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WILDCATS

Alumni Association to hold Thank You Party for Nautica Charity Poker Festival Volunteers

The **Mayfield High School Alumni Association** has conducted three **Nautica Charity Poker Festivals** and is applying for another for 2012. A Poker Festival, which essentially is a room full of card tables and players playing **Texas Hold 'Em**, is an opportunity for non-profit organizations in Greater Cleveland to raise much needed funds for their intended organizational purposes. The Alumni Association has done very well raising money in our three Festivals. In fact, we made more money each time we conducted a Festival.

The **Executive Board** cannot express strongly enough how these Festivals have helped the Association. As the Association tries to do more for the high school and it's student body, more and more funds are needed. And these Festivals have been a blessing. However, unless you were a volunteer at one of the Festivals, you can't possibly understand the amount of effort it takes to be successful in this endeavor. About 150 volunteers per four-day Festival are required to handle the volume of players that attend. Volunteers serve mostly as dealers and table assistants, some for one day and others for up to four days. It's a relatively simple job, unless there are not enough volunteers to provide everybody substantial breaks throughout the evening. We have been fortunate to have those within our Mayfield Alumni family step up and help out.

The Alumni Executive Board has decided to hold a **Thank You Party** for all volunteers who assisted at any of our three Festivals. A special e-mail invitation will be sent out to all volunteers with the details for this unique event. We feel we have about 85 - 90% of the volunteer e-mail addresses. If you were a volunteer and do not receive the invitation by the end of January, then you must contact the Alumni Association for the invitation. We want to make sure all volunteers are contacted. The Thank You Party will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2011** at Club Molisani in Wickliffe.

Kimberly Delfs-Watkins Becomes First Alumni Web Coordinator

Kimberly Delfs-Watkins, Class of '95, has accepted the position of Alumni Web Coordinator. Kim's experience includes being the web coordinator for Drake University. The Association has been looking for someone to keep our **Mayfield Alumni Web Site** current and informative. You can find us as a link on the Mayfield Schools web site by going to:

www.mayfieldschools.org and clicking on Alumni Office

Kim will be busy adding lots of information in the next month. Eventually, you will be able to find information on the following topics: Alumni News, Reunion Information, Membership, Directory, Photo Gallery, Calendar, Social Events, Fund-raising, Scholarship, Spirit Wear, Year-books, and Staff Hall of Fame.

THANK YOU 2010-11 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following people donated to our scholarship drive during the 2010-11 school year. The scholarship categories represent the cumulative donations made by these contributors since the inception of our scholarship program. Any donations made after August 31, 2011 will be recognized in *The Alumni Voice*, Vol. 33, No. 1.

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Mama Mia! How Many Grills Does It Take To Feed 450 People??

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** partnered with the **Mayfield Athletic Boosters** to create the largest Mayfield football tailgate party ever on August 27, 2011. The Wildcats were honored to be selected as one of the four Plain Dealer Charities double header teams to play their opening game at Cleveland Municipal Stadium.

Before the big game against Medina, which of course the Wildcats won under the direction of coach **Larry Pinto, '80**, many supporters got together for some great eats. Over 450 people attended the Wildcat Tailgate Party! Athletic Director **Dr. Mike Barnes** was also on hand to take in the festivities. The Alumni Association and Athletic Boosters shared the many responsibilities that supported this event.

The Association and Boosters first partnered in creating a successful Nautica Charity Poker Festival fundraiser. With such a successful experience, the groups decided to put our resources together once again for the benefit of MHS and it's students and parents. The committee who worked diligently on this event included the following:

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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 SPIRIT WEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Association is making several pieces of embroidered and screened spirit wear available to its members. These are exciting pieces that are sure to help you support your school whether you live close or far. The Association has been asked to provide spirit wear for some time and we have finally been able to establish a variety for our members. The picture only shows some of our inventory and, unfortunately, is in black and white. We can assure you that they are quality pieces at affordable prices. Quantities are limited, so you may want to place your order quickly. Below, you will find a description of our inventory. Shirts not marked specifically for men or ladies, can be worn by either. If you are interested in other offerings, please let us know what you have in mind.

You can contact the Association at Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net

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Wildcattin' With Kitty



Flavian A. Mastrangelo, Class of '30, turned 100 years old this past October 2nd! Flavian played football while at Mayfield and has lived in the Cleveland area his whole life. Congratulations from all alums is sent out to Flavian. We envy you.

Bill Russ, Class of '83, performed at the Funny Stop Comedy Club in Cuyahoga Falls this past September. Hopefully, many grads were on hand to see this funny guy. After all, he was the class clown, you know. Bill used to do the morning announcements where he was a big Johnny Carson and Richard Nixon fan.

Lisa Nihiser, Class of '89, was recently named manager of the new Doc Martens store in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago. Lisa has lived in Chicago for many years and has advanced up the retail ladder. Opening a brand new store was a challenge, but she is very excited about her responsibilities and wants to make her store the top Doc Martens in the country!

Bill Hunt, former math teacher, Mathematics Department Chairman, Director of Technology, and all-around funny-man sent a request to the Alumni Association. He asked that his e-mail address be posted in the newsletter in the hope that he can communicate with former students. So now "former students" the mouse is in your court. Bill and his wife, **Margie**, currently reside in The Villages, Florida, where they remain very active. Bill receives **The Alumni Voice** due to his induction into the Alumni "Staff Hall of Fame". Write to him at: billhunt314159@aol.com

Anne Markt, Class of '06, is performing in Hair The Musical at the Palace Theatre. Dates for her performance are Tuesday, January 17th thru Sunday, January 29, 2012. Anne plays the role of Crissy and also is a swing in the show, covering one or more cast positions. Anne is looking forward to coming back to her home town with this show. Ticket prices range from \$10.00 to \$77.50. Tickets can be reserved for a specific night and a group discount for 16 or more is available. Contact **Joe Scotch in Group Services** at 216-664-6042 to order tickets.



2011 Mayfield High School



Dr. Ray Sepeta, '62

Ray Sepeta graduated in 1966 from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. Dr. Sepeta continued his studies at Notre Dame and graduated with his Doctorate in the area of mathematics in 1975. Dr. Sepeta has spent his career teaching, coaching and advising students at Notre Dame. Dr. Sepeta characterizes his work as rewarding and is proud of the 99% success rate for his first year students and the 95% of students that graduate after four years. Dr. Sepeta attributes this success to the advice students are given during the first year. In addition to advising students Dr. Sepeta has taught courses in bioinformatics and computer programming. Earlier in his career he coached the Notre Dame wrestling team to top 20 finishes. During his coaching career he won several coach of the year awards.

Dr. Sepeta acknowledges that he is proud of the students he has taught and the athletes he has coached. Dr. Sepeta describes his education at Mayfield as wonderful. He notes that the teachers and counselors at Mayfield pushed him to succeed and saw potential in him as a young student. Dr. Sepeta has dedicated his life to academics. His plans include possibly retiring in the near future with the expectation that he will continue to teach and to advise students to be the best they can be. Ultimately, he hopes to offer his students the same challenge and support that Mayfield High School offered him. Dr. Ray Sepeta returns to Mayfield to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and is a reminder to others that the possibilities are endless once you leave the halls of Mayfield.



Kurt Treu, '78

Kurt C. Treu graduated from Wittenberg University in 1982 with a B.S. in Business Administration. Mr. Treu continued his education at Baldwin-Wallace College and in 1986 he completed his MBA. Mr. Treu is currently the President, in Northeast Ohio, of U.S. Bank. His responsibilities include representing U.S. Bank in the community, ensuring all bank lines of business are working together, managing and communicating with the local Board of Advisors and managing Customer Strategy for U.S. Bank on a national level across all lines of business. Perhaps most notable is Mr. Treu's role in helping Cleveland Neighborhoods cope with the foreclosure crisis that began to emerge in 2008. Mr. Treu describes the bank's business philosophy to a chair with four legs. He notes that "the bank's own survival depends on each leg-shareholder, customers, employees and the community, if just one leg fails the table topples". This perspective is further demonstrated by his commitment to being a student and practitioner of systems management. Mr. Treu believes that that nothing works in a vacuum and that everything is interdependent. His philosophy is evident in every aspect of his business interactions.

Mr. Treu is also very involved in the community. Mr. Treu has been involved with Positively Cleveland, The Greater Cleveland Partnership Board, Cleveland State University Foundation Board, Playhouse Square Foundation Board, United Way, Leadership Cleveland, Providence House and an Honorary for the United Black Fund Annual Gala. Mr. Treu is also a proud husband and father. Throughout his Career Mr. Treu has worked to help his employees see the value in the work they do. Mr. Treu has not forgotten his Mayfield roots and truly is a great reflection of what it means to be a true Wildcat.

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Andrew McCartney, '88

Mr. Andrew McCartney is no stranger to success for he has been achieving success during and since his days at Mayfield High School. Not only was Mr. McCartney ranked in the top four of his class, but he also earned varsity letters in tennis, cross country, basketball, and track. While that success is certainly admirable, it becomes more astonishing as he also was president of the National Honor Society, the Junior Council on World Affairs, and the marching band. So it is no surprise that Mr. McCartney set himself on a path for continued success after graduating from Mayfield High.

Andrew McCartney went on to graduate from the United States Naval Academy ninth in his class of over 1,100 students. From the Naval Academy, Mr. McCartney attended graduate school at Tufts University earning a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering with an electro-optics specialty.

After the Navy, Mr. McCartney joined Bowden Manufacturing in 1998. Eventually named president and owner of Bowden, Mr. McCartney nearly tripled his number of employees, and by 2009 more than tripled the company's annual sales. In June 2011 Bowden was named one of the top work places by *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*. As if that was not enough success for one man, Andrew McCartney opened the Lake County Speedway which is part of NASCAR's Home Tracks program.

Spreading his knowledge and gift for success, Andrew McCartney serves on several Boards of Trustees including those of Ronald McDonald House, Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland, the Mayfield Alliance, and the Mayfield Area Recreational Council. In addition to donating his time and expertise,



Dr. Elliot Bendoly, '92

Academia is the world where Dr. Elliot Bendoly lives and breathes. As a leading authority in Information Systems and Operations management, Dr. Bendoly has published several texts and numerous articles in academic journals. He is a tenured professor at prestigious Emory University and currently researches human and group behavior and how it relates to new organizational operating policies and the use of new technology.

Elliot Bendoly was a member of the Academic Decathlon Team and the Junior Council on World Affairs. He also was part of the "best band in the land"- the Mayfield High School Marching Band, as well as the Jazz Band.

Elliot Bendoly became a Spartan at Case Western Reserve University entering the class of 1996 where he served as president of the Engineering Council and president of the CWRU Materials Research Society chapter. Graduating *summa cum laude*, he earned both a Bachelor of Science degree in materials engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. Next, Elliot Bendoly earned his Master of Science in Business Administration and PhD in Operations and Decision Technologies from IU's Kelley School of Business.

Presently, Dr. Bendoly uses his own textbook, *Excel Basics to Blackbelt*, to teach undergrads and graduate students at esteemed Emory University. Along with his text, he is co-editor of an internationally published text on Enterprise Systems. Additionally, Dr. Bendoly is published prolifically in elite academic journals. Dr. Bendoly brings experience from the business world to his classes at Emory drawing on experience from working at Intel Corporation and as a consultant to other businesses. He continues striving to engage ties between practice, education, and research.

IN MEMORIAM

Philip Millhouse, '48 passed away Aug. 20, 2011

Earl Steinbrink, '48 passed away July 10, 2011

Betty Lyczko Strauss, '53 passed away Aug. 29, 2011

Ronald Marsho, '55 passed away Oct. 12, 2011

Carol Bryer Pappalardo, '55 passed away July 23, 2011

Art Nock, '56 passed away Sept. 17, 2011

Ron Quercioli, '57 passed away Sept, 8, 2011

Caroline Ruth Krupp, '60 passed away March 24, 2009

Kathe Dillon Shelby, '63 passed away Aug. 4, 2011

Mickey Brown, '65 passed away Oct. 4, 2011

Bonnie Kiesel Nichols, '67 passed away Aug. 6, 2011
from a heart attack.

Donald Tomaro, '69 passed away Jan. 12, 2012

Lynn Sauer Blood, '77 passed away Jan. 29, 2011

Kim Grootegoed Soeder, '78 passed away July 27, 2011

Nathan Alva Trask, '05 passed away Aug. 25, 2011

STAFF DEATHS

Joseph Chilbert, H. S. Counselor, passed away
Nov. 17, 2011

Jan Craig Harris, MHS '39, H. S. Secretary passed
away Dec. 2, 2010

Carl Roth, H. S. Social Studies, Staff Hall of Fame,
passed away Sept., 2011

Kimberly Basel Yirga, H. S. Science, passed away
Aug. 25, 2011

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, descriptions, 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

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

- Jeff Kluber, '59
- Ray Sepeta, '62
- Jim Murphy, '63
- Jan Kluber Powers, '63
- Mary Ann Piccoli Rispoli, '63
- Virginia Oprzadek, '71
- Dan Praschan, '72
- Terry Pumpa Praschan, '72
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CLASS REUNIONS



Class of 1971

The **Mayfield Class of '71** recently celebrated their 40 year reunion, with over 150 classmates participating in the two day event. On Friday, July 29, a school tour of the high school was coordinated by classmate **Bill Ettinger** for over 20 classmates and spouses. That evening, a cocktail party took place at the old Mayland Theatre building, now known to everyone as "The Boneyard", and it was a night of nostalgia and laughs for all. Saturday evening, an elegant evening of food, fun and dancing carried into the wee hours of the morning at the new Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Village. Nearly 200 people attended, including spouses, friends, classmates from other graduating classes and teachers. It was a night to remember as everyone ate, drank and danced to tunes from the 60's and 70's. Classmate **Eileen Stein Pickus** created a beautiful and delicious cupcake display for everyone's sweet tooth, **Deb Sbrocco Piteo** headed up the decorations and Reunion Chair **Lynne Roche Matthews** coordinated all the attendees' registrations. Numerous other classmates also assisted in locating the missing, making phone calls and volunteering on site to help make the event a truly memorable one.

The Class of '71 also took time to recognize the classmates who have passed, and an In Memoriam table displayed all their photos. There was also a Nostalgia table, filled with yearbooks, Senior Books, buttons and Mayfield trivia items.

A website has been established for the classmates to continue enjoying being reconnected, which is **www.mayfield71.com**. If you are a classmate from this class, contact Lynne Roche Matthews for information on how to access the site, at **upstateone@aol.com**.

Class of 1942

On September 7, 2011, the **Class of '42** had their 69th Class Reunion at Mario Fazios Restaurant. There were ten of us in attendance, seven of whom were actual classmates. As always, we had a great time and we are looking forward to our 70th!

Anna Trivisonno Carroscia

Class of 1961

A celebration and remembrance of 50 years since the **Class of '61** graduated was held on June 17 & 18, 2011. Friday night was an informal reception at the Hilton Garden Inn with light food and drinks. Saturday dinner and music was at the Normandy Party Center with our own classmate and owner **Sandy Carmigiano**. Sandy put on an excellent dinner.

There was golf on Friday afternoon and pictures on Saturday. Everyone has a great time, sharing memories of our high school years. **Randy Brown and Carol Kunselman** were a welcomed surprise as they attended their first reunion since graduation.

I would like to thank the Reunion Committee for all of their hard work: Linda Brooks Poelking, Van Gerstenfeld, Ron Koelpin, Leanne Liatti Tozzi, Cathy Martens Pagels, Bill Nyerges, Maureen O'Brien Selby, Jo Ann Pellan Fiorino, Marilyn Weske Youngberg, and Paul Youngberg. This was a weekend the Class of '61 will always remember. Fifty years and we still have that "Go Mayfield" spirit and friendship of classmates.

Jo Ann Pellan Fiorino

Class of 1961 - In Memoriam

Carol Berquist, 2009	Roger Lisowski, 2000
Bruce Campbell, 1998	Don Mayer, 1974
Margaret Covell, 1998	Robert McBirney, 2005
Bob Edel, 2001	Leonard Miller, 2001
Ray Fiorino, 2008	Marty Mooney, 2003
Nancy Flagg, 2010	John Ovens, 1985
Jim Hager, 1994	Joyce Palladino, 2007
Janet Hauschild, 2006	Kathleen Roach, 2009
Richard Janik, 2004	Frazier Sandstrom, 1994
Ken Kerch, 1974	Kenneth Schmidt, 2009
David Kratovill, 1996	Douglas Smith, 2003
John Levak, 2008	Eileen Spisak, 2009
	Wick Williams, 1973

Class of 1957

The MHS **Class of 1957** will be holding it's 55 reunion August 23 & 24, 2012. Anyone needing information may contact Rose Balawender Newman @ 440 - 346-6376 or e-mail rosenewman3@att.net.

Twenty Five Years Later ... Carcioppolo Family Seeking Support

A little over twenty-five years ago, tragedy struck the Mayfield High School family. Our community will never forget the moment when it heard of the Summit Road accident. Those who were directly impacted will forever carry the burden of those horrible memories. Three students died in the accident, while several others were severely injured. **Karen Carcioppolo** was the most severely injured survivor. Three months in a coma was just the start of her journey to recovery

The tight knit Mayfield family has always come together in times of need. Twenty-five years ago, before cell phones the Internet, Facebook and Twitter, hundreds of students and community members spontaneously gathered at Hillcrest Hospital to support and pray for injured friends, their families and each other. The School Administration rapidly mobilized to offer counseling and grief support for students and the community, in addition to identifying those who required special attention in this time of grief.

Today, the tie that has always bound the Mayfield family is just as strong despite time and in some cases, distance. Last October **Karen Carcioppolo's** brother **Joe** placed into action a plan to petition reality television show, **Extreme Home Makeover**, to "Move That Bus!" for Karen, and the response was overwhelming. An initial Facebook page that Joe set up for the cause resulted in over five thousand responses from the Mayfield community in our area and around the United States.

The Facebook page resulted in many of Karen's high school friends and Mayfield faculty members supporting Karen's cause in various ways. From recounting personal accounts of the accident for the TV show application process to holding a fundraiser on Karen's behalf and remembering those who lost their lives. This overwhelming support is a true testament of the Mayfield family coming together for one of their own. Karen continues to live in a house in Mayfield Heights. However, due to Karen's physical limitations, changes need to be made to the layout of the house, because a new house is currently unaffordable.

Recently **Joe Carcioppolo** and a group of Karen's friends learned with the rest of the country that the **Extreme Home Makeover** show has been cancelled. Now, the planning committee is working on a contingency plan. We welcome any suggestions for the contingency plan in addition to any other help that the Mayfield family may be able to offer in reaching our goal to ensure that Karen's home needs are met so that she can live her life in the most independent and healthy way.

Please visit the links below. We welcome your feedback.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Karen-Carcioppolo/175711595845246>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/109998372436012/>

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**