

## Mishawaka High Schools 144th Commencement Speaker

### Karen Furore Grau



**Karen Grau - Founder/President Calamari Productions**

Karen Grau is a 1980 graduate of Mishawaka High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Indiana University, Bloomington. After a decade of journalism and education policy experience, Karen founded Calamari Productions in 1998. At the time, Calamari was one of the first female-owned television production companies in the United States. As Calamari's Founder and Chief Executive, Karen brings 25 years of broadcast experience to all Calamari projects, from her time as a radio and TV news reporter in Indianapolis to the two decades she spent creating, writing and producing award-winning documentaries and TV series under the Calamari banner. Her career also includes three years as Deputy Legislative Director to former Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, where she assisted in writing three State of the State addresses.

Today, Calamari Productions remains the only production company in the world with special waivers granted by state Supreme Courts around the U.S. to bring documentary cameras inside juvenile courts and prisons, venues that are legally closed to the media and the public. Calamari has turned that trust and extraordinary camera access into award-winning films, series and video content used around the globe, from television networks and streamers such as ABC, NBC, MSNBC, Hulu, A&E, MTV, YouTube, Court TV, PBS, Bio and Channel 4 in the U.K., to universities and state governments around the country. Calamari Productions has won some of journalism's highest honors, including Emmy Awards, the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award, and more than 16 national awards for its groundbreaking programming.

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### Notes From The Editor

The closer August gets, the bigger the anticipation for everything fall becomes. I am looking forward to going to a football game again, to go apple picking and everything pumpkin. School begins in a few weeks and with that comes a small feeling of excitement that things really are getting back to normal.

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## Awards

Edward R. Murrow Award- *Best Writing*, National Edward R. Murrow Award- *Best Documentary*, National Emmy Nominee- *Best Documentary*, Emmy Award- *Best Documentary*, Emmy Award- *Best Writing*, National Headliner Award- *News Documentary*, Columbus International Film Festival- *Award Winner*, Headliner Award, Casey Medal For Meritorious Journalism- *Television: Long Form*, National IRE Award- *Television: Network/Syndicated*, American Society On The Abuse Of Children- *Outstanding Media Coverage*, Anna Quindlen Child Welfare League of America Award- *Excellence in reporting on behalf of children and families*, Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Award- *Exceptional Contribution to the Juvenile Courts*, IARRCA "Friend of the Child" Award- *Efforts on Behalf of Children*, Associated Press Broadcasters Award- *First Place Best Coverage of Children's Issues- Society of Professional Journalists*.

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## In Memory

**Diana (Vaerewyck)  
Barrett**

01-07-46 to 07-25-21  
Class of 1964

**Donna (Craft)  
Baumgartner**

05-18-38 to 11-24-20  
Class of 1957

**John C Bohdan**

10-22-33 to 01-31-21  
Class of 1953

**Donna (Emery)  
Borsodi**

11-05-30 to 01-25-21  
Class of 1948

**Barbara (Marks)  
Bortone**

11-27-45 to 03-12-21  
Class of 1964

**Dawn (Larimer)  
Brasseur**

08-30-41 to 01-20-21  
Class of 1959

**James Bruynell**

09-18-36 to 03-21-21  
Class of 1955

**Marilyn (Robbins)  
Burke**

08-08-34 to 02-21-21  
Class of 1952

**Danny Cook**

05-18-56 to 02-10-21  
Class of 1974

**Charles Curtis**

03-10-35 to 01-03-21  
Class of 1953

**John Roger Deputy**

07-25-42 to 02-25-21  
Class of 1960

**James DeWinter**

05-25-48 to 01-08-21  
Class of 1966

**Donna (Coleman)  
DuBois**

01-02-38 to 03-20-21  
Class of 1955

**Jeffrey Alan Gardner**

09-22-58 to 02-22-21  
Class of 1976



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What is the commitment of a JA volunteer? Volunteers need to attend a training session where you will be given your materials for the class and learn about how to properly deliver the content to students. In addition, you will be responsible for visiting the classroom to which you are assigned, one time a week for 45 minutes for 5-7 weeks depending on the grade. There is some preparation before class as well, only about 20 minutes.

You'll work with Colleen Hahn, Senior Program Manager for JA serving St. Joseph, to ensure that you are placed in a classroom where you are comfortable to work with students. JA has three waves each year of classes and all the materials are provided. If you are interested in learning more about the program or would like to volunteer, contact Colleen Hahn at [colleen.hahn@ja.org](mailto:colleen.hahn@ja.org) or call 574.252.6056.



We now have a few Alumni spirit wear items for sale. T-shirt \$10, Sweatshirt \$15, add'l \$3 for 2xl and up. We hope to add additional styles and items to the inventory in the future. If interested, please call Heidi At 574-254-4523. Once we begin having our luncheons inside again, they will be available for purchase there as well.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

October 2 at 5:30 - 7:30pm  
Mishawaka High School Parking Lot

MEF will be hosting the first Trunk or Treat of the Halloween season and we invite you to join us!

You and your company/business will have the opportunity to have fun with the Mishawaka community while passing out child friendly candy, trinkets or goodies from the trunk of your car or table set up.

To participate a donation fee of \$50 (for businesses only) will benefit the students of School City of Mishawaka through classroom grants and unique educational opportunities. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat portion of the Growing the Future event, please provide the information below. Event details will be provided to you via email.

We are also looking for donations of gift certificates, unique experiences or items for the silent auction. Please consider a contribution for this event. The more funds raised, the more Mishawaka students will benefit!

Name/Company \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will participate in the Trunk or Treat. Please send me the details.

☐ I will contribute to the silent auction. Please contact me.

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Jane Wright, MEF Executive Director at [foundation@mishawaka.k12.in.us](mailto:foundation@mishawaka.k12.in.us)

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## REUNIONS

**Joseph Gladura**  
09-14-40 to 02-08-21  
Class of 1958

**Rose (Gartner)  
Gordon**  
12-24-26 to 01-12-21  
Class of 1945

**Dorothy L Guidi**  
08-01-24 to 03-07-21  
Class of 1942

**Elizabeth (Fritz)  
Hardesty**  
08-08-30 to 01-03-21  
Class of 1948

**Russell Hays**  
04-17-44 to 03-08-21  
Class of 1962

**John Heintzberger**  
10-06-63 to 01-12-21  
Class of 1982

**Charleen (Vercruysse)  
Hixenbaugh**  
04-17-40 to 01-12-21  
Class of 1958

**Gladys (Evon) Keller**  
06-15-27 to 03-11-21  
Class of 1945

**Norman Kizer**  
11-15-31 to 02-13-21  
Class of 1950

**Duane Kollar**  
02-19-30 to 08-16-20  
Class of 1948

**Christine (Canfield)  
Larimer**  
03-28-45 to 02-06-21  
Class of 1963

**James Laskowski**  
08-19-53 to 02-02-21  
Class of 1971

**Ted Leach**  
03-28-47 to 03-09-21  
Class of 1965

**Patricia (Malia)  
McIntee**  
02-16-33 to 12-29-20  
Class of 1951

**Mary Ellen (Norton)  
Maenhout**  
07-21-33 to 01-05-21  
Class of 1951

### **Class of 1961** **60th Class Reunion** **October 16**

**BK Club**

**MISKODEED**

**5:30 -10:00 pm**

**(cash bar)**

**7:00 Dinner**

**\$25 per person**

**Make check payable to MHS 60th Reunion.  
Check must be received by September 1.**

**Contact Joseph DeKever, 2113 Linden Ave,  
Mishawaka, IN 46544, 574-255-2708.**

**Veronica (Tordi)  
Maggioli**  
08-27-37 to 02-28-21  
Class of 1955

**Terrance Magnuson**  
05-05-41 to 03-02-21  
Class to 1960

**Patricia (Caskey)  
Mechling**  
02-05-27 to 12-09-29  
Class of 1945

**Harriet (O'Dell)  
Meuninck**  
01-24-24 to 04-21-21  
Class of 1942

**Julie (Verspelt)  
Moore**  
06-01-46 to 02-10-21  
Class of 1964

**William Moshak**  
03-02-34 to 02-13-21  
Class of 1956

**Tammy Nard**  
07-20-61 to 01-28-21  
Class of 1980

**Mervin Phillips**  
10-08-39 to 03-20-21  
Class of 1958

**William Poure**  
10-22-29 to 12-07-20  
Class of 1948

**Dolores (Needham)  
Riggs**  
03-05-34 to 12-06-20  
Class of 1979

**Carol (Sostack)  
Robertson**  
03-06-54 to 04-25-21  
Class of 1972

**Rose (McClure)  
Rupard**  
07-30-32 to 12-20-20  
Class of 1950

**William Reed**  
10-24-26 to 02-24-21  
Class of 1944

**Wendy Sabinas**  
12-13-74 to 12-07-20  
Class of 1993

**Louise (Van Der Beke)  
Schlundt**  
08-09-33 to 01-24-21  
Class of 1951



**MHS '86 REUNION**

**FRI. OCTOBER 15th**  
**6-11pm**  
**Chicory Event Center**  
**114 W. First St.**  
**Mishawaka**

**RSVP/TICKETS**  
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**Polish Buffet \$40/p**  
**Polish Buffet with**  
**unlimited Bar \$50/p**  
**Hashtag Music &**  
**Entertainment**

**PIC•COLLAGE**

**David Shelby**  
09-01-48 to 12-12-20  
Class of 1966

**DeVerl M Smith**  
04-14-44 to 04-20-21  
Class of 1962

**Gregg Smith**  
10-24-74 to 03-08-21  
Class of 1993

**Vernon "Tom" Smith**  
03-28-29 to 12-21-20  
Class of 1947

**Timothy Sowers**  
08-05-81 to 04-23-21  
Class of 2000

**Suzanne Spain**  
11-28-56 to 01-31-21  
Class of 1974

**Matthew Spart**  
06-16-65 to 12-08-20  
Class of 1983

**Karen (Hyska) Spears**  
05-10-39 to 04-30-21  
Class of 1957

**Richard L Spears**  
09-17-40 to 04-10-21  
Class of 1958

**James Spencer Jr**  
08-18-54 to 12-08-20  
Class of 1972

**Frank M Steele M.D.**  
01-11-25 to 01-07-21  
Class of 1943

**Lois (Webber) Stethem**  
08-25-29 to 03-24-21  
Class of 1947

**Tammy (Kyle) Thomas**  
11-13-59 to 02-02-21  
Class of 1977

**Michael Thornton Sr**  
09-29-48 to 03-23-21  
Class of 1966

**Joanne (Van De Loo) Van AverMaete**  
05-29-38 to 01-24-21  
Class of 1956

*Al Weis sent this to me after reading J.B. Rivards letter (February issue) on the NYC's 20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited non-stop passenger train from NYC to Chicago. Al said that the article brought back many memories for him and he wanted to share them with the alumni.*

## Trains

Our little house at 717 ½ E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. located between the Merrifield St. crossing and the Union St. crossing backed up to the New York Central RR right of way; we couldn't get any closer without being on the tracks. The trains both passenger and the Oh so frequent freights were a part of our lives. The freights went on forever and stretched to eternity. Sometimes my friends Jimmy Tinsley, Danny Raab and a few of the Boehnleins flock of 15 kids would count the number of cars, sometimes reaching as high as 130 in my memory.

Elkhart, IN was just a few miles east of Mishawaka and had a huge number of switching tracks for the freights to get all those cars to different locations. The bumping back and forth to pull a few boxcars off the main track was hard to ignore.

The switching process sometimes backed the cars up so the caboose ended up adjacent to our backyard. The caboose was a special car looking like a little house trailer with slanted roofs and a smokestack for the cook stoves inside. Some workers traveled with the freight to their final destination and cooked for the engineers. They would show us inside the caboose and if we were lucky, give us a piece of pie.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited, non-stop between NYC and Chicago, flew by our house at speeds up to 90 miles an hour, loudly blowing its whistle every afternoon heading for Chicago; it was a beautiful train. The front of the engine had a headlight centered in the middle of the tapered nose, which jutted out from the very front like a bullet. I believe it was called the Pacemaker, but we called it the bullet train.

The 1940s were the last days of the steam engine trains; they were the last beautiful engines. The giant main engine wheel connected with the long cam arm to the huge engine piston pumping in and out of the steam tank, hissing away, discharging excess steam. Puffing white smoke from their smokestack.

The diesels were nothing in comparison. Their whistle sound was not even as powerful. I'm not sure they even had cabooses. The drive mechanics were shielded by outer painted sides. You couldn't see the giant piston driving that huge wheel. Even the smoke from the little smokestack was dirty! The end of an era.

Al Weis 50'

**Phyllis (Booker) VanBruaene**  
01-23-29 to 04-13-21  
Class of 1946

**Marcia (Sawdon) Vargo**  
02-18-43 to 02-23-21  
Class of 1961

**Moniefa (Siade) Wadsworth**  
02-24-22 to 12-08-20  
Class of 1941

**Marilyn (Sprague) Wall**  
12-08-26 to 12-21-20  
Class of 1945

**Ruthann (Wishart) Walters**  
08-12-39 to 01-12-21  
Class of 1957

**Sally Jo (Bonney) Westlake**  
11-05-39 to 01-08-21  
Class of 1957

**Norma (VanHoutte) Wardlow**  
03-28-32 to 12-01-20  
Class of 1950

**Jean (Zimmerman) Warner-Magrane**  
09-16-24 to 12-28-20  
Class of 1942

**Dorotheann (Sellon) Wasio**  
01-16-28 to 12-03-20  
Class of 1945

**William Whitten Sr**  
11-15-64 to 04-20-21  
Class of 1983

**Wanda (Nichols) Wilson**  
05-22-38 to 11-09-20  
Class of 1957

**Lois (Roesti) Wisthuff**  
11-30-32 to 01-11-21  
Class of 1950

**Just a reminder, all current memberships are good until December 31, 2021. New/renewal applications will be in the November Newsletter for you to return to us by the end of December. Please do not send money for renewal at this time. You can contact Sandy Mikesell or myself with any questions.**





# Luncheon Information

## Ball Band Biergarten

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

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

It was really nice to see everyone again last month. Though it was very hot, we still had a pretty good turn out of people. I think that people would of shown up regardless of the weather just to see each other! We are going to meet at the Ball Band Biergarten at Beutter Park again for August. It is an outdoor setting so this will help with those who may not have been vaccinated yet. This is very informal and relaxed. No entertainment just a lot of catching up with what has gone on with each other over the past year. **LUNCH & DRINKS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED** but instead, it's picnic style! **Bring your own sack lunch & drink, carry out food, OR Chicory Café is offering us a box meal.** It will include any sandwich on the menu, chips, cutie orange and a cookie for \$10.25. If you would like to order a box lunch (see menu below), **please call me (574-254-4523) with your order by Thursday July 29.**

<i>Sandwiches</i>	
Mediterranean Veggie	6.75
Cajun hummus, cucumber, tomato, spring mix, red onion, and mozzarella with balsamic vinaigrette on a wheat roll	
Turkey Supreme	6.75
Turkey, cheddar, spring mix, tomato, shaved red onion, cucumber, and honey mustard on a wheat roll	
Double Ham and Swiss	6.75
Honey glazed ham, spicy capocollo, Swiss, lettuce, tomato, and mayo on French. Served warm.	
Italiano	6.75
Ham, salami, spicy capocollo, mozzarella, lettuce, tomato, and balsamic vinaigrette on French. Served warm.	
Caprese	6
Tomato, fresh basil, fresh mozzarella, and balsamic vinaigrette on French	
Creole Club	6.75
Turkey, cheddar, bacon, lettuce, tomato, and creole mustard on French	
Classic Veggie	5.50
Spring mix, sliced tomato, and olive salad or Cajun hummus (or both) on toasted French bread.	
Grilled Caprese	6.75
Mozzarella, muenster, tomato, basil, and honey grilled on sliced whole grain bread	
Triple Grilled Cheese	6.75
Muenster, gouda, pepper jack and dill pickles grilled on sliced whole grain bread	
Cubano	7.75
Marinated pulled pork, ham, Swiss, yellow mustard, and dill pickles grilled on French. Served warm.	

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kincade Acrey 21'	Elizabeth Fisher 09'	Katelin Pixley 21'
Connor Addison 21'	Kris Frazier 71'	Roman Robic 21'
Brian Amos 95'	Trevor Glassburn 21'	Eric Rodts 71'
Phil Barbera 71'	Lisa Ermeti Hull 71'	Curtis Swinehart 89'
Katrina Barfell 08'	Kristen Hurley 01'	Virginia (Gini) Thomas 89'
Kylie Blake 21'	Rev. Rita Johnson 71'	Victoria Tiller 21'
Leann Brown 21'	Isaiah Mark 21'	Marlene Vandygriff 71'
Jim Crook 71'	Lynnea Means 21'	Austin Wisler 21'
Cindy Shindledecker Crook 72'	Linda Carter Mendenhall 71'	George Wood 71'
Gian DeCarlo 21'	John Mortimore 71'	Becky Shriver Wood 71'
Laura Koselak Dorbin 88'	Julia Young Norris 76'	Charlotte Gann Zeak 70'
April Fisher 11'	Theresa Masters Olmes 71'	

### MHS Alumni July Financial Report

Beginning balance as of June 30, 2021		\$ 34,900.65
Expenses:		
Special Olympics	375.00	375.00
MEF	700.00	700.00
Spirit wear	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 33,325.65
Income:		
Interest	1.41	
Membership/Donations	<u>185.00</u>	
	\$ 186.41	\$ 33,512.06
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2021		\$ 33,512.06

### Class Rings

I have acquired a collection of lost class rings that has been growing and growing over the years and I have recently stumbled across a Facebook page, ***Class Rings Lost & Found***, dedicated to lost class rings. I've posted a few of the rings on this page as well as on the ***MHS Cavemen Alumni*** Facebook page. If you have lost your ring or found a ring, please contact:

mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us.

I currently have:

B=boy G=girl

1940G,1989G,1957B,1992B, 2001B, 2008B, 2012B

### 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](mailto:mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us) or call 574-254-4523.

I currently have extras of 1912, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 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.

### 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](http://alzni.org).

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## AUGUST Birthdays

Charlotte Gann Zeak



## AUGUST Anniversaries

George & Becky Wood

## PAVE THE WAY

School City of Mishawaka has built 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 has 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 [peeblesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us](mailto:peeblesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us) or call 574-254-4523.

