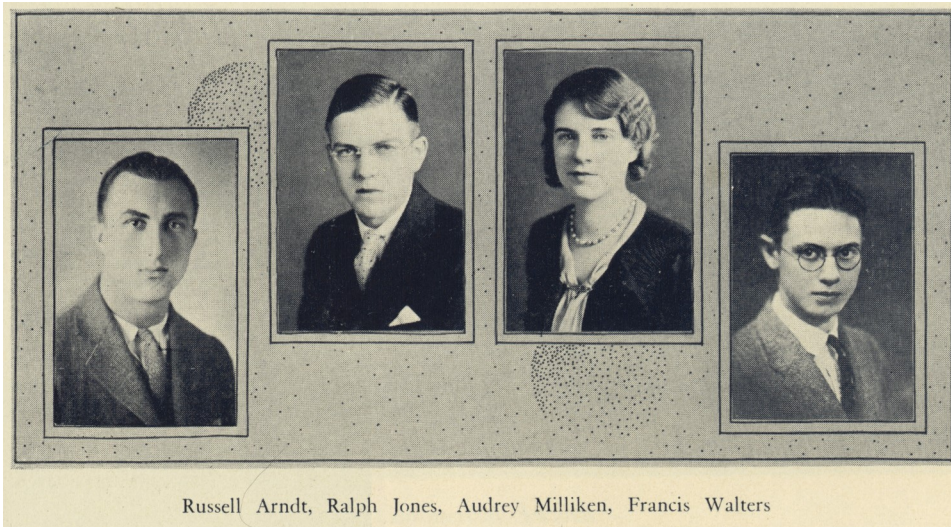


The History of the Mishawaka High School Alumni Association

All the information below was taken from the 1912 and 1930 Miskodeeds

Part 1



1930 Alumni Association Board ...earliest picture of an MHSAA board

The Alumni Association of the Mishawaka High School, may be a stranger to a great many, but we wish to emphatically state that it exists and will make itself known in the future, it's organization dates from 1910, and from the enthusiasm then shown, we believe that much good will be accomplished through its efforts.

Few can remember way back when, one Saturday in October, 1882, a very small group of young men and women, probably not more than a dozen graduates of the Mishawaka High School, met in the high school building of those days to organize a society of the Alumni of M.H.S. With Anna Boyd acting as chairman, Ella Skerritt, Ed. Byrkit, Anna Boyd, and Ella Boyd were elected president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively. A committee, consisting of Anna Boyd, Mattie Booth and Jessie Whitson, was also appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws to be presented at the next meeting. The next Saturday, the constitution with by-laws and amendments was adopted, and the Society of the Mishawaka High School Alumni thus became organized **"to bind together the graduates of the Mishawaka school"**.

The organization prospered no longer than December of that same year, from which time until July, 1884, there are no records of meetings. At this time the Association again became active, and continued so for many years. Meetings being held irregularly. Sometimes two in one month, and at one time two years elapsing between meetings. But there are records and memories of many stormy meetings, many receptions held in Whitson Hall for incoming classes, and many delightful festivals and parties, which took place during these years. In May, 1895, the Association welcomed the incoming class with a large reception, and this was the last meeting of any sort which was held for 15 years.

The class of 1886 was the first group of graduates to be honored by being formally installed in the association by an Alumni Reception Banquet held at the residence of Miss Katie Milburn. The Society grew rapidly with the addition of each graduating class and remained highly active until 1895.

In 1910, the alumni of M.H.S., numbering 282, were called together by Superintendent J.F. Nuner and re-organized. Since that date, the organization has remained active except for a period of three years, which was from 1920 to 1922 inclusive.



Notes From The Editor

A lot going on in our world right now. Things most of us have never seen happen in our lifetime. Our grandchildren will talk about this when they're grown just like we talk about the blizzard of '78. Stay home, be safe and stay healthy.

MHSAA BOARD MEMBERS

Rodney Spear '65.....President
John Hemphill '54....V-President
Sandy Mikesell '65.....Treasurer
Patricia Spear '67.....Secretary
Heidi Peebles '80.....Member
Bob Smith.....Member
Quinto Squadroni '48.....Member
Chuck Wayne '54.....Member
Jane Wright '68.....Member

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Probably the most important social event of the year in the society's calendar is the wonderful reception and banquet given annually to the graduating class. The class of 1917 started a fund in honor of Miss Mary D. Welch, who was at one time the principal of Mishawaka High School. The Alumni organization has always shown a great interest in this fund and for the last several years has added large donations to it. These donations have been receipts from entertainments sponsored by the organizations. The fund now totals about \$1000. From the very beginning, the Alumni Association has been successful in all of its undertakings and has always proved a loyal friend to the school.

All graduates being Alumni of MHS are requested and expected to become active members of the Alumni Association and all teachers in the schools and members of the School Board who are not graduates are invited to become Associate Members. The dues of members are fifty cents. As a graduate from the High School, it is your duty to become an active member of this Association and in this small way help pay the debt of gratitude you owe the public schools of Mishawaka.

2020 MHSAA Board

FR: Chuck Wayne, Jane Wright,
Patricia Spear
BR: Heidi Peebles, Bob Smith,
Sandy Mikesell, Rodney Spear



Marvin Max Mercier

09-26-35 to 11-30-17

Class of 1954

Through the generosity of Marvin Mercier, Mishawaka High School Alumni Association received \$28,654.75. His estate was finalized in February and MHSAA received the check shortly after. What a wonderful thing he has done. In addition to his donation to MHSAA, he also donated \$300,000 to Riley's Children's Hospital and \$300,000 to St. Jude's Hospital. To honor Marvin, the MHSAA will be putting a brick in the Alumni Plaza in his name.

In Memory

Lois (Case) DeCloedt

04-03-31 to 02-21-20
Class of 1949

Ann (Vogler) Emmitt

08-18-78 to 02-15-20
Class of 1996

Betty (Hixenbaugh) Gavin

03-31-27 to 03-01-20
Class of 1945

Garold Goss

09-16-32 to 11-24-19
Class of 1951

Elaine (Rospopo) Gulas

03-06-46 to 03-06-20
Class of 1964

Royce Holmes

07-30-35 to 02-23-20
Class of 1954

Tim Jester

08-16-62 to 2-21-20
Class of 1980

Phyllis (Brubaker) Myers

09-12-27 to 02-28-20
Class of 1945

Peggy (Emmert) Preston

03-10-46 to 02-25-20
Class of 1964

Paul Robinson

01-24-35 to 09-06-19
Class of 1954

Stephanie Sciacca

11-05-90 to 02-25-20
Class of 2009

Gary Sells

01-30-34 to 03-06-20
Class of 1979

Judy (Burket) Saenz

08-26-40 to 02-18-20
Class of 1952

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Sports Schedule

All sporting events
have been cancelled
until further notice.

Local News

The **All Class Reunion** scheduled for May 15th at the Chicory Café, has been postponed until the Fall. No date has been set at this time but we will keep you updated.

Mishawaka Education Foundation Major Saver Card campaign has been postponed. The plan right now is until the students return to school but that may change. We will keep you updated

For those of you who were at the February luncheon, Leo Daggy gave us all quite a scare but fortunately he is recovery well and feeling better than ever.

Construction has begun on the MHS Traffic Safety Plan at Mishawaka High School. If you've driven by there lately, you will notice that they have now blocked Wenger St. off to begin construction. The three remaining houses on Indiana Ave, were removed this week and one of the smaller parking lots has been torn up. If you would like to see the Master Plan, go to www.mishawakaschools.com/projects.

Update

In leu of Covid-19, this has been postponed until next spring. This only means that there is a year to collect all the donations possible to make this a great make over for the school. If you can donate anything, please contact principal Brad Addison at 574-254-4600.



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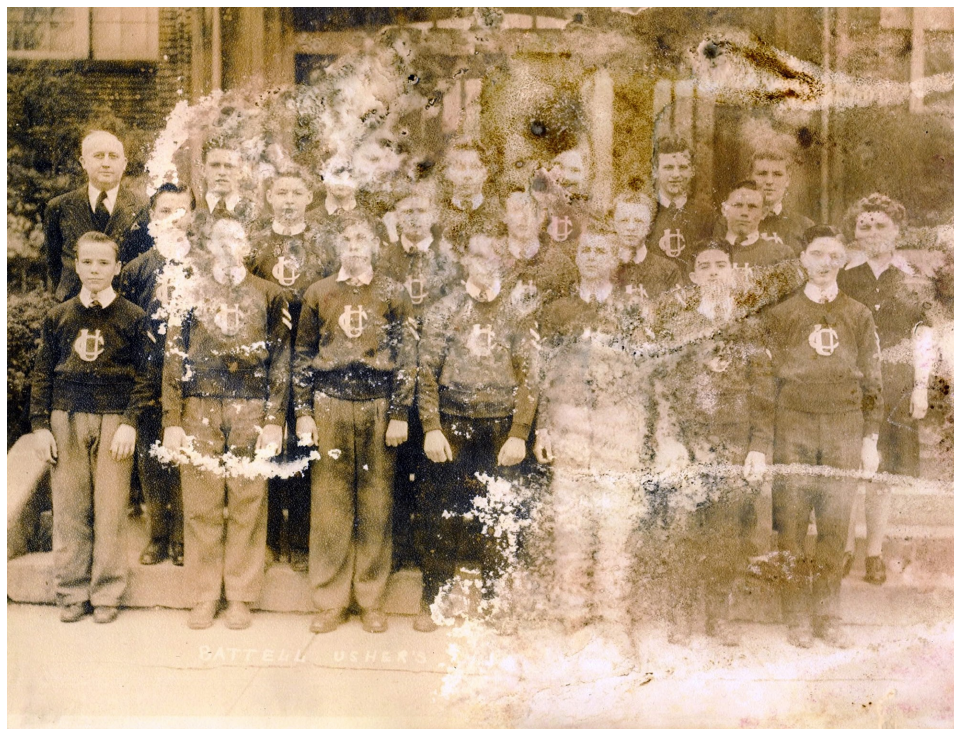
Congratulations Emmons Elementary!

The Indiana Student Education Association's (ISEA) annual community partnership event is Outreach to Teach (O2T). This annual event rewards a deserving public school with a makeover. ISEA, in partnership with education community members, spends a day cleaning, painting, decorating, landscaping and more!

Outreach to Teach (O2T) is the premiere community service project for the Indiana Student Education Association (ISEA). The service project activates hundreds of ISEA and community volunteers to spend a day completing cosmetic updates (such as painting, landscaping, assembly of small projects, etc.) in a public school in Indiana. For more information on O2T, visit ista-in.org/o2t.

Principal, Brad Addison, is looking for volunteers who are willing to come and help the ISEA Team accomplish the huge task of painting, decorating, landscaping and more! They are also looking for donations of paint, constructions supplies, and water/snacks for the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer by donating or working, please go to : <https://www.ista-in.org/our-association/members/isea/isea-outreach-to-teach> to register.

Sisters Dottie Welsh Wikoff and Dolly Welsh are trying to find out more information on this picture of their father. His name was Charles A Welsh and he lived at 519 Grove St., Mishawaka. He attended Battell School between 1940-45. Charles told his daughters that this group of students ran errands, took messages to teachers and directed people around the building. They think the insignia on the sweater might mean the Ushers Club but is unsure. I realize this picture is in very poor condition but maybe someone out there remembers this group or knows of them and could shed some light on them for us.



This picture came from Miss Francis Koch scrapbook. This covered when she was teaching music at Battell in the late 1920's and into the early 30's. Does anyone know of this group? Are they an earlier version of the Ushers Club?

If you have any information, please contact mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us.



Reunions

Class of 1970 50th Class Reunion

Friday, June 12, 2020
6:00pm – 11:00pm

Chicory Event Center
114 Front St.
Mishawaka, IN 46544
574-204-2025

\$35 per person

Contact:
Anna M. Hufkens-Stout
574-274-2575
Amhsrn52@sbcglobal.net

Please notify fellow
classmates



Class of 1980 40th Class Reunion

Saturday, June 27, 2020
12:00 pm—5:00 pm

Rose Park
W. 16th St.
Mishawaka, IN

More information
To follow

18th Annual MHS Arizona Alumni Luncheon, Saturday, March 7, 2020.

33 people registered and 31 people attended.

The lunch was held at Arizona Community Church in Tempe, Arizona, catered by Deborah Swanson from the church. Paul Smith '53 said the Invocation. Barbara (Freese) Nelson '53 did the Registration and Name Tags. Martha (Endicott) Pierce '56 was MC.

First-time attendees: Penny Hemenway--Paul Smith's Daughter; Pamela Meehan, wife of Danny Meehan '66;

Prizes were given to the following people:

Earliest year graduate: Elsie (Belli) Van Bruaene '43

Most Recent year graduate: Randy Balmer '68

Class with most alumni attending: (tie between 1956 and 1961) :

1956--Al Cocanower, Judy (Hoff) Henthorn, and Martha (Endicott) Pierce and

1961--Joe Emmons, Martha (Eminger) Emmons and Judy (Ross) Rhoads.

First Reservations received: Barbara (Freese) Nelson '53 and Danny Meehan '66.

Came the farthest: Patrick Serge '52 and Judy (Hoff) Henthorn '56

Maureen (Noonan) Bohl '57 and husband Dave Bohl were honored for attending all 18 luncheons since 2003.

Dr. Dean Speicher, retired Superintendent of School City of Mishawaka spoke to the group.

J.B. Rivard '48 also spoke and told about the recent book that he wrote and published.

Several people spoke about their latest trip to Mishawaka and some memories of their high school days.

A show of hands said that they would like to continue having the annual luncheon, even though our numbers are declining.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Mishawaka Fight Song, led by Maureen (Noonan) Bohl '57.

Submitted by Martha (Endicott) Pierce '56

Martha Endicott-Pierce '56



Mary Ganser-Grossman '66 & Danny Meehan '56



Luncheon Information

Chicory Event Center

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$9 per person \$2 non-eaters

April	Burgers, Chicken Breast Sandwich, tossed salad, pasta salad, chips
Entertainment:	Mishawaka High School Jazz Band
May	Pulled Pork BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
June	Sandwiches (turkey and ham), salad, soup, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
July	Hot dogs and brats, potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, roll, butter
Entertainment:	Patsy Cline Show
August	Meatloaf, mashed potato and gravy, glazed carrots, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
September	Bruschetta chicken, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
October	Taco Bar – build your own tacos with chicken and beef, taco toppings, Mexican rice, refried beans
Entertainment:	TBD
November	Thanksgiving – turkey, potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll, butter
Entertainment:	J Jay Brook
December	Polish buffet – sausage, fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, noodles, sweet and sour cabbage, roll with butter
Entertainment:	Mishawaka High School Madrigal singers



Happy March Birthdays

At the March luncheon, we celebrated all the March birthdays that were in attendance with a delicious cake!

Carol Guyton McCall '71, Carolyn Cone Drovere '60, Carroll Ankney Bowman '58, Hank Nauts '49, Harry McCool '53, John Bowman '57, Judy Watson Zielinski '58, Mary Sones '61, Matilda Kocsis Williams '46, Richard "JoJo" Cukrowicz '54, Roy Kohler '64, Sherry Glassburn '70



MHS Alumni February Financial Report

Beginning balance as of January 31, 2020	\$ 10,817.11
Income:	
Interest	1.26
Membership/Donations	630.00
Luncheon proceeds	1,398.00
Bequest/Marvin Mercier	<u>28,654.75</u>
	\$30,684.01
	\$ 30,684.01
	\$ 41,501.12
Expenses:	
Entertainment	200.00
Luncheon	1,932.53
Supplies	<u>160.45</u>
	\$2,292.98
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2020	\$ 39,208.14

Miskodeed Request

If you have old yearbooks that you would like to donate or are looking for a certain year that you may not have, please contact mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

I currently have extras of 1925, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 61, 63, 64, 65, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 82, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14

Free to Alumni, \$5 donation per book for non-alumni.

March Meeting

Attendance was 138. We were entertained with great Irish music from Bryan "E". Principal of Emmons School and talked about the makeover that Emmons will be receiving. In celebration of St. Patricks Day, there was plenty of green that was worn, from clothing to necklaces and crazy glasses.

50/50 Winners:

Jeff Dome '75.....\$35
Janice (Fagan) Woods '65....\$25
Debbie Brechtel '77.....\$15

Support Groups

Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana offers the following caregiver support groups in the St. Joseph County area. All groups are free and open to the public and meet monthly. For more information, contact 574-232-4121 or 888-303-0180 or go online to alzni.org.

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Welcome
New Members

Becky Milller

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School City of Mishawaka is in the process of building a lasting tribute to the tradition of Mishawaka High School. Alumni Plaza is the newly renovated courtyard leading to Steele Stadium. This is a beautiful external space that can become a place for students, alumni, and the community that encompasses the "Spirit of Mishawaka". Personalized 4"x8" bricks are great gifts to: celebrate your class reunion, create a permanent place in the community for yourself, your children or grandchildren, promote your business and show your community support, memorialize a lost loved one, honor a soldier or service-person with a patriotic thank you. For more information, email peebleesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

