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WILDCATS

## Nautica Charity Poker Festival Weekend Dates Have Been Set

### Nautica Charity Poker Festival.

The Mayfield High School Alumni Association will hold our third Poker Festival on June 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2011.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP. <RSVP ASAP>

### Details:

Where: Nautica Entertainment Complex in the Flats

Times: Thursday, June 2nd	4:00 to 12:00pm
Friday, June 3rd	4:00 to 12:00pm
Saturday, June 4th	2:00 to 12:00pm
Sunday, June 5th	2:00 to 12:00pm

**What are the jobs?** There are two main jobs needed to run the Texas Hold 'Em Festival. The main areas of need are **Dealers** – which actually requires no card playing experience and **Other Helpers**. We will provide 15-30 minutes of training for those volunteering to be dealers. There are card shufflers built into all of the card tables which makes dealing very simple!! We estimate that we will need 20-40 volunteers for each hour we are open, and for the most part it's going to be closer to 40 volunteers each hour. This is a massive undertaking, but it also results in income that can't be matched

**What is the Nautica Charity Poker Festival?** This is a Texas Hold 'Em card game extravaganza that takes place on a weekly basis at the Nautica Complex. It is a legal fund raising activity as long as a charitable, nonprofit organization is operating the event. There are a tremendous amount of people in the Greater Cleveland area who enjoy playing poker for money. They come to the event and play Texas Hold 'Em poker on a regular basis.

**How does the non-profit organization make money?** The organizations get a "rake" of each hand. Depending on the size of the pot, the organization makes anywhere from \$0-\$7.00 on each hand. Most of the pots take the maximum allotted. We have this on a "cheat sheet" of paper.

**How can I help the Mayfield Alumni Association?** It will take a relatively short amount of time **by many volunteers** to make this fund raiser successful. If the Alumni Association does not have enough volunteers, we will not be able to open as many tables as required, thus yielding less income. If our alums, family and friends support the Association, there is a good chance we will be extremely successful. Our success is dependent upon having many volunteers.

**What would be required of me?** We are looking for volunteers to work at least a 5 - 8 hour shift on any of the days that best meet your schedule. We estimate we will need at least 200 volunteers for the four day event. In the past, many volunteers came two, three or all four nights. The Alumni Executive Board plans to personally be there the entire time with our spouses by our side.

It would be greatly appreciated if you can donate your time to this event. Further, we hope you will be able to motivate a few relatives, friends, co-workers or neighbors to come with you. It's a unique experience; fun and easy.

**What is in it for me?** Most importantly, you will deservedly gain a sense of pride in becoming part of the largest fund raiser for the Mayfield Alumni Association. As a small thank you for your participation the Alumni Association will also provide all volunteers the following:

- A complimentary t-shirt to wear over your top during your volunteering time—yours to keep.
- Free food, beverages, and snacks while volunteering.
- Reimbursement for your parking fee.
- A public thank you in our next Alumni Voice N'letter.

**Count me in!!** Please contact the Mayfield Alumni Association to see how you can help. Our experience has been very gratifying the two previous times we did this. We will send you more information if you RSVP to:

**[mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)**

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Members can contact the Mayfield Alumni Association with newsletter information, class reunion inquiries, or to obtain answers to your questions.

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# Alumni Homecoming Tailgate Party One of the Largest Ever

The Mayfield Alumni Homecoming Tailgate Party is becoming quite the place to be seen each year. This past October, thanks to the **Class of '80** and **Class of '85**, the Association experienced a super large turnout. These two classes arranged to have their class reunion over the Homecoming weekend. They utilized the Alumni Tailgate Party as their Friday night "ice breaker" and it didn't cost the class or attendees a penny. The

Alumni Association pays for the food and beverages every year. Every cheeseburger, hamburger, hot dog and sausage sandwich was devoured just prior to kickoff. Each year, the Alumni Executive Board mans the grills and goes hot and heavy for an hour and a half. This year we fed well over 200 alums, spouses, and kids. The Association also has spirit wear for sale for those who don't quite fit into some of the old stuff stashed away in the closet!

This year we also added a vintage automobile to the tailgate environment. **Kerry Klotzman, '73** was kind enough to drive up in his **1969 Pontiac GTO convertible**. The Association had Kerry pull it up over the curb and get it as close to the grilling area as possible for all attendees to enjoy. Next year we would like to see a few more cars brought in. If you have a vintage car and would like to bring it, please contact the Association at our e-mail address, now or in the fall:

**mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net**

The Association holds the Tailgate Party every year, rain or shine. Partially visible in the picture below is a very large overhang in front of the 10-12 building, which can hold up to 150 people. We also have access to the front doors if anyone is interested in seeing the inside of the school. Please make plans now to attend next year's Tailgate Party.


The Alumni Executive Board posed for a picture with **Kerry Klotzman's** 1969 Pontiac GTO at the end of the Homecoming Tailgate Party. Pictured front: **Joe (Vice President) and Debbie DeMarco, Nancy (Secretary) and Hal West**. Pictured back: **Jerry Fudurich (Class Reunion Coordinator, Julie Vlach (Fundraising) and Wayne (President) and Anna Farinacci**. The Association expects to see more vintage cars at next year's Tailgate Party.



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# Wildcattin' With Kitty



**Jerald B. Holzman, '41**, did the drawings for one of the original "Wildcat" designs. At times the Alumni Association doesn't obtain interesting information about its graduates until many years have passed. Please note Jerald's passing on in the "In Memoriam" column on p.9.

**Patti Delfs, '97**, has become the head girls basketball coach at Northeast H. S. in Pasadena, MD. She was an assistant last year. After playing basketball and volleyball at Mayfield, she took her basketball career to the next level at Bucknell University. From there she took a position at Spring Valley H. S. in Las Vegas where she coached both women's basketball and men's and women's volleyball for five years. Patti has been at Northeast for two years.

**Robert Clasen, '62**, announced his retirement as Chairman and CEO of Starz LLC. In his 40 year career in the industry, Bob has demonstrated his vision and management skills in every phase of the business. During his tenure, Starz grew subscribers, doubled cash flow, expanded original programming and added new services. Starz became a leader in new products such as on-demand, HD, and Internet delivery of movies. "No job has provided a greater measure of excitement and satisfaction than my tenure with Starz," Clasen said.

**Bob Asadorian, '64**, became a Peace Corps Volunteer during the summer of 2010. Bob is stationed in Moldova, a European country near Romania. Moldova is a poor country that is trying to develop its commercial strengths and marketing expertise. That is why the Peace Corps is there. A period of 8-10 weeks was spent in Pre-Service Training while Bob lived in a small village with a host family. After being sworn in as a Peace Corp volunteer, Bob moved to his permanent location with another host family where he expects to be for the next two years.

**Andy McCartney, '88**, was recently honored for the management style he implemented at Bowden Manufacturing, where he is President. The company does CNC machining and assembly for industries ranging from medical to defense. More than two years ago, Andy implemented a team-based management approach at the 80-employee company. All decisions are made, and problems are solved, by empowering employees to use a team-based approach where everyone is required to look at the big picture and not just their own specific area. Andy and several of his employees attended a luncheon several months ago, where Andy McCartney was presented with the Business of the Year award.

**Caren Forrest, '79**, is looking for two past articles she wrote for the high school newspaper. Caren Lettofsky, her name at the time, wrote one article about Mr. Ed Andrews which was published in the Fall of 1977. The second article was about Rod Meadows, and was published in the Fall of 1980. These articles have great sentimental value to Caren. If anyone has copies of either article, you can contact Caren directly at [clf60@hotmail.com](mailto:clf60@hotmail.com). Said Caren in her e-mail to the Association, "I would be forever grateful if I could get copies of these articles."

## Alumni Golf Outing Will Be Held on June 26, 2011

The annual Alumni Golf Outing is set for **Grantwood Golf Course on Sunday, June 26, 2011**. Don't miss this great opportunity to socialize with many fellow grads and win some money at the same time. The format is a 4-man scramble, 18 holes, with skin game included in the \$99.00 entry fee. Due to no skin being won last year, this year's skins game will be worth about \$600. Don't miss out. Lunch 11:00 - 12:00, Shotgun start by 4-somes at 12:00, Steak Dinner at 5:00pm.

The Alumni Association wishes to publicly thank last year's \$100 golf outing sponsors. Stanley Steemer (**Terry Lazar, '67**), Alpha Park, (**Kerry Klotzman, '73**), Neighborhood Partners (**George Persiano, '74**), J.R. Sbrocco Plumbing (**John Sbrocco, '76**), DiCillo Tavern, (**Annette DiCillo, '78**), Glidden House Inn (**Tom Farinacci, '87**), Bowden Mfg. (**Andy McCartney, '88**), **Brian McClain, '88**, Zohos Agency of Farmers Ins. (**John Zohos, '95**). More sponsors are needed so please consider contacting **Bud Nihiser at [bnihiser@prodigy.net](mailto:bnihiser@prodigy.net)** to help out. Sponsors also receive a gift.

We would like to build our annual golf outing participation to 96 players (24 foursomes) or more this year. If we can achieve this goal, costs can go down, more old friendships can be rekindled, new friends discovered, and fond memories relived. If you have an e-mail address, phone number, or Face Book contact for a fellow alum you even THINK may be interested in attending this event, please let Bud know and he will contact them. We will continue to strengthen our Alumni Association and maintain its respected status among public high schools alumni association in the state.

To get a copy of the golf outing registration form, please e-mail your request to [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)



# CLASS REUNIONS



## Class of 1971

The **Class of 1971** is planning their 40th reunion, to be held on July 29 & 30, 2011 at the new Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village. We are trying to locate all our classmates, so if you have not recently heard from the Reunion Committee or sent us your information, please e-mail Reunion Chair, **Lynne Roche Matthews** as soon as possible with the following information: Your name (maiden & married if applicable), current address, phone & e-mail address, plus spouse name if you have one. E-mail to **upstateone@aol.com**. There is a reunion website that has been set up to register online for the reunion and for hotel reservations. The website address is **www.mayfield71.com**. Go to the website for all details. If you are in touch with any classmates, please also provide us with information on anyone you can help us locate.

**Lynne Roche Matthews, Class of 1971**

## Class of 1960

The **Class of 1960** held their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2010. Our 40th reunion, and especially our 50<sup>th</sup> reflected the relaxed atmosphere that everyone is equal, with comfortably reminiscing of the past, on all levels. Quoting Rick Green, fellow classmate: *"The truth is that our reunion was just great being together; the spirit of the entire event was extremely uplifting...a kind of regeneration! They seem to get better every time! But I believe that all of us appreciate each other more and more."*

The Class of 1960 claims our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion the reunion of the year. The kickoff to the gala event was held at **Ron Miesz and Joyce Hood's** residence on Friday evening. The unique food/drink stations, consisted of Manner's Big Boy with the original Big Boy Sauce, greasy fries and onion rings; Charkie's Drive-In with mini steak sandwiches; Cork N Bottle with pizza squares; Quigley Drug Store with ready to serve soda fountain drinks; and DiCillo's Tavern serving the drink of your choice. The fun-filled evening was the beginning of a spectacular weekend.

On Saturday evening, the ambiance of the 50's was set when we stepped into the Room on the Green at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. 82 people (52 classmates) from 14 different states enjoyed the deluxe hors d'oeuvres table, delicious buffet dinner and delightful dessert table; danced to the oldies but goodies by Billy J, and had a wonderful time reminiscing through the 50 plus past years. The slideshow of past reunions brought back memories beyond belief. Were we really that young? A fabulous weekend was had by all. Unfortunately we had to return home, but everyone is looking forward to the next reunion. Hopefully the next time around will have a shorter span.

**Marie Thomas Chess, Class of 1960**

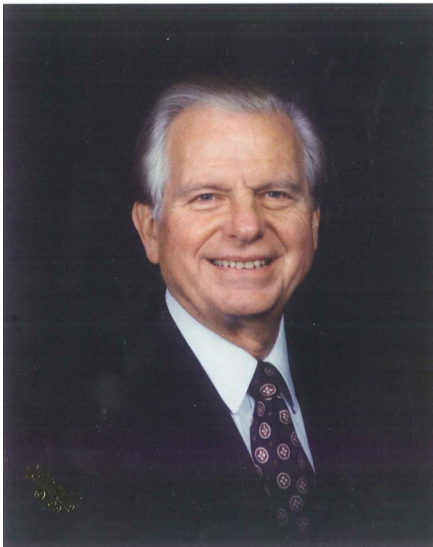
## Mini Reunion in Florida Set for February 18 to 20, 2011

Most of you already know that **Bob and I** will attempt to imitate, in some fashion, what **Mike and Kathy Tannenbaum** have been doing so successfully for the last few years. Obviously, we are in a different part of the State, therefore pricing of goods and services may be a little different, however, we are going to endeavor to get the best pricing we can and have a reasonably affordable event. Saturday (19th) will be the official dinner. For those who can come in on Friday we will plan a "dutch" dinner Friday night, as well as breakfast on Sunday morning.

Please save the date and plan to attend the **Florida Mayfield Reunion**. We look forward to seeing all of you in Winter Park in February. Please feel free to invite others with whom you may be in contact. More details to follow.

**Bob Kingsland, '57 & Elese Sanford**

## 2010 Mayfield High School



**Dr. Lawrence Bidwell, '48**

**Dr. Lawrence Bidwell** has dedicated his life to learning. Lawrence Bidwell graduated from Mayfield High School in 1948. After graduation, he furthered his education by attending The Ohio State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering in 1953. Dr. Bidwell continued to pursue an advanced degree and in 1962 was awarded a doctorate in Metallurgy from The Ohio State University. Dr. Bidwell served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force where he conducted research on aircraft materials. He continued his research as a civilian and invented and patented a stainless steel casting alloy which is widely used in the chemical industry, and which also has is used in U.S. Navy attack submarines. Dr. Bidwell has authored and co-authored numerous publications on Metallurgy and Physics, and has presented his research at many international conferences. In addition to this work, Dr. Bidwell has supported the Department of Defense and Department of State through his participation in separate international export control treaty organizations. Dr. Bidwell retired in 1993 as the deputy director of the Air Force Research Laboratory, but continues as a consultant with Universal Technology Corporation. Dr. Bidwell notes that while he has had great success professionally, his greatest joy is the success of his family. Dr. Bidwell is the father of four children and has nine grandchildren. He credits his time at Mayfield as the foundation and motivation for taking each academic step throughout his life. Dr. Bidwell is a welcome addition to the Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame.



**Dr. Charles Berner, '67**

**Dr. Charles Berner** is a reminder that the possibilities are endless when you are passionate about your work. Charles Berner graduated from Mayfield High School in 1967. He continued his academic career by attending Case Western Reserve from 1967 - 1969. He completed his bachelor's degree at Kent State University, graduating in 1971. Dr. Berner continued his education and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1975. He has been practicing general dentistry for over 30 years, and is committed to providing his patients with the highest quality dental care available. Dr. Berner constantly demonstrates his commitment to excellence through year-round training and continuing education. He is a member of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Ohio Dental Association, Greater Cleveland Dental Society, Academy of General Dentistry, The American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the American Society of Forensic Odontology. In addition to these accomplishments, Dr. Berner also is dedicated to making a humanitarian contribution in the U.S. He is recognized as a founding member of the Department of Homeland Security Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team. Dr. Berner was among the first deployed to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina, and he volunteers as a forensic consultant to the National Dental Image Repository review panel of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the FBI. Dr. Berner is proud of his family practice and enjoys surrounding himself with the people he loves. He remains active in Mayfield Schools. Dr. Berner is a proud addition to the Hall of Fame.

## *Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees*



**Dr. Doreen Larson, '75**

**Dr. Doreen Larson** has dedicated her life to education. Doreen Larson (Shell) graduated from Mayfield High School in 1975. After leaving Mayfield, Doreen graduated from Cleveland State University in 1979 with a degree in special education. She continued her education by completing her master's degree in Professional Teaching from John Carroll University in 1989, and then earned her doctorate in Education in 1995. Currently, Dr. Larson is the President of Pierpont Community & Technical College in West Virginia, a post she earned following a competitive, nationwide search. In the spring of 2008, Dr. Larson was awarded the Professional Development Award from the Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education Association. She was selected from leaders in the community college system statewide and was recognized for her support of the development of Latino professionals within higher education. Dr. Larson previously served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts and held faculty appointments at Kent State and Lakeland Community College. Dr. Larson's experience at Mayfield High School fostered a desire to continue engaging in her community as is evident through her involvement with the Richmond Heights City Council, Richmond Heights Swim Team, Habitat for Humanity and the United Way. Dr. Larson returns to Mayfield to be inducted into the Hall of Fame to remind us that Mayfield is a place where educational foundations are laid and dreams begin.



**Joan Synenberg, '75**

**Judge Joan Synenberg** is a reminder that the possibilities are endless after high school. Joan Synenberg (Lehman) graduated from Mayfield High in 1975. After graduation, she continued her education at Cleveland State University and received her bachelor's degree in 1983. Upon finishing her undergraduate work, Joan continued her studies at the Cleveland Marshall College of Law where she graduated in 1987. From 1988-2005, Joan served as a trial attorney on more than a thousand cases, involving dozens of high profile cases. After 16 years practicing law, she was appointed to a Judge's position for the Cleveland Municipal Court by Governor Bob Taft to fill a vacant seat. Judge Synenberg was reelected to this position and served from 2005-2007. Currently, Joan serves as a Judge on the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Her ultimate professional goals are to preside fairly, make a positive difference in people's lives and in the community and to treat everyone with respect. She notes that her finest achievement is her marriage to her husband Roger. When asked about her Mayfield experience she noted that Mayfield High School offered vast opportunities academically, athletically and through service organizations. "The values I learned at Mayfield High School are reflected in my decisions on and off the bench," she said. Joan Synenberg is an inspiration for current students. It is an honor to induct Judge Joan Synenberg into the Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Jerome Morrissey**, passed away Oct. 12, 2006

**Peter Nero, '35**, passed away April 30, 2008

**Jerald B. Holzman, '41**, passed away June 9, 2008

**Elberta Deutschman Bischoff, '42**, passed away June 27, 2010

**James B Woerne, '42**, passed away March 23, 2009

**Reta Lund, '45**, passed away March 1, 2010

**June Lund Shiplett, '48**, passed away Dec. 19, 2010

**Elizabeth Burtonshaw Skinner, '48**, passed away Nov. 20, 2010

**Mary Gaul Bailey, '55**, passed away Sept. 28, 2010

**Barb Rado DeGaetano, '57**, passed away Jan. 19, 2011

**John Kachline, '57**, passed away July 10, 2010

**Nancy Sell Reinholz, '62**, passed away May 5, 2010

**David C. Hess, '65**, passed away Nov. 3, 2010

**Gary Kornell, '69**, passed away Jan. 2010

**Alexi Cristine Mancuso, '96**, passed away Oct. 2010 from cancer

### STAFF DEATHS

**Joe Housteau**, P. E. Teacher, Coach, Ohio State Football Team, passed away Oct. 14, 2010

**Eugene "Dutch" Schmidt**, H. S. Principal, Teacher, Coach passed away Oct. 8, 2010.

**Jean Zasio**, H. S. English Teacher, Dept. Chairperson passed away July 10, 2010

The Alumni Association receives many e-mails and letters on the passing of graduates and staff. Each and every one listed in this column now and in the past is a valued member of the Mayfield Family. The notifications often contain sentiments, feelings and memories of the deceased that make you feel proud to have known them. They are deeply missed by family, friends, and everyone who is still alive to have read the news.

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**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](mailto:Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

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| Ernestine DeCaprio,<br>Staff-retired | Marc Kiraly, '70            |
| Anthony & Dolores DiVita             | Doreen Larson, '75          |
| Art Zasio, (Jean Zasio's<br>brother) | Joan Synenberg, '75         |
| Joe Ciccattelli, '55                 | Leo Pullella, '76           |
| Ron Marsho, '55                      | Christopher Reminder, '79   |
| Lou Sarosy, '55                      | Roberto Marino, '80         |
| Billy Bowles, '56                    | Tina Paul Milano, '80       |
| Ron Omaitis, '56                     | Karen Shapiro Pressman, '80 |
| Charles Beck, '58                    | Sandra Jane Pugh Price, '80 |
| Judith Buca, '62                     | Katherine Pullella, '80     |
| Janet Starrett, '62                  | Gina Marie Battaglia, '81   |
| Michael Brantley, '64                | Don Picciano Jr., '96       |
| Tom Strickler, '65                   | Ryan Begun, '10             |
| Wayne Kovatch, '67                   | Dan Coleman, '10            |
|                                      | Saul Fredrickson, '10       |
|                                      | Ashley Valentino, '10       |



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## Election of Officers to be Held in May

The officers of the Mayfield Alumni Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected annually in the month of May preceding the fiscal year in which the elected officers shall serve. The election of officers will be conducted at the May meeting of the Association. The officers will be elected from a list of those nominated, as set forth. The nominee of each office receiving the majority of the votes of those members present and voting at said annual May meeting shall be deemed elected to the office.

Officers shall assume their official duties on September 1 of the next fiscal year following their election and shall serve for a term of one year and/or until their successors are elected. The last Executive Board meeting each year shall be a joint meeting of the newly elected officers and the retiring board at which time each retiring board member shall turn over all pertinent information to the new board member.

Members who are graduates from Mayfield may put themselves in nomination of any of the four offices of the Association between January and April preceding a May election. The nominees for President shall have served at least one term on the Executive Board with the exception of the first President of the Association. An announcement shall appear in each Fall/Winter newsletter informing the membership of the upcoming election, including procedures and timeline. If you are interested in putting yourself in nomination, or wish to nominate another graduate member, please do so via the Association's e-mail address - [Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

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## Looking Back....



### Art, Drama Students Stage Spring Frolic

#### — Cultural Interests Win Special Attention for Mayfield Curriculum —

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the newest member of our Executive Board. **Roberto Marino, '80** has accepted the position of **Historian**. Roberto will reinstate a newsletter column we published in *The Alumni Voice* for many years, called Looking Back.... The following article is reprinted from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 2, 1956.

Gifted students with a creative bent are sometimes lost in the shuffle of a school's social and athletic extra-curriculars. Not so at Mayfield High where the pedantic and practical are stretched to embrace a program rich in artistic opportunities.

Thanks to efforts of the art and drama supervisors, **Louis Penfield and Frank Aultz**, and to a handful of devoted parent-chaperones, art appreciation is made easy for members of the Fine Arts and Mayfield Players Clubs. Throughout the year these boys and girls have been enabled to attend a great variety of plays, art exhibits and concerts in the area designed to deepen their understanding and enjoyment of cultural pastimes.

Students, teachers and parents celebrated their successful year of activity recently with a picnic, rather than a Beaux Arts Ball. The setting for this outdoor caper was especially appropriate, for the party was held on the site of the new **Frank Lloyd Wright** home of their art advisor, **Louis Penfield**, in Willoughby Hills. Their chance to see at first hand this "design for living more enjoyably" by one of the world's most famous architects gave the proper "highbrow" fillip to the program and provided a stage setting of which the drama students heartily approved.

Among students attending the picnic who are not shown in the pictures were **Marianne Tillan, Neil Dick, Nancy Havas, Pat Robb, Cynthia Anslow, Judy Heiss, and Janet Gordon**. Parents who have helped to make the program possible by providing transportation and chaperone service throughout the year include **Mr. & Mrs. John Krich, Mr. & Mrs. Armand Schaefer, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kovacs, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Dick, Mrs. Cecil Anslow and Mrs. Eugene Havas**.

# BOGUS ALUMNI WEBSITE

## Many Mayfield Alums Have Been Duped!

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** (please pay attention to the incorporated name) has received numerous complaints about the MAYFIELD ALUMNI CLUB/SITE. Following is an e-mail sent out to those alum's who have their e-mail address recorded with the Mayfield Alumni Association. Because the "Association" has over 2,000 members, we thought it would be prudent to notify all members about this company (the club) through our newsletter, *The Alumni Voice*.

Mary Grootegoed's e-mail dated November 26, 2010:

Wayne — I saw, but did not receive, an e-mail about last call for signing up as a lifetime member of the Alumni club and that you were now going to annual dues. When we paid to join years ago, wasn't that for a lifetime?

Mary Grootegoed's e-mail is not the first e-mail or phone call I received about this company. I also received a phone call from Michelle Ingrassia (Texas) this morning. The MAYFIELD ALUMNI CLUB/SITE is not the **Mayfield High School Alumni Association**. This is a for-profit company that sells spirit wear for Mayfield H. S. and every other high school in the country. They have everybody's school colors and everybody's logo. It's an excellent money maker, but has absolutely nothing to do with any of the schools they purport to represent. After being in existence for about three years, they are now coming out with a membership fee of \$20 to sucker more alumni from all over the country to earn more profits. This company, sometimes called Mayfield Alumni Site (or Brush Alumni Site, or Willoughby South Alumni Site, etc.) does the same thing with colleges and universities. Can you imagine the money they make!!

We are not a "CLUB", nor are we a "SITE". We are the **Mayfield Alumni Association**. We have registered our name with the State of Ohio. We are a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. If you ever have a concern about where you are sending your money, maybe you should ask a question or two to the company (e-mail) that is asking for your money (as Mary Grootegoed and Michelle Ingrassia did today). The **Mayfield Alumni Association** does not even have our own web site. We do, however, have a link on the Mayfield Schools web site. Actually, the Association is looking for a graduate who would like to help us establish our own alumni web site. Can any of you help with this endeavor??

This MAYFIELD ALUMNI CLUB/SITE company has been a big problem for the Executive Board for the past three years. They impersonate every high school and college in the country, pretending to be the real deal from your community. They are not!! We are sorry if some of you have been duped and spent miss-directed money. A lot of that occurs on the web and through e-mail correspondence. This company, similar to "[Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com)" also will tell you that they will help with class reunions, sharing of pictures, and many other offerings. The only problem is that you do all the work. They are simply an information filtering system that is created for one purpose only - to make money.

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** e-mail address is [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net) Memorize it and put it into your contacts. This has been our e-mail address for many, many years. If you receive information from an e-mail address different than ours, you can be sure somebody is trying to dupe you. Our Association dues are \$35 for lifetime membership. Graduates over 65 can join for free. If you are a member, you receive two newsletters per year, one in January and one in July. Periodically, we send out an e-mail about a social event coming up or warning you about a corrupt company. This is the second time for the latter.

Wayne Farinacci, President  
Mayfield Alumni Association Executive Board

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