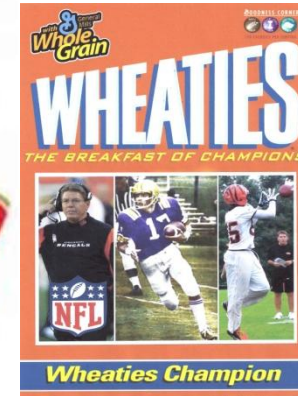


# Breakfast of Champions



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This remarkable weekend began with a special invitation from Bob and Helen Shoup to the entire CLU football community to come to the beautiful Montecito Room at the University Village complex adjacent to the college for a program entitled “Breakfast of Champions”. The Champions in this instance were Rod Marinelli and his wife, Barbara, and Mike Sheppard and his wife, Cathie, whom Bob had invited to come and share their experiences regarding “Life in the NFL”. Both of these men Bob Shoup had coached in the “early years” of Cal Lutheran football; in fact both of these men were on the National Championship team of 1971. You will find profiles of each of these men in the COACHES CORNER section of this website, including their accomplishments as players and as both college and professional football coaches.

What made this event something very special was how it began, and how this beginning set the mood that carried through the rest of the breakfast. Bob Shoup welcomed everyone, acknowledging his wife, Helen, and then introduced his guests, who also introduced their wives. It was apparent through the way in which each one of these men acknowledged the role of their wives in their careers, is what set the tone for what followed. Then Bob Shoup had each guest introduce themselves, who conveyed their relationship to Cal Lutheran football, with each of the men who had brought their wives (well over half the crowd) also acknowledging how their wives had been so important in their own lives and careers. We all felt so very grateful to be there.

Mike Sheppard and Rod Marinelli were then each introduced to share their memories of their early playing years under Bob Shoup, how they met their wives early on before their coaching careers really took off, and how much “the two of them” had learned to “hold it all together” and bring up a family while chasing new coaching jobs virtually 15-20 times all over the United States. Marinelli referred to his wife as his “football buddy” (she had actually learned to like and understand the game), and Sheppard said he was so thankful that his wife, Cathie, had stuck with him while having to constantly pack up their home, moving the kids to a new school in a new location, respecting his love of the game and just doing it. They were also both so very thankful to have been given the tools and values and skills that had been modeled and instilled in them through the lives and the coaching styles of Bob Shoup and Don Garrison.

After a wonderful gourmet breakfast provided through the graciousness of University Village and our own Ernie Sandlin, everyone left with a deep feeling of connection and gratitude and hopefulness that this will become an annual event.

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This was the third time that the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Football Club has put on a reunion celebrating Cal Lutheran Football. The first two years were held at Cal Lutheran, the Alma Mater that we all cherish and have been affiliated with in one way or

another for so long. The environment of the CLU gymnasium with its big bare walls and bright lights was not the best spot to put on a social banquet event, but being a young start-up club with a minimal budget, it was fine for the first two banquet years when the excitement of seeing our old friends was first in our minds; we had one focus and that was to just see each other and catch up on each other's lives. Unfortunately, and for a reason that we have yet to figure out why, our organization has never received the support from Cal Lutheran that we have looked for. We are simply and principally alumni with devotion to our Alma Mater and our friends and coaches that have meant so much to our lives, and to the sport we all love so much.

This year we decided to look for a warmer, more cordial and inviting social environment and we certainly found it at Sunset Hills Country Club. It was less expensive, the management went out of their way to please us, and the overall colors, lighting, open bar and food were the perfect recipe for a successful event. We all owe a big thank you to the entire banquet committee for the many hours of volunteer work that were put in to make this event the best ever...which it was. The full volunteer committee included: Gary & Gail McGinnis, Chair, Gerald & Judy Halweg, Bob & Laura Davis, John & Goldie Luebtow, Don & Carol DeMars, Jesse R. Matlock, Isaiah Gomer, Ron & Christina Myren, Kimberly Peppi, Don Kindred, Anthony Lugo, Kathie & George Ferkin, Bill Swiontkowski, Lynn Thompson, Robert D. Trevathan, Robert & Helen Shoup, Fredrick C. Kemp, and Lloyd "Ant" Andreas. A very special thank-you goes to Douglas Tapking, the photographer introduced to the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter by Gerald Halweg, who graciously provided the wonderful photography of the event as shown in this profile; and to Don Kindred who continues to provide the beautiful graphics and printing coordination for our annual reunion programs.

### ***CHECK-IN & SOCIAL MIXER & SILENT AUCTION BIDDING – 6-7 PM***

The evening started out with check-in, a social mixer and silent auction bidding on some fun items that were later announced after the formal program.



## ***PROGRAM BEGAN at 7 PM***

Gerald M. Halweg welcomed everyone, introducing the evening's guests and acknowledging those who had been involved in bringing about the evening's event..

Christine Hansen then sang the Star Spangled Banner and Pastor Larry Wagner offered the Invocation.

## ***THE DINNER PROGRAM***

There were two awards given on this night. This particular year was chosen as the YEAR OF THE RECEIVER, and a very special award was given to Eric Roger, Class of 2012, who broke every football receiving award at Cal Lutheran going back 50 years. The award was designed and put together by Donald DeMars, Class of 1964. Eric's record was truly amazing:

- Receiving Yards    3461
- Receiving TDs        41
- Receptions            220

Mike Sheppard, a Cal Lutheran player and NFL Wide Receiver Coach, made the award presentation. Eric's mother was presented with a high resolution photo of her son, Eric, provided by Bob Trevathan, and Ben McEnroe underlined what a fine young man and athlete and credit to Cal Lutheran Eric was. Everyone appreciated this special award for Eric.



The second award given on this night was the Davey Spurlock Fighting Heart Award. The recipient of this year's award is our own Dr. James G. Kallas. The wording on this award designed by Donald DeMars fully explains the meaning of this award and why we chose this particular recipient this year.

**THE DAVEY SPURLOCK  
FIGHTING HEART AWARD  
2013**

Having a "fighting heart" describes a person who faces adversity and failure but courageously and passionately casts off fear, doubt, and limiting beliefs, and then succeeds, giving others a sense of hope, optimism and accomplishment. Such behavior initiates sparks of passion in others in a world of uncertainty and inspires them to do the same.

At Cal Lutheran we first discovered such courage, inspiration and passion in the life of a student whose name we placed upon this honorable annual award of acknowledgement. His name was Davey Spurlock. He overcame overwhelming odds that threatened his life and future and yet he went on to accomplish exceptional achievements with grit, passion and purpose in both football and law.

The recipient with which we honor this year's Fighting Heart Award is:

**Dr. James G. Kallas**

Born with many exceptional gifts of mind and body and a love of football, Jim Kallas' fierce competitiveness and outstanding achievements as "the Galloping Greek" in football at St. Olaf College in Minnesota offered the promise of a professional football career. However, he incurred a devastating injury during training camp with the Chicago Cardinals and was released from the team; his career seemed over. Jim Kallas did not collapse in despondency, self-pity and despair. He picked himself up, stuck to his dream and stayed the course proving his fighting heart...and soon was playing with the Chicago Bears.

In Greek mythology, a phoenix was a purple-feathered, long-lived bird that represented renewal or regeneration, a new life rising from the burning ashes of its predecessor. An early symbol of Christianity, it also historically came to symbolize renewal in general or the exceptional man who rises from the ashes.

This award to Jim Kallas from the members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Football Club is given as a symbol of our acknowledgement of his "fighting heart", but also as our Coach, Chaplain, Teacher, Mentor and friend. We have learned not only passion, determination and purpose in pursuing our dreams from him but the importance of remaining open to serving others as we balance physical, spiritual, and family life.



The award was presented by Davey Spurlock himself after being introduced by Fred Kemp and the award ceremony was attended by his family and by so many of the players he has taught, mentored, spiritually guided and befriended over the years.

When Davey first read the award plaque he said, "I have once again read the award...it is overwhelming for me to read that which you have placed upon that award...He is my coach, mentor, friend and someone that I have admired and loved since a boy of 17...he married me and baptized my daughter....thank you....we all have a bond that is more important to me than any club or organization."



***THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING, ROD MARINELLI, WAS THEN INTRODUCED BY MIKE SHEPPARD***

It was so enjoyable to listen to Mike Sheppard talk about his old teammate at Cal Lutheran, Rod Marinelli, and the years they played together under Coach Shoup. In so many ways, in so many words, these men both said their lives began at Cal Lutheran. Every player in attendance who had played on the same teams as these men had deep, satisfied smiles on their faces as if drinking water from a well that reached places they had not visited for a long time.



Rod Marinelli literally talked for 30 minutes and every eye and every ear was glued to his every word and gesture. He gave numerous examples and told many stories of how he was exposed by Bob Shoup to the “life lessons” he encountered while at Cal Lutheran and shortly thereafter, and how he has applied these values, discipline, psychology and training applications for forty years, including 22 years of high school and college coaching and 18 years in the NFL. He is presently the Defensive Line Coach for the Dallas Cowboys.



## ***A GREETING FROM CLU HEAD COACH BEN McENROE***



Coach Ben McEnroe then brought a greeting to everyone from the University and gave us his perspective on this 2013 season:

“I am looking forward to 2013 with CLU Football; it feels like we are at a pivotal time in our development as a program.

The last four Seasons have been the best since the early-1980s, with the Kingsrnen undefeated against Southern California competition since 2008 and our emergence as a Top 10 team this season. The early playoff defeats are fresh in our minds heading into the offseason, with a renewed emphasis on toughness and getting back to being a hungry football team this winter,

On the field, we will return eight starters on offense and five starters on defense so the cupboards are not bare, but our recruiting focus will be mainly on defensive personnel, a #1 receiver, and a transfer QB to compete with the three outstanding sophomores-to-be already in the program. We return four of our five starting offensive linemen and all three of our top running backs, so expect those areas to be our strength early in 2013.

The schedule remains the same, just flip the dates and locations from 2012. Our first two games, at home vs PLU on September 14th and at Linfield on September 21st, will be the first time that we've opened the season with consecutive games against Top 25 competitors.

Thank you for your friendship and support of CLU Football and I look forward to seeing you at Rolland Stadium in 2013 in our quest for a fifth consecutive SCIAC championship and a run at the national title!”



Coach McEnroe then gave a brief introduction to everyone regarding Cal Lutheran's new VICTORY CLUB, a University Booster Club that principally exists to gather support for all of Cal Lutheran's sports teams. Ben explained that a number of the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter's Board and general members had joined to support this cause and he invited all 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter member to join and support Cal Lutheran.

***LIVE AUCTION HANDLED BY GERALD HALWEG***



***A DINNER INTERLUDE AND AFTER DINNER DJ ENTERTAINMENT BY MARK ARTHUR FOLLOWED***

The rest of the evening was spent dancing, reminiscing, story telling and sharing our lives with each other. You will notice as you peruse through the following pictures of this wonderful event how happy everyone is. It was a memorable and a magic night for everyone...and everyone was looking forward to this year's football season...and next year's reunion.















**SEE YOU ALL THIS YEAR**  
**AS WE ROOT ON THE KINGSMEN**



**... AND NEXT YEAR AT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION**