

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

### B.A.A. Scholarship Winners

**Ashley Gee** is a 2016 graduate of the Utica Academy for International Studies with a G.P.A. pf 4.23 and an ACT score of 30. She took a curriculum loaded with math, science, and advanced placement courses. While in school she was also on the Robotics team, tennis team, softball team, dance, and a member of both the National Honor Society and the National French Honor Society. Ashley also attended the U. of M. summer college engineering exposure program. Ashley was the valedictorian of her high school, a Utica Community Schools academic scholar and an International Baccalaureate Diploma recipient. She is continuing her education at the University of Michigan in the College of Engineering. Ashley is the daughter of Edmund and Laurie Gee, and the granddaughter of Mike and Joanne Gray.

**Cassidy Huyghe** is a 2015 graduate Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores. She achieved a 3.58 G.P.A. and a 22 ACT score while there. Cassidy was on the basketball team, track team, swimming team, coached Little Huskies basketball, in the National Honor Society and was a Junior Deacon of Lakeshore Presbyterian Church. She also worked at Little Caesar's Pizza for 2 years. She was the scholar athlete of the year in basketball, on the all-county swimming team for 3 events, and on the all-league academic team for every sport she played every year. She now attends Central Michigan University. Cassidy is the daughter of Dave and Tracy Huyghe and the granddaughter of the late Leon and Marion Huyghe.

**Lauren LoSardo** is a 2014 graduate of Romeo High School with a 3.25 G.P.A., and was an honor student while there. In high school she was in the choir, and in her senior year she worked daily with elementary students who needed extra help in certain subjects. She was also in the hospitality/food service program preparing and serving lunches. Outside of school, Lauren worked with her church youth group, worked at Old Stone Bar & Grille and Benny's Restaurant. She also worked at the Learning Experience Childcare center part-time during the school year and full-time in the summer. Lauren attends Macomb Community College in the early childhood education and development curriculum, and she has been consistently on the Dean's List with a 3.89 G.P.A. Lauren is the daughter of Tim Malfroid.

**Al VanDenBergh Jr., Scholarship Chairman**

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## RECREATION REPORT

### BIEN

Don VanDenBerghe	52 pts.
Bob Maes	50 pts.

### 2016 BIEN CHAMPION

Roger Omeye	446 pts.
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### DARTS

Jim Allemon	603 w/handicap
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### 2016 DARTS CHAMPION

Jim Allemon	44 pts.
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### EUCHRE

Gene Mulier	47 pts.
Damion Chum	47 pts.

### 2016 EUCHRE CHAMPION

Andre Reyntiens	424 pts.
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### PINOCHLE

Gary Huyghe	290 pts.
Dick Gray	267 pts.

### 2016 PINOCHLE CHAMPION

Gary Huyghe	2364 pts.
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Bob Bonkowski	2 pts.
Don Vermeulen	2 pts.

### 2016 31 CHAMPION

Mike Huyghe	13 pts.
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Thanks to all that participated and helped make this another great season of competition.

**Rick Dauw, Recreation Chairman**

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# The Belgian-American Association

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The BAA Board for 2017-2018 will be sworn in at the Annual Meet the Board Party on January 28, 2017. This will be held at the Assumption Cultural Center 22150 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. We will open the doors at 5:00 pm. The BAA Band will play until 6:00 pm while we enjoy appetizers and cocktails. The annual meeting will begin at 6:15 pm with introductions, thank you and the swearing in of the 2017-2018 Board Members, Officers and President. There will be some short speeches followed with Scholarship winners, the Man-of-the-Year award and game winners. A great meal will begin at 7:15 pm with music, dancing and our traditional raffle. All members and guests are welcome. Be sure to contact Bob Grant.

2016 was a successful year and here are some of the accomplishments. We further enhanced our website, recruited new members, held the joint picnic and memorial Mass which has promoted a closer relationship between the BAA and BACC. We had many events, two golf outings, three casino trips, trough bowling, two social dinners and five band events. We report and track all card games, darts and handle all raffles at meetings. We increase the Scholarship amount to \$1,000 for each of three winners. But the most intensified task was to review and update the BAA Constitution and By-Laws. We did so at various Board meetings and informed the entire organization of the ..

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## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 28	Board Dinner	Greek Cultural Center
Feb 12	Trough Bowling	Bath City Bistro
Mar	Casino Trip	Date and Location tbd

revisions and deletions through the July 2016 Bulletin. Then at the July 19, 2016 General Meeting a motion was made and approved to accept all BAA Constitution and By-Laws as published in the July Bulletin. They will be incorporated in the 2017-2018 BAA Directory. We continue to visit the sick and report the loss of members and send cards to the families. Our marshals keep us in order and take care of our flags. Our kitchen and refreshments are busy at the picnic, memorial Mass and events. A huge thank you to all those who made 2016 a successful year. Our goal is to ensure continuous improvements during 2017 for our membership and clubs.

"HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR"

**Bob Hison, President**

## ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

The Board Installation Party is January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Greek Cultural Center. The doors open at 5:00pm. The B.A.A. band will play from 5:00pm – 6:00pm and hor d'oeuvres will be served during that time. The festivities will start at approximately 6:15pm with dinner hopefully served by 7:15pm. The entertainment will be Jerry Archer from 8:00pm to midnight. If you have a vegetarian request, please contact me as soon as possible. I am currently laid up with a couple of broken ribs; therefore I am slowly working on the following upcoming events. There will be Trough Bowling February 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm at Bath City Bistro. Club will provide the Beer, Pop and Chips the cost of all other food is the responsibility of the member/guest. Members are free to attend, guests and families will pay \$5. In March, there will be a 1-day casino trip. Again the date will be posted on the website, once I have it scheduled. The 3-day casino trip in April will have to be changed, as there is a Frito-Lay convention at that same time. I am looking now at May 10 – 12, but nothing is set as this time. Any questions or problems, call me on my cell phone at (586) 596-4422.

**Bob Putrycus, Entertainment Chairman**

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Please pay your 2017 Dues as soon as you can so that reminder statements or follow up phone calls don't have to be made. I am still accepting reservations for the Board Installation Party on January 28<sup>rd</sup> at the Greek Assumption Cultural Center. Please call me before January 18<sup>th</sup> so that you would not be left out. Remember this party is for you and your guest.

Our membership directory is under revision. Please review your present listing and submit any changes, additions, or corrections on the gold strip enclosed with your dues invoice. You may submit this information to me at a meeting, e-mail, or direct mail. The deadline for submitting these changes is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Bob Grant, Financial Secretary – 313-885-7261**  
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## OBITUARY REPORT

The following member has passed away since the last bulletin, please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers:



Name	Joined B.A.A
Walter Baier	Mar 1973

May our deceased brothers rest in peace and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

Also remember in your prayers the recently departed:

**Margarete Lesperance**, wife of George Lesperance.  
**Jacqeline DeKimpe**, wife of Gabriel DeKimpe.  
**Rita Danckaert**, mother of Louis (Delores), Thomas (JoEllen), John (Louise) and Anne Marie (Frank) Mustappa.

**Michael Gray, Obituary Chairman**

## BAND REPORT

Brother Members,

The BAA Band Christmas concert, Under the direction of Larry Huntington, was held on Wednesday, December 14th at St. Lucy Church hall, with the support of Fr. Jim and his friendly staff. Norm Kay set out 130 chairs which were all filled. The concert ended with Al Vandenberg getting everyone to participate in the Christmas Carol sing-a-long. A big thank you to the kitchen & cleanup crew including my wife Jan, Pat Vandenberg, Diane and David Baier, and Maureen Kay. St. Nicholas (Ivan Callebaut) and his helper Zwarte Piet (Jeff Mahieu) also made their traditional appearance, handing out oranges (for health) and gold coins (for wealth) to the youngsters in the crowd. Photos were taken with both the naughty and the nice. The Band looks forward to welcoming you with some oldies but goodies at the Installation of Officers Party on Saturday, January 28th.

Finally, our annual spring concert is planned for Sunday, April 30, 2017. More details to follow.

**Larry Mahieu, Band Chairman**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The following new members have been sworn in and added to our Club; Andrew Morris, sponsored by Bob Putrycus, Brad Allemon and Joe Allemon.

The following gentlemen have recently attended one of our meetings as a guest; Frank Mustappa guest of Tom Danckaert, Larry Allemon guest of Jim Allemon and Eric Dampousse guest of Ray Dampousse.

**John Begin, Membership Chairman**