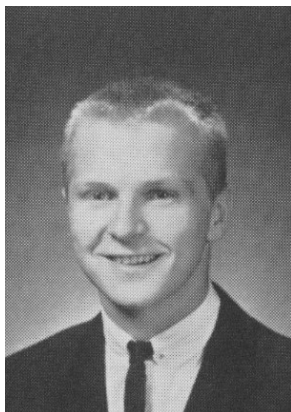


Tom Meuninck



I received a nice letter a few months back from Tom Meuninck '61 sister Julie. I had sent her a picture of the brick she had made for Tom that had recently been placed in Alumni Plaza. Julie wanted me to know just how successful Tom was in his profession. In this letter, she included his obituary and a side note that The Midwest Museum of American Art in Elkhart, IN would be giving Tom the highest award they present soon while displaying some of his works. She continues to say that many of his creations are in their permanent collection. Now I'm intrigued and need to know more about Tom.

Tom graduated with the class of 1961. He then went on to Ball State to earn a degree in Art Education. In 1965, he began his teaching career at Union City High School but only remained there until 1966 when he began teaching Ceramics at Washington High School. Tom remained at Washington until he retired. It's what Tom did outside of the school hours that WOWs me. He conducted workshops and taught at the South Bend Regional Art Center, IUSB, and St. Mary's.

He would tell you that one of his greatest accomplishment was his significant body of ceramic artwork that pioneered techniques, included diverse themes and forms, and demonstrated tremendous expertise. Tom received many honors for his artwork from the Indiana Arts Commission, Lily Endowment for the Arts, and the Midwest Museum of American Art. Tom's works are included in many permanent collections from colleges to museums all around the world. There is even one at the Indiana Governor's residence. Several of his pieces are on display around the Michiana area as well, TCU, SB Public Library, IUSB among a few others. It's said that he may have had something to do with the creation of the 2008 White House Christmas ornament but I cannot confirm that.

In my internet research of Tom, I found many of his items on Etsy and Ebay. I would recommend checking them out, his work is just beautiful.



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In Memory

Donald Gerard
04-19-26 to 03-11-22
Class of 1943

Colleen (Davis) Lerner
09-04-25 to 06-18-22
Class of 1943

**Annette (Maggioli)
Linson**
12-29-25 to 05-30-22
Class of 1943

Julia Ciszczon
09-05-26 to 09-07-22
Class of 1944

Wanda (Lindy) Roth
12-16-26 to 07-27-22
Class of 1945

Leona (Weis) Wagner
07-28-26 to 06-21-22
Class of 1945

Elsie (Weis) Doyle
01-10-29 to 09-10-22
Class of 1947

Raymond Mastogh Jr
07-26-29 to 09-19-22
Class of 1948

Raymond Flory
06-24-30 to 10-07-22
Class of 1949

Richard DeWulf
01-11-32 to 07-29-22
Class of 1950

Robert Conner
12-09-35 to 08-05-22
Class of 1952

**Winifred (Snyder)
Brothers**
04-30-35 to 06-13-22
Class of 1953

Charles Eschelman
05-22-35 to 08-01-22
Class of 1954

**Rose Marie (Arata)
Stuart**
05-08-36 to 04-10-22
Class of 1954

**Virginia (Martin)
Erickson**
01-02-37 to 05-15-22
Class of 1955

60th Wedding Anniversary

Elwyn Tylavsky (1960 graduate) and Elizabeth (Foulk) Tylavsky (1961 graduate) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August. A full weekend was spent playing games, eating food, going to the zoo and cousins getting reacquainted, but most of all, celebrating this beautiful milestone. As seen below, pictures were a requirement!

Reunion was held in Omaha, NE which included 28 family members: 4 children (with spouses to 3), 11 grandchildren (with 3 spouses, 1 fiancée & 1 soon to be) and 4 great grandchildren from all over the country including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Odessa, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; Ankeny, Iowa; Bellevue, Nebraska; Horace, West Fargo & Fort Ransom, North Dakota.

It was a wonderful time well spent with many memories to last until the next time we can all be together again!



**Carol Ann (Hook)
Kovacevich**
12-18-36 to 08-26-22
Class of 1955

John Brasseur
06-13-38 to 09-21-22
Class of 1956

Paul Overhulser
08-10-37 to 04-18-22
Class of 1956

Helen (Stalker) Willard
05-27-38 to 08-08-22
Class of 1956

**Maureen (Noonan)
Bohl**
11-28-39 to 10-01-22
Class of 1957

**Vivian (Bowman)
Everett**
02-17-39 to 12-27-22
Class of 1957

Erwin Hoff Jr.
07-08-39 to 07-22-22
Class of 1957

Kenneth Holderman
07-04-39 to 08-30-22
Class of 1957

Margaret Soule
09-22-39 to 08-10-22
Class of 1957

Karen (Kollar) Stickler
09-14-39 to 10-07-22
Class of 1957

**Wanda (Carroll)
Strycker**
07-05-38 to 08-21-22
Class of 1957

Rex Cave
04-12-40 to 02-20-22
Class of 1958

**Patricia (Kline)
Coffman**
04-18-40 to 09-07-22
Class of 1958

**RuthAnn (Hoover)
Overhulser**
09-16-40 to 05-05-22
Class of 1959

**Jill (Patricia Swartz)
Yates**
05-06-40 to 07-11-22
Class of 1959

October Birthdays

William Wells
12-30-41 to 08-21-22
Class of 1961

Stanley Gesto Jr.
05-20-37 to 05-12-22
Class of 1962

Jack Klaer
03-07-45 to 04-18-22
Class of 1963

Alan Cookerly
01-13-45 to 10-06-22
Class of 1963

**Gwenda (Hairell)
Filchack**
03-03-43 to 09-25-22
Class of 1964

**Barbara (Bowman)
Kiewitt**
02-28-46 to 06-21-22
Class of 1964

**Margaret (O'Neal)
Ankrom**
07-07-48 to 04-09-22
Class of 1966

Ronald Vogler
05-10-48 to 04-04-22
Class of 1966

Wayne R. Bieck Sr.
04-28-49 to 07-28-22
Class of 1967

Paul Brazell
10-11-48 to 05-21-22
Class of 1967

**Linda (Ludwig)
Irish**
12-05-48 to 10-02-22
Class of 1967

**Carolynn (Przygocki)
Schwalbach**
09-18-49 to 05-29-22
Class of 1967

Mary (Brockie) White
11-20-51 to 08-09-22
Class of 1970

Terry Eling
10-12-53 to 09-20-22
Class of 1971

David W. Klein
12-03-53 to 08-18-22
Class of 1972

Vicki (Evans) Jacobs
06-03-55 to 08-20-22
Class of 1973



L— Mary Lee LaPara, John Hemphill, Sue Witz, Nancy Grant.
Total number in the association is 82!

November Birthdays



Ten birthdays in November! I think that's a record in attendance for the same month. Total number of birthdays in the association is 74.

If you are a VET.... I know that the membership form asks for information on you if you are a Vet but in case you did not fill in that section, I am asking for it now. If you have family members that are/were Vets and graduated from MHS, I would like that information as well. I will need your Branch, Rank and what years you served. I will put out a sheet at the luncheon but for all others, feel free to call or email me. We are trying to collect this information on all veterans that graduated from Mishawaka High School so any assistance that you can provide, would be greatly appreciated.

Greg Biggs
05-23-58 to 06-03-22
Class of 1976

Robert Skodinski
07-07-60 to 09-07-22
Class of 1979

Keith Danley
10-03-66 to 08-27-22
Class of 1985

Mike Faulkner
05-15-69 to 09-25-22
Class of 1987

Trizah Morin
09-12-92 to 06-24-22
Class of 2011



October Birthdays

- *1 Phil Teegarden
- *1 Donna Witkowski
- *3 Carolynn Dillon
- *3 Sharon Thomas
- *3 Carole Vendrick
- *3 George Wood
- *4 Margaret Nelson
- *4 Jill Tibbets
- *5 Ralph Durban
- *5 Tara Fowler
- *5 Nancy Sanders
- *5 Janell Weeks
- *6 Craig Fry
- *6 Nancy Grant
- *6 Janet Kremer
- *6 Elizabeth Tylavsky
- *6 Rhonda Watkins
- *7 Emma Ipe
- *7 Marilyn Schmitt
- *8 Mary Blann
- *8 Mary Jo Daggitt
- *8 Betty Kroger
- *8 James Wensits
- *8 Elizabeth Whitelegg
- *9 Mary Lee LaPara
- *9 Charlie Parson
- *9 Phillip Pynaert
- *9 Linda Verleye
- *10 Karen Hobkirk
- *10 J Michael Kedik
- *10 Martha Stoudt
- *11 Jerry Garner
- *12 Dorine Barks
- *12 Ken Heston
- *12 Jon Kintner
- *13 Eleanor Marler
- *13 Doug Wiseman
- *13 Michael Wolff
- *14 Barbara Bauters
- *14 Shirley Kocsis
- *15 Dayne Rice
- *15 Linda Zbrzezny
- *16 Chuck Gollatz
- *16 Sharon Katona
- *16 Theresa Olmes

Cont'd

*17 Mary Ann Faulkner
 *17 Gwen Fern
 *17 Jeanie Speckman
 *17 Connie Williams
 *19 Ron Wesselhoft
 *20 Sue Biron
 *20 Jackie Garner
 *20 Carol Wesselhoft
 *21 Dennis DeBroka
 *22 Bill Buraczewski
 *22 Kenneth Kroger
 *22 Dennis Ward
 *23 Barbara Nelson
 *23 Joseph Vernasco Jr
 *24 David Lange
 *24 Richard Yost
 *25 Robert Freeman
 *25 Katie Rauch
 *26 Randall Freed
 *26 Joan Greenfield
 *27 Roy Calvin
 *27 Carloyn Huebsch
 *27 Greg Lawson
 *27 JoAnn Schmitt
 *27 Edward Smith
 *28 Norman Goethals
 *28 Margaret Maes
 *28 Marilou Schroeder
 *29 Edie Hartzog



Novmbr Birthdays

*1 Danny Calentine
 *2 Chuck Brennan
 *4 Mary Nicholson
 *4 Paul Peebles
 *5 Eunice Carrothers
 *5 Stephanie Custer
 *5 Don Kamerer
 *5 Sue Malcom
 *5 Billie Vaughn
 *6 Frances Cook
 *6 Michael Lannoo
 *6 Sandra Selner
 *6 Paul Splies
 *7 Martha Miller
 *7 David Schmitt
 *7 Mariellen Signorino
 *8 Alison Lennox
 *8 Martha Dosmann
 *9 Dale Deardorff
 *9 Dorothy Grochowski
 *11 Warren Boner
 *12 Jean Chernay
 *12 Carolyn Coryn
 *13 Linda Shelton-Parsons
 *13 Patrick Serge
 *14 Sue Fuson
 *14 Karen Robinson
 *15 Beth Ann Donathen
 *15 Gene Ross
 *16 Rosetta Everett
 *16 James Norris
 *17 Mary Ann Faulkner
 *17 Gwen Fern
 *17 Connie Williams

SCM 42nd Annual Food Drive



Help over 100 Families
at School City of Mishawaka

Each family receives:

Food certificate to Kroger for perishable food

Several boxes of non-perishable food items

Many families are sponsored for gifts for the holidays

Collections October 16 - December 16, 2022
Distribution December 17 at MHS

How You Can Help

Donate: Money for food certificates, non-perishable food items

Items may be dropped off at schools or Ad Center

Questions Contact:

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or Heidi Peebles 574.254.4523

We will be collecting nonperishable food items at the December luncheon. Some of the items that they typically run short on are; flour, sugar, pancake syrup, baking soda, baking powder. The basic baking needs. There are almost never any seasonings such as salt, pepper, garlic powder/salt, onion powder, basil, oregano, parsley just to mention a few. Please check the expiration dates on any donations.

We are also collecting new coats for the elementary students. We'll have a box for those as well. All sizes are needed, including adults. There are some students that wear bigger sizes and would like to be able to offer them a needed coat too.



*18 Danny Raab
 *19 Raymond Myers
 *19 Nick Thanos
 *19 Laverne Wallis
 *19 John Willoughby
 *19 Susan Wood
 *20 Anthony Germano
 *20 Patricia Spear
 *21 Margaret Moss
 *21 Samuel Shelby
 *22 Sharon Persyn
 *22 Donald Wachs
 *22 Gary Wetzel
 *22 Rosemary Williams
 *23 John Cocquyt
 *23 Sandra DeLee
 *23 Cheryl Dygalski
 *24 Rita Ermeti
 *24 Mary Joan Hostetter
 *25 Thomas Alexander
 *25 June Cox
 *25 Kathy Klaer
 *25 Jimmy Maxson
 *27 Charles Acrey
 *27 Faires Austin
 *28 Maureen Bohl
 *28 Cindy Gianesi
 *28 Carol Nichols
 *28 Ernest Niedbala
 *29 Jeannie Blume
 *29 Doris Clark
 *29 Craig Hill
 *29 Nancy Sriver
 *30 Ed Clynh
 *30 Barry Flanigan
 *30 Elvera Gable
 *30 John Long
 *30 Dorothy Mady
 *30 Hortense Moore
 *30 Andy Spite



Welcome

New Board

Member



Victoria Shelby-Maione

Class of 1969

Florida Reunion
March 1, 2023
Jacaranda Hotel
Contact Ken & Linda Nellans
574-514-2250



CLASS OF 1973

50th Reunion

August 19, 2023

Chicory Event Center, Mishawaka

Facebook Page: Mishawaka High Class 1973

Contact: Peggy (Jones) Bassier, 574-220-2546 or
papergirl552@comcast.net

Students in Need Program

This is a new program that we have started to help our future alumni. There are many students in the School City of Mishawaka Corporation who often can't afford to go on a class field trip, go to camp for their sport, get the proper outfit for their choir or band/orchestra concert, don't have dress shoes for graduation. There are many more examples of situations like these. This often plays so negatively on the students self-esteem and it's already hard enough being a kid but it's even harder when you are that one kid that can't do this or can't do that because of the families financial situation. We want to help those students go on their field trip with their class, feel proud of how they look at their concert, ect..

This program will rely completely on donations. Our hopes are to be able to start helping students by start of school next year. We need to have a good base, dollar wise, before we can begin helping. We have received a few nice donations to get the fund started, which we are very excited about and grateful to those alumni that have donated to the cause. If you are interested in donating to this program, please make your check out to Mishawaka High School Alumni Association (or MHSAA), note in the memo that it's for the Student in Need Fund. Mail to Sandy Mikesell at 10640 Washtenaw Dr., Osceola, IN 46561.

In case you didn't know and were wondering how your membership dues are used, here are a few ways that we put it to use.

We have two scholarships that we award to two deserving seniors at MHS that will help with furthering their education. We donate to the MHS Choral Department and to the MHS Culinary Department. We donate to Special Olympics. Promotional items for some of the community events that we are involved in. We sponsor a table at the Mishawaka Education Foundation "Made in Mishawaka" Luncheon and at the Fall "Silent Auction/Gala". This year, for the first time, we had a car in the MEF Trunk or Treat.



Luncheon Menu

2022

12:00 - 1:30pm

December 7 Polish Buffet – sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, sweet & sour cabbage, roll & butter.

Entertainment: MHS Choir

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 a 2nd trip to the food table, we may offer a carry-out meal for \$5

MEMBERSHIP

Current memberships are good until December 31, 2023. If you aren't sure if you are current or not, please call Heidi to confirm before sending in another form and check.

On January 1, 2023, membership fees will be going up to \$15 single and \$20 couple. The new form will only be available on-line. It will not be published in the newsletter until November 2023.

We are currently at 1,785 paid members. That's a great number!

Did you purchase the new Alumni Directory? Have you received it yet or have any problems in delivery? What do you think of it? Let me hear from you. Your feedback is important to me.

REMINDER

NO

Luncheon

In

January

At Decembers luncheon, we will be giving away one Alumni Sweatshirt, one Alumni T-shirt and one of the new Alumni Directories. Each person in attendance will automatically be entered into the drawing for the Directory. Those who bring in food for the Food Drive will be entered into the drawing for the sweatshirt. Those that bring in a coat for the coat collection will be entered into the drawing for the t-shirt. You will receive a ticket for each entry so make sure you have yours. We will draw at the same time as the 50/50.



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. 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



Our bricks have finally been installed in Alumni Plaza. I wanted to show everyone how we used the donations that we received when John Moore and Bob Smith passed away. We all felt that John and Bob deserved to have a brick to honor them and their contribution to the Mishawaka High School Alumni Association.

The bricks are in the top row, on the right side of the “M” in Alumni Plaza. That specific area will be for any bricks that the MHSAA purchases. Please feel free to stop by the plaza anytime and take a look at them.

If you are interested in purchasing one for yourself or a family member, read the back of the newsletter for more information.



October Anniversaries



- Eugene & Shirley Kocsis
- *1 Robert & Susan (Meixel) Tordi
- *2 Dennis & Judy (DeFauw) DeBroka
- *4 Ed & Cathy Zimmer
- *5 John & Patty Cocquyt
Donovan & Jane (Wood) Slane
- *6 Craig & Tara Hill
- *7 Chazz & Sheryl Camerer
Ross & Suzanne (Williams) Kistler
- *8 Robert & Deborah (Sriver) Fleming
Sam & Teresa Jermano
Randy & Patricia (Bendit) Shell
- *9 David & Ann Kline
John & Gale Schalliol
- *10 Brian & Catherine Aschenbrenner
George & Donna (Bruebel) Hertz
Dean & Ann Mary (Messana) Johnson
- *12 Prescott & Carol (DeMetz) Chamberlain
- *14 Kenneth & Betty Kroger
- *15 Danny & Pamela Meehan
Phillip & Jimita (Baldoni) Potter
Paul & Carol Splies
- *16 Dale & Sharon Persyn
- *17 Monty & Beth Ann (Mead) Donathen
Nick & Julie (Bathje) Fisette
Phil & Carol Miller
Steve & Pamela VanHoeke
- *18 William & Janice (Sharp) Taylor
- *21 Faires & Margie Austin
Michael & Mary Natali
Tony & Carole Sommer
- *23 Dennis & Barbara Ward
- *26 Charles & Mary Lou Simpson
- *28 Don & Barbara Kameron
- *30 Thomas & Rita (Cabrini) Weisweaver



November Anniversaries



- *3 William & Evelyn Blume III
Paul & Gloria (Storts) Toepel
Jan & Gail (Karst) Whitehead
- *4 Stan & Kathie Dausman
- *7 Phil & Barb (Kleiser) Stillson
- *14 James & Wanda Benjamin
- *15 Dick & Judith DeCraene
- *17 Wayne & Gail (Stawgl) Witter
Dennis & Angela Selner Jr.
- *18 David & Sharon (Marzotto) Henderson
- *21 Dayne & JuLaine Rice
- *22 Santino & Joyce Catalino
- *25 G Jules & Lynne (Gerard) Bickel
Charles & Greta (Watkins) Pall
Joe & Clarice (Baldoni) Ruppe
David & Janel (Danaher) Weeks
- *26 Roger & Karen Hintz Sr.
- *27 Joseph & Doreen (McMann) Trimboli
- *29 Richard & Gloria (Artusi) Rejer
- *30 James & Sue (Crutchfield) Fuson

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to take a tour of MHS, call
574-254-4523. Reunion
tours are given on Saturday
mornings from 9-11 or
10-12.

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 or call 574-254-4523.

