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MAYFIELD



WILDCATS

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

With school back in session, students and teachers alike walked back into the halls of Mayfield and took a seat for what would become another spectacular year. As students walked into the building on their first day back, the senior class officers ushered in the new class theme, Celebrate '08. President **Cassie Gaye**, Vice President **Katie Dolciato**, Secretary **Karson Bodnovich**, Treasurer **Nicole Sills**, and spirit coordinators **Erika DelBrocco** and **Cristina Capretta** stood outside the 10-12 doors celebrating the beginning of their senior year with music and decorations. While seniors were celebrating their own achievement, they knew, just like the rest of the students, to buckle in for another year of a heavy work load, tough practices, and the many tests just waiting to be taken.

The year started off with an early Homecoming fever. Student Council President **Bailey Smith**, Vice President **Mikey Buckholtz**, Treasurer **Michelle Olie**, Secretary **Josette Galiano**, and all the Student Council delegates and officers jumped right into the many meetings and decorations needed to make Homecoming 2007 shine. With the theme, 'Lights! Camera! Homecoming!', they knew this Homecoming would be in the spotlight. Mayfield welcomed back Alumni for this grand event and honored five young women who would join Mayfield's past Homecoming courts. Queen **Tiffany Hu** and court members **Caroline Feran**, **Lisa Leppla**, **Nicki Van Horne**, and **Sophia Korovaichuk** made up Homecoming court.

Mayfield was not only lit up by Homecoming but also in athletics as well. Mayfield's Fall sports' teams may have been some of the most talented and successful groups Mayfield has seen for awhile. Wildcat Football once again stood out not only throughout the conference this year, but the state as well. Led by Senior Captain and Quarterback **Frankie Ferrito** and co-captains **Karson Bodnovich**, **Vinnie Durdella**, **Ashante Williams**, and **C.C Smith**, Mayfield made its way to the state semi-finals against a tough Louisville team where their successful journey ended. The team celebrated a record of 10-4 and the Division II Region Five Championship Title, Mayfield's first in the new division. Success didn't stop there for Mayfield. The Mayfield Men's Golf team also had one of their best seasons yet. With a record of 15-2 and winner of the Northeast Ohio Conference Championship, the men definitely had something to smile about. First Team All Conference honors were awarded to **John Angelo**, **Kevin Jackson**, **Jake Malone**, **Andrew Revello**, and **Ronald Ritner III**. **Ronald Ritner III** would also take home the Conference MVP award.

While Mayfield became a rising star on the field, we were shining within the walls of the school as well. On stage, this year's fall play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", certainly captivated the audience with its dramatic appeal. With **Laurel Gehrisch** as Maggie, **Ilya Yufit** as Brick, **Mikey Buckholtz** as Big Daddy, and **Sarah Demaske** as Big Mama, the play was sure to be a hit. In the classroom, Mayfield had the honor once again to host two National Merit Semifinalists **Sophia Korovaichuk** and **Vitaliy Rotenberg**. Other high achieving individuals included the new inductees into the National Honor Society. President **Bradley Potts** and Advisor **Shirlee Shoben** led the Induction Ceremony and welcomed in a new group of outstanding high school students here at Mayfield. With so many awards given and honors achieved this past fall, Mayfield has beyond a doubt lived up to its respectable reputation and will continue to do so for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

Mark Fadel, *Class of 2009*

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Nancy West Business Scholarship Started

Nancy West, Class of '55, has served on the Mayfield Alumni Executive Board for 20 years. During this time, Nancy has been our scholarship chairman, treasurer, and currently serves as our secretary. Her expertise has been put to good use by the Association. In addition to her countless contributions over the years, Nancy has decided to initiate a new scholarship. Her contribution of First Energy stock will establish the **Nancy West Business Scholarship**, which will be given for the first time to a graduating senior in the Class of 2008. Each year, the scholarship will be valued at \$500 and given to a student who intends to go into the field of business and who also meets the criteria set forth by the scholarship.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to acknowledge the following individuals for joining the Mayfield Alumni Association. Whether referred by a classmate, friend, or relative, the Alumni Association continues to grow and has become stronger through the participation of new members.

A lifetime membership to the Alumni Association is only \$35. It is the surest way to be located by your class reunion committee and stay up-to-date on your alma mater's activities. Also, it becomes much easier to participate in Association events. Remember, there is no fee for those alumni who are over 65 years old. Also, married Mayfield graduates can join for the same \$35 lifetime fee. Please feel free to copy the registration form from this newsletter and give it to a fellow alum.

If you have any questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net

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CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '57

On August 24 and 25, 2007, the **Class of '57** held their 50th reunion. The attendance was outstanding since there were only 88 students that graduated that year. A special get together was held at Wellington's on Friday night with 75 people in attendance, plus a few guests.

On Saturday night a dinner was held at the Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village with an attendance of 100. Sixty-three alumni attended with their spouses of significant others. This included three retired former teachers/counselors, Mr. & Mrs. **Ed Ferris**, Mr. & Mrs. **William Mahusky**, and Mr. & Mrs. **Carl Speck**.

Alumni came from California, Florida, Texas, Georgia and many other parts of the US. Kudos to the committee that organized such a wonderful weekend and special thanks go to **Roger and Sherrill Moore** for finding so many classmates through the great technology we have available today.

We look forward to the 55th reunion and hope to see as many of you that can attend.

Rose Newman, Class of '57

Class of '58

The **Class of '58** is looking to have a reunion this year. That makes sense! Spearheading the planning is **Carol Shannon** and she is seeking help from other classmates. Your input is needed on the following ideas.

One is a vacation-type weekend like a cruise out of a port such as Tampa or Houston. A second could be a weekend in a resort location like Vegas, Branson, Orlando, or some other easy to reach place by car or air. Another idea is a "back home" Cleveland tour including the old high school, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and an informal party. A fourth idea is to take advantage of the Alumni Dinner Dance and plan the reunion around the all-you-can-eat, open bar, music, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and more for \$45 per person. Of course any combination of the above can also work.

We need your input, and your help in any way you can, to pull this all together. Please contact either Carol at cshannon@lbdsl.com or co-chairman **Jerry Fudurich** at jeromeassoc@yahoo.com.

Jerry Fudurich, Class of '58

Class of '67

I want the Alumni Association know that I had several e-mails from classmates about how nice our **Class of '67** reunion was in conjunction with the Association's Raffle. Having our own seating plus all the advantages of having a multiple class reunion is a huge bonus. As a member of the reunion committee, I can't tell you how much we appreciated the Association handling all the responsibilities for Saturday night. About all we had to do was update our mailing list. During the course of the evening, several complimentary comments were made on the quality of the champagne being served with the strawberries in it, along with all the other appetizers that were being passed around. Classmates really enjoyed the dinner and the choices they had. By far, the dessert table was excellent and the flaming coffees were a tasty finish for all. The Class of '67 will not hesitate to hold our next reunion in conjunction with the Mayfield Alumni Raffle. It's a no-brainer for us.

Judy Delfs, Class of '67

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1978	30th	TBA	Scott Finerman	216-361-1000	scf@partnerss.com
1983	25th	Nov. 9, 2008	Laurie Nihiser Korcuska	440-542-0669	laurieinsolon@roadrunner.com
1988	20th	TBA	Matt Sadowski	216-534-1655	mattsadowski@eaton.com
1998	10th	TBA	Mandy Fordham Leensvaart		mandyleensvaart@gmail.com

Class of '42

There were 21 who attended the 65th reunion of the **Class of '42**. Dinner was held at the home of **Ann Carroscia** in Chardon on Saturday, September 15, 2007. There were 12 classmates and nine who were not members of our class.

It was fun getting together, reminiscing and laughing. We also enjoyed a delicious meal. The roll call included:

Blanch Borlin Smyth	Marion Brehm Kossick
Violet Dean Thompson	George Duncan (Almyra)
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Lillian Matz Ostlund	Jo Phillips Kiraly
Anna Restifo Heinrick (Frank)	Wilma Rogers
Fred Watson (Florence)	Harry Wirstrom (Jo)
Jim Woerne (Dorothy)	Ann Trivisonno Carroscia

Frances Rossi Ricci called us from her home in Glendale, CA, so some of us got to chat for a few minutes. Two of our classmates flew in from California. On Sunday, September 16th, we met for brunch at Wellington's on Alpha Dr. before we said "good bye until next time."

Anna Carroscia, Class of '42

Class of '97

The **Class of '97** 10 year reunion was quite a success. We started off with a casual get-together at the Fox and Hound on Friday, November 23rd. Although we didn't require RSVP's to this event, we believe we had close to 175 people attend. We knew we had to have a two night event for those new parents who could only take one night off from the kids!

Saturday night, we held our reunion at Wellington's in Mayfield Village. We had 135 people attend, with 82 from our class. We were hoping to get 1/3 of our class and we got pretty darn close to it! The cost was \$50 per person for salads, full buffet dinner, dessert, and open bar. We also had memorabilia boards with items from high school, as well as a tribute to those classmates who have passed away. We had nametags with senior pictures, as well as various door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. We also had a brief slideshow of pictures from our classmates.

Overall, the committee couldn't have been happier with the end result and we are looking forward to planning our next reunion in 2017. We've already given tips to the Class of '98 since they are in the beginning stages of planning now. How quickly those 10 years went by!

Aimee Puin, Class of '97

Multiple Class Reunions Catching On

It's been a win-win situation. And it's really catching on. The Mayfield Alumni Association has initiated one of the most progressive ideas in reunion planning. It's called the multiple class reunion. Each participating class reunion gets the best of both worlds in this unique design. The Association makes all the arrangements, handles the reunion returns and finances, and assumes all the financial responsibilities regardless of how many people attend.

In fact, over the past five years, eight classes have utilized the Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction for their reunion. This past November, the **Classes of '67, '82, and '87** combined to create a memorable evening at a fraction of the cost they would have paid individually. This November, the **Classes of '63, '68, '73, and '83** will add to the number of reunion committees who feel all the work is not worth the gain. Reunion chairmen have mentioned to the Association in the past that it takes the wind out of their sails when the turnout is less than expected. Because of this and other reasons, the Association decided to come up with a remedy to keep costs low and enjoyment high. We do it with numbers.

Classes have their own group seating, and attendees can buy a raffle ticket for the \$4,000 grand prize (or not), can buy side board tickets (or not), can bid on a Silent Auction item (or not), but will enjoy wonderful appetizers, a more-than-you-can-eat dinner with a wide assortment of options, open bar (including liqueurs, martini's, beer and wine, etc.), a DJ, and out-of-this-world desserts (people actually rush the dessert and flaming coffee room when it opens!). You can select your favorite liqueur to go with your coffee.

If you are on the reunion committee for your class, give this some thought and contact the Association for more details. Four classes is probably the limit for an evening. The cost, by the way, is only \$45 per person!!



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2007 Mayfield High School



Lyle "Hal" West Class of '55

Hal West credits Mayfield High School as the foundation upon which he was able to build a long and diverse career. After leaving Mayfield, Mr. West earned his bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Maryland. It was a swift road from his first exhilarating solo aviation flight to silver wings of a United States Air Force Pilot. In 1955, Mr. West spent time in the Army serving under President Eisenhower's new military service program. He went on to serve in Athens, Greece, including temporary duty in Saudi Arabia and Turkey. He spent over a year on temporary duty to Southeast Asia and flew over 700 combat flight hours. Mr. West was awarded three USAF Air Medals. When Mr. West's tour ended in the late 1960s, he joined Trans World Airlines while maintaining his commission and flight status with the Air Force Reserve.

By 1978, Mr. West received the highest FAA civilian flight rating, Airline Transport Pilot. Mr. West recollects that the thrill of earning the esteemed title rivals the feeling of his first solo flight. He rose from First Officer to Captain, flying both domestic and international routes. Mr. West has accumulated over 28,000 flight hours over the last 35 years, without incident. Amazingly, in the midst of his commercial airline career, Mr. West continued to climb the ladder in the Air Force Reserve, earning more awards and honors. It is difficult to enumerate the extensive resume of promotions, titles, and honors encompassed by Mr. West's prestigious career. In addition to his professional work, his community involvement is extensive. West is married to Nancy, also a 1955 Mayfield graduate. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.



John Norman Class of '78

John Norman has followed his dreams and found success since leaving Mayfield High School. His high school band, Champion, began a full-time touring schedule shortly after graduation. They toured 22 states over the next 12 years and in 1988 a track entitled "Halfway to Heaven" was released. Mr. Norman's many years of touring as a lead guitarist afforded him life lessons that cannot be learned in a textbook. He decided early that he would position himself to plan and succeed. After the band parted ways, he rose from answering phones to general manager at Magicworks, a production and promotion company. By 1999, Mr. Norman was producing renowned exhibitions for SFX Entertainment and Clear Channel Exhibitions. It wasn't long before he was ready to make it on his own.

He is the Founder, President, and CEO of Art & Exhibitions International. His company, based in Aurora, organizes and produces touring museum exhibitions around the globe. His reputation in the field precedes him, having earned the trust of Princess Diana's brother, Charles Spencer, the Vatican, the Egyptian government, among others. He has toured the globe securing and displaying exhibits, including *Diana: A Celebration*, *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*, *Saint Peter & the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes*, *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, and *Whydah: A Pirate Ship* (touring in 2008).

Despite his professional success, Mr. Norman will tell you that his son, Ryan, is his greatest achievement. His impressive accomplishments certainly earn Mr. Norman a place in our Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame.

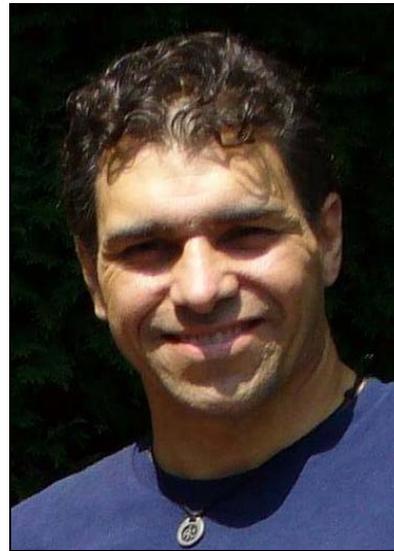
Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Keith Winters Class of '80

Keith Winters graduated from Kent State in 1984 and continued his education at the University of Texas where he completed his M.B.A. in 1999. Mr. Winters served as the Chief Operating and Administrative Officer for Eagle Global Logistics, a company that went “public” on the stock market in 1994. As Chief Operating Officer, he was responsible for overseeing the transportation of products and materials from around the world by air, land, and sea, as well as EGL’s \$3.5 million budget and 11,000 employees worldwide. As Mr. Winters explains, “If you’re in Target and what you’re buying is made in China, EGL got it there. We’ve delivered drilling rigs into the Middle East to shoes in Boston and moved Sea World’s Shamu.” Most recently, Mr. Winters left EGL to begin two start-up companies – C9 Logistics based in Houston, Texas and Hi Heat Concepts in Bedford Heights, Ohio. His goal and vision for these new companies is to continue to give employees the opportunities to have a great job and good life with their families with the means to earn a comfortable living.

Throughout his career, Mr. Winters has moved 13 times, giving him the opportunity to travel the world and see the diversity of people and their cultures. He says he considers his finest achievement to be his son, Ozzie, and the time they have shared together traveling across the globe. Keith Winters returns to Mayfield to be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame and is a reminder for others that the possibilities are endless when you leave the halls of high school.



Nick Cirino Class of '83

Nick Cirino graduated from Earlham College in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in Biology, and in 1995 earned his doctorate in Biochemistry from Case Western Reserve University. His extensive career began in 1994 at the Cleveland Clinic as a Research Fellow and from there he moved on to the Los Alamos National Laboratory where he received a patent on anthrax toxin diagnostics and therapeutics. In 1999, Dr. Cirino’s professional journey brought him to Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio where he managed a team of researchers focused on microbial diagnostics. In 2002, he became the Director for the Biodefense Laboratory, Wadsworth Center at the New York Department of Health. He currently works on evaluation and validation of field and lab diagnostic systems for bioterrorism. Most recently, Dr. Cirino has taught as an assistant professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, SUNY Albany, Department of Public Health. In addition to his extensive professional resume Dr. Cirino also has received numerous accolades which include University of California Outstanding Innovations Award; NYSDOH Commissioner’s Recognition Award in 2004, 2005 and 2006; and Cosmopolitan Who’s Who in Science award. Collectively, he has over 31 published works and five patents. Throughout his career it has been Nick Cirino’s goal to work in the field of science and to improve public health. During his extensive career he has not forgotten his Mayfield roots. He truly is a great reflection and extension of the Mayfield family.

Wildcattin' With Kitty

Andy Yoder, Class of '76. When the Cleveland Foodbank was preparing to open its new 110,000 square foot facility on South Waterloo Rd. in Cleveland, officials wanted to include a donor wall to honor those who had taken part in a fundraising drive to pay for the \$10.3 million facility. Officials commissioned artist **Andy Yoder**, a Mayfield graduate, to create a piece that hangs near the donor wall in the front lobby. The piece, called "**Grain by Grain**," is a sculpture with varieties of bread encased in resin blocks. Included are slices of white, wheat, rye and pumpernickel, alongside tortillas, bagels, raisin bread, breadsticks and several other types of bread. Foodbank officials made Yoder promise the bread would not mold over time. And, after about two years, there's no sign of trouble! In art galleries and museums, artists' pieces have a card hanging nearby detailing the name of the piece, the artist and the medium used to create it. Yoder's card reads: "Aluminum, resin and bread." The piece is named after a Slavic proverb, which reads: "Grain by grain, a loaf; stone by stone, a castle."

Laurel Johnson, Class of '97. This past summer our own actress, **Laurel Johnson**, was very busy completing a TV production in New York. Laurel filmed the TV show "The Kill Point" for Spike TV. It stars Donnie Wahlberg and John Leguizamo and began airing July 22nd at 9:00 pm. The story centered around a bank heist, led by John Leguizamo, and the police force, led by Donnie Wahlberg, who tried to get all the hostages out alive. Laurel played Lucy, the wife of Donnie's character. It was a very exciting action-crime-drama. Laurel was featured in two of the six episodes. Alums need to keep their eyes and ears open for more of Laurel Johnson on the tube!!

Mayfield Fight Song Donated

Ray Miller, Class of '57, made a CD with the Mayfield Fight Song on it for his 50th Class Reunion. He said he wasn't sure how close it is to the actual song, but it is pretty good. He created the song by ear because he hasn't actually heard it for 50 years! Ray donated it to the Alumni Museum, so if your class reunion would like to borrow it, you may. Thanks Ray.

Dr. Kathe Dillon Shelby, Class of '63. The organization "Individuals Devoted to Educational Advocacy" honored **Dr. Kathe Shelby** on November 15, 2007 as one of three "Celebration of Champions, 2007." Kathe is the Director of the Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center and a lifetime proponent for the improvement of Special Education programs and services in Cuyahoga County. IDEA is a nonprofit, tax-exempt group of parents and professionals committed to providing financial assistance to students with special education needs for summer programming including camp, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and/or tutoring, which would allow the student to maintain educational, physical, and social growth over the summer. Congratulations to Kathe on her well deserved recognition.

Michael Tippet, MHS science teacher and assistant principal. The following e-mail was received by the Alumni Association from **Mike Tippet** this past Fall. Mike now lives in Florida. It brings back many memories if you were a football player or fan.

"I just happened to have the car radio on the station that was carrying the local Manatee High School football game. They were playing Sarasota High School, where **Ray Rainone** was the principal back in the early 90's. Even though I feel part of the faculty at Mayfield and another school in Bradenton at which I sub about equally, I don't attend events at the schools. Anyway, I was taken back to when as a new teacher at Mayfield, I was given the job of filming the football games. I knew practically nothing about football. (My grandmother once commented, "You're not much of a sport, are you, Michael?) **Chick Beach** was the coach, and I was hanging off a telephone pole (there was no press box) on a little perch shared with **Al O'Janpa**, and **Tom King** or **Maury Sandy**. They would get so excited, yelling and jumping up and down, that I was sure we were going to plummet to the ground at any moment. That was before video, so I had to change movie reels five times during the game—usually during a crucial play. After the first game, Chick said I did a pretty good job, but could I try to follow the ball next time??"

I was glad to hand that job over to **Ray Goe**, media services director, after a few years. Oh, yes—there was rain and snow, too.

Carol Ondercin Silvi, Class of '71. Carol is looking for anyone who may have a copy of the Girls' Choir recording of Singing Into Spring. It is believed to be a record album that was done in 1970 or 1971 under the direction of Mr. Richard Huff. Carol lost hers and would like to have it replaced. Carol has the capability of copying it from vinyl to a disc. She is feeling nostalgic and is looking for some help. If you have a lead, you can contact Carol at musicmom9564@oh.rr.com

IN MEMORIAM

Clyde Scott, '35, passed away Nov. 7, 2007.
 June Howe Dill, '37, passed away July 31, 2007.
 Louis Granger, '37, passed away Jan. 6, 2002.
 Fred McGurer, '38, passed away Oct. 28, 2007
 George Wills, '41, passed away Aug. 9, 2007.
 Lillian Bloom Butchart, '44, passed away Sept. 2007.
 Halle (Hal) Ricciardo, '48, passed away Dec. 2007.
 Clyde Burtonshaw, '49, passed away July 2007.
 Clair Lebold, '50, passed away May 5, 2007 from cancer.
 Richard Miller, '50, passed away in 2007.
 Marcia Martin Clark, '54, passed away Dec. 17, 2007 from pancreatic cancer.
 Carol Miller Day, '56, passed away Sept. 24, 2007.
 Judy Usnik Young, '59, passed away Sept. 14, 2007.
 Ray Fiorino, '62, passed away Jan. 9, 2008 from cancer.

STAFF DEATHS:

Dick Johnson, H.S. Science, passed away November 7, 2007, of cancer.
 Maxine Freas, Lander Elementary, passed away Aug. 7, 2007.

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Chilbert, Johns, Ostovic, and Safran Honored at Alumni Association's Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction

The Mayfield Alumni Association conducted its 27th annual Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction at the Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe in November. This event is becoming a popular multi-functional evening for many of Mayfield's grads. Several classes have asked to have their reunions in conjunction with the Association's Raffle. To learn more about the multi-class reunion concept, see a related article on page 5. A Silent Auction, which usually includes six to eight items ranging from a vacation condo to a wine collection to an overnight stay at the Glidden House Inn, is also offered as an additional benefit for attendees. A new menu offered by **Sandy (Class of '61) and Linda Carmigiano**, owners of the Normandy Party Center, was a real hit this year. Read about it in the related article. **Tony (Class of '53) and Carol Leonardi**, known as Rhythm Connection, were the DJ's for the evening. This year's inductees included **Joe Chilbert, Lee Johns, Mike Ostovic, and Ernie Safran**.

Joseph Chilbert—Joe came to Mayfield High School in 1970 as a 9-10 counselor and several years later moved to the 11-12 building and eventually became the Vocational counselor. It might be said that he had the best understanding of the Mayfield students since he interacted with them at all grade levels in every career or college path. In addition, Joe spent several years as the faculty advisor for Student Council. Joe also served as the Director of Mayfield's night school, assisting students to "get back on track" as they fulfilled their graduation requirements. As part of his responsibilities as the Vocational counselor, Joe served as the Vo-Ed representative at State meetings. He was also the liaison with the other high schools in the consortium and was responsible for the orientation to Vo-Ed in the other districts and was the "contact" person throughout the school year.

As a counselor, Joe Chilbert had an infinite amount of patience and great listening skills to call upon as he guided students through the trials and tribulations of high school. He remained calm and rarely showed anger or irritation with situations he encountered on a daily basis. Parents, staff and his fellow counselors knew they could count on him for support. Joe was always a "handy man" to have around since he is knowledgeable about remodeling, fixing cars, finance and generally dealing with life's ups and downs. Since he retired in 1991, Joe has spent a lot of time traveling with his wife Jean, visiting his three sons and their families as well as his siblings. His family also knows he's a "handy man" to have around as he assists them with many projects.

Lee Johns—As a student at Mayfield, teachers like Dutch Schmidt, Bill Shaylor, Ron Sobel, Jean Zazio and Hal Freas inspired Lee to think about being a teacher; he wanted to be like them. While student teaching at Mayfield Junior High in the spring of 1965, Theron Gurney, principal of the high school, offered Lee a job as an American History teacher and varsity cross country coach. It was a fantastic day in his life and led to 33 years of service at Mayfield High School. He started teaching on his 22nd birthday, September 7, 1965. Teaching with his heroes continued to inspire him to prove himself worthy every day. Lee taught eight different social studies courses at MHS and served two stints as chairman of the social studies department covering 14 years. While at Mayfield Lee received the Jennings Scholar Award for Excellence in Teaching and became a Robert Taft Government Fellow.

In the fall of 1960, Richard Johnson, a Mayfield biology teacher, started varsity cross country at Mayfield and Lee was on that first team. That experience gave Lee a boost in confidence and led to 4 years of running track and cross country in college. In 1988, he was inducted into the Hiram College Athletic Hall of Fame. That background supported Lee as he coached for many seasons at Mayfield. Three of Lee's cross country teams made it to the State championship meet (only 20 teams from the State make it). After assisting Alan O'Janpa for 12 years in track, Lee became the head track coach for 4 years. In all, 29 individuals Lee coached made it to the State meet, and one became a State champ. Lee still coaches girls middle school basketball. Lee retired in June, 1998 and now substitutes at MHS about 100 days a year.

Michael Ostovic—After graduating from California State College in 1969, Mike began his teaching career with the Painesville Township Schools. In 1972 he began teaching at Mayfield where he remained until his retirement in 2004. While at MHS, Mike taught physical science, chemistry, physics and Advanced Placement chemistry. He served as science department chairperson from 2001-2004. Mike was a member of the Chardon Board of Education for 12 years, serving as Board President for six years. He received The Ohio School Board Association's Award of Achievement in 1994. He also was a member of numerous science and education associations. As a teacher, Mike wanted his students to become responsible individuals capable of functioning in "the real world" and able to accept

the results and consequences of their decisions and actions. He maintained high expectations for his students so they might reach their full potential and not fall short and accept mediocrity. He always told students they could be or do anything they wanted to as long as they were willing to work hard for it. The memorable experiences of Mike's teaching career occurred after students graduated. He loves to read a newspaper or magazine or listen to a newscast and hear about a former student and his/her accomplishments. One of the most satisfying experiences is when a former student becomes a teacher, either at Mayfield or in a surrounding school system.

In retirement, Mike goes bass fishing a lot, cheers for the Steelers, grows "the best" cherry tomatoes and spends time visiting his children Derrak and Mindy and their families. He manages a couple of vacations a year with his wife Nancy and is active in his church. As part of a church mission, Mike has traveled twice to Africa, in 2005 and 2007, to help build a Christian based elementary school in Masindi, Uganda, East Africa to provide education to the orphans and the poor, especially those living in Habit for Humanity housing. Mike plans to return to Masindi in January 2009 to help with the construction of a secondary school.

Ernie Safran—Ernie began his teaching career in 1960 at East Technical High School in the Cleveland system. Bob Battisti and Tony Liotta, both of whom would later become Mayfield staff members, were teaching with Ernie at that time. Tony left East Tech in 1962 to teach at Mayfield Junior High School. Tony contacted Ernie in the fall of 1964 and asked if he would be interested in teaching science at the Junior High. After a one hour interview with Bill Shaylor and Rick Miner he was hired to teach 9th grade physical science. Thus began Ernie's career in the Mayfield school system. Within two years Ernie became the athletic director, head 9th grade football coach and head 9th grade track coach. He taught and worked with many excellent teachers at the Junior High. When the 9th grade was moved to the High School in 1971, Ernie moved with them. Ernie has many memories from his teaching career in Mayfield, following are a few examples:

- Teaching in room 108 near the board office in the Junior High and having Superintendents Harvey Scheetz, Joe Baird or Bob Stabile in any class on a daily basis to observe his science classes.
- He was the only head coach ever thrown out of a game—and out of the stadium, by a referee at the Gilmore-Mayfield 9th grade football game after saying "OH NOOOOO!" too loudly after Mayfield's sixth 15-yard penalty in the first half of the game.
- Driving six 9th grade wrestlers to a match with Eastlake North in a 1950 Corvair, down 1-90 in a 35 mph cross-wind because busses were not available.
- Receiving excellence awards from the students during their ranking scholar awards night.
- Then there was the time Wayne Farinacci and Joe Santora talked me into being a "dancing raisin", in the annual talent show. We performed as the "California Raisins" in a "Heard It Though the Grapevine" routine. Needless to say, I haven't worn a pair of green panty hose or any other color since then!

Ernie's career at Mayfield High School came to a close in 1989, when he retired to be a care giver to his mother. During his years at Mayfield, Ernie taught physical science and biology and was an assistant football coach and head track coach. He would personally like to thank all the parents in the Mayfield community who supported the school system during his years in the Mayfield System. It was a memorable time in his life which he will never forget.

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MEMORABILIA NIGHT CHANGED

The Alumni Association has decided to permanently move the annual Memorabilia Night event from the Fall to the Spring. The Association always has a very busy Fall schedule with Homecoming in October and the annual Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction in November. Fall is also a popular time for reunions.

This year, **Memorabilia Night** will be held on **Monday, April 21, 2008, at 6:30 pm**. The evening will start, as it always does, with dinner for those volunteers who attend. In the event you haven't been to a Memorabilia Night, we encourage you to attend. It's an evening where volunteer alums roll up their sleeves and browse through all the memorabilia the Association has collected over the years. The Alumni Association maintains a relatively large green box for each class. As items are identified for a particular class, they are placed in the proper class box. The class box can then be borrowed by reunion committees for their next class reunion. It's a great system for maintaining the tremendous legacy of Mayfield's graduates.

Memorabilia Night is always held at the Alumni Museum. If you haven't visited the museum yet, this will give you the opportunity to do so. Some of us also seem to do a few carpentry or fix-up jobs that night to enhance the look of the museum. While on this topic, we are in need of some good shelving or display cases that could be used for showing off some of our physical memorabilia such as trophies, letterman's jackets, uniforms, and the many smaller items we have collected. Something with glass that can keep items protected is preferred, but we will accept anything that can be put to good use. The Alumni Museum is comprised of a large room, two smaller rooms, and a walk-in safe. It is located in the little red schoolhouse at the corner of SOM Center Rd. and Wilson Mills. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.



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