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

There have been a number of achievements and memories made at MHS this past semester. From a benefit concert that raised thousands to a Commencement that graduated over 350 seniors, students encountered many exciting events these past few months.

Last summer the Mayfield community was devastated with the passing of science teacher **Kim Yirga**. But this spring, the Kim Yirga Family Scholarship was established to recognize a graduating senior who has overcome the loss of a parent. Remarkably, not one but five seniors in the Class of 2012 were awarded this scholarship in June. To help raise money for the scholarship, English teacher and senior class advisor **Nicholas Somich** put together a successful fundraiser in May. It was a benefit concert featuring the student band Evolution and the teacher band The Marzanos. Junior **Christina DiFranco** sings and plays keyboard in Evolution. She said, "I never knew Mrs. Yirga but after being involved with the benefit concert, meeting her family, and listening to loved ones speak publicly about her, I realize what a strong woman she was and how many lives she touched." The Marzanos included five teachers; **Ed Beck** (lead vocals), **Jim Sanford** (bass), **Mike Hughes** (guitar/vocals), **Joe Catullo** (guitar/vocals), and **Dave Lammert** (drums). They played classic rock hits and even a few modern songs like "Lonely Boy" by The Black Keys. Social Studies teacher Ed Beck was a little nervous to play for a half hour but it turned out well. Beck said, "We were motivated by the fact it was going to be for a great cause. The event turned out better than I could have ever expected. The positive energy from all the students and the Yirga family made us feel great." The concert raised \$3000, thanks to sponsorships, a large

crowd at the concert, and DVD sales of the concert.

The varsity baseball team represented MHS well this season. The team finished with a 23-5 record and was 8-2 in the conference. Outfielder **Mitch Longo** received conference player of the year, while catcher **Ray Guerrini** was 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Ohio, Longo was 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Ohio, and shortstop **Cory Nager** earned All-Ohio honorable mention.

The juniors and seniors had a memorable Prom at La Vera party center and After Prom at MHS. The Prom theme was "Somewhere Only We Know". It was an extra special night for seniors **Jarahme Pollack and Lauren Yafanero** who were crowned King and Queen. After Prom was called "Carnival Madness" and was held from 12:30 to 3:00 A.M. at the high school. Senior **Koel DasGupta** said, "I couldn't ask for a better senior Prom."

On June 2, Commencement was held at the Palace Theatre. Over 350 seniors participated in what was called **Mr. Tony Loewer's** "favorite" class as principal. The graduates of 2012 earned over \$7.5 million in scholarship money, and they're heading to 80 different colleges this coming fall. **Kevin Huang** was Valedictorian, and **Elissa Welle** earned Salutatorian.

The school year ended on June 7th, and with all the construction occurring over the summer, students are excited to return to a hugely renovated building. Freshman **Kelsey Besselman** said, "I'm so curious on what the school will look like when we come back. I'm sure it will look great."

**Erika Brown, Class of '14**

## Scholarship Awards for 2011-12 Year

The Mayfield Alumni Association established another new high in scholarship awards at the annual Honor's Day Program May 25, 2012. This year 24 outstanding students shared a total of \$21,000. Alums can be very proud of the financial assistance they provide to seniors who work diligently in the classroom and who also manage to get highly involved in athletics, clubs, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities. Our committee of **Chairman Dave Huelsman, Dan Cox, Diane Mastrobuono, Laurie Blood, and Jackie Sulzer** had their usual difficult and time consuming task of reviewing applications and interviewing many students to reach a final decision. With much gratitude, the Association thanks all alums who donated during the 2011-12 scholarship drive. Your names will appear in the next issue of *The Alumni Voice*. Following is a brief summary of this year's scholarship recipients.

**\$1,000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Brandon Drop** - Brandon, a 3.62 GPA and five time Academic Honors Award winner enjoys baseball, soccer and art. He plans on attending Ohio University with a major in Sports Management and graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

**\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Rachel Gagliardo** - Rachel, a 4.56 GPA, ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in her class and a two year National Honor Society member enjoys community work as well as volunteering in her church, tennis and synchronized swimming. She plans on attending a small private Christian college, majoring in elementary education with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

**\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Gregory Mahrer** - Gregory, a 3.80 GPA, has maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA for eight consecutive semesters. He enjoys baseball, football, basketball, physical fitness, bowling and working with young people as an umpire and coach in the Highland Heights and Mayfield Heights baseball leagues. He plans on attending either the Univ. of Dayton or Ohio Univ. majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Aaron Najfach** - Aaron, a 4.38 GPA, four time Principal's List member and Scholar Athlete has lettered in cross-country (captain as a senior) and track and enjoys math, ultimate Frisbee, martial arts and volunteer work at his temple. He plans on majoring in Chemical Engineering at either CWRU, OSU, or Miami University.

**\$1000 Alumni Association General Scholarship, (1981): Larry Pinto Jr.** - Larry, a 3.89.GPA, National Honor Society member, Scholar Athlete has achieved acclaim and awards in football (three letters), baseball and enjoys volunteering in the community. He plans on attending OSU and will major in Mechanical Engineering. Larry also has his own business, works at a law firm and a sports camp.

**\$500 John Szuhay Memorial Theatre Scholarship, (1990): Chelsea Beck** - Chelsea, a 4.07 GPA, four year Principal's List and National Technical Honors Society member, enjoys art and performance and everything surrounding those interests. She has acted in two plays, three musicals and worked on the stage crew for two other plays on the Mayfield stage. Her love of art will take her to the Maryland Institute College of Art.

**\$1,000 Ron Ritner Memorial Scholarship, (1991): Michael DeLisio** - Michael, a 3.75 GPA, four year Honor Roll member, four year Scholar Athlete and four year letter winner in swimming (captain as a senior) also participates in off-season swimming and basketball. He volunteers in the community and works as well. Michael plans to attend OSU and major in Civil Engineering.

**\$500 Alvarez-MarkFrank Fine Arts Scholarship, (1992): Caitlin Quirk** - Caitlin, a 3.49 GPA, is very involved with her love of art. Her work has been shown in the Scholastic and Hillcrest Art Shows for several years and has received the Ohio Governor's Show Award for passing the first level. In her spare time she also volunteers, writes and enjoys being with friends. She plans on attending the Columbus College of Arts & Design.

**\$500 Tim Collaros Memorial Scholarship, (1995): Morgan McGrath** - Morgan, a 4.70 GPA, ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in her class, two year National Honor Society member, National Merit Finalist and Scholar Athlete has also lettered and participated in ice hockey, which is her passion, volleyball, track & field and is Student Council secretary. She is also in band and wind ensemble. Morgan has been accepted to Miami University.

**\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Alexandra Anderson-Kenny** - Alexandra, a 4.28 GPA, two year National Honor Society member, letter winner in swimming, cross-country and track and also volunteers in the community and participates in band, Art, Cinematography and World Affairs clubs.

## \$21,000 Awarded to 24 Students on Honors Day

Alexandra has been accepted to Maryland Institute College of Art, Savannah College of Art and Design, Cleveland Institute College of Art and Moore College of Art and Design.

**\$1,000 Michael Patrick Colombi Memorial Scholarship, (1998): Deanna Godby** - Deanna, a 4.63 GPA, ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in her class, two year National Honor Society member, letter winner in cross-country (captain as a senior) and track has also been involved with Mayfield Peace Core, Astronomy, Key Club and Youth running clubs. She participated four years in marching band and wind ensemble for four years also. Deanna will continue her running at Bucknell University.

**\$500 Norm Huelsman Memorial Scholarship, (2001): Carrie DiVincenzo** - Carrie, a 3.22 GPA, four year Honor Roll member and Scholar Athlete, has lettered in swimming and participated in band. She is also a five year member of the synchronized swimming club, Cat's Cabinet and has volunteered in the community and her church. She has been accepted to BGSU, Capital Univ. and CSU. Carrie will be pursuing her passion to teach.

**\$500 William Shaylor Memorial Scholarship, (2002): Christopher Tighe** - Christopher, a 3.77 GPA, Scholar Athlete, letter winner and participant in soccer (captain), football, basketball (captain) and baseball, volunteers in the community and has a high degree of interest and classwork in Spanish which he would like to use while studying abroad. Christopher has been accepted to John Carroll Univ., Walsh Univ., Baldwin Wallace Univ. and the College of Wooster.

**\$500 Butch Woodie Memorial Scholarship, (2004): John Widina** - John, a 2.58 GPA, has participated in football, track, Ski Club, Paint-Ball and Ping Pong clubs and has volunteered for his church as well as United Way, food banks, youth football and community cleanup with the scouts. John runs his own construction and remodeling business. He has been accepted to Hiram, Mount Union, Akron and BGSU. John plans to major in Civil Engineering.

**\$2,500 Leadership Scholarship, (2005): Kevin Huang** - Kevin, the class Valedictorian with a 4.79 GPA, National Honor Society (president) member was also involved in Key Club (vice-president), lettered in cross-country, the Science Olympiad and P.R.I.D.E. He also volunteered at community events for Mayfield Heights, May-

field Village, the high school, Hospice of the Western Reserve and the Cleveland Food Bank. Kevin will be attending Washington University in St. Louis where he will study Economics and Mathematics.

**\$1,000 Rich Vojticek Memorial Scholarship, (2005): Vishal Reddy** - Vishal, a 4.70 GPA, ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in his class, National Honor Society member, National Merit Commended Scholar, Scholar Athlete and letter winner in tennis also volunteers for a large variety of community and school causes. He is an accomplished pianist and has extended his education via summer programs at Northwestern and Georgetown. Vishal has been accepted to OSU and the Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he plans pursue a career in Pediatric Oncology.

**\$1,000 Harvey Scheetz Memorial Scholarship, (2007): Matthew Bailey** - Matthew, a 3.60 GPA, four year Honor Roll member, Scholar Athlete, letter winner in cross-country has also participated in track and tennis. He has volunteered with Peace Core, Voices (asst. editor), member and captain of Academic Challenge team as well as with his church and other civic organizations. Matthew has been accepted to Baldwin-Wallace, OSU, BGSU, DePaul and Wittenberg. He plans to get his degree in Integrated Language Arts.

**\$1,000 Paul Gadke Memorial Scholarship, (2008): Megan Kuhlman** - Megan, a 3.95 GPA, four year Principal's List member, Scholar Athlete, participant in soccer, basketball, softball (captain as a senior) as well as numerous clubs, community organizations and within the school athletic office. She has been accepted at Univ. of Florida, OSU, Mount Union, Ursuline, Toledo, CWRU, Akron, Wittenberg, John Carroll and Miami of Ohio.

**\$1,000 Nancy West Business Scholarship, (2008): Abigail Schafer** - Abigail, a 3.79 GPA, four year Honor Roll, Astronomy Club (former president), Peace Core, synchronized swimming club member has a large passion for photography. She runs her own business and has taken photographs of school sporting events and activities and graduating seniors as well as being the high school yearbook photographer. Abigail has been accepted to Kent State University.



# CLASS REUNIONS



<u>CLASS</u>	<u>REUNION</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>	<u>PHONE / E-MAIL</u>
1952	60th	Sept. 7-9, 2012		Dick Fitch	jamae36@gmail.com
1957	55th	Aug. 24-26, 2012	Hilton Garden Inn	Rose Balawender Newman	rosenewman3@att.net
1962	50th	Sept. 29, 2012	Landerhaven	John Seiz	jpseiz@att.net
1963	50th	July 26-28, 2013		Wayne Farinacci	mrmach23@sbcglobal.net
1970	birthday party	Sept. 21-22, 2012	May. Vlg. Comm. Ctr.	Gayle Aplis Logan	gayle195@sbcglobal.net
1987	25th	Aug. 25-26		David Kowitz	davidkowitz@aol.com
2002	10th	Nov. 24, 2012		Tarah DeClemente	tdclemente@yahoo.com

## Class of '62

The **Mayfield High School Class of 1962** is having its 50 year reunion this year, 2012, on Saturday September 29th at 6:00, P.M., at Landerhaven Party Center in Mayfield Heights. We are in the process of taking reservations for the cost of \$75.00 per person. If you need a reservation form please contact **John Seiz**, at 440-442-4446, or e-mail [jpseiz@att.net](mailto:jpseiz@att.net). We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of memories, fellowship, and a delightful dinner.

## Class of '63

The **Class of 1963** is now planning for their milestone **50th Class Reunion**. Judging by the e-mails and phone calls that have been received by the committee, this will become the largest reunion we have had. The dates have been determined to be July 26, 27, & 28, 2013. Classmates may contact any member of the committee to have input to the reunion. Please mark your calendar!

Class of '63 Reunion Committee:

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Wayne Farinacci  
Dennis Francis  
Blue Germano  
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Jim Shelby  
Fran Johnson Slifko  
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## Class of '52

The **Class of '52** is planning a reunion of our classmates on September 8, 2012, at 6:00 PM at the Day's Inn, Dino's Restaurant and Banquet Center, at 4145 State Route 306 and I-90. Our 60<sup>th</sup> celebration will begin with a Friday night (Sept. 7, 2012) social at 6PM at the Highland Hts. Community Center at 5827 Highland Road. Then on Saturday (Sept. 8, 2012) at 10AM we plan a 9 hole golf outing at Berkshire Hills Golf Club. After the Saturday night Reunion at Dino's Restaurant, we plan to get together for Brunch on Sunday Morning between 9:00 and 11:00am at Wellington's Restaurant, 793 Alpha Drive, off Wilson Mills Rd. west of I-271. Call **Dick Fitch** at 440-449-0199 or **Jim Helm** at 302-764-7471 if we can provide anything you may need from us. Dick's email is [jamae36@gmail.com](mailto:jamae36@gmail.com) and Jim's is [jaslhelm1@verizon.net](mailto:jaslhelm1@verizon.net).

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## Class of '57

The **Mayfield High School Class of 1957** will be holding it's 55th reunion at the Hilton Garden Inn in Highland Heights on August 24, 25, and 26, 2012. August 24th starts with a casual get together from 6:00 to 11:00pm. Saturday's dinner starts at 6:00pm with a cocktail hour and dinner at 7:00pm. A farewell brunch on Sunday morning will also be held at the Hilton. Anyone needing more information can contact Rose Balawender Newman at 440-346-6376 or e-mail [rosenewman3@att.net](mailto:rosenewman3@att.net)

## Class of '70

To: Class of "70"

Re: 60th Birthday Party

When: Saturday September 22, 2012 @ 6 pm - till....

Where: Mayfield Village Community Center, corner of SOM and Wilson Mills R.S.V.P. *by Sept 1* Please send your \$15.00 check, made out to *MHS Class of 70* to:

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Please include your name and any guest name. Time to start looking for those discount flights and use those air-line miles!!!! Don't forget to keep **Saturday, September 22** open for our 60th Birthday Party! We are having an intimate affair at the Mayfield Village Community Room beginning at 6:00 pm with party trays, salad and veggie platters, pizza, and of course, birthday cake.

We will provide ice, coffee and mixes (tonic etc); bring your own pop, wine, beer, or bottle to celebrate with. We have the place all night so bring your dancing shoes, camera, family photos and stories of your life from the past few years to share. We're hoping Barry and the other shutterbugs will be there to take photos of all of us! We are also donating \$250 for a brick to be placed in Mayfield Wildcat Park entrance for the "Class of 70 60th birthday 2012." On Friday night, September 21, we are meeting for a casual get together for those in town at **Harry Buffalo** at 6:00 pm at the corner of Highland and Miner Roads. There has been some interest in a getting a golf game together for Sat. am. If you would be interested in taking charge of this, please let us know so you can be the contact person. The 60th birthday party committee.

Hotel Information for Sept 21-23 We are securing a block of 10 rooms at the Mayfield Holiday Inn. Guest rooms are available for the **Mayfield Class of 1970 – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, Sept. 21 and 22, 2012**, at \$99.00 per night plus tax. Refer to the block code **MBC** for discount when booking. This special room rate is not available after **August 24th** Call 440/461-9200 for reservations prior to the cut-off date. Visit their website for more hotel information: <http://www.holidayinnmayfield.com>

We are securing a block of 20 rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn East/Mayfield Village for \$109 per night plus tax. Contact them directly at 440-646-1777 or 1-877-STAYHGI and refer to our group name or code M70 when making your reservation. Visit their website for more hotel information: <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhoc=CLEEMGI>

## On the prowl for Alumni News...

We would like to keep our members informed about other Mayfield alums: accomplishments, business news, class websites, deaths, etc. you can help by forwarding information to our e-mail address. Include graduation year of the person of note if possible.

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### Scholarship Awards, cont. from p. 3

**\$500 Judy Delfs Spirit Scholarship, (2009): Stephanie Nemeth** - Stephanie, a 4.68 GPA, ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in her class, two year National Honor Society member, Scholar Athlete has lettered and participated in swimming, achieving All-Ohio and All-American status. She is in the band and various clubs with which she volunteers in the school and community. She has also been the treasurer and spirit coordinator of Student Council. Stephanie plans on attending Miami University and will major in Zoology.

**\$1,000 Wendy DiVita Murphy Memorial Scholarship, (2009): Jessica Baker** - Jessica, a 4.14 GPA, two year National Honor Society member, Scholar Athlete has lettered in cross-country and track and participates in Peace Core, Voices (editor), is the school mascot and is on Student Council. She volunteers with her church and other community organizations. Jessica has been accepted to the Univ. of Cincinnati.

**\$500 Ed Ferris Memorial Scholarship: (2010): Amy Kole** - Amy, a 4.58 GPA, ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in her class, two year National Honor Society member, letter and award winner in volleyball, has participated in band and wind ensemble, Key Club, Student Council (former vice-president) and mentored in Wildcat Focus. She volunteers at her church and other community organizations. Amy has been accepted to Carnegie Mellon Univ., Univ. of Rochester, OSU and Miami Univ. (OH).

**\$1,000 John DeLauro Memorial Scholarship, (2010): Drew Teller** - Drew, a 2.81 GPA, three year Honor Roll member, lettered in soccer, basketball and baseball. Drew also volunteers in a variety of community organizations such as city sports camps, leaf pickups, city children's Christmas parties and children's Halloween lunches. He has also worked for his city's Park & Recreation Department in various capacities. Drew will be attending St. Bonaventure University pursuing a career in Business.

**\$500 Kim Grootegoed Soeder Nursing Scholarship, (2012): Michelle Allen** - Michelle, a 4.18 GPA, two year National Honor Society member, Academic Challenge team member is also a member of Student Council, Key Club, Peace Core, marching and concert bands and wind ensemble. Michelle participates in tennis and track as well. Her experiences with Fresh Air Camp have given her a growing and dedicated passion to pursue a career in Nursing.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jeanette Wilson Kupersavage, '36**, passed away July 2, 2011.

**Donald William Wieland, '40**, passed away Feb. 1, 2012.

**Howard Rasmussen, '45**, passed away Dec. 31, 2011.

**Carol Dremann Kurkowski, '52**, passed away Jan. 4, 2012.

**Capt. David Walker, '53**, passed away Oct. 26, 2008.

**Jay Sumner Welch, '53**, passed away Jan. 26, 2012.

**Carol Ely Eames, '57**, passed away May 10, 2012.

**"Little" Joe Micale, '57**, passed away Nov. 26th, 2011 from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident.

**Rudy (Mike) Malich, '58**, passed away June, 2012.

**Richard Ray Gary, '65**, passed away Jan. 14, 2012.

**Nancy Agresta DiVincenzo, '71**, passed away April 12, 2102 from cancer.

**Michael Brown, '73**, passed away Feb. 15, 2012.

**Meg Slopko Mramor, '74**, passed away Sept. 11, 2011.

### Staff Deaths:

**William Mahusky**, Industrial Arts teacher, passed away Feb. 17, 2012. Bill retired in 1979.

**Armand Michelson**, passed away Jan. 1, 2012. Armand was a teacher in the late 50's.

**Thelma Riley**, cafeteria manager at the H. S. for 35 years, passed away June 19, 2012, at the age of 103.

## Thank You Donors!



## Thank You Very Much

Your scholarship donations are helping many excellent students attend college. This year's group has accomplishments second to none.

## Alumni Executive Board for 2012-13

Wayne Farinacci, '63 - President and  
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Nancy West, '55 - Secretary  
Frank Brown, '73 - Treasurer

### Committees:

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The Alumni Association is interested in adding more alums to our staff. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees listed above, please contact us at:

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## Alumni Association Calendar for 2012-13

### **Events:**

September 28, 2012 Homecoming Tailgate  
Party  
May 6, 2013 Memorabilia Night  
June 23, 2013 Alumni Golf Outing

### **Executive Board Meetings (held at the Alumni Museum):**

September 10, 2012	February 11, 2013
October 8, 2012	March 11, 2013
November 12, 2012	April 8, 2013
January 14, 2013	May 13, 2013

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# CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS AND CHARITIES

A charitable remainder trust is a trust that benefits at least one individual, with the gift of a remainder interest to one or more charities. The donor gets an income tax charitable deduction based on the value of the charity's interest. The individual beneficiary can be the donor, other individuals, or the donor and others.

Steven D. Hinkle of Key Wealth Management explains that there are two types of charitable remainder trusts—the charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT) and the charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT). A CRAT is a trust from which a specified dollar amount is payable to the individual beneficiary each year until the trust terminates. The amount must be at least 5% of the initial value of the property placed in trust. A CRUT gives the individual beneficiary annual payments based on a fixed percentage (which must be at least 5%) of the trust principal, valued annually.

The individual beneficiary's interest may be for a term of years (up to 20 years) or for the beneficiary's life. There may be one or more individual beneficiaries, and each may take concurrently (pay annuity or unitrust amount equally to Mr. A and Organization B) or successively (pay annuity or unitrust amount to Mr. A during his life, then upon his death pay to Organization B for its life).

The donor's income tax charitable deduction is based on the actuarial value of the charity's remainder interest. This is the value of the property placed in trust less the actuarial value of the individual beneficiary's right to the annuity or unitrust payments. (Example: A donor places \$100,000 in a CRUT and gives his mother the right to receive 5% of the trust's value for her life. If the value of

the unitrust interest is \$45,000, the donor's income tax charitable deduction will be \$55,000. The donor will have made a taxable gift of \$45,000 to his mother.)

Once CRAT is established, no additions can be made to it. An advantage to a CRUT is that it can allow property to be added. One disadvantage to a CRUT is that its assets must be valued every year. This is relatively simple when the CRUT's assets consist of marketable securities. However, if the trust corpus consists of real estate or an interest in a closely held business, the annual valuation can be a significant expense.

When the CRAT or CRUT terminates, it must be distributable to a "qualified" charity, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. There may not be any remainder beneficiary other than a charity. Although both types of charitable remainder trusts are irrevocable, the donor can reserve the right to change the charitable beneficiary, as long as a newly designated charity is a qualified charity.

The CRAT or CRUT can be an effective tool for a charitably inclined donor with low basis stock, especially if the stock is producing little or no income.

Once the CRAT or CRUT is created, the trustee can sell the stock and invest in income generating property. The donor does not realize a capital gain, gets an income tax charitable deduction, and benefits from the income stream from the CRAT or CRUT.

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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.

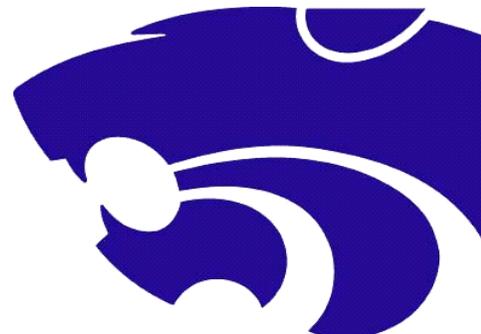
If you have any questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: [Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Marilyn Anderson Hess, '50     | Jean Krebs Hefflinger, '70    | Kathy DiCillo Fella, '83  | Deanna Godby, '12                  |
| Jean Ferrolli Pisano, '56      | Janis Rhea Worley, '78        | Garry "J.R." Cipra, '97   | Larry Pinto Jr., '12               |
| Cindy Pfender Szczecinski, '64 | Michelle Richlak Kuhlman, '80 | Megan Miozzi Peugeot, '99 | Many members from the Class of '63 |

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# Wildcat Park Update

Persons wishing to be members of the **Founders Wall (\$5,000)** or wishing to purchase a **Paver Stone (\$250)** should make their check payable to The Wildcat Community Foundation and mail to **The Wildcat Community Foundation, c/o Scott Snyder, Treasurer, Mayfield Board of Education, 1101 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124**. Please be certain to include a description of how your name should be depicted, on the **Founders Wall/Paver Stone**, along with your check. Please note, the Paver Stone has a limit of 3-lines and 20 characters per line and the Founders Wall constraints are still being confirmed so you will be notified if your submittal needs modified. Many graduates, community members, and local businesses have already taken advantage of these options allowing for the permanent display of their support of this project. It would be a great idea if every class had their own brick demonstrating their support for the Wildcat Park Project. The **Class of 1953 and the Class of 1970** have taken the leadership on this idea. The **Founder Wall and Paver Stones** will be displayed in the Plaza area of the football/soccer stadium.

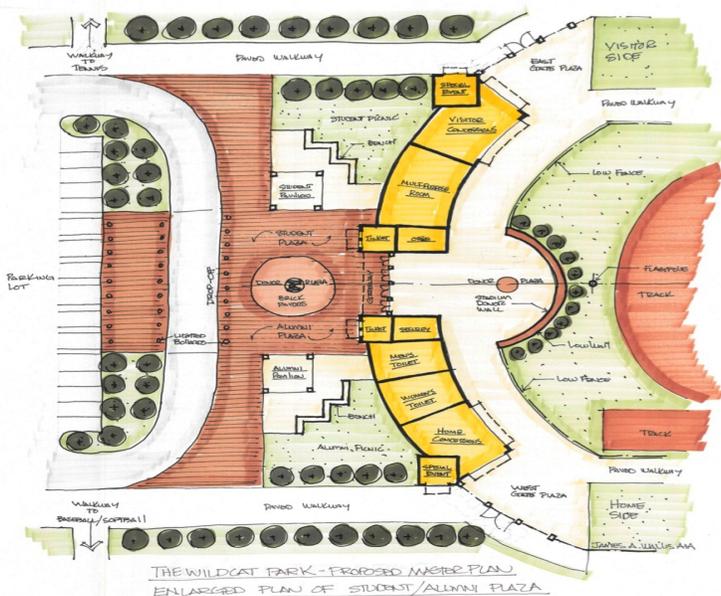
This **Wildcat Park Project** is being made possible by a public-private partnership between the Mayfield Board of Education and a citizens group that created a 501-c-3 charitable organization called the **Wildcat Community Foundation**.

Through this partnership, the **Wildcat Community Foundation** was able to seek private donations to fund facility enhancements that the school district lacked the resources to do. The entire project centered on **three critical themes – safety & security, infrastructure, and program enhancements** – and the Wildcat Stadium project incorporates all three as well.

Specific improvements & renovations were made to – the track, playing surface (now consists of artificial turf), home & visitor bleachers, press box, lighting, restroom facilities, ticket booth, concession stand, main entrance, etc. etc.

The project is currently on time and on budget and scheduled to be completed prior to the inaugural events on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There is still much work to be done as the project is not finished.

Currently, the grand stands and the turf field are scheduled to be delivered the week of June 25<sup>th</sup> and installed during the month of July. The softball field has been graded and the fencing and dugouts have been installed. The new track surface is scheduled to be complete during the month of August.



An enlarged view of the entrance area to the football/soccer field. In addition to an Alumni Plaza, Student Plaza, Donor Plaza, and Stadium Donor Wall, new concession stands, bathrooms, ticket office, and multi-purpose room can be seen. This area will have lots of grass, trees, tables and benches in order to support the many different outdoor activities and events planned by the high school, residents, and local businesses within the community.



*"We are what we repeatedly do; excellence then, is not an act, but a habit" - Aristotle*



## SLOE, BECKA, WALLIS & VALENTINO WIN AT -12, SKINS TO CARRY OVER



The Mayfield Alumni Association's 18th annual golf outing was held at Grantwood Golf Course on June 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2012. Attendance was good again this year, but certainly can be better. This year's golfers pledged to make it bigger next year. With all the athletes Mayfield has produced, we should have many more golfers testing their skills against one another. Please make an effort to attend next year. Mark your calendar now. The food is absolutely great at the outing.

This year's winners were **Mike Sloe, '80, Mark Becka, '80, Jim Wallis, '80, and Dan Valentino, '80**. This group shot a 59, making their score 12 under. Their names will be added to the Alumni Golf Outing trophy for 2012. See chart to the right for total results.

There were no skins won in this year's tournament! Therefore, all skin money will be carried over to next year. You won't want to miss the opportunity to pull some money from the large skin pot.

Cash payouts were given for pin shots and long drives as follows:  
Closest to the Pin - #4 **Tom Farinacci**, #7 **Nick Alexander**, #9 **Chuck Chokenea**, #12 **Jim McCartney**, and #14 **Bud Nihiser**.  
Long Drives - #5 **Alex "FIK6" Fikaris**, and #17 **Steve Agresta**.  
Each winner received \$10 and a golf bag mug.

We would not have a successful outing without the help of our 2012 sponsors. The Association and golfers greatly appreciate the following companies and alums for helping out this year:

**Frank Kirbus, Class of '69**  
**DiCillo Tavern, Annette DiCillo, '78**  
**D. T. Custom Cabinetry, Dreux Turchan, '78**  
**Total ID Solutions, Mike Sloe, '80**  
**Bowden Manufacturing, Andy McCartney, '88**  
**Zohos Agency of Farmers Ins., John Zohos, '95**  
**Express Ground Cover, Nick DiCillo, '07**

\*\*\*PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS\*\*\*

Finally, the Mayfield Alumni Association wishes to thank our organizers **Bud Nihiser, '59 and Wayne Farinacci, '63** for making all the arrangements and obtaining sponsors. We would also like to thank our scorekeepers and registration assistants **Alice Nihiser and Anna Farinacci**.

59	Mike Sloe Mark Becka Jim Wallis Dan Valentino	66	Larry Corio Tom Connor Tom Bielek Scott Coleman
61	Nick Alexander Brad Bowen Sam Fikaris Alex Fikaris	67	Al Agresta Steve Agresta Bobby Agresta Jim Shelby
61	Chuck Pona Dreux Turchan Chuck Chokenea Gary Tortorice	70	Ross DeJohn Chuck Patti Tom Ambrogio
63	Joe Dea Steve Gulyas Jim McCartney John Wellman	75	Frank Brown Ed Bohnert George Goley Dwight McHugh
65	Wayne Farinacci Tom Farinacci Ron Farinacci Bud Nihiser		



**GO CATS!**

Next year's date - **Sunday, June 23rd** with lunch at 11:00am and shotgun start at noon. A steak dinner will be held after golf. Cost is projected to be \$99/golfer and includes absolutely everything (skins too). Mark your calendar and organize your group now.



## Mayfield Alumni Association Staff Hall of Fame

Edward Andrews, Chick Beach, Gerry Beach, Harriet Bush, Joe Chilbert, Kay DelBrocco, Ed Ferris, Mary Grootegoed, Gene Havas, Bill Hunt, Carrie Jackson, Lee Johns, Rod Meadows, Rick Miner, Mike Niland, Mike Ostovic, Joanne Paller, Barb Pfender, Joe Popelka, Lou Ramicone, Carl Roth, Frank Russell, Paul Sabatino, Ernie Safran, Joe Santora, Harvey Scheetz, Dutch Schmidt, Bill Shaylor, Bob Sheridan, Ed Siebenhar, John Steadman, John Szuhay, Herm Treu, Sandy Turner, Jean Zasio.

### NEW CASINO BOTH GOOD AND BAD

Many Clevelanders are very excited about the new Horseshoe Casino that opened in the middle of May. The Horseshoe, owned and operated by Dan Gilbert, owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers, is only a temporary facility. The permanent casino is still a few years away from completion. The Horseshoe, however, has already victimized many civic and charitable organizations in the Greater Cleveland area.

Unfortunately, the Mayfield Alumni Association's date for our Nautica Charity Poker Festival was three weeks after the Horseshoe opened. Each week, the poker players who came to Nautica shrunk to fewer and fewer. By the time our weekend fundraiser arrived, it pretty much dwindled to nothing. We had no tables on Thursday and between two and four tables on Friday through Sunday. We have the distinction of being the last Nautica Charity Poker Festival to operate.

For the past three years, the Association's Nautica Charity Poker Festival was our largest fundraiser by far. This year, proceeds were a fraction of what they have been in the past. The Association, along with many other 501-c-3 charitable organizations, will no longer benefit from this ideal fundraiser. We must all look for different alternatives to raise funds. The Mayfield Athletic Boosters, Band Boosters, and Mayfield Wrestling Club are also in the same boat.

We would appreciate any ideas members may have to raise funds. Hopefully, some of you have had successful experiences in this area.



### **Yearbook Sales Aid Alumni Associations's Scholarship Fund**

The Alumni Association maintains a healthy collection of yearbooks that are sold to alums who have lost theirs through divorce, fire, moving, or any other life-changing event. Money earned from yearbook sales goes into our scholarship fund, thus benefitting high school seniors. Our collection runs from 1949 to 2005. Cost for a yearbook replacement is \$35.00 for 1949 through 1999 and \$50.00 for 2000 through 2005. A \$10.00 shipping charge is added to this amount if you are not able to pick it up in the Mayfield Heights area. Contact the Association if you are in need of a missing yearbook and instantly bring back all the memories you have of your days at Mayfield. A relatively few years will not be available because the Association wishes to keep a minimum of three copies for historical purposes.



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