

2019 Commencement Speaker



Elizabeth F. (Thoman) Tavitas was born and raised in Mishawaka. She is a 1980 Mishawaka High School graduate.

Elizabeth was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb and began her service on Aug. 6, 2018. She received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame in 1985, and earned her J.D. degree from the Notre Dame Law School in 1990.

Judge Tavitas served for more than 12 yrs. as Judge of the Superior Court of Lake County; served as a juvenile public defender in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division; and maintained a private practice. In 1998, she was appointed to the position of referee in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, where she served until 2006. Judge Tavitas is an active member of several national, state, and local bar associations. She serves on the Indiana Supreme Court Civil Instructions Committee, and she is a 2012 graduate of the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges.

Judge Tavitas was named as the Most Influential Woman of Northwest Indiana in the Law in 2015.



Notes From The Editor

You will notice in the next two issues that there will be some repeat information from the previous issue. These items are dated and I wanted to give all parties fair advertising for their event. I have been getting a lot of emails kicked back to me for a wrong email address. If you could please email me your current email address so that I can double check against what I have. Even if you haven't changed email addresses, please send it to me. Thank you for all the positive feedback that I received on the first Newsletter. It was really nice to hear.

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REUNIONS

Class of 1953

Reunion Brunch
Thursday August 8, 2019
FOP Hall
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Cost \$15.00 per person
Send check to:
Suzanne (Williams) Kistler
3118 Cherry Tree Lane
Elkhart, IN 46514
574-264-4732
sppekhardt@aol.com
Ladies please include your
maiden and current last names.

Class of 1969

50th Class Reunion
Friday, July 26, 2019
Carnegie Library
Casual Evening Of Friendship
Fun And Entertainment
Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar
For more information, go to FB:
Mishawaka High School
Class of 1969,
cavemen69.com, or email
blstills15@comcast.net

Class of 70's

40th Class Reunion
Friday July 26, 2019
Between The Buns
For more information go to FB:
Mishawaka HS Classes of the 70's
to rsvp

Class of 1974

45th Reunion
"Still Spinning After All These Years"
Friday, August 2, 2019
Diloreto Club
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Saturday, August 3, 2019
Roc's Sports Café
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm ?

Class of 1979

40th Class Reunion
Saturday July 27, 2019
The Oaks at Southpaw Farms
For more information go to FB:
Mishawaka Class of 1979
40 yr. Reunion

Class of 1999

20th Class Reunion
Saturday July 20, 2019
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Taphouse on the Edge
\$25 per person
Email to rsvp
mishawakaclass1999@gmail.com

Class of 2009

10th Class Reunion
Saturday July 27, 2019
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Celebrations Palace
For more information, go to FB:
Mishawaka High School
Class of 2009, Ten Year Reunion

2nd Annual CAVEMEN ALL CLASS REUNION

The Mishawaka Education Foundation will be hosting the second
Cavemen All-Class Reunion and we hope you will plan to attend.
Now is your chance to reunite with all your classmates and other Cavemen

Mark your calendar and start spreading the word!

Register and get your ticket at
cavemenreunion2019.eventbrite.com

or get tickets at the School City Mishawaka Admin Bldg located at
1402 S. Main St., Mishawaka
\$20 per person

July 13, 2019 • 7:00 - 11:00 pm
Mishawaka FOP
1825 E. 12th St. Mishawaka

50/50 raffles
Class photos
Appetizers



Cash Bar
DJ and special surprises!
Classes from the 40s to '19

MISHAWAKA EDUCATION FOUNDATION



2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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ACADEMIC
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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



AUGUST 5, 2019

2220 McKinley Avenue • South Bend, Indiana

SCHEDULE:

10:30 AMRegistration
11:30 AMLunch
1:00 PMShotgun Start
Awards ceremony immediately following golf.

ENTRY FEE: \$600*

- 4-Person Team
- Lunch
- 18-holes of golf
- 4 Mulligans (1 per player)
- Under Armour Golf Shirt
- Golf cart
- Practice facility
- Awards ceremony with hors d'oeuvres

FORMAT: Scramble

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

CHALLENGES: (included in entry fee)

- Hole-in-one
- Longest drive
- Longest putt
- Closest to the pin
- Chip in the box

ATTIRE:

All golfers must wear collared shirts. No denim/jeans.
Appropriate golfing shorts are permitted.

EVENT CONTACT:

Char Speicher
574.315.4727 or charspeicher@sbcglobal.net

**Rain Policy: All attempts will be made to play; however, if conditions are deemed unplayable or unsafe by the Morris Park golf professionals, play will be canceled. There will be no refunds.*

Local News

Can't Judge A Good Man By His Size.....

"Tough as nails". Small but mighty", "Don't be fooled by his size", "Gutsy", "Never say die"..... Just a few of the phrases that describe the character and ability of **John Giannuzzi, Sr.** a 1956 MHS graduate on and off the field where he performed in both baseball and basketball. Pound for pound and inch by inch, John was one of the all-time great little men to play varsity sports at Mishawaka High School. At 5'1" and 140 lbs. soaking wet, Johnny went on to play men's fast pitch softball for the Wagner Steel teams who won state championships in the 1960's. Johnny took an office job with the H. G. Christman Construction Company in South Bend and 40 years later, he retired from that company. Johnny was a very loyal and dependable volunteer when the printed newsletter required collating and folding prior to the mailing. Three years ago, his health started to fail and he was admitted to St. Paul's Rehab Center and later to Holy Cross Rehab where he passed away on April 28, 2019. His wife, Susie (Sagi) Giannuzzi '60, survives Johnny. The Alumni Association used memorial gifts to purchase a Paver Brick with his name inscribed on it that will be placed at the Ward Baker Sports Complex. I bet he is up there in Heaven organizing a softball team with fellow Wagner Steel team mates who have passed on before him; Dado Vernasco, Sam Rothy, Tony Catanzarite, Stan Laidig, Dave Gapski, Gene Goddard, Art Celie, Frank Zerrille, Gordie Barclay, and Pee Wee Van Hoecke, "Speed" Owens, and Jack Wiltout

JM

Anna Rohrer, a 2015 graduate of Mishawaka High School, and a recent graduate of Notre Dame has optioned to take her 5th year of college eligibility at Notre Dame where she can continue her track and cross county talents in preparation to qualify for the worldwide summer Olympics in 2020. During her high school career at MHS, Anna won six IHSA state championships and was a two-time winner of the prestigious National Foot Locker Championship. She plans to work on her Master's Degree in Management while training for the upcoming Olympics. On May 6, the Irish senior finished sixth in the 10,000 meter run at the NCAA women's Track and Field Championships, qualifying her as an All-American. After leading the race for six laps, injuries took its toll and Anna "ran out of gas." All of Mishawaka wishes Anna a year free of nagging injuries, a spot on the 2020 United States Olympic team and, "Bring Home the Gold."

JM

Kudos once again to DiAmicis Club for once again awarding eight MHS seniors \$1,000 scholarships to help them pursue their college education. Eight other similar scholarships were granted to Penn and Marian High Schools. This has been an annual event for the club, made possible each year through the efforts of many fund raising events with many volunteers taking part in the program.

JM

It was reported in the last issue of the Mishawaka Enterprise, dated June 4, 2019, that **Cecil "Bussie" Kolver** '45 is still pitching horseshoes at Mishawaka's Bendix Park in the City League. Not only is he pitching shoes, he is winning! After two shoulder operations, two knee replacements. and back surgery, "Bussie" continues to throw those ringers. He urges all those interested in horse shoe pitching to call the Parks Department for time and location and *"Come on out and give it a try. You're never too old to enjoy life. It's free and it's fun."*

JM

Do you have extra time on your hands and are looking for something to do? Mishawaka High School Athletics is looking for ticket workers for the 2019-2020 Fall, Winter & Spring season. For more information, please contact Ticket Manager Wendy Melton 574-250-0300.

In Memory

Ray Baert

5-14-42 to 5-22-19
Class of 1960

Eugene J. Bagnara

11-2-29 to 05-18-19
Class of 1948

Brad Lee Barnette

4-17-56 to 4-29-19
Class of 1974

J. "Danny" Bradley

12-8-67 to 4-20-19
Class of 1986

Susan (Biesbroeck)

Bradshaw
6-25-50 to 5-10-19
Class of 1968

Georgiana (Bright) Crothers

8-4-39 to 5-30-19
Class of 1957

Larry Dawson

10-12-36 to 4-20-19
Class of 1955

Cheryl (Tagliaferri) Dittmer

1-16-51 to 5-29-19
Class of 1969

Barbara Jo (O'Brien) Eberhart

07-10-36 to 5-24-19
Class of 1954

Tom Fern

1-22-43 to 6-1-19
Class of 1962

John N. Giannuzzi Sr.

4-23-38 to 4-28-19
Class of 1956

Elizabeth Goeller

8-7-22 to 6-3-19
Class of 1940

Paul Guin

10-8-52 to 6-5-19
Class of 1970

Theweah (Siade) Hartig

1-3-33 to 5-24-19
Class of 1951

Mary (Kabzinski) Horvath

3-29-55 to 4-8-19
Class of 1973

In Memory cont'd

David A. Iden

6-3-57 to 5-20-19
Class of 1977

Arthur W. Johnson

5-26-38 to 4-4-19
Class of 1957

Kevin L. Kobb

6-11-51 to 5-29-19
Class of 1970

Linda (Cunningham) Kohl

7-2-51 to 6-8-19
Class of 1969

Ronald S. Koski

10-12-45 to 4-30-19
Class of 1963

William D. Lang

5-22-35 to 5-31-19
Class of 1953

Donald L. McCollum

3-28-25 to 4-11-19
Class of 1943

Lydia (Ludwig) Mechling

8-13-35 to 3-19-19
Class of 1953

Alex F. Nagy

12-28-38 to 2-22-19
Class of 1956

Adrian A. Peterson

8-2-74 to 4-15-19
Class of 1993

Gail (Crockett) Putman

6-14-47 to 5-31-19
Class of 1965

Patricia (Carver)

Sappington
7-10-35 to 5-31-19
Class of 1953

Donald H. Schwartz

7-20-22 to 4-18-19
Class of 1940

Norma (Eiler) Wagley

12-12-28 to 5-30-19
Class of 1947

Myron D. Wilson

3-22-25 to 3-19-19
Class of 1942

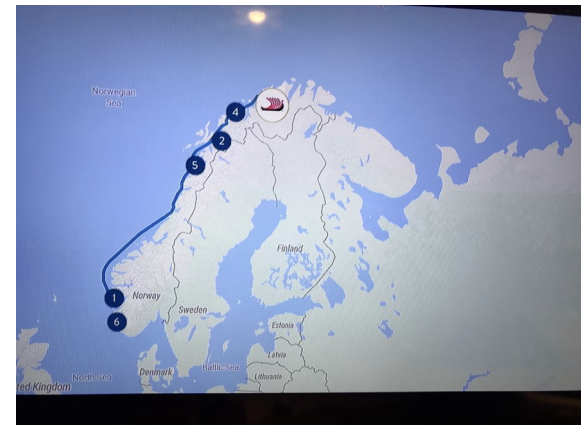
Helen (Weinkauff)

Zimmerman
5-2-24 to 4-26-19
Class of 1942

A Note from Vern Snyder '72

In late January we were on our 3rd Viking Ocean cruise called "In Search of the Northern Lights". The ship started in Bergen, Norway and went up the west coast of Norway. We made our way well above the Arctic Circle to the town of Alta, Norway. I wore my MHS Sweatshirt and was holding the Alumni Newsletter but didn't hold it high enough to be in the picture. My sweatshirt was one of 5 layers of clothing we had on since the temperature was below freezing on both the Fahrenheit and Celsius scales as our captain told us. We didn't see any Northern Lights the first two nights in Alta and the third day the ship traveled to Tromsø, Norway. It's a little farther south but still above the Arctic Circle. That night we were treated to the best light show we've ever seen. One tour guide said he's been chasing the Aurora Borealis for 10 years and never seen such a show. The sky was lit up from horizon to horizon with streams of green lights that "danced" and swirled. The rest of the pictures are just a fraction of what we saw.

Unfortunately, I am not going to post the pictures of the Northern Lights that Vern took because you can not get the true beauty of them in black & white print.





Mishawaka Historical Museum Progresses

Work on renovation of the Mishawaka Historical Museum's future home at 121 South Main Street has been underway this spring. Phase 1, the framing of interior walls, was completed last summer. The past few months has brought the completion of Phase 2, which included plumbing and electrical upgrades and widening and raising a doorway into the rear gallery of the museum. Phase 3 of the renovation will begin this summer.

Meanwhile, fundraising and artifact acquisition continue. More than 1500 artifacts, treasures from Mishawaka's past, and over 2000 photographs have been donated for future display in the museum, which will include exhibits on Businesses and Industry, Schools, Churches and Faith, Military Heritage, Historic Landmarks, Famous Mishawakans, and Hometown Mishawaka.

The museum will sponsor traveling exhibits at City Hall this summer and a large collection of Mishawaka High School artifacts and photographs at the Bittersweet Library in October.

For more information, visit the museum website (mishawakamuseum.com) and Facebook page or call Joe DeKever, '61, at 574-255-2708.

Please consider making a monetary donation to the Mishawaka Historical Museum (send to 2112 Linden Avenue, Mishawaka, IN 46544). The timetable of the renovation is driven by the donations of partners and supporters. More updates to come!



Did you know....

Saint Joseph Health System has a program for **55 & Better**. It's called 55+ and Senior Fit. It's programs and resources are dedicated to improving the health of those age 55 and better in Michiana. It is a free membership program, created to provide a way for those 55 & better to connect with each other and to stay involved in community happenings. There are many perks to this membership.

A free physical fitness exercise program offered by SJHS and is taught by fitness professionals. There are free educational programs on topics that affect your health and that of your loved ones. SJHS Community Health and Well-Being staff offer periodic health fairs, free screening and seminars. They have a senior services navigator that is available to assist you with services at SJHS or within the community.

Telecare, for those older adults living alone, is a free telephone reassurance service. Telecare makes calls M-F to check in and make sure seniors are safe. OR if you don't feel you need these services but would like to volunteer to help patients and families, they offer that too! There are six locations in the Mishawaka/South Bend area, one in Marshall County and one in Plymouth. If you are interested in any of this and would like more information, call Danielle LaFleur at 574-335-4691 or email Danielle.LaFleur@sjrmc.com

Luncheon Information

- July 03 Brats, potato salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, roll
Entertainment: Mark Rydzinski
- August 07 Pulled BBQ pork, macaroni salad, baked beans, fresh fruit
Entertainment: J.Jay Brook
OLD CAR SHOW in the parking lot
- September 04 Chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh fruit, roll
Entertainment: Bob Nagle
- October 02 Polish sausage, sweet & sour cabbage, potatoes/gravy, noodles, roll
Entertainment: Dick & Debbie
- November 06 Thanksgiving turkey, potatoes/gravy, dressing, cranberry salad, roll
Entertainment: The Swing Sisters
- December 04 Polish sausage, chicken, noodles, potatoes/gravy, green beans,
sweet & sour cabbage, roll
Entertainment: Craig Tornquest

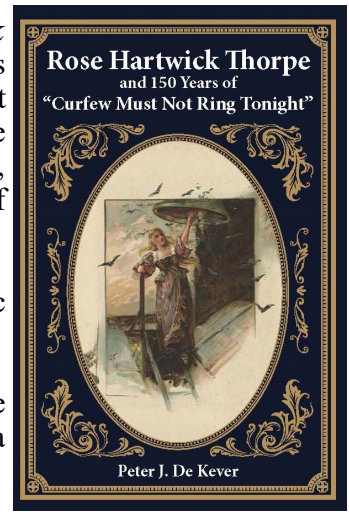
Class of 1959 Reunion



Pete De Kever '86, has recently written his fifth Mishawaka history book, *Rose Hartwick Thorpe and 150 Years of "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight."* Rose Hartwick Thorpe was born in Mishawaka in 1850 and became world-famous for her poem "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight," a tale of sacrificial love set in the English Civil War of the 1640s. Rose lived the first ten years of her life in Mishawaka before her family moved to Litchfield, Michigan, where she wrote "Curfew" in 1867. Rose is one of the most famous products of the Mishawaka schools.

Pete will be selling and signing books at the downtown Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library's 50th anniversary celebration on July 27 (10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Copies of the book are available now for sale at Will's Jewelry (107 LWE) and the Mishawaka Enterprise office (419 West 7th Street). For those who would like to order a book, please contact Pete at pjdekever@cs.com or call (574) 258-4217



I just received an email from J.B. Rivard '48, who's book *Low on Gas-High on Sky* was featured in last months newsletter. He reported that the book is selling very well and that it will soon be available through Amazon & retail stores.

MHS Alumni March Financial Report

Beginning balance as of May 01, 2019		\$ 17,177.34
Income:		
Interest	.72	
Membership/Memorials	249.00	
Net Lunches	<u>295.00</u>	
	\$ 544.72	\$ <u>544.72</u>
		\$ 17,722.06
Expenses:		
Entertainment	300.00	
FOP Hall rent	179.55	
Board mtg. Lunch	<u>100.48</u>	
	\$ 580.03	\$ <u>580.03</u>
Ending Balance as of May 31, 2019		\$ 17,142.03

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.

I currently have extras of 1926, 27, 29, 31, 37, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 97, 2000, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 12

Thank you Laura Avery for your recent Miskodeed donation!

June Meeting

We had a great turn out at the June Luncheon. Class of 1959 met at the luncheon for the 1st day of their reunion. They came with lots of pictures, memorabilia and Miskodeeds to pour over. There are a few pictures here in the Newsletter but you can find more from the Luncheon on our Instagram page.

There were 189 in attendance this month!!!

The 1/2 & 1/2 winners were:

Ron Jacobs '54.....\$40
Gloria (Storts) Toepel '59.....\$30
David Poynter '63.....\$25

A big thank you to John Moore (JM) '48 for sending me articles and information on alumni that I would otherwise not know about.

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I'm going to do a story on generations. How many generations in your family have graduated from or are currently in an SCM school? I am the third generation out of five. Let me hear from you!

PAVE THE WAY

School City of Mishawaka is in the process of building 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 can 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 stultzj@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4537.

