

**MHS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER**

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**June 2018**



**Wednesday**

**June 6, 2018**

**Noon**

**F.O.P. Hall**

~~MENU~~

**Mostaccioli and Meatballs      Italian Salad**  
**Fresh Fruit                              Roll**

**Prepared and served by  
Tom Faulkner Catering**

**\$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**



**In Memory of Her Dad....**

**Cindy Vernasco '80** calls three different places home. She has a home in Mishawaka, she has a condo in Orlando, Florida and has a very lucrative dog business, **Roxies Fund and All Dogs Club** in College Park, Maryland. **Cindy** recently sent a large check to the MHS Alumni to cover the following.



First: Renew her own membership to the alumni.

Second: Enroll her childhood friend, **Chris (Rothy) Tavernier (80)** into the MHS Alumni.

Thirdly: To purchase an engraved paver brick in memory of her dad, **Walter "Dado" Vernasco '54** to be installed at the **Ward Baker Athletic Field**.

Finally: The balance to be used as a donation.

*(Editors side note: Many of you men's fast pitch softball fans in Mishawaka can associate the names of **Rothy** and **Vernasco** as great battery mates in the 60s and 70's playing for the BK Club and Wagner Steel teams.)*

**New Documentary Film**

**Ed Chamberlin '77** has just released the sixth DVD of his "Mishawaka Series" of films:

***Kamm & Schellinger Brewery***

Discover the fascinating history of Mishawaka's famous brewery, which developed into the 100 Center shopping complex in the 1970's. Archival photographs and films, as well as interviews with employees and family members of the brewery, help tell the story of this Mishawaka institution.

You can view a sample video clip and/or purchase this new DVD, as well the other five films which provide fascinating stories of Mishawaka's diverse history at:

[www.chamberlinvideo.com](http://www.chamberlinvideo.com)  
574-258-0919

Other Videos from the "Mishawaka Series"  
Ball Band  
Down To Fame  
On Solid Rock  
Downtown Mishawaka  
Melting Pots of Mishawaka

**CLASS OF 1948**  
**Keep your calendar free for the**  
**AUGUST 1, 2018**  
**MHS Alumni Meeting**  
**Big Surprise!!!!**

**CLASS OF 1953**  
**Thursday August 2, 2018**  
**F.O.P. Hall**  
1825 East 12th Street  
Mishawaka, IN  
**10:30 AM to ??**

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

Please make your reservations with:  
**Suzanne (Williams) Kistler**  
[sppelelkhart@aol.com](mailto:sppelelkhart@aol.com)  
574-264-4732

**"Go Mishawaka"**

"Over these many years, both **Ralph** and I have enjoyed the MHS Alumni Newsletter. It is my sad duty to inform you that **Ralph Powell** passed away on September 25, 2017 of congestive heart failure. He was in the class of **1951** and was so proud of being a Mishawaka High School graduate. Keep up the good work and **GO MISHAWAKA!**"

**Mrs. Marni Powell**  
St. Francis, Minnesota

**Congratulations**  
**50th Wedding Anniversary**  
**Ronald '63 & Elizabeth (Lapkiewicz) DeWinter**  
May 4, 1968

**60 Wonderful Years....**

February 15, 1958 was the day that **Wally Vernasco '51** took **Mary Jo Myszke** as his bride and they recently celebrated their **60th** wedding anniversary with family and friends. The **Vernasco's** have three daughters, two are medical doctors and the other a nurse, along with 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



**Wally**, a graduate of Illinois University and **Mary Jo** live in Cary, North Carolina. **Wally** is now retired from the International Paper Corp. where he was plant manager.

**Tom says, Thank You.....**

Your editor received a "Thank You" note from **Tommy Roggeman's** daughter in Arizona for all of the "Thinking of You" cards he has received from his alumni friends. She said, "Dad gets the newsletter each month and enjoys reading all about his old classmates from Mishawaka High School."

We all remember **Tom '49** as that tough 'ole lineman for the Cavemen, Purdue and the Chicago Bears.

**60th Wedding Anniversary....**

**Donald '52 and Monica Bice** of Syracuse, IN held an Open House on May 27 at their home, celebrating their **60th** wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Stanislaus Church in South Bend, IN.



**Don** is the former owner of Warsaw Engineering and **Monica** is the former Clerk-Treasurer of Milford, IN. They have four children and three great grandchildren.

**MHS Has New Football Coach.....**

With the departure of Indiana Hall of Fame **Coach Bart Curtis** as the head football coach of the Mishawaka Cavemen, **Keith Kinder** has been named to assume that job. As a high school player at nearby Jimtown High School, **Keith** was the quarterback who won back to back state championships in both his junior and senior year.



**Keith** has served as the offensive coordinator and assistant coach for the Cavemen since 2002 after he arrived from Southern Wells High School where he was head baseball coach as well as being assistant coach in football and basketball.

**Coach Kinder** follows the two winningest coaches in Mishawaka history. **Brad Curtis** won 90 games in ten years and **Jim Aldrich** won a school record 92 games.

**Taking Care Of Family.....**

*"I want to make sure my family is renewed for our membership to our Alumni so I am paying for them. Here are their names and their home towns."*

**Deborah (Sriver) Fleming '78** South Bend, IN

*My parents:*

**Nancy (Crissler)'54 and Bob Sriver '52** Mishawaka

*My brother:*

**Rob Sriver '88** Goebels, Michigan

*My sister:*

**Cindi (Sriver) DeMarco '80** Newton, Connecticut

**Debbie** was one of Mishawaka's finest girls athlete and is a member of the Mishawaka Hall of Fame.

**Let's Hear It From The Deacon.....**

**Eugene Egendoerfer '49** sent in a little note to your editor updating his new mailing address and what is going on in his life. He sold his home in Parrish, Florida and moved to Easley, South Carolina where he put an addition on his daughters house and lives there.

**Gene** has **six** children, **27** grandchildren and **five** great-great grandchildren. You know when your grandchildren become grand parents, you are getting pretty old.

**Gene** says, *"I'm retired from my active Deacon Ministry because of mandatory Deacon Retirement Policy at 80 years old."*

**We All Looked So Young....**

*"Thank you for the 1950 Miskodeed you sent us; both Janet and I lost our Miskodeeds during one of our moves. We all look so young and full of energy. MHS was a great learning experience and Mishawaka was a great town to live in. The older I get, the more appreciative I am of those experiences. Both Janet (Velleman '52) and I are happy now that you have renewed the newsletter format...keep up the great job and hopefully you'll find and train someone to be your replacement."*

**Submitted by Jack and Janet Stroobandt**  
Georgetown, Texas

**Are you Looking For Your Old Yearbook?**

**Check out the Miskodeeds we have available.**

**Free for the asking on a first come first serve basis.**

**1920 1923 1925 1926 1928 1931 1947**

**Send your requests to:**

**John Moore**

**3602 So. Ironwood Dr. Apt. 131 W**  
**South Bend, IN 46614**

**or**

**574-231-8500**

**jmoore3026@aol.com**

**The books will be mailed to you free of charge.**

If you have any Miskodeeds you do not want anymore, contact John Moore and he will pick them up.

**A True-Blue MHS Family.....**

**Mildred "Millie" (Emenaker) Kleiser**, class of **1934**, passed away on March 16, 2018. She was **101** years old and a life long resident of Mishawaka. She married **Robert G. Kleiser '37**, he preceded her in death in 1980. **Millie** was a homemaker, raising seven daughters. They all survive and include: **Joanne Rees '57** of San Antonio, Texas; **Judie Mc Glinchey '58** of Port Charlotte, Florida; **Michele Foster '61** of South Bend, Indiana; **Pat Buffington '64** of Houston, Texas; **Barb Stillson '69** of Elkhart, Indiana; **Paula Fields '74** of Niles, Michigan; **Beki Paulus '77** of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Also surviving are her **13** grand children as well as **15** great grandchildren. Besides her husband, **Millie** was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

**Millie** was an active member of St. Monica's Parish and St. Vincent DePaul Society. She was a past member of the Fireman's Auxillary and the Quilters Club. She enjoyed playing Euchre with her friends, watching soaps, was an avid Notre Dame football fan, loved traveling and worked the election polls until she was 93 years old. **Millie** will be missed by all who knew her.

### Here and There With Our Alumni.....

**Al Carter**, an alumni volunteer from day one back in 1996, is now living at St. Paul's Retirement Center with his wife, **Mary Jane (Stebbins) Carter '49**. Al and **Mary Jane** collated and folded the old newsletters every month. Most recently, he helped **Harry McCool '53** in the selling of half and half tickets at every meeting.

**Linda Lou Watson '60** resides in Newark, Delaware and is the only MHS Alumni from the state of Delaware. Don't move **Linda**....we have alumni living in all of the 50 states and one foreign country. Thanks **Linda** for that nice donation.

**Joe Goossens '53** has completely recovered from his recent fall and is enjoying life with his wife, **Janice (Maggioli)** at their new home in Fishers, Indiana, closer to their children. **Joe** said, "*I'm looking forward one of these Fridays to coming to lunch with the old Friday Lunch Bunch gang.*"

**Dennis Wolter '57** of Beverly Shores, IN said, *I'm not a member, but can I still get the monthly alumni news letter?*" You sure can **Dennis**....Just get signed up and become a member!

**Helen (Komick) Bennett '46** is the new Queen of the Senior Living Center in Indianapolis where she now resides to be closer to her niece. She misses all her friends in Mishawaka, but "*I want to be remembered to all of those wonderful friends.*"

**Helen (Mazurkiewicz) Dudeck '57** who lives in Oscela, IN sent a note expressing how much she enjoys the newsletter. I have three children: **Edward '09, Katherine(Dudeck) Miller**, and **James**, 6 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

### Anna Rohrer Leads The Irish....

Notre Dame's **Anna Rohrer** highlighted the first day of the Penn Relays on April 26th in Philadelphia for the Irish with a win in the women's 10,000 meter race.

Racing for the first time in 10 months, the **Mishawaka High School** graduate placed first with a time of 33:25.24, which currently ranks ninth nationally. This was the fastest time for the 10,000 meter run at the Penn Relays in the last 15 years.

Although **Anna** did not race anymore at the Penn Relays, she did pick up an accolade for her performance. She was named the College Women's Athlete of the Meet for Individual Events.

### Taking Care Of The Family.....

**Sandy Arnold '66** who lives in Mishawaka mailed in her check to be sure her membership as well as her brother's, **James Michael Arnold '64** who resides in Castle Rock, Colorado and **Michael Kedik '85** who lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota are up to date. The balance of her donation was in memory of her mother and brother.

"Peg Arnold '40  
Chuck Arnold '75"

### Anybody For Horseshoes? Horseshoe League

Bendix Park in Mishawaka  
Every Wednesday morning 9:00 am  
300 South Delorenzi and Fourth Streets  
**New players always welcome.**

*Editors Note: Wonder if Cecil "Bussie" Kelter '45 will be pitching this year?*

### > > MHS Class of 1978 < < <

#### 40th Reunion

#### Friday August 24th

1-5 pm Meet and Greet at Denise Shamness pool

4:00 pm Tour of the High School

7:00 pm Meet at Pat's Pub in Granger

#### Saturday August 25th

11:00 am-6:00 pm Rose Park cookout

7-11: pm Meet at Di Loreto Club for dancing, cocktails, socializing and good food.

#### Sunday August 26th

10: am Brunch and Bloody Mary's at Chicory Café in South Bend

1-6 pm lounge by the pool at Keeley Paston's

For additional information, contact:

**Debbie (Sriver) Fleming**

1330 East Jefferson Blvd South Bend, IN 46517

574-234-2856 drfleming@princesscitydental.com

## Class of 1948

Be sure to mark your calendar now!

Wednesday August 1, 2018

Alumni Meeting

**Big, Big, Big Surprise**

Tell your classmates

You won't be disappointed!

### Did You Know?

Since May 1963, the U.S. Navy YTB-764, named U.S.S. **Mishawaka** has been in service at the Naval Station, San Diego, California. The **Mishawaka** is a tug boat whose duties are to assist Navy ships entering and leaving the harbor.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**>>>EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY<<<**

**ALL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS TO THE MHS ALUMNI  
ALL DONATIONS TO THE MHS ALUMNI  
ALL CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS OR E-MAIL ADDRESSES  
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**Your cooperation in the above matters is greatly appreciated and hopefully  
it will be one way to better serve the greatest high school alumni in the  
United States**



**IN MEMORY****PATSY Woolley**

May 11, 1937-Mar. 29, 2018

Class of 1955

**WAYNE R. SOULE**

Jan. 26, 1936-Apr. 13, 2018

Class of 1955

**CHARLES R. HESTON, Jr.**

May 13, 1965-Apr. 14, 2018

Class of 1984

**MARLA (POZWILKA) MANHART**

Apr. 21, 1947-Mar. 17, 2018

Class of 1965

**LARRY L. DAWSON**

Oct. 12, 1935-Apr. 20, 2018

Class of 1955

**ROBERT MICHAEL ZAVOR**

Apr. 29, 1947-Apr. 25, 2018

Class of 1965

**LOIS (De MEESTER) LEYES**

Jan. 7, 1928-May 2, 2018

Class of 1946

**MARTHA J. (SCHROEDER) COLEMAN**

July 31, 1921-Apr. 30, 2018

Class of 1939

**MARY LOU (CLINE) SPEAR-WALSH**

Feb. 23, 1926-May 6, 2018

Class of 1943

**DAVID L. ROGERS**

Dec. 8, 1937-May 6, 2018

Class of 1957

**MAY YOU ALL REST IN PEACE****CONDOLENCES TO**

The Rodney Spear family with the passing of his mother, Mary Lou Cline Spear-Walsh. Many of we older alumni recall dashing to Cline's Drug Store at lunch hour to get those delicious hot dogs and a coke that Mary Lou would serve. God rest her soul.

**CLASS OF 1952**

Join your classmates on the last Friday  
of every month at  
**Allie's Restaurant**

Mishawaka Avenue in River Park

**10:00 am****Call Jane (Van Hoecke) Mittleman**

for more information

574-259-4830

**Antique-****Classic Car****Show****Wednesday August 1, 2018****F.O.P. parking lot****(Day of the MHS Alumni meeting)**

Come early for the alumni meeting and see these beautiful refurbished vehicles.

Free entry fee.

Contact **Vince Kertes '64** for more information:

574-679-4087

(Rain date September 5, 2018)

**MHS Alumni Financial Report**

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2018 \$15,500.49

## Income:

|                     |            |          |
|---------------------|------------|----------|
| Membership          | 450.00     |          |
| Donations           | 4,060.34   |          |
| Check act. Interest | <u>.71</u> |          |
|                     | 4,510.05   | 4,510.05 |

## Expenses:

|                       |                 |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Entertainment         | 400.00          |                 |
| Postage               | 555.30          |                 |
| Supplies              | 173.61          |                 |
| F.O.P. hall rent      | 193.05          |                 |
| Lake Michigan Mailers | <u>1,064.43</u> |                 |
|                       | 2,386.39        | <u>2,386.39</u> |

Ending balance as of April 31, 2018 17,624.44

*(Thank you to those who made generous donations)***A True Volunteer....**

**Margie (Evans) Miller '58** sent in her re-newel membership along with this message. *"I am continually blessed by my double life....6 months each year as a volunteer at the UBL (Universal Biblica Latinoamerica) in San Jose, Costa Rica and the other 6 months of my life at my home in Valparaiso, Indiana. While in Costa Rico, my volunteer work includes helping the Spanish American students with their Bible and Theology studies. I will soon leave for Costa Rico for trip number sixteen."*

**Your Editor Needs Your Help**

In order to keep this newsletter going

I need news from **YOU**.....

Don't be bashful

Others are interested in what's going on with you!

Mail or call your news items to:

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# Pave the Way

## For Caveman Athletics

Do you have a special person who you would like remembered ?  
This can be done and you can also support your MHS athletic teams.

School City of Mishawaka has built new baseball and softball fields at the  
**Ward Baker Park.**

This project includes two baseball diamonds, two softball diamonds, a press box,  
a concession stand and rest rooms. A brick walkway leads from a stone entry plaza  
at the parking lot to the press box facility.

You can show your support for this project and Caveman athletics by purchasing a  
12" x 12" construction block or a 4" x 8" paver brick, engraved with a name you  
would like to have memorialized.

### GREAT GIFTS for:

Graduation Gifts      Birthdays      Christmas      Class Reunions      Memorials

12" x 12" Wall Blocks....\$500 each  
6 lines    15 characters per line (90 characters)

4" x 8" paver brick.....\$100 each  
3 lines    15 characters per line (45 characters)

If you would like to receive a "Pave the Way" brochure, please contact  
John Moore and one will be mailed to you. He will also assist you with  
Engraving ideas and the administration. Make all checks payable to the  
Mishawaka High School.

Check it out! A wonderful way to pay a permanent tribute to a loved one.

# MISHAWAKA

## EDUCATION FOUNDATION

June 13, 2018

### **Made In Mishawaka**

### **Annual Luncheon**

Mishawaka Holiday Inn

Honoring

Jennifer Zimmerman

and

John Manuszak

July 9, 2018

### **MEF**

### **1st Annual**

### **Golf Scramble**

Morris Park Country Club

For sponsorship opportunities for any of the events,

Please contact:

Jane Wright ....Executive Director  
[foundation@mishawaka.k12.in.us](mailto:foundation@mishawaka.k12.in.us)

WEDNESDAY      **NEXT MEETING**      JUNE 6, 2018      NOON      F.O.P. HALL

**Come To**

# Margarettaville



**And Enjoy**



# J.G. Buffet



### STILL SEARCHING

for a

### MHS Alumni Newsletter Editor

If you think you would be interested and would like to hear more about it....

Please contact:

**Rod Spear**  
574-257-3831

**Sandra Mikesell**  
574-257-3831

Applicant should be:  
computer knowledgeable

a member of MHS Alumni

somewhat familiar with MHS scene

willing to spend 16-17 hours a week

interested in keeping the MHS Alumni alive

WE NEED TO TALK TO YOU

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

154 members and guests attended the May meeting of the MHS Alumni and were treated to a great luncheon of Italian beef, buttered corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll and watermelon prepared and served by the Tom Faulkner Catering staff.

Half & Half winners were:

1st place \$30 **Bill Kyle '62**

2nd place \$25 **Richard "Jojo" Cukrowicz '54**

3rd place \$20 **Marianne (Kocsis) Martin '48**

Members were entertained by the *Dazed & Confused Band*, as they played those good 'ole 50's, 60's and 70's songs. All three members of the band, **Ken Fozo**, **Tom Nowicki** and **Randy Kuczanski** were MHS graduates.

Attending for the first time was **Bob '52** and **Nancy (Crissler) Sriver '54**, later joined by their daughter, **Debie (Sriver) Fleming '78**. Also, after a long absence, the "*Mayor of Osceola*," **Mr. Cecil "Bussie" Kelter '45** made his appearance.

New members attending the meeting:

**Carol (Guyton) McCall '71** from Mishawaka

**John Juan '65** from Mishawaka

### SORRY

Your alumni staff apologizes for the May issue of the MHS Alumni Newsletter was late. A combination of problems created this problem. We hope we have them all resolved.

### 50th Reunion for Class of 1968

All day event > Pot luck meal served at 12:30 pm  
Call your reunion chairman for more details.