

MHS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday February 7, 2018 Noon F.O.P. Hall

~~Menu~~

Faulkner's Famous Broasted Chicken

chicken mashed potatoes and gravy green beans roll

Cash bar available for wine, beer or mixed drinks

\$9.00 per person

\$2.00 for non eaters

Includes hot or cold drinks

Tax and gratuity

Half & Half drawings made prior to entertainment

MHS Alumni Financial Report

Income:

Memberships	\$ 45.00
Donations	35.00
Half & Half	<u>260.00</u>
Total	340.00

Expense:

Entertainment	\$ 300.00
Half & Half	125.00
F.O.P. Hall rental	265.95
Newsletter cost	685.75
Liability Insurance	<u>819.00</u>
Total	2,195.70

Checking Account Balance as of 12-31-2017
\$10,684.21

MHS Alumni Board.....

President.....Rodney Spear
Vice President.....John Hemphill
Treasurer.....Sandra (White) Mikesell
Secretary.....Patricia (Arata) Spear

Board Members:

Jane (Zimmerman) Wright
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Robert Smith

Dear Friends of the MEF,

Your kindness and generosity have allowed us to bring innovation into our class rooms like never before! Music, art, engineering, mathematics, media, and literacy are just a few of the areas that you allowed us to support this past year. From sousaphones to a brand new digital art studio, the MEF gave over **\$275,000 in 2017.**

Here is how your generosity continues to help our schools flourish:

\$118,000 for the new MHS digital Arts Studio
\$40,000 to help start a new Media Department
\$25,000 in classroom grants
\$20,000 for Junior Achievement in classrooms
\$14,500 for Academic competitions an all SCM schools
\$12,000 for 10 Sousaphones for the MHS Band
\$ 8,000 to Beyond the Cave Center
\$ 7,500 in Fine Arts Grant from Lions Club Fine Art Endowment
\$ 6,000 in used instruments and cameras
\$ 5,000 for SCM Staff Recognition Dinner
\$ 5,000 for MHS robotics
\$ 5,000 for Media Partner
\$ 3,500 for Get Fit Clubs
\$ 3,100 to co-sponsor Lego Regional Competition
\$ 2,500 to MHS Senior Recognition Dinner

TOTAL: \$275,000

We need your support so that we can continue this journey to make School City of Mishawaka the best school system in the state.
With gratitude,
Nick Triola. President of MEF



Here and There With Our Alumni.....

Jack Sime '45 and his wife attended the August meeting. A retired Indiana State Trooper who worked out of the Bremen, IN post, now lives in Florida

Bill and Helen (Ganser) Poure, both from the '48 class are shouting with glee from the rooftops in Ft. Wayne where they live, that **Bill** has been notified that he is cancer free after four years of treatment.

Dr. Jim Arata '49 is a happy camper living in Ft. Wayne, IN if his wife, **Jane**, can take him to the casino or the off track betting parlor once in awhile.

Hank '49 and **Mary (Bracekelaere) Nauts '56** make that long drive from Ft. Wayne to attend the alumni meetings.

Joe Vernasco '49 is just chomping at the bit for good weather to arrive so he can get out there on the golf course. **Joe** and his wife **Barbara (Zimmerman) Vernasco '50** live in near Ft. Wayne in Huntertown, IN.

Great Alumni Stories.....

Thanks to the **Mishawaka Enterprise Newspaper**, to **Joe** and **Peter DeKever** for the recent articles of Mishawaka High School alumni from years ago. Articles on **George Gulyanics '40**, **Achiele "Chick" Maggoli '41**, **Ramo Balli '45** and others made for great reading. Thanks also to editor of the MHS Alumni Newsletter for printing them so all of our out of town members could read them, too. It truly brought many great memories.

The Leader of the Band.....

Tedd Waggoner '69, vice-president and Director of Operations of Bach Industries in (Conn-Selmer) in Elkhart is trying his best to retire, but it seems the company is finding it difficult in finding his replacement. **Tedd** travels the world promoting his company's musical instruments to distributors, schools and companies in the musical world. **Tedd** presently lives on a lake in Elkhart but just recently bought his retirement home in Crystal River, Florida where he will spend the winters.

"TEDD WAGGONER and THE BEARS!" As the leader of the old **Eddie Knight Band**, he has performed 24 times over the years at the MHS Alumni meetings. Many alumni members have been heard to say, *"Oh, I remember you! You guys, you played at my wedding 45 years ago."* Others in the band are **Eddie Knight**, **Dale Anderson**, **Paul Decker** and **Craig Schroeder '75**.

He Weathered The Storm.....

Hurricane Irma came ashore and tore up much of Florida from the Keys to Tampa, including the city of Lake Placid. Fortunately, the winter home of former teacher, coach, and principal of Mishawaka High School, **Bob Smith** somehow was spared any significant damage. Just a couple of trees were lost and a lot of limbs and debris scattered around while neighbors and businesses were severely damaged.

ATTENTION

**OUR MHS ALUMNI IS IN TROUBLE
ONLY YOU CAN HELP**

OUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS HAVE GONE FROM 3,000 DOWN TO 1,100
I WILL BE DOING THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AGAIN AS LONG AS MY HEALTH ALLOWS.
WE NEED TO BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP BACK UP TO OPERATE FINANCIALLY.
IT IS OBVIOUS WE NEED YOU TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018.

>>>>HERE IS THE PLAN<<<<

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 AND RECEIVE
THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER FOR THE BALANCE OF THE 2018 YEAR**

\$10.00 per person

(CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED)

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**THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE TO REGAIN OUR CLAIM TO BE THE
LARGEST ACTIVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI IN THE UNITED STATES**

We will continue to search for a permanent editor of this newsletter.

If you are interested, please call:

**Rodney Spear, president 574-257-3831
OR**

Sandy Mikesell 574-674-9968

Long Time Local Residents Move to Ohio.....

Roger '40 and Wanita (Taylor) Bock '42 have lived in the Mishawaka area all of their lives, but a year ago gave in to selling their home they lived in for 70 years and moved to the independent living at 2016 at St. Paul's. **Roger** was the chief design engineer for Schumacher Construction Company in Mishawaka and designed many of the large buildings in the area, including the First Christian Church on East Third Street in Mishawaka. It was in this church that **Wanita** played the organ for over 40 years. The **Bock's** moved in August to a Senior Living Center in Hamilton, Ohio to be near their son, **Dave**.

A New Boys Basketball Coach for MHS

All you MHS basketball fans, fasten your seat belts and get ready for the upcoming season. A new coach has been hired to turn the Cavemen program around. **Mike Hecklin-ski** is the man replacing **Ryan Watson** (who was named assistant athletic director) into a winner again. MHS has not won a sectional tournament or a 20 winning season since 2005.

Take it from **Mike**! He is not accustomed to losing. He was coach at Anderson High School for 11 seasons where he won 274 games (an average of 26 games per season). After a short illness, **Mike** has been an assistant coach at Indianapolis Sccecina. He is a 1974 graduate of South Bend St. Joseph High and well remembers those tough games with the Cavemen when they were coached by the legendary **Marv Wood**.

Ex Caveman Shines Again....

Sam Schrader, MHS class of 2012, a four year starter for the Cavemen as a quarterback, who was named the # 1 Gator Ade Indiana High School football player of the year his senior year. He then enrolled at **Butler University** in Indianapolis, and as a fifth year senior, he excelled for the Bulldogs as a power running back. In his final two games of the 2017 season, **Sam** scored three touchdowns against Jacksonville of the Pioneer Conference. The next game he carried the ball ten times, good for 74 yards and completed one of two passes for another 41 yards.

Sam is the son of **Joe '83** and **Linda (Reinholtz) Schrader** and the grandson of the late **Maury** and **Sally Schrader**. Not to get all of the family glory, **Sam's** aunt, **Maureen (Schrader) Strange's '79** daughter, **Rebecca**, a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University, was a member of their outstanding volleyball team that qualified for the NCAA finals. **Maureen** recently retired from the Eli Lilly Company and now resides in Chicago.

90th Birthday Celebration.....

Maryann (Reschke) Weber turned 90 years old on January 4, 2019. She said, *"I've been a life long resident of Mishawaka and a proud 1946 graduate of MHS."* Maryann was married to the late **Carl Weber** from the MHS class of 1945.

MHS Coach Wins Number 200....

Bart Curtis, Mishawaka High School's football coach notched his **200th** career win with the Cavemen's win over arch rival Marian High School by the score of 38 - 14. For **Curtis**, it was actually a night of at least two round figures, as the 200th win and in his 300th game as a head coach.

A graduate of Northwood High School and Bethel College, **Bart** came to Mishawaka as head coach in 2007 where he has led the Cavemen to a conference title, six sectionals, two regional and a 2012 semi state title

Highlights of the December's Alumni Meeting

The hall was all decked out with white linen table cloths, red and green linen napkins, courtesy of the F.O.P. Christmas wreaths and twinkling lights made it truly a festive Christmas party. Nearly **200** members and guests were in attendance. Nice to have Mishawaka **Mayor Dave Wood** in attendance.

What a great Polish wedding style luncheon served by **Tom Faulkner** and his staff. Fried chicken, sausage, mashed potatoes, home made noodles, sweet-sour cabbage, green beans and a diner roll. All that plus a hot or cold drinks. Thanks **Tom**! Thanks also to the volunteers who helped serve the lunch. Baskets were passed after the meal for attendees to drop in their change and the collection went as a Christmas tip to the caterer's staff.

The big winner in the half & half was **Harry Zieger '50**. **Harry** lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan and drives down to every alumni meeting. The \$60.00 should buy him a couple tanks of gas.

Carolyn Conley '49 led the group in God Bless America and the pledge to the flag. President **Rod Spear '65** gave the invocation and **Jimmy Buffett's** quartet entertained the crowd with his calypso style music. A fun time was had by all.


One Of Mishawaka's Finest Passes On...



Ron Mikesell '58 died December 9, 2017 after a short illness. **Ron** retired from the Mishawaka Police Department after 20 years of honorable service. He then became manager of the F.O.P. Hall. When the MHS Alumni out grew **Squad's 2nd Precinct**, and out grew the **K of C Hall**, it was **Ron Mikesell** who offered the alumni a new home, free of charge. He said, *"It was a way to show the community that the Police Department was willing to help a good cause."* Thanks **Ron**, may you rest in peace.

Thank You For Your Help....

This newsletter has become a reality due to the last minute help and direction of **Frank Cachowski '61** and **Sandy Mikesell '65**. Also, **Lynn Howard** at School City's Graphic Art's Department and **Letty** from Lake Michigan Mailers.

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THERE IS NO COST OR OBLIGATION TO YOU

Don't get left out ...Do it Now!

This book is a must for class reunion chairmen.

100 % endorsed by the MHS Alumni and the Mishawaka Education Foundation

Kudos to the De Amicis Club.....

Under the guidance of **Quinto Squadroni '48** and his capable staff, the Club has sponsored several fundraiser dinners and celebrations throughout the year, raising money to provide six scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for six senior graduates who plan to further their education. The three area high schools, MHS, Penn and Marian share equally. Many MHS alumni are members of the Club

MHS Alumni Food Drive A Huge Success..

Thanks to **Stan Ross '49** for once again organizing and conducting the MHS Christmas Food Drive in conjunction with School City of Mishawaka. **Stan** and his helpers took in eight large boxes of non perishable food goods and \$250.00. **Great job, Stan!**

Hard To Believe.....

Jim Dutoi '55 has recorded twenty-one (21) documented Holes In One since he and his wife, **Carolyn** have moved to Port Isabell, Texas several years ago. **Jim** plays on a little par three hole course near his home about five times a week. **Carolyn** says, *"I think he enjoys the 19th hole as much as he does the golf game."* Many of us knew **Jim** when he couldn't hit the green on a 119 yard hole or sink a three foot putt. I guess, *"Practice makes perfect."*

Last Member of the 1943 MHS Cavemen Dream Backfield Dies.....

"Pete" Crothers '44 died recently at his Chesterton, IN home. He was the last of that famous Mishawaka backfield in the early 40's consisting of **Paul Johnston**, **Kenny Umbaugh** and **George Nome** and **Bob Barnard**. The Cavemen were coached by the legendary **Russell Arndt**. It would not be fair justice not to mention a few of the names of those great linemen opening up the holes for these guys.....**Marvel** and **Hahn**, **Stebbins** and **Little**, **Stoefflen** and **Miltenberger**, **Maltby**, **Freeze** and **Huggett** just to name a few.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM MHS ALUMNI PRESENTS

HEATHER BRAOUDAKIS

*Sings professionally throughout Chicagoland
20 year old and a member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus*

16th ANNUAL MHS ALUMNI ALL CLASS REUNION LUNCHEON

~~~ARIZONA~~~

SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2018  
DOBSON'S RESTAURANT  
2155 SOUTH DOBSON ROAD  
MESA, AZ 85202

11:30 a.m.....Get Acquainted Time and Cash Bar

12 noon to 2:30 p. m....Lunch and Program

Choice of entre:

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Honey Whiskey Salmon

Pork Tenderloin with honey mustard glaze

**\$23.00 per person**

Make check payable to Martha Pierce  
and mail to:

**Martha Pierce**

**3850 East White Astor Street  
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Send name, maiden name, year of graduation,  
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### MHS ALUMNI 20th ALL CLASS REUNION ~~~FLORIDA~~~

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7, 2018  
11:30 a. m.

**HOMER'S  
ORIGINAL SMORGASBORD**

**1000 Sebring Square  
Sebring, Florida**

**\$ 9.00 per person  
(All you can eat)**

*"The biggest and best Smorgasbord in Florida"*

Co-hosts

**Rod "Doug" Ingram '56**  
574-262-2893

and

**Jim Masters**  
574-532-6976

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Reservations not required, but appreciated

**KATHRYN (STEELE) SHIELDS**

Oct. 31, 1941-Oct. 7, 2017

Class of 1931

**JOHN R. BULLARD**

Sept. 26, 1937-Oct. 9, 2017

Class of 1956

**AMY JO (VER BEKE) SCHAEFER**

June 17, 1959-Oct. 13, 2017

Class of 1977

**ROBERT E. LAWSON**

Mar. 25, 1941-Nov. 10, 2017

Class of 1960

**RICHARD "PETE" CROTHERS**

Feb. 13, 1925-Nov. 22, 2017

Class of 1944

**GARY L. POWELL**

Nov. 16, 1954-May 17, 2017

Class of 1963

**GERALDINE (CELIE) FAGAN**

May 27, 1925-Nov. 27, 2017

Class of 1944

**LINDA SUE JONES**

May 12, 1954-Nov. 30, 2017

Class of 1972

**GLORIA ANN (SACK) BODA**

Nov. 15, 1926-Nov. 4, 2017

Class of 1944

**RONALD L. MIKESELL**

Jan. 16, 1940-Dec. 9, 2017

Class of 1958

**NORMA J. (MERTEN) SEGGERMAN**

July 8, 1929-Dec. 10, 2017

Class of 1947

**BRUCE CHAMBERLIN**

July 31, 1927-Dec. 25, 2017

Class of 1945 and Faculty

**BETTY (MARTIN) PIXLEY**

Mar. 3, 1928-Dec. 25, 2017

Class of 1946

**ANN M. (KEMBLE) HOGAN**

Sept. 6, 1941-Dec. 26, 2017

Class of 1959

**SUE A. (SANTURO) HENNESEY**

Oct. 19, 1932-Dec. 31, 2017

Class of 1950

**DON C. MARKIN**

Jan. 24, 1947-Dec. 31, 2017

Class of 1965

**BEVERLY J. LOGAN**

Jan. 17, 1928-Nov. 26, 2017

Class of 1945

**Dr. JOHN H. SMITH**

July 14, 1926-Dec. 28, 2017

Class of 1943

**KENNETH JOSEPH SCHNICK**

July 1, 1940-Nov. 12, 2017

Class of 1958

**DALE DE BRUYNE**

Feb. 10, 1958-Jan. 3, 2018

Class of 1974

**IN MEMORY**



**GERALD J HULL**

Feb. 12, 1938-Dec. 12, 2017

Class of 1956

**MARY ANNE (EVANS) LAWHORN**

July 9, 1946-Nov. 16, 2017

Class of 1964

**JEROLD LEE FRY**

Mar. 24, 1942-Dec. 4, 2017

Class of 1961

**EDWARD GINDELBERGER**

Aug. 23, 1931-Dec. 13, 2017

Class of 1949

**MARIAN L. CHRISTIAN HILLS**

Nov. 9, 1927-Nov. 13, 2017

Class of 1945

**ROBERT LARRY WALTZ**

July 22, 1940-Dec. 18, 2017

Class of 1958

**RAYMOND JOHN BUSCOE**

May 26, 1947-Dec. 11, 2017

Class of 1965

**JANICE (PARCEL) BRYANT**

July 16, 1938-Feb. 19, 2017

Class of 1956

**GREGORY LOUIS BALDONI**

Oct. 5, 1949-Dec. 20, 2017

Class of 1968

**LAWRENCE "LARRY" PHENAGAR**

Mar. 1, 1929-Dec. 21, 2017

Class of 1947

**HAROLD WAYNE HARVEY**

Oct. 2, 1946-Dec. 19, 2017

Class of 1966

**JUSTIN E. "BARNEY" ARATA**

Oct. 31, 1921-Nov. 27, 2017

Class of 1939

**HAROLD "OSCAR" La PLACE**

Sept. 24, 1934-Dec. 28, 2017

Class of 1952

**TOM E. WURSTER**

Apr. 22, 1935-Dec. 27, 2017

Class of 1953

**STELLA (DE BLAERE) VAN HOUTDREVE**

Oct. 27, 1922-Dec. 30, 2017

Class of 1941

**MAURICE J. "BRUNO" VAN BRUAENE**

Jan. 17, 1924-Dec. 1, 2017

Class of 1942

**EDWARD J. MEIDEL**

Aug. 1, 1923-Jan. 4, 2018

Class of 1941

**DREW B. BAKER**

Nov. 26, 1972-Dec. 30, 2017

Class of 1992

**AMAND PALIZZI**

Dec. 22, 1935-Jan. 7, 2018

Class of 1954

**THERESA ANN (BALDONI) DUXBURY**

Sept. 15, 1932-Dec. 30, 1950

Class of 1950

**MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE**



For all of you MHS Alumni Snowbirds.....  
See what you are missing?

January 5, 2018 South Bend Tribune

|              |         |        |            |
|--------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Temperature: | Today   | Normal | Record     |
|              | High 12 | 32     | 56 (1997)  |
|              | Low -10 | 18     | -16 (1904) |

|                |               |                   |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Precipitation: |               | Normal            |
|                | Today         | 0.08 in. 0.08 in. |
|                | Month to date | 0.16 in. 0.34 in. |
|                | Year to date  | 0.16 in. 0.34 in. |

|           |                |                    |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Snowfall: |                | Normal             |
|           | Today          | 2.3 in. 0.6 in.    |
|           | Month to date  | 7.7 in. 2.5 in.    |
|           | Season to date | 45.01 in. 25.0 in. |

Forecast for tomorrow:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| High temperature | 14 day    |
| Low temperature  | -07 night |
| Chill Factor     | -02 day   |
| Chill Factor     | -21 night |

### Joe Took A Spill.....

**Joe Goossens '54** fell last November and fractured his elbow and his nose with a lot of lacerations to his face. **Joe** was hospitalized for three weeks, spent three weeks in a rehab center and was able to come home the day before Christmas.

**Joe** and **Janice** sold their home on Diamond Lake and moved to Fishers, IN late last year to be close to their children. It turned out to be a wise move. A few months ago, **Janice** fell and fractured both of her wrists, and now **Joe** is laid up for awhile.

### Mishawaka Education Foundation Honors A Great MHS Alumni.....

**Van Gates** was the honored guest at the recent MEF 2017 Growing The Future Dinner/Auction. A 1942 graduate of MHS has been a loyal and very generous member of the MHS Alumni. **Van** and his wife **Jean**, have raised a beautiful family who operate the Gates Automotive Company, now reside in South Bend with homes in Marco Island, FL and enjoy their summers at their home on Lake Michigan.

A few years ago, **Van** authored a book, *"Looking In The Rear View Mirror"* which described how his father, L.O. Gates, started the Chevrolet dealership in Mishawaka and how it progressed through the years to be what it is today.

Mishawaka High School and the entire community is proud to claim **Van Gates** as one of their finest.

### A MHS Icon Passes Away.....

**Justin E. "Barney" Arata....Class of 1939**

**Justin "Barney" Arata. 96** years old grew up on the Northside of Mishawaka and attended St. Monica's Elementary School before enrolling in Mishawaka High School where he lettered in football. After graduation he completed his undergraduate work at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. He then entered Indiana University School of Medicine Where he was class president and earned the Alpha Omega Alpha scholastic award.

After completing medical school, **Justin** entered the U.S. Navy and served in WW II where he participated in the atomic bomb tests at Bikini in 1946. After his discharge as a Lieutenant, junior grade he returned to Ft. Wayne where he completed 15 months of post graduate work at St. Joseph Hospital.

He then moved to Gregory, South Dakota for nine months in general practice; this was followed up with a surgical grant to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Along came the Korean War and he was called back to serve his country again. Upon his discharge, **Justin** returned to private surgical practice in 1954 where he continued his practice until his retirement in 1991.

**Dr. Justin Arata's** awards, accomplishments and humanitarian deeds would fill this entire page.

### A MHS Icon Passes Away.....

**Bruce Chamberlin.....Class of 1945**

**Bruce** grew up within a stones throw of the high school on Wenger Street with his nine brothers and sisters. After his graduation from MHS, he received his Bachelors degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, and a Masters degree from Notre Dame . He served his country in the U.S. Navy during WW II and then was called up again during the Korean conflict.

**Bruce** taught English and Speech at high school for 33 years (1954-1987) During this time, he initiated a TV Productions program. It is estimated that **Bruce** touched the lives of over **10,000** MHS students during his career. He also taught public speaking for 20 years at IUSB.

He married **Carol Vanderbosch** in 1951 and together they raised 6 children. A member of St. Monica's Church, **Bruce** always found time to raise thousands of dollars for his favorite charity, Hospice. He was a novice ventriloquist and loved the annual Memorial Day parade in Mishawaka where he could show off his *"Alexander T. Redwood."* He and **Carol** enjoyed walking across Mishawaka Avenue from their home in the summer time to listen to the Monday concerts at Battell Park.

**Bruce** was a long time loyal member of the MHS Alumni and will be missed by many.