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Tom & Kim Dinsdale GICC Honorary Hall of Fame



Tom and Kim Dinsdale were inducted into the Grand Island Central Catholic Honorary Hall of Fame at the 2011 Knight Dinner and Auction.

Nebraska native Tom Dinsdale grew up in Palmer but today his heartstrings reach countless people in need of a hand up. Tom attended college at Wentworth Academy and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. His early career began with Falstaff and later with Anheuser Busch. After returning to Nebraska he worked at Dinsdale Brothers in Palmer in the cattle and feedlot business and started DXI trucking firm. In 2003 the Tom Dinsdale Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC and BMW was established as one of Grand Island's premier businesses.

Kim Dinsdale, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, graduated from Southern Methodist University where she majored in Psychology. She worked in marketing for World Championship Tennis and later in marketing for Falls Budweiser Distributorship in Wichita Falls where she met Tom. Tom and Kim were married in September, 1987 and moved to Grand Island becoming firmly rooted in their community. They have two sons, Jackson and Michael.

Their long list of good works include the Grand Island Community Foundation, the Stuhr Museum, Crane Meadows, Hope Harbor, American Red Cross, GoodWill, the Humane Society, the Crisis Center, United Way, the University of Nebraska, Madonna, Nebraska Humanities Council and many others.

Central Catholic has been blessed by their gifts to the *Building the Faith Capital Campaign*. Kim has served the Foundation Board from 2005-2011. GICC's dream of a new bus became our reality through the generosity of the Dinsdale's and can be seen almost daily driving our Crusaders in style. Because of her focus on education the Kim West Dinsdale Endowment has awarded area outstanding teachers including members of the GICC faculty. The Dinsdale's have also been strong supporters of the Knight Dinner Auction since its beginning.

Tom and Kim were the Independent Man and Woman of the Year in 2010 and 2006. But this compassionate and generous couple will remain **forever** in the hearts of the Crusaders of Grand Island Central Catholic!

November Memorials

George Dilla, Jr
Betsey Eden
Dr William Fowles
Helen Grennan
Margaret Hoelck
Rita Huismann
Sr Sue Keene
Dave Janovec
Dick Jolkowski
Pat Jones
Jack Litteras
Bob McFarland
Beatta Moore
George & Irene O'Brien
Elsie Stava
Stephen Von Riesen
Kathleen Whetstone

Keeping these special people in our hearts and prayers.

Stop by the Foundation to see our Book of Memories.

See our Book of Memories on the GICC Foundation Website at:

centralcatholic-development.com

For a short time, you can make a gift of a lifetime!

You Only Have Until December 31st to Take Advantage of this Special Tax Benefit!

Did you know that on December 31, 2011, the special tax-code provision that allows donors to make a tax-free gift from their IRA account to Grand Island Central Catholic (GICC) will expire. And, with Washington focused on saving money wherever it can find it, it is very unlikely that this tax benefit will be extended.

This special tax break allows donors to make a direct distribution from their IRA account to a qualified charity – like GICC – *tax-free*. By taking advantage of this opportunity before the end of the year, you can fulfill your obligation to take an IRA distribution, avoid taxes that you would otherwise have to pay AND provide a generous donation to Grand Island Central Catholic!

Here are the rules:

You must be 70 ½ years of age or older

You may give up to \$100,000 (married couples can give \$200,00)

Your contribution can help keep Catholic education affordable for every young Crusader.

For more information about how you & GICC can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact Karen Robison in the GICC Foundation (308.382.5499).





The GICC Angel Appeal

Tuition at GICC is a reality for families to the tune of about \$3,000. To really pay a student's "fair share" is actually \$6,900.

This difference is made up each year by the gifts from parish subsidies, fundraisers and endowment gifts.

The **GICC Angel Appeal** is helping to fill the gap between the actual cost and the current cost of tuition.

Your help is needed now. Make a gift to the Angel Appeal and join hands to keep Catholic education affordable to all!

Your gifts can be sent to the GICC Angel Appeal or you can give at our secure online website at: centralcatholic-development.com



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*Foundation Meetings for 2011-2012 are:
August 17, October 19,
January 18, February 15,
March 21, and May 16*

A Campaign Note from Foundation Board President, Patrick McGuire '80

As we look ahead to 2012, it is a good time to reflect on the changes we need to make as individuals, and as an organization here at Central Catholic. Part of making changes is understanding where we are, where we need to go, and putting initiatives in places to get us there.

In 2006, the "Building on Faith" capital campaign was a major step toward addressing critical needs for future generations of Crusaders, providing new athletic facilities and fine arts classrooms. These additions directly benefitted the Central Catholic family, but have also been a tremendous community asset.

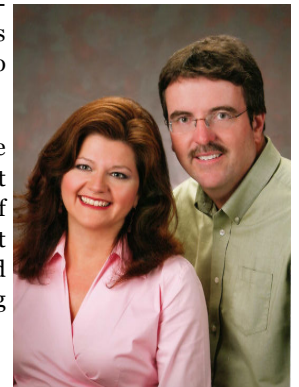
As hoped, the new facility has provided the flexibility to accommodate the many practices and games that take place during the course of a day or week at Central Catholic. Additionally, we have been able to host events such as the State Volleyball Tournament, Health Fairs, Hispanic Religious Festivals, Prismatic Conferences, Youth Basketball and Volleyball leagues and speech and music competitions, to name just a few.

While many of you are aware of Central Catholic's presence in the community, and have benefitted from the new accommodations, some are not aware of the balance that remains to be paid for these facilities. The campaign in 2006 was successful, but several factors, including increased construction costs, construction loans, and the economic downturn have left us with significant debt, and a need to raise funds to eliminate it. In 2012, we will put the initiatives in place to retire this debt, allowing us to move forward as a Catholic Community.

Central Catholic, in line with our mission, has been providing a high quality, Catholic educational experience for over 50 years and will continue to be a leader in this area. We will strive to be leaders in faith formation, and as members of our Catholic community in service of the families that have been so supportive of us for so many years.

We hope you will continue to recognize Central Catholic as a community asset and as an organization that is worthy of your continued support. We pray that you and your families have a Blessed New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2012!

Sincerely,



-1980 GICC Alum Pat McGuire is Vice-President at the Exchange Bank of Gibbon and continues to farm in Wood River. His wife Rhonda is the Public Relations Director at Tiffany Square in Grand Island.

Knighitime News

One Knight at the Oscars has been a huge success for GICC thanks to the dedication and drive of Chairs **Judy and Neal Jacobs and Karen and Rod Rieke** with their amazing committee.

Announcing the 2012 Knight Chairs:

John and Lisa Webb and Scott and Gina Woods are stepping up in 2012! The Webb's and Woods' will be organizing their committees for 2012. Don't wait to be called! Phone Foundation Office to join in the 2012 fun!

Foundation News

- Karen Robison attended the Nebraska Rural Development Directors meeting at Elgin Pope John on December 1st.
- Mark your calendar for the All School Reunion on Friday, August 4th, 2012.

December Crusader Calendar Winners:

**Brent & Tracy Keensport Diane Nicolas
Edith Callihan Cleetis Meyer
Greg Schaeffer Kathy McFarland**

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