

# MHS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday**

**July 11, 2018**

**Noon**

**F.O.P. Hall**

## ***MENU***

### ***Tom's Picnic Lunch***

***Brats***

***Potatoe Salad***

***Baked Beans***

***Fresh Fruit***

***Rolls***

**\$9.00 PER PERSON**

**\$2.00 for non eaters**

**Includes hot or cold drinks**

**Tax and gratuity**

**Half & Half drawings made prior to entertainment  
Cash Bar available for beer, wine or mixed drinks**



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## IN MEMORY

### MARILEE A. (POORMAN) HOUGHTON

Dec. 8, 1939-May 10, 2018

Class of 1957

### PHYLLIS SUE (BOYD) HUXFORD

Dec. 29, 1946-May 12, 2018

Class of 1965



### BARBARA JEAN Mc CARTY

May 18, 1933-Jan. 24, 2018

Class of 1951

### DENNIS DONALD "SKIP" DEAL

Nov. 27, 1936-May 15, 2018

Class of 1955

### JANICE (PROUGH) FARKAS

Sept. 30, 1937-Mar. 14, 2018

Class of 1955

### LUCY MAE ((ELLINGER) SINGLETON

Jan. 12, 1939-Dec. 31, 2017

Class of 1957

### GEORGE JAMES IMUS, Jr.

Nov. 30, 1939-May 22, 2018

Class of 1958

### ALVIN L. MYERS, Sr.

Mar. 31, 1943-May 4, 2018

Class of 1961

### BARBARA LEE (CLINE) MARCOTTE

July 3, 1946-May 22, 2018

Class of 1966

### SCOTTY L. ELLER

Feb. 15, 1945-Apr. 22, 2018

Class of 1964

### JAMES BOYER

Jan. 31, 1935-Feb. 5, 2018

Class of 1953

### ANNE E. (MANOSPERTA) CLAEYS

Jan. 29, 1923-July 16, 2017

Class of 1941

### EUGENE "GENE" J. VAN PAEMEL

Feb. 20, 1936-May 28, 2018

Class of 1954

## CONDOLENCES

Two people of the MHS Alumni who have been members since 1998, but did not graduate from MHS, passed away recently and our condolences go out to their spouses and families. They are:

#### Jayne Lennox

Nov. 1, 1935-May 29, 2018

Elkhart High School

Wife of Jack Lennox '51 Osceola, IN

#### Ann M. Richardson

Oct. 8 1929-May 17, 2018

South Bend Riley High School

Wife of Bob Richardson '49 Bristol, IN

## Dennis "Skip" Deal

1936-2018

"Skip" graduated from MHS in 1955 where he was a gifted athlete in football and basketball and is the holder of many records. He is survived by his wife, **Linda (Watkins) Deal '69**.

"Skip" worked at Uniroyal for 13 years and was a Mishawaka Fireman for 27 years before his retirement. He enjoyed attending the MHS Alumni meetings with his buddies, **Ron Hobkirk '58, Denny Maggoli and Gene Goddard '48**. He was an excellent cook, noted especially for his soups, working at several local taverns in the area.



## Rainy Weather Report To Our Out of Towners...

**WOW!** It has been a rainy start to May. In fact, the first half of May will go down in the books as the wettest start to May since records began in the 1800's. As of May 15th....

Precipitation:

Month to date: 6.03 in. Normal 1.77 in.

Year to date: **20.82 in.** Normal 11.66 in.



## Running For Miami County Prosecutor.....

**Jeff Sinkovics '86** lives in Peru, IN and has been a practicing attorney for the last 27 years. For the past seven years he has served as deputy prosecutor for Miami County. **Jeff** ran and won the nomination for Prosecutor in the recent primaries with high hopes of winning the head Prosecutor's position in the fall. **Jeff** has been a long time deputy prosecutor and precinct committeeman of the Republican party in Miami County.

## "Send My MHS Alumni Newsletter Via E-Mail"....

**Jim Baker '57** doesn't want to take a chance of missing a issue of the alumni newsletter. "He said, *"Since we spend 6 months living in Naples, FL in the winter and 6 months in Elkhart in the summer, please send me my newsletter by E-mail."* Thanks **Jim** for your donation.

## Teacher Of The Year Named....

**Sara Hoover**, a second grade classroom teacher at Beiger Elementary School was named "Teacher of the Year" for the districts elementary schools.



It was the second time **Sara**, a teacher for 18 years with 14 of those at Beiger, who has been recognized as Teacher of the Year in Mishawaka. The first award was in 2009.

**Sara** said, *"I've always wanted to be a teacher. I'm a Mishawaka High School graduate. I went to Hums Elementary and Beiger Junior High. I always wanted to come back and teach in the schools that I went to. That was important to me."*

## From Whiffle Ball at Rose Park....To President of Pelican Products.....

**Scott Ermeti '81** sent in a check to cover the dues for his sister **Kris '83** and his mother, **Sharon Blackmond** (S.B. Washington, but a Cavewoman at heart) plus a very generous donation. **Kris** is currently the social worker at Beiger School, prior to that she was the Executive Director of the Family Childrens Center for many years.



When **Scott** was in high school, he was a summer park director at Borley Park in 1981, he and his buddies, **Larry Grau '79**, a park director at Normain Park and **Jim Botorff '79** at College Park. Between the three, they started Whiffle Ball games for their kids and later had a Whiffle Ball tournaments. Each team consisted of two kids and two old guys (17-18) on a team.. **Scott** said, "*We were hooked on the game.*" **Jim, Larry**, and another friend, **Perri Baert** (Marian '81 joined forces and held tournaments at Rose Park for 30 plus years, drawing teams from all over the Midwest. **Jim Botorff** still runs the tournament but it is now played in Chicago.

All that was many years ago. In 1992 **Scott** took a job with Pelican Products in Torrence, California when there were 30 employees. Today Pelican employs nearly 2,000. He was responsible for US business over seas and moved to Barcelona, Spain in 1997 where he lived for nine years. It was here he met his wife, **Malu**, a Brazilian who was going to college there at the time. They moved back to the United States when the founder of Pelican Products sold the company to an investment company and **Scott** ran their International Business for 12 years. In 2017, **Scott** was promoted to President of Pelican Products.

The **Ermeti's** live in Redondo Beach, CA with their 14 year old son, **Mehlo**, and a daughter, **Shaylia** who is 12 years old and is a very gifted athlete in both soccer and basketball. **Mehlo** had a serious trampoline accident, and after a long recovery period has turned to music and now produces his own music, learning the piano, and hopefully has found his passion. From a Borley Park director playing Whiffle Ball to President of Pelican Products.....Not too shabby.

### 55th Wedding Anniversary

**Paul & Kay (Eberhart) Johanson '61**

They currently reside in Nashville, Indiana. **Paul** retired from Honeywell Corp. in South Bend and **Kay** retired from Dehco Corp. in Elkhart. They have four children, nine grand children and one great grandson.

### CLASS OF 1953

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018**

**F.O.P. HALL**

**10:30 am to ???**

**The MHS Class of 1953 will hold their Annual Brunch and Social Reunion**

Please make your reservations with:

**Suzanne (Williams) Kister**

574-264-4732

[sppelkhart@aol.com](mailto:sppelkhart@aol.com)

### Miskodeeds.....

**Garry Schalliol '65** from Bremertown, Washington sent a note back to this editor saying, "*Thank you very much for the two old Miskodeeds. I found them very interesting and fascinating.*"

**1923 1925 1926 1928 1931 1938 1945**  
**1948 1958 1959 1960 1961**

The above Miskodeeds are still available, for anyone who desires them free of charge. Contact John Moore and they will be mailed to you.

Thanks to **Danny Raab '54** for donating three old yearbooks and to **Ken Kroger '53** for ten old Miskodeeds.

### REMINDER

**JULY MEETING OF THE MHS ALUMNI**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**>>>JULY 11, 2018<<<**

### CLASS OF 1952

Join your classmates the last Friday of every month at **Allie's Restaurant** in River Park at 10:00 a.m.

Call

**Jane (Van Hoecke) Mittleman 574-259-4839**

or

**Irene (Klatt) Mc Callum 574-344-9712**

### Great Indy 500 Story.....

Thanks to **Peter J. DeKever '86** for the most interesting story, THE KAMM'S SPECIAL: MISHAWAKA'S ENTRY in the 1938 INDIANAPOLIS 500."

Not many native Mishawakans knew or at least remember the Kamm entry in the 1938 race. It was a way that Kamm and Schellinger Brewery felt that they could gain name recognition and they hired the well known Indy driver, **William A. "Shorty" Cantion**, and he qualified the Kamm Special, #47 at 120.906 m.p.h. Unfortunately, #47 developed problems with the super-charger and was forced to make a pit stop after 12 laps Two laps later, the car had to pull out of the race, the first car to do so, and #47 became history.



Another noteworthy news item is that **Pete's** father, **Joe DeKever, '61** attended this years Indy 500, his 57th consecutive year as spectator for the "**Greatest Spectacle In Racing.**"

(Thanks to **Peter** and The May 24, 2018 issue of **THE MISHAWAKA ENTERPRISE** for the contents of this article)

### Anna Finishes Second and Ninth

Notre Dame junior and Mishawaka High School graduate, **Anna Rohrer '15** finished second in the 10,000 meter race at the ACC Outdoor Track & Field Championships recently in Coral Gables, Florida. Her time was an excellent 33:03.30.



**Anna** led nearly wire to wire but a runner from Louisville University overtook her in the final 400 meters. This was only the second race of the outdoor season for **Anna** who has been battling injuries.

Two weeks later, **Anna** competed in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Oregon. She took the lead with eight laps to go in the 10,000 meter run, but faded and finished ninth. **Anna** earned first team All-American honors with her finish.

### Kudos's To The DeAmici's Club.....

Nine graduating high school seniors from area high schools were the recipients of \$1,000 scholarships to further their education at colleges of their choice. This is the fourth year the Club has made these scholarships available. Funding is made possible with the various fundraising events and dinners the Club holds throughout each year.

Many members of the DeAmici's Club are MHS Alumni, with the membership consisting of both "A" members (Italian descent, both men and women) and "B" members (associate members).

The recipients of the scholarships are:

<b>Angelina Marchi</b>	MHS	IUPUI
<b>Hanna Scott</b>	MHS	IUPUI
<b>Brianna Squadroni</b>	MHS	IUPUI
<b>Kameron Cochran</b>	Marian	University of Toledo
<b>Madeline Felix</b>	Marian	Purdue
<b>Seth Forlund</b>	MHS	Rose Hulman
<b>Kathy Myers</b>	Home	tba
<b>Megan Fanti</b>	Penn	tba
<b>Dawson Demier</b>	Concord	tba

### Class of 1978

#### 40th Reunion

Friday August 24th  
Meet and greet at Denise's



Saturday August 25th  
Rose Park Cookout

Sunday August 26th  
Brunch and Bloody Mary's

The largest class reunion in MHS history  
Don't miss this one.....

Call: Debbie (Srifer) Fleming

574-234-2856 [rfleming@princescitydental.com](mailto:rfleming@princescitydental.com)

## M

**MISHAWAKA**  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

### Mishawaka High School 1st Annual All Class Reunion

Saturday July 28th

Mishawaka F.O.P. Hall

1825 E. 12th Street

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Dress code will be business casual.

Join your classmates for an evening filled with Cavemen spirit! There will be light appetizers, cash bar and 50/50 chances throughout the evening.

Gather your classmates and participate in the class challenge by decorating table(s) with memorabilia from your years at MHS. Prizes to be rewarded to the best table decorations.

Alcohol will be available and ID's will be checked.  
However, graduates under the age 21 may attend.

Tickets will be \$20.00 each and are available at:

Mishawaka Administration Building  
1402 South Main Street Mishawaka  
or at the July 11th meeting of the MHS Alumni.

### Proud Grandparents.....

And Well you should Be!

**Ray Baert '60** and his wife, **Mary Ellen (De Neve) Baert** (St. Joe '60) are the grandparents of two graduating college seniors this year, both having been selected the outstanding seniors in their respective schools at the universities they attend. **Kathleen Baert** at Marquette University and **Thomas Baert** at Oklahoma University. They also have three additional grandchildren, two in college and one already teaching high school. .

### Congratulations On Their 65th Anniversary.....

**Sandra (Oberchain) Swede**, daughter of **Harrison Oberchain '50** and his wife, **Sue (Newton)** sent in a note that her parents celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family and friends on March 20th in Scottsboro, Alabama. The happy couple were married in Biloxie, Mississippi where **Harrison** was stationed in the USAF. They returned to Mishawaka when his enlistment was up and **Harrison** returned to work for Indiana Bell. After his retirement, they moved to Scottsboro, Alabama in 1989. They are the parents of four children, grandparents of ten and the great grandparents of eleven.

### HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY CARL "BUD" BIGGS

June 18, 2018

Class of 1948



**Congratulations.....**

**Joseph Wagner** (Madison Twp. '50) and **Jean De Raeve '53** will celebrate their **65th** wedding anniversary on July 11th. Florida has been their home for the last 29 years.

Following **Joe's** stroke and hip replacement in 2016, our life style is at a slower pace. **Jean** said, "I refer to this chapter in our lives as the 'in sickness and in health' part of our marriage. We look forward to the Alumni bulletin each month....It is the first thing we read when it arrives, Hello to those who still remember us,"

The Wagner's reside in Summerfield, Florida,

**IN MEMORY  
MAURICE MICHAELS**

June 2, 1930-Aug. 13, 2017

Class of 1949

Marcie

**A Tribute To My Dad**

"Let us all strive to be people of ability and conviction who draw upon our education and faith to lead principled, productive and compassionate lives that improve the human condition. Life is short and we do not have much time on this earth to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. Let us then make haste to love, and be quick to be kind."

*Submitted by **Richard Hahn** in memory of his father, **Robert Hahn** who was a math teacher at Mishawaka High School.*

**CLASS OF 1948****70th Class Reunion Celebration**

**August 1, 2018**

**THE**

**SURPRISE**

**IS OVER**

**All members (and their spouses) of the class of 1948 are invited to the August meeting of the MHS Alumni for a FREE lunch.**

**Courtesy of a generous anonymous 1948 classmate.**

**A reserved table will be set up to accommodate all class members of 1948 and their spouses**

**Lets all turn out for this special invitation and enjoy the good 'ole days.**

**Elsie Takes A Trip Down Memory Lane....**

"I was going through some old photos recently and came across some that really brought back some wonderful memories to me.

When I was 9-10 years old, I loved going to the park. Actually it wasn't even a park, it was a playground at 14th Street and South Main Street, now the site of Emmons Elementary School. It was there I learned to sew. A lady would come once a week and taught us how to cut out doll dresses and sew them by hand.

Rose Park was built in 1939. Back then, each park had two park directors....one for the boys, one for the girls. There I competed in rope jumping, hop scotch, jacks, checkers, etc. As a park champion, I competed with girls from other parks and that is where I met my lifelong friend, **Elsie Kopsea**. **Mary Jane Brewer** was the girls park director and **Walter "Dutch" Thurston** was the boys director. There were monthly dances on the tennis court at Rose Park and band concerts at the Battell Park shelter. In the winter, my friends and I would walk to Central Park on East Mishawaka Avenue to ice skate. *Brrrrr, Freezing!*

One day each summer we were bussed to Scout Res for a day of games and swimming.

Fast forward.....the summer of 1942, I was park director for the girls and classmate **Dean Trump '43** for the boys. We worked the youngsters for 2-3 hours in the afternoon and again a couple hours in the evenings. **Mr. Frank Steele**, MHS athletic director, headed up the park department program.

Great memories.....Great times."

**Elsie (Belli) Van Bruaene '43**  
Peoria, Arizona

**50th Wedding Anniversary.....**

**Rodney '65** and **Patricia (Arata) Spear '67** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2018. They dated for two years while **Patricia** was in high school and were married at St. Monica's Church.

**Patricia** gave this account of what happened after that. "We moved to West Lafayette, IN for **Rod's** senior year at Purdue, then back to Mishawaka for him to go to MBA at Notre Dame. Then our first son was born in 1970 and son number two in 1972. After that we moved to Illinois, Corning, New York, Wilmington, North Carolina, back to New York, then to Texas where **Rod** earned another Master's in Liberal Arts at SMU, and stayed there for 27 years. We then retired to Mishawaka and now live on The St. Joseph River. We love being 'Back Home Again In Indiana.'"

**Welcome New Member To The MHS Alumni....**

**Julie (Bathje) Fisette**

Class of 1988

South Lyon, Michigan

## A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH ANN RICHARDSON

June 8, 1918-July 25, 1945  
Class of 1936



On May 22, 2018, **Elizabeth Ann Richardson** was honored by the Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission with a historical marker at her childhood home, 834 Lincoln Way East in Mishawaka.

**Elizabeth** was born in Akron, Ohio, and came to Mishawaka in 1931. After graduating from Mishawaka High School, she earned a degree from Milwaukee-Downer College in 1940 and joined the American Red Cross in 1944. She was sent to England, where she worked in a Clubmobile, which was used to provide coffee and doughnuts to G.I.'s at bases around England. In March 1945, **Liz** was sent to Le Havre, France, and put in charge of Clubmobile operations in the city, which was a major transit point for American forces entering and leaving Europe.

On July 25, 1945, **Elizabeth Ann Richardson** was killed in a plane crash near Rouen, France. She is buried in Normandy Cemetery, near Omaha Beach. **First Lady Nancy Regan** placed flowers on **Elizabeth's** grave on June 6, 1982. She was also the subject of a book, *Slinging Doughnuts for the Boys*, published in 2007. **Elizabeth** is the most-remembered American woman to be killed in service during World War II.

To celebrate the centennial of **Elizabeth Ann Richardson's** birth, the Mishawaka Historical Preservation Commission installed the marker, the second in a series of markers honoring prominent Mishawakans and the buildings associated with them.

(Note: Thanks to **Pete De Kever** for submitting and sharing the above article.)

### MHS Alumni Financial Report For May

Beginning balance as of May 1, 2018 17,605.15

#### Income:

Membership	50.00	
Donations	660.00	
C/A interest	.69	
	710.69	710.69
		18,315.84

#### Expenses:

Lake Michigan Mailers	619.80	
Newsletter postage	553.06	
MHS Graphics Dept.	106.77	
Postage	847.09	
Entertainment	300.00	
Special Olympics	360.00	
F.O.P. Hall rental	203.85	
	2,990.57	2,990.57

Ending balance as of May 31, 2018 15,325.27

### Notes From The May Meeting....

**J. T. Buffet** and his Margaretta Band entertained 155 members and guests at the June meeting and Tom Faulkner Caterers prepared and served a great Mostaccioli/meat ball lunch.

Half & Half winners were:

**40.00 Ron Jacobs' 54**

**30.00 Phil Miller '64**

**20.00 Dave Rutkowski '65**

**Elsie (Belli) Van DeBruaene '43** who resides in Peora, Arizona was a welcome guest and enjoyed seeing old friends, and as always, it was nice to have **Dr. Speicher**, Superintendent of Schools in attendance. **Rod Spear** reminded the group that the July meeting will be the second Wednesday (July 11th) since July 4th is on the first Wednesday of the month.

### Antique-Classic Car Show

Wednesday August 1, 2018

F.O.P. Parking Lot

(Day of the MHS Alumni Meeting)

Come early for the meeting and see these beautiful cars

For more information, contact:

Vince Kertes 574-679-4087

(Rain date...September 5, 2018)



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### IN MEMORY TODD KUCELA

May 26, 1967-June 2, 2018  
Class of 1996

### ANTHONY "TONY" ZAPPIA

May 11, 1926-June 1m 2018  
Class of 1945

### DORLA JO (NULL) MULDOON

Aug. 26, 1945-June 1, 2018  
Class of 1963

### ROBERT KOONTZ

Jan.29, 1959-June 1, 2018  
Class of 1972

### JANE (POWELL) FESLER

Nov. 17, 2017  
Class of 1942

**MAY YOU REST IN PEACE**

### A Tribute To

### Dr. Mary Ruppe

June 25, 1969-Mar. 18, 2018  
Class of 1987



**Dr. Ruppe** was the valedictorian of the Mishawaka High School Class of **1987** and a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University in 1991. Following stints as a researcher in Boston and La Jolla, CA, she graduated from the Einstein College of Medicine in New York in 1998. She then completed a residency in internal medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C.. Followed by a fellowship in Endocrinology at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. **Dr. Ruppe** spent the rest of her life at the Houston Methodist Hospital as director of the bone clinic as a specialist, treating adults and children with genetic bone disease.

**Dr. Ruppe** was an exceptional competitive swimmer. As a nationally ranked member of the Michiana Marlins USS Team, she won numerous state championships, was the top ranked Indiana swimmer in 1985, and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee East Team and a Silver Medalist at the Baton Rouge Olympic Sports Festival in 1985. At Mishawaka High School, she was MVP for all four years and at one point held the school record in all individual swimming events. She is a member of the MHS Hall of Fame. At Harvard, she was a member of the swim team for four years, participating on two Ivy League and three Eastern Championship teams.

While living in La Jolla, CA, she took up open water swimming and won the 12 mile swim around Coronado in 1993, setting a record time for swimmers of any gender. She was also named to the U.S. Olympic Committee National Open Water Team in 1994, competing in a 10k race from Switzerland to France across Lake Geneva and finished a close second. Following her cancer diagnosis she continued to compete in Masters swimming, winning an individual National Championship in 2014 and earning All American status in 2015.

**Dr. Mary** was truly a special person, loved, respected and admired by family, friends, colleagues, and patients whose outpouring of sympathy leave little doubt that she had a positive impact on the lives she touched. She is survived by her husband, **Dr. Michael Beauchamp** and two sons, **Rhys** and **Drew** of Houston, Texas, her parents and, siblings, **Anne (Ruppe) Shields** and husband, **Brian** of Overland Park, Kansas, **Joseph Ruppe III** of Maplewood New Jersey, and **Kathleen Ruppe '83** of Paris, France.

### MHS Alumni Special Olympians Win Big.....

Three members of the MHS Alumni did very well competing in the Special Olympics State Games June 8 thru 10th held on the campus of the Indiana State University in Terre Haut, Indiana.

**Steve Flatt '68** won gold medals in each of the 25 meter and 50 meter walks. He also finished 4th in the softball throw.

**Ross Hensel's '86** volleyball team finished 1st giving Ross his gold medal.

**Mike Palmer's** volleyball team finished 2nd earning him a silver medal.

It was a stormy week-end which forced cancellation of many of the outside events. Our boys were lucky that their games were held inside. **GREAT JOB GUYS!**



### Another Version Of The Name...Miskkodeed.....

In 1911, an active Junior Class of Mishawaka High School, realizing the desirability of a high school yearbook, published the first Miskkodeed.

The publication of this first Miskkodeed was an exceptionally difficult task; there was no precedent, no one upon whom to rely for experienced guidance. The twenty-three members of the class devoted much time and effort to the publication. Mr. **John F. Nuner**, superintendent of schools; Miss **Mary D. Welch**, principal; and Miss **Marie Simpson** English instructor, however, all gave of their time and effort in the interest of the yearbook, which was a success.

One problem confronting the first staff was that of choosing a suitable name for the annual. They selected the Potawattomi Indian word, **Miskkodeed**, meaning spring beauty, as an appropriate name, because it bore a resemblance to the Indian name, Mishawaka, and because the annual was to be printed in the spring.

*Editors Note: The above information was taken from the 1939 Miskkodeed and furnished by **Peter DeKever '80**.*

### IN MEMORY RALPH G. POWELL

Class of 1951  
In Loving Memory  
Marni



# JULY MEETING ENTERTAINMENT YOU ASKED FOR THEM BACK!

# THE PAUL DECKER BAND

WITH AN ALL NEW SHOW

**“FIRE CRACKER SPECIAL”**

**PAUL DECKER** on keyboard

**TEDD WAGGONER** on trumpet

**DALE ANDERSON** on guitar

**CRAIG SCHROEDER** on sax



## A CAVEMEN'S EXERCISE REGIMEN FOR PEOPLE OVER 70



For those of us over 70.....this is a great exercise regimen. For you young 'uns out there (under 70), just keep it in mind until you reach that magic 70 number!

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room on each side. With a 5-lb. potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides. Hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb. potato bags, then eventually, try to get to where you can lift a 20-lb. potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight out from your sides for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

## Lowell Nichols Remembers....

*"Just got off the phone with Classmate Audrey (Johnson) Seward '48, and we reminisced when we were kids and how we would walk down Battell Street, hand in hand to attend Mary Phillips School. She lived across the street from me on the corner of North Main and Battell Streets. She had a pony and I rode nearly every day."*

**Lowell Nichols '48.**

Editors Note: For many years, **Lowell** organized the mini reunions at Merrifield Park after the regular June alumni meeting. He added, *"I can no longer walk, so I can't drive. I'm sorry I can't be with you, the great class of '48."*

## Mega Surprise Birthday Party.....

*"My husband Joe '48 and our nine children planned to surprise me on my 85th birthday recently. My son, child number five and Fort Wayne resident, Steven, asked me to pick up a gallon of ice cream before coming over to his house for pizza one Friday evening. So, Joe and I stopped at Kroger's and headed for the frozen food section. We were intercepted by Steven and directed to aisle three, there was son Ron, child number six; next aisle was John, son number seven; next aisle was Susan, child number eight. Down another aisle was child number nine, Jim; next was child number four, Carol, then followed by Mary, child number three accompanied by her daughter and my great grandchild. Another aisle and another child, number two, Pete and the last aisle was Christine, husband and their four children.*

*My laughter was accompanied by tears. I had no idea that they had been planning for three months to surprise me. Delicious pizza and lots of laughter and many miles traveled by all.*

*California, Arizona, Missouri, Virginia,  
South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois*

*Another surprise dinner and 75 additional guests on Saturday night. Even Elvis Pressley and Frank Sinatra paid me a visit."*

Submitted by; **Barbara (Zimmerman) Vernasco '50**  
Huntertown, Indiana