operating Committee

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We are happy to announce that Culinary Arts instructor, Kelly Sanders is engaged to be married. Kelly and her fiancé, Matthew Schoullis met while they were students at Girard High School. They reconnected last year through mutual friends and began dating in August of 2015. Kelly and Matthew were engaged this past June in the garden of the house they are purchasing together. The wedding date is set for June 30, 2017. Congratulations, Kelly and Matthew.



Members of the AFT Local 1589 are saddened by the passing on October 24th of our friend and retired educator, Denny Palo. Denny was the widowed husband of long-time ECTS guidance counselor, Patty Palo who passed away in 2013.

Denny was a man driven to help others. In college, he was a champion shotgun shooter, and after college, he enlisted into the Army Corps of Engineers to fight for his country and to help his fellow soldiers during the Vietnam War. While in the service, his rank was 1st Lieutenant. After witnessing unspeakable horrors, he returned stateside to continue to help and inspire others as a high school history teacher. But his sphere of influence didn't end in the classroom. He became a Master Mason in Western Star Lodge #304 and was an active member in the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation. He was involved in Boy Scouts through Eagle Scouts as a youth and adult. His achievements are too numerous to list out fully, but Denny inspired everyone with his straightforward drive to help, and he was especially known for his quick-witted humor and "dad" jokes.

He is survived by his wife Gayle; children, Jacob (Kate Lyn) of Maryland and James Palo of Edinboro; brother, Jack Palo of West Springfield; stepdaughter, Julie (Dennis) Bee along with their children Abbigayle, Bobby, and Charlett; and treasured friends, Michael and Bill Pavolko and Doug Bateman.

Source: GoErie.com



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Marty Burnham

Electronics Instructor

Electronics instructor Donald “Marty” Burnham is a native of North Kingsville, Ohio. Marty was raised in a loving home with three siblings and remembers his childhood as one that included poverty. His dad’s best advice was “Be consistent in all things.”

Marty was a member of the Boy Scouts and played baritone in his high school band. He joined the Coast Guard after graduation and remained a member of the Guard for 22 years. His stations included Port Clarence, Alaska; Hancock, Michigan; Coast Guard Calibration Facility Portage, Hancock, Michigan; Detroit, Michigan; Honolulu, Hawaii; Portsmouth, Virginia; and Buffalo, NY.

Marty’s service awards are numerous and include four Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant’s Letter of Commendation Ribbons, Cutterman designation, six Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation ribbons, six Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, two Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbons, and many more. Marty retired with a rank of Chief.

While he loved the Coast Guard, Marty’s long-term goal was to be a high school electronics teacher. He began his career at ECTS in 2013 as a sub and a few months later was hired as the full time electronics instructor.

Marty Burnham is the proud father of two children; Alexandra, 16 and Joseph, 14. Our staff would agree that Marty is talented, knowledgeable, always gracious, and a tremendous addition to our school.

You can contact Marty at mburnham@ects.org.



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