



## Colleen Davis Lerner

Several months ago, I was contacted by a friend of Colleen's who was to be the liaison between her and School City of Mishawaka. Colleen wanted to donate money to the Science Department at Mishawaka High School. Science was close to her heart since she had been a nurse her entire career and she wanted to help make science great for today's students. Between the Science Department, her friend and myself, we were able to present Colleen a list of needs/wants from the Science Department. Just a few weeks ago, her friend called and let me know that Colleen would be donating \$15,000 to the

MHS Science Department. A big thank you to her friend Mark for helping make this happen for her and the Science Department.

Here is a little about Colleen:

Colleen (Cokie Davis) Lerner, class of 1943, member of the Quill and Scroll National Honorary Journalistic Society, Miskodeed staff, member of the National Honor Society, in the Girl Reserves, part of the Home Economics club and took Pre-Nursing Courses.

After graduation, Colleen became a member of the Cadet Nurse Corp and took a three-year course in nursing at Memorial Hospital. This course provided training for nurses during WWII. Colleen graduated after the war was over but the training provided her a nursing career which she used and has valued her whole life. She is a person who believes that education is a very important part of life and she hopes that in her small way she is assisting her high school in providing today's students with a high quality of education.

Colleen is 95 now and resides at a local assisted living facility. She no longer can read but welcomes phone calls from anyone who would like to talk. If you would like to talk to her, please contact me for her phone number.



I received this photo from Jane (Schue) & Everett Byrd of them proudly wearing their MHS Alumni Sweatshirts to their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary party on January 23, 2022! The shirts look great on you and a big Congratulation on 65 years. How wonderful for you two.



## Notes From The Editor

The holidays were exceptionally great this year with lots of family & friends. I hope you all were able to enjoy family as well. I do feel though that it's time to move on from the holidays and take my tree down. I do not like doing this, I would rather it stay up all year but I will sadly succumb to the peer pressure.

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## In Memory

**Dave Ward Baker**  
09-15-34 to 01-13-22  
Class of 1953

**Mary (Mahank) Barnes**  
12-12-25 to 01-20-22  
Class of 1943

**Daniel F Bezi**  
12-29-35 to 12-24-21  
Class of 1954

**Leonard J Bonk**  
11-06-41 to 12-23-21  
Class of 1959

**Tamara Bowerman**  
07-20-45 to 12-01-21  
Class of 1963

**Paul F Bultinck**  
01-07-47 to 01-03-22  
Class of 1965

**Raymond A Celie**  
01-10-29 to 01-06-22  
Class of 1947

**Davis H Craven**  
04-07-38 to 01-03-22  
Class of 1956

**Irene (Greenwalt) Dare**  
11-07-53 to 11-27-21  
Class of 1951

**Adrienne (Palmero) DeBoe**  
01-03-34 to 01-14-22  
Class of 1954

**Marjorie (Gerard) Fisher**  
10-04-27 to 01-14-22  
Class of 1945

**Peggy Lou Foster**  
10-20-54 to 01-06-22  
Class of 1972

**Jerry A Garrison**  
10-07-41 to 11-06-21  
Class of 1959

**Irene Greenawalt**  
11-07-33 to 11-20-21  
Class of 1951

**Tracy (Todd) Heminger**  
01-28-66 to 12-21-21  
Class of 1984

December's luncheon was full with signs of Christmas. There was just the feeling of excitement in the air. The Chicory staff beautifully decorated the tables and there was the most terrific wall Christmas tree that I have ever seen. From the Young Adults selling their handmade gifts at their Believe Store, all the food that was brought in for the SCM Food Drive to the Mishawaka High School Madrigals singing Christmas carols while we ate. Let me not forget the delicious dessert trays that the Mishawaka High School Culinary Arts Department provided for us. It was a great day!

We had 90+ in attendance that day which was the largest group we've had since Covid 19 hit. I hope that we can keep this number growing with more and more people joining us now. The ½ & ½ winners were: Woody Emmons \$25, Danny Hixenbaugh \$15, and Dave Poynter \$10. Coincidentally, they all sat at the same table. Not sure how that worked out so we'll have to keep an eye on that table next month...jk.



As always, the Mishawaka High School Alumni Association stepped up with a sizeable food donation for the School City of Mishawaka 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Food Drive. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, at Mishawaka High School, 84 SCM families came through and received a gift card to Krogers, as well as enough groceries to fill their cupboards for a few weeks. There was an abundance of food, some underclothes, toiletries and socks. MEF came with four boxes of toys and games donated from one the local Dollar Tree store. They were able to give each child that came through at least one toy item. So many people, groups and organizations really did a great job in helping these families get through the holidays with food on their plates and a present under the tree. Great job Mishawaka!



**Mohamed Jimel Jojo Sr**  
09-30-32 to 12-24-21  
Class of 1952

**Donna J Kelly**  
04-30-55 to 08-23-20  
Class of 1973

**Eldon G Kronewitter**  
02-07-29 to 10-01-20  
Class of 1946

**Loretta (Blough) Koontz**  
08-16-43 to 11-10-21  
Class of 1962

**Norma (Ackenhusen) Ladyga**  
08-24-42 to 01-17-22  
Class of 1960

**Vincent M Lawrence**  
11-08-78 to 12-24-21  
Class of 1997

**Thomas P Lutz**  
01-04-43 to 11-01-14  
Class of 1960

**Beth (Barrett) Madigan**  
10-27-53 to 12-07-21  
Class of 1971

**John R Mann**  
04-14-43 to 11-14-21  
Class of 1961

**Judith (Bock) Mast**  
09-17-40 to 12-27-21  
Class of 1958

**Barbara (Kollar) Mumby**  
04-17-37 to 09-25-21  
Class of 1956

**Virginia Dee Myers**  
06-06-45 to 01-16-22  
Class of 1963

**Mary (Spite) Paustian**  
06-01-60 to 11-29-21  
Class of 1979

**Michael Ransberger**  
10-10-53 to 01-10-22  
Class of 1972

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

## Birthdays

### JANUARY

1- William Blume  
1- Karen Hintz  
1- Eugene Kocsis  
1- Arlene (Burk) Molnar  
2- Douglas Dickens  
3- Diane (Marks) Daggy  
3- Beverly (Six) Hartley  
3- Rita (Weinkauf) Kemble  
3- Larry Swanson  
4- Thomas Klaer  
5- Harry Walters 51'  
5- Norm Woollet  
5- Phyllis Pratt  
7- Sarah Grise  
7- Phil Barbera 71'  
7- Suzanne (Anderson) Maxson  
8- Douglas Bowers 65'  
8- Carol (Kalil) Gianoli 66'  
9- Sharon O'Dell 57'  
9- Mark Skene 71'  
10- Trina Reilly  
10- Karen Locke  
11- Richard DeWulf  
11- Jay Mead  
12- Ralph Dornsife  
12- Lafayette Turley  
13- Sharon Gerow  
13- Patricia Keiser  
13- David Kline 71'  
13- Donald Stoops 53'  
14- Joan Halterman  
14- Maxine Hendricks  
14- Carol (Wocknitz) Yates  
15- Victoria Tiller 21'  
16- Suzanne (Williams) Kistler  
16- Paul Toepel  
17- Martha (Kilgas) Emmert 63'  
17- Marlene Baker  
18- Richard Biltz 54'  
18- Erica Peebles 06'  
18- Jerry Smith  
19- Larry Roberts  
20- Nicholas Blume  
20- Beth (Kamm) Reising 53'  
21- Shirley (Lemler) Muldoon  
22- Charles Pall  
23- Joseph Kiefer  
23- Candance (Mead) Weil 92'  
24- Shannon Dalley  
24- Lori Kizer 79'  
24- Tracey Stamm  
26- Delores (Nifong) Roeme  
26- Joan (Hocker) Gerard  
26- Bob Wenzel  
27- Sam Perri  
27- Elsie Raes  
28- Michael Laatz  
29- Bob Britton  
29- James LaBelle  
30- Richard Miller  
30- John Reed  
31- Sam Jermano 57'  
31- Janis Weaver

### FEBRAURY

1-Joaquin DeVries 21'  
1- Rita Johnson 71'  
1- Joan McLane  
1- Dian Boehnlein 52'  
2- Carolyn Stabrowski  
3- Carolyn Crook 72'  
4- Karen (Bice) Heeter 60'  
4- Becky (Shriver) Wood 71'  
6- Bonnie Ballenger  
6- Ruth (Books) Schlegel 47'  
6- Thad Whiting  
7- Susan Arndt  
7- Prescott Chamberlin  
7- William Hemphill 47'  
7- Rosemarie (Wilkins)Mead  
7- Dennis Selner Jr.  
7- Janice (Fagan) Woods 65'  
8- Tom Rice  
9- Gloria O'Keefe  
10- Kathleen F. Hatfield  
10- Marcia Kizer  
10- JoAnne (Hakes) Stahl  
11- Martha Pierce 56'  
12- John Schalliol  
12- Janis White 21'  
13- Judy (Gean) Beckham  
13- Kathleen Bloomer  
13- Sheryl Camerer  
14- Nancy (Lynch) Blum 55'  
14- Tim Doll  
14- Virginia (Shaw) Kent 48'  
14- Robert Kollar Sr 54'  
14- Michael McCall  
14- Susanne Mahoney 59'  
15- Kathy (Gervais) Escobedo  
16- Dennis Bobson  
16- Virginia Chamness  
16- Betty Corroo 63'  
16- Richard Hahn  
16- Carol Splies  
17- Dale Bauer 55'  
18- Patricia Goodwin 63'  
19- Janice Acrey  
19- Charlotte Bowers  
19- Joe Emmons 61'  
19- DeWayne Moss  
19- Sue Skene  
19- Sam Tracas  
20- Mark Deedrick  
20- Ron Rowland  
20- Diana (Stickler) Wilson  
21- George Hartz  
22- Dick DeCraene  
22- Lisa Gartee 80'  
23- Elsie (Baert) Brown  
23- Odette DeVos Fobe 56'  
23- Paul Kendle  
24- Jo Ann Dixon  
24- James Ganser  
24- Mary Jane Mittleman  
26- Larry Burkhart  
26- Roane Heston  
27- Bob Barks 43'  
27- William Penish  
27- Gary Wegenke  
27- Hershel Wyrick  
28- Clarise Fischer 49'

## Wedding Anniversaries

### January

Jeannette & Witt  
Witherspoon  
01-28-02

Linda & Ken Nellans  
01-30-82



### February

Kimberly & Arnold  
Vincent  
02-01-1969

Richard & Emilie Miller  
02-02-1952

Charlene & Michael  
DeNeve  
02-03-1968

Carol & Michael  
McCall  
02-03-1973

Ruth & Samuel Shelby  
02-03-1946

Sandra & Robert  
Wenzel  
02-03-1968

Alice & Earl King  
02-04-1950

Christina & Barry  
Flannigan  
02-05-1966

Michael & Joyce Gerard  
02-05-1972

Joseph & Sharon  
Fodrocy  
02-08-1964

Gene & Cleo Ross  
02-11-1961

Carol & Charles Yates  
02-27-1965

Douglas & Donna  
Dickens  
02-28-1970

### Sheila M Rose

10-30-66 to 11-25-21  
Class of 1985

### Charles J Sailor

08-15-29 to 09-11-21  
Class of 1947

### Max D Schneider

09-18-38 to 01-07-22  
Class of 1956

### Janice ( Schmidt) Smith

03-06-26 to 01-06-19  
Class of 1944

### Joe L Valentine

02-22-35 to 12-05-21  
Class of 1954

### Charles E Whiteman

10-05-30 to 11-22-21  
Class of 1949



### Wedding Anniversaries

#### January

Linda & Dennis  
Bobson  
01-06-1968

Carl & Frances  
Philotoff  
01-08-1955

Lee & Stephanie Custer  
01-09-1988

Jerry & Phyllis  
Devorkin  
01-09-1966

Devane & Bonnie  
Ballenger  
01-14-1961

Everett & Jane Byrd  
01-23-1957

Bob & Laverne Wallis  
01-23-1971

Virginia & William  
Chamness  
01-26-1958

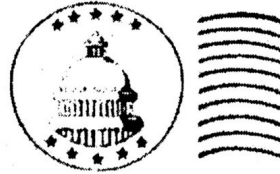
Karen & Darrell Heeter  
01-26-1963

By now, most, if not all of you, should have received at least one of the yellow postcards to confirm your information on the front of the card. If you have not received a card, email or phone call, please call me and I can update your information over the phone.

I hope everyone is responding and updating your information. Let me know of your experience with the company when you made your call. Were they pleasant and helpful, were they pushy or not about purchasing the book or the merchandise they have to offer? I'd like to give the company some feed back from our members. If you have already responded, they will not contact you again but if you haven't yet, they soon will be moving to contacting you via email or a phone call,so don't be surprised if you receive either of those.

Please be assured that you are under no obligation to purchase anything and your information will not be sold or used for any other purpose then to create the 2022 Mishawaka High School Alumni Directory. If you have any questions, please call Heidi at 574-254-4523.

**Mishawaka HS Alumni Association**  
**VERIFICATION OF ALUMNI DATA**  
1402 S. Main St., Mishawaka, IN 46544



**FIRST-CLASS MAIL**

**IMPORTANT ALUMNI VERIFICATION NOW DUE**  
**Please Call 1-800-000-0000 To**



**SAMPLE**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Mishawaka HS Alumni Association has launched a comprehensive data verification project. We are requesting all alumni of Mishawaka High School to contact us for this important project.

We've assembled the information currently listed in our alumni files and now need your help to confirm the accuracy of your data and fill in any information gaps.

**Please call 1-800-000-0000 (toll-free) to take care of this important matter today.**

Up-to-date alumni information is critical for developing career placement guides to benefit students and alumni as well as determining our ranking in national evaluations.

Your prompt assistance is greatly appreciated. Please call to verify your data today.

You will always be a Caveman!

Sincerely,

Rodney Spear  
President, Mishawaka HS Alumni Assn.

Heidi Peebles  
Director/Editor, Mishawaka HS Alumni Assn.



# Luncheon Menu

2022

12:00 - 1:30pm

- March 2** Spaghetti, chicken alfredo, Italian salad, garlic bread (meat on side for Lent)
- April 6** Burgers, chicken breast sandwich, tossed salad, pasta salad, chips
- May 4** Pulled Pork BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, roll & butter
- June 1** Sandwiches, salad, soup, roll & butter
- July 6** Hot dogs & brats, potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh fruit
- August 3** Meatloaf, mashed potato & gravy, corn, roll & butter
- September 7** Bruschetta chicken, grilled vegetables, pasta, roll & butter
- October 5** Taco Bar – Build your own with beef and chicken, taco toppings, Mexican rice, refried beans
- November 2** Thanksgiving – turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll & butter
- December 7** Polish Buffet – sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, sweet & sour cabbage, roll & butter.

Drinks available: Coffee, Water, Lemonade, Coke, Diet Coke and Iced Tea

Other drinks are available in the café

On occasion, if there is food leftover and everyone has had 2nd's, we may offer a carry-out meal for \$5

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**This is the last time that I will be posting the membership form. This is the new form as of January 1, 2022.** If you have already filled out a new one and sent it in, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND IN ANOTHER ONE. This new form is for those who did not renew in November or December. The form is on the back page of this newsletter. Rip it off, fill it out and send it in. Please make sure you are making your check out to MHSAA.

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries have been added so that they can be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Since it's been 3 years, everyone will need to fill out a new form with current information. A lot of information could have changed in that amount of time. Please make sure to send your form back to the new address on the membership form.. Memberships are good till December 31, 2023. Please return form by February 28, 2022. Any questions, please call Heidi at 574-254-4523.

## Florida Reunion

March 2, 2022 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

The Hotel Jacaranda 19 E Main St Avon Park, FL

Call Ken & Linda Nellans

574-514-2250

### MHS Alumni December Financial Report

Beginning balance as of November 18, 2021		\$ 29,673.86
Expenses:		
Bank Fees	33.00	
Chicory	1,945.75	
Insurance	900.00	
MHS Culinary Arts	100.00	
MHS Thespians	<u>100.00</u>	
	\$ 3,078.75	\$26,595.11
Income:		
Bank Correction	20.00	
Interest	1.18	
Membership	<u>5,229.70</u>	
	\$ 5,250.88	\$ 31,845.99
Ending Balance as of December 29, 2021		\$ 31,845.99

### 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. There is no cost if you are an alumni, \$5 per book for non-alumni. You cover the shipping cost.

I currently have extras of 1912, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

We have 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 you are interested, call Heidi at 574-254-4523.

These items are also available at the luncheons.



MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2022

MEMBERSHIP FORM

[1/1/22 TO 12/31/23]

To receive the New Alumni Newsletter and keep up with your fellow classmates and what's happening with your Mishawaka Schools, please fill out this form:

PLEASE CHECK ONE: RENEWAL \_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$15.00 \_\_\_\_ \$20 PER COUPLE \_\_\_\_ (for Membership thru 12/31/23)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MHS Grad?  Yes  No

If Yes, Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to receive the Alumni Newsletter via email (please make sure to include email address above)

If you served in the military, please indicate your branch, your rank and the years you served:



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Complete Membership Form  
along with check payable to MHSAA and send to:

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## 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.

