



On December 31, 2019, the Mishawaka FOP/Mishawaka Event Center closed their doors for the last time. This forced us to look for another location for our monthly luncheons. We checked out several options and chose the one that we think meets all of our needs and then some. We are proud to announce that our monthly luncheons will now be held at the **“Chicory Event Center”** in downtown Mishawaka. This was formerly the Knights of Columbus building across from the old Liberty Mutual building. They did extensive renovations in the hall and added a second Chicory Café in the northern portion of the building that mirrors the New Orleans-themed downtown South Bend location. In the short time that they have been open, they have established themselves as “the place to go”. All of our Mixers are going to be held here as well as the All Class Reunion in May. It’s a great facility and hope that everyone enjoys it. There is plenty of parking available on the north, west and south side of the building. There is street parking on the west and south of the building but all three sides have parking lots available with handicap spots.



Chicory Event Center
114 West 1st Street, Mishawaka 574-204-2025 www.chicorycafe.net

With this location change there are going to be some minor changes to a few things that we have done in the past:

You will no longer be able to bring your own food in. State regulations do not allow outside food to be brought into the facility so if you do not wish to eat what is on the buffet, the café will be open and you can go in there and order off the menu. You will only need to pay the \$2 non-eater fee at the door. Breakfast is served all day. They will bring your food to your table. Leftovers, if any, from the buffet lunch, will be offered for \$5 a container. This will be on a first come first served basis. There is a bar in the banquet room that will be open for you to purchase drinks. Soft drinks are available at the bar as well with your ticket. There will be a coffee, water, tea, and lemonade station available by the tall china cabinet.



Notes From The Editor

Exciting things to look forward to this year for the MHSAA. The biggest being the move to our new Luncheon location, which I think everyone, will love. There is a lot of request for volunteer help from our Alumni, so I will be getting some of that organized for us. Looking forward to having the MHSAA get involved in some of these things. Happy New Year!

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The format will not change from the past. Chuck Wayne has stepped down from his Entertainment Chairperson role and handed over the reins to Victoria Maione '69 and Vivian Alvey. They already have some great new entertainment lined up for the year and have some fun stuff in the works. Every month we are going to celebrate those months' birthdays with a cake. There are plans to do some fun things every month, if you have any ideas, please let me know. We are really looking forward to this year and the changes that are happening.



We would like to thank Sarah from the FOP for all her help each month to get everything set up and ready to go for us and to Faulkner's Catering for many years of great meals. We will miss you!

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call. See you at the Chicory!

In Memory

Thomas Baiz

05-22-23 to 12-17-19
Class of 1942

Bruce Balentine

04-24-60 to 01-06-20
Class of 1978

Laverna (Bare)

Barsoda

01-09-31 to 11-03-19
Class of 1949

Robert "Mayor Bob" Beutter

04-06-35 to 01-02-20
Class of 1953

Sue (Kline) Bickel

08-09-39 to 12-29-19
Class of 1957

Phillip Deethardt Sr.

10-17-35 to 01-15-20
Class of 1954

Raymond Demske

07-08-26 to 12-15-19
Class of 1944

Frank Dolgos

11-13-44 to 11-20-19
Class of 1963

Virginia (VanHoutte) Edmonson

04-09-35 to 12-31-19
Class of 1953

Martha Jane (Renner) Federnok

05-18-24 to 11-22-19
Class of 1942

Lucille (Lamb) Macready Freeman

09-06-21 to 01-07-20
Class of 1939

Judy (Bloom) Hampton

05-17-39 to 12-21-19
Class of 1956

Arthur Harker

09-01-30 to 11-29-19
Class of 1949

Ronald H. Hixenbaugh

08-25-50 to 12-07-19
Class of 1968

Phillip Kamerer

07-15-31 to 12-30-19
Class of 1950

Cont'd

Save the Date

MHS Alumni Mixer

Wine & Cheese
February 20, 2020
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

MEF All-Class Reunion

May 15, 2020
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Chicory Event Center
114 W. 1st Street • Mishawaka, IN 46544



Questions? Contact Heidi Peebles
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Now that we've had our first Mixer and we feel that it was a success, we are going to try and do them 3 times a year for now. We can always change that to more frequent, if the want is there. Once again, we will have a sommelier sampling a different wine this time. The Café will be open if you want more than an appetizer with your drinks. Everyone is welcome... BRING A FRIEND! There may be a door prize drawing for those that bring a friend who did not attend the last mixer. \$5 donation at the door. Cash Bar.

In Memory

Ronald Kempf

01-30-43 to 12-26-19
Class of 1960

Robert L. Kyle

10-29-41 to 12-03-19
Class of 1965

Robert Lange

10-14-43 to 11-28-19
Class of 1961

**Carol (McMallum)
Muia**

11-23-32 to 11-18-19
Class of 1950

Tom Meuninck

04-11-43 to 11-23-19
Class of 1961

**Patricia (De Wulf)
Sabbe**

07-03-43 to 11-29-19
Class of 1961

Dale Alfred Sherry

10-13-30 to 12-19-19
Class of 1949

**August (DeRoeck)
Simmons**

02-10-31 to 11-17-19
Class of 1950

Betty (Eberhart) Smith

06-13-30 to 12-22-19
Class of 1948

**Mary Lou (LaCluyse)
Sroka**

12-02-22 to 12-27-19
Class of 1941

Robert Sriver Sr. DDS

12-06-33 to 12-13-19
Class of 1952

Antonio Tavares

03-31-36 to 11-25-19
Class of 1954

Noel "Dean" Thomas

07-03-26 to 11-26-19
Class of 1944

**Esther (Burden)
Thompson**

10-03-18 to 12-09-19
Class of 1936

**Patricia (Richard)
VanRie**

09-25-30 to 12-18-19
Class of 1948

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News from "Entertainment" Girls... Vivian Alvey & Victoria Maione

It's our goal for the coming year to bring some new ideas to the entertainment.

We need each of you to talk to your friends, neighbors and ask them to come and join us! This is a new year...we appreciate your continued support and together we can have a great year!

Here's what has been planned for February and March:

February 5th

"Laura D" will be singing some of those romantic songs we all remember and sharing songs from her jazz collection. Beautiful voice.

March 4th

Our entertainment will have an "Irish theme" ...wear your green!

"Bryan E" a very talented singer/guitarist will be performing.

These entertainers have not performed for the Mishawaka Alumni.

Be sure and give them a friendly welcome and enjoy their performances.

Let us know any suggestions or ideas you may have:

Vivian Alvey vealvey@aol.com Victoria Maione vima413@aol.com

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and now we start our exciting year with the Mishawaka Alumni Luncheons...

Vivian & Victoria

P.S.

We will let you in on the plans for August 5th:

"The Sounds of Patsy Cline". Who doesn't love her songs? The entertainer has performed Patsy Cline to sold out audiences. This luncheon will be one you won't want to miss! Let's try and fill every seat in the Chicory!

Volunteer Opportunity

Mishawaka High School is entering two teams in the South Bend Regional Mock Trial Competition this year on February 22, 2020 at Adams High School.

The Indiana Bar Foundation is looking for both attorneys and non-attorneys to serve as judges at the upcoming Indiana mock trial competitions. We invite you to be a part of these exciting events.

The following shifts are available each day to meet your scheduling needs:

Morning (8:30 am-12:00 pm)

Afternoon (12:30 pm-4:00 pm)

Evening (4:00 pm-7:30 pm)

Do you have a friend or colleague interested in volunteering? Please feel free to forward this email to others who you think would make great volunteers. We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome new volunteers!

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Jessica Monroe, 574-254-7300 or monroej@mishawaka.k12.in.us



The Blizzard of 1978

The collision of two low-pressure systems, one dropping southward out of Canada and the other being pushed north from the southwest by the sub-tropical jet stream, was the key to the greatest blizzard to engulf the mid-west in the 20th Century. Weather forecasts preceding this event were so dire that most discounted them as unrealistic. When snow began to fall on Wednesday evening, January 25th, people began

to take notice. By the next day, snow was steadily falling at the rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour and winds were gusting at over 50 miles per hour. The landscape of the town was being erased as cars were covered with snow and drifts reached rooflines of many city homes. Pictured is a home in the Norman Heights area of Mishawaka, buried in a blanket of white. 42 years ago, the Blizzard of 1978 visited our town and vivid memories of its impact will remain with us forever.

It was like being dropped on the moon and trying to negotiate a new reality. Cars were buried, streets were waist deep in snow, and help wasn't coming. Neighbors came out of their homes with shovels in hand and dug out their own cars and streets. People checked on the elderly and those with young children to make sure they had enough provisions to survive the storm. Sled brigades were organized to walk to grocery stores and obtain necessities for those in need. Farmers organized snow mobile teams to get needed food and water to animals isolated by the storm. Stranded motorists were rescued by volunteers in snowmobiles and taken to safety. Schools were closed for up to two weeks following this event and going to church on Sunday was a "walk-in" event for those who could safely attend. Other critical services could not shut down and were staffed by a core group of dedicated volunteers who remained on duty for the duration of the blizzard. This included news and weather broadcasts from local radio and TV.

During the storm, the barometric pressured dropped to a record low of 28.23. Medical personnel are well aware of the phenomenon of pre-term birth brought on by low pressure systems. As if to prove a point, a large number of "blizzard" babies chose this inconvenient time to arrive. In many cases, brave volunteers on snowmobiles helped avert disaster by bringing help to those in need. Many of these now 42-year-old babies owe their lives to these snowmobile warriors. The blizzard brought life and it also brought death. It is unknown how many deaths were attributable to this storm throughout the Midwest, but it was substantial.

Looking back through the rose-colored glasses of time, what most people remember about surviving the great blizzard of 1978 was the sense of community, helping out and truly caring for each other that arouse out of necessity. It was a great feeling and I will remember it always.

Written by Marilou Schroeder for St. Monica's Church History Corner



In Memory

Marshall Vervynckt
05-10-31 to 01-14-20
Class of 1950

Jerry Wilson
10-01-39 to 12-18-19
Class of 1957

Reunions

**18th Annual
MHS Arizona
Alumni Luncheon**

Saturday, March 7, 2020

**Catered Buffet Luncheon
at
Arizona Community
Church
9325 S. Rural Road, Room
G-2
Tempe, Arizona**

\$15 per person

**Make check payable to:
Martha Pierce**

**Mail to:
Martha Pierce
3850 E. White Aster St.
Phoenix, AZ 85044**

**480-759-0527 home
480-226-9882 cell**

**Reservation deadline
March 4, 2020**

**Please provide name,
maiden name, graduation
year, address, phone # and
email address.**

This form is for NEW MEMBERS ONLY. If you are currently a member and are receiving the Newsletter, then your membership will expire 12/31/20. Please feel free to pass this form on to alumni that you know are not members and would like to join.



MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2020

MEMBERSHIP FORM

(EXPIRES 12/31/20)

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: _____ **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 _____ **\$15 PER COUPLE** _____ (for Membership thru 12/31/20)

Name: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Spouse Name: _____ MHS Grad? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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:



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

Sandy Mikesell
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Osceola, IN 46561

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Luncheon Information

Chicory Event Center

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

February	Broasted chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, butter
Entertainment:	Jazz singer Laura “D”
March	Spaghetti, chicken alfredo, Italian salad, roll, butter (Meat on side for Lent)
Entertainment:	Singer/guitarist Bryan “E”. Irish theme....wear green!
April	Burgers, Chicken Breast Sandwich, tossed salad, pasta salad, chips
Entertainment:	TBD
May	Pulled Pork BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
June	Hot dogs and brats, potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
July	Sandwiches (turkey and ham), salad, soup, roll, butter
Entertainment:	Patsy Cline Show
August	Meatloaf, mashed potato and gravy, glazed carrots, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
September	Bruschetta chicken, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
October	Taco Bar – build your own tacos with chicken and beef, taco toppings, Mexican rice, refried beans
Entertainment:	TBD
November	Thanksgiving – turkey, potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll, butter
Entertainment:	J Jay Brook
December	Polish buffet – sausage, fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, noodles, sweet and sour cabbage, roll with butter
Entertainment:	TBD



Happy 100th Birthday Jean Chandonia

Eugenia “Jean” Chandonia was born on January 11, 1920 in Mishawaka, IN, to John and Inez (Roney) Groff. She attended grade school at St. Joseph Catholic School and is a Class of 1938 Mishawaka High School alumni. In 1940, Jean married John Chandonia Jr., of Mishawaka and they had four daughters. Sheila Baroody Smith, Connie Curtis, Carol Hoyes Strickler and Claudette Chandonia. Carol passed away in 2005 and Connie in 2007. Along with her daughters, Jean has 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Jean is a former employee of the Torrington Company in South Bend where she was Secretary to the Treasurer from 1956 to 1982. During her time at Torrington, she became very active in the National Secretaries Association (IAAP). She holds the honor of Secretary of the Year 1975. Along with work, she bowled, golfed and did a great deal of genealogical research both for her own ancestors and those of her husband and the Chandonia family.

Jean graduated from IUSB in 1983 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Arts. In 2002, she was awarded the IUSB Continuing Alumni Distinguished Alumni Award. After positions at several local TV stations, Jean became the Reference Librarian in the Local History Department of the South Bend Public Library. Jean was at the South Bend Public Library for almost 15 years. Today she is retired from most of her previous activities and enjoys relaxing in her home in South Bend. She still putters in her garden and keeps up with local news and her family.

Jean and her family celebrated her 100th birthday at the Elks Club on January 11, 2020. Many of her family and friends traveled long distances to share their Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma on her milestone birthday.

MHS Alumni January Financial Report

Beginning balance as of December 03, 2019		\$ 13,668.77
Income:		
Interest	.57	
Luncheon	248.00	
Membership/Donation	<u>50.00</u>	
	\$ 298.57	<u>\$ 298.57</u>
		\$ 13,967.34
Expenses:		
FOP hall rent/entertain	\$ 908.70	
MEF	1,000.00	
Add'l expenses	<u>1,237.00</u>	
	\$ 3,145.70	<u>\$ 3,145.70</u>
Ending Balance as of January 17, 2020		\$ 10,821.64

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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 1925, 26, 27, 31, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 57, 59, 71, 72, 73, 76, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 11, 12, 13.

Free to Alumni, \$5 donation per book for non-alumni.

December Meeting

We had a great turn out at the December Luncheon. 148 people showed up to enjoy a wonderful Polish Dinner made by Faulkner’s Catering. Craig Tornquest was suffering with laryngitis so he entertained us with some of his favorite tv/movie clips from years past. From Lucille Ball, Jimmy Durante, Laurel & Hardy to a dance clip of George & Gracie dancing with Fred Astaire. The tables all had white tablecloths and napkins on them. People all brought Christmas goodies to share at their tables with all their classmates. We even had a few of our Alumni in their best Christmas attire playing elves and delivering candy canes to everyone. It was a great “last” luncheon at the FOP, after so many years.

Support Groups

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana offers the following caregiver support groups in the St. Joseph County area. All groups are free and open to the public and meet monthly. For more information, contact 574-232-4121 or 888-303-0180 or go online to alzni.org.

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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 peebleesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

