

THE ALUMNI VOICE

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WILDCATS

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

Mayfield High School has somewhat a feeling of normalcy this year, especially at the beginning. On August 18th, students and teachers were able to return safely to school. For some who chose the remote learning option last year, this was their first day back, and for everyone else at least there was a normal, in person start to this school year.

This year's Homecoming theme was "A Diamond in the Rough", symbolizing how we all needed to find beauty in the tough times the pandemic has brought. The dance was organized by the Senior Student Council, led by President **Nadia Gerbasi** and Vice President **Leo Weissman**. Junior and Senior student council members decorated the gym with sparkling lights and diamonds during our school's yearly all night decorating event. This year's Sweet 16 Homecoming Court tradition continued, and the students seemed to be extra excited at the assembly after having to take a year off. This year's Homecoming King and Queen were **Greg Siambo** and **Nadia Gerbasi**. This was the first true Homecoming celebration for both the Freshmen and Sophomores. The dance was full of good energy and was a great welcome back for all of the students after such a tough past school year.

The football team, led by coach **Ross Bandiera** was not as successful this year, with a record of 2-8, but each game provided time for students to get together and celebrate school spirit. The team won this year's Homecoming game against Eastlake North, which was a great start to the weekend full of school spirit and community. The Pride of Mayfield, the Mayfield band lifted the hearts of everyone at each and every game, led by director **Brad Treiber**. The student section this year was full of good energy after a year of not being able to gather and celebrate the team.

Mayfield put on a fall musical this year, the second time since the 2019 production of Chicago.. The play was *Urinetown*, a satirization of the legal system, capitalism, social responsibility, and corporate management. The lead roles were played by **Allison Wank**, as Hope Cladwell, and **Daniel Blum**, as Bobby Strong. The play was led by directors **Brian Fancher** and **Larry Braun**, and showcased the amazing musical talent this school holds. It

was an exciting experience for the audience and for all those who have missed the annual live performances Mayfield puts on.

The National Honor Society inducted 32 Juniors, and 9 Seniors, honoring these students' extraordinary acts of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This year's ceremony was held in person giving the inductee's families a chance to celebrate alongside them. The Society honored math teacher **Mr. Shirey** as Honorary Staff Member. Mr. Shirey delivered an inspiring speech about how much he loves to watch his students grow inside and outside of school.

Lydia Abbey, '23

Alumni Super Bowl Squares

Last year the Mayfield Alumni Association sold two **Super Bowl Squares** sheets!! Involvement from alums has never been higher. This is a great opportunity to have fun and win money at the same time. As of this writing, the 1st 100 squares sold out in five days!!

The Alumni Association will be selling **Super Bowl Squares** for **\$200 per square** until the 2nd sheet is sold out. The payouts on the **Super Bowl Squares** game will total **\$10,000!!** **And there will be 20 winners per sheet!!**

To get more information, please email the Association at mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net We will send you more detailed instructions. Good luck to all and don't get shut out. You may forward this information to your friends and neighbors!

The final sheet, with all the numbers, will be emailed to all participants the day before the Super Bowl. Thanks for your support.



THANK YOU 2020-21 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following people donated to our scholarship drive during the 2020-21 school year. The scholarship categories represent the cumulative donations made by these contributors since the inception of our scholarship program in 1981. Any donations made after August 31, 2021 will be recognized in *The Alumni Voice*, Vol. 43, No. 1.

Please Note: Our fiscal year and scholarship donation year end on August 31st of each year.

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Albert Jenkins, '40
(In Memoriam)

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Frank & Annette Alvarez,
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'63
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Dr. Gregory Pavlin, '68

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'03
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WILDCAT
\$100—\$499

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Nancy Bird, Friend
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Philanthropy Abounds at Mayfield

We are very fortunate at Mayfield that our alums continue to seek ways to help out in ways we never dreamed of. Several months ago **Don Staley, '63** offered to purchase a powerful battery operated blower that can be used to keep the Alumni Pavilion floor clean. It was put to good use this fall as the Pavilion was used continually by alums and school groups. The blower recharges quickly and does a great job of eliminating the grass, stones, dust, and other debris from the Pavilion floor.

Paul, '68 and Janet Belin Imbordino, '70 recognized the poor condition of our roller curtains, which get used heavily when the weather is cold or rainy. They made a very generous donation to completely revamp our roller curtains. Gone are the 14-foot curtains that were very heavy to roll up properly and the regular close line used to roll them up that rotted over time.

Following are some of the benefits of the new set up:

- * Solid pieces have been installed at the top 5 feet of each section. These are permanent installations and do not move.
- * Roller curtains are now 9 feet tall, rather than 14 feet tall, and are much lighter to roll up.
- * Aluminum bars have been installed (bolted) on the left and right of each section with a tiny bit of material and a zipper. Each roller curtain, when rolled down, can be zippered to the aluminum bars, making the inside almost airtight.
- * The roller curtains can be left down during the winter, provided they are all zipped up. The heaters should be much more effective now that there is less room for outside air to enter.
- * The close line has been replaced by nylon ropes. It honestly feels as though we have a brand new Alumni Pavilion. We can't wait for class reunions to use it! Also, the Association can now look to host other exciting events in the early spring and late fall.



Will the Oldest Living Alum Please Step Forward!

The Digital Media Class, taught by **Mike Bokovitz, '92**, is looking to interview the oldest living Mayfield alum to get a perspective of what it was like attending MHS back in the day. The first alum to be interviewed was **Edith Strumbly Tegel, '48**. Her interview was video taped and shown on the **Wildcat Weekly** news show, which is aired at the high school every Friday. If you are older than 91, please contact the Association at mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net or call President Wayne Farinacci at 216-509-4353. Edith's interview was fantastic and well received by students and alums alike. She really got a kick telling these young whippersnappers what it was like going to high school in the '40s! The interview was held in the Alumni Museum, where Edith was thrilled to see all the memorabilia the Association has collected. It should be noted that if you do not live in the Mayfield area, the interview can be completed over the phone.

Szuhay and Penfield Honored in the Alumni Museum

With memorable donations by many alums, the Association established unique displays for **John Szuhay, Theatre Director, and Lou Penfield, Art Dept. Chairman**, in the Alumni Museum. Several of Szu's play placards are hanging on the south wall, including a giant picture of our beloved Szu. The west wall has several of Lou's paintings, as well as a pencil drawing from his good friend **Frank Llyod Wright**, who designed Lou's house in Willoughby.

Many of the old pictures we collected are now in frames and hanging on the walls and many other items donated by alums are featured in the display cases we have. We ask that you continue to comb through the attic and dresser drawers to find more gems for our museum.



Mayfield Alumni Association and Mayfield Wildcat Football Golf Outing, Dinner, and Party will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at StoneWater Golf Club

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** and the **Mayfield Wildcat Football Program** will be hosting our eighth **Golf Outing/Dinner/Party at StoneWater Golf Club**. This event continues to grow in popularity. We will tee-off in the afternoon with an approximate tee time of 1:30 PM. The event will be followed by a delicious buffet dinner served by the staff of StoneWater Golf Club. **Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 PM.** The \$30 dinner portion will be open to the Mayfield Wildcat community as well as the player's spouses, guests, and any non-golfer that would love to join in the festivities.

The golf outing is a four-person shotgun scramble and will include the standard golf outing competitions; pin shots, long drives, skins game, etc... We will also continue our exciting putting contest! Following dinner there will be a brief awards ceremony, after which the back patio and the gorgeous Club House will be ours for the remainder of the night. **Party Time!** We will celebrate the successes of the Mayfield Alumni Association and our outstanding Mayfield Wildcat Football program. As we reminisce about the past, the touchdowns and long runs seem to be longer than the actual stats show!!

Also, there will be plenty of sponsorship opportunities that will allow you to advertise your company, organization or just yourself! These items will be included in the Registration form. Thank you for allowing us to spread the word about this exciting event and also for your continued support for the Mayfield Wildcat Community!

Committee: Mike Sloe, Larry & JoAnn Pinto, Wayne Farinacci, Frank Brown, Coach Ross Bandiera, and Denise Valentino.



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New Alumni Directory Coming in 2022

The Mayfield Alumni Association has partnered with Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI) to produce our 5th Alumni Directory. While the Alumni Association's membership is at 2,500, the Directory includes every alum whoever graduated from MHS! Even if you don't purchase a new Directory, please respond to the yellow postcard sent to you verifying the accuracy of your information. The Association uses the Directory all the time for research purposes. The Directory is also very helpful to class reunion committees as they undertake their most difficult and time consuming job - locating their classmates. You are not obligated to purchase anything when adding your information to our new 2022 Alumni Directory.



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Three New Scholarships to be Offered This Year

Several alums have offered to initiate new scholarships starting with the Class of '22. Following are the criteria that will be presented to the senior class in March:

The Carl Roth Scholarship is awarded to a student in the amount of \$500 who has excelled in the field of Political Science. The candidate should show involvement in relevant MHS clubs (i.e. World Affairs Club) and has volunteered in the community (ideally with work in an immigrant community). The student will demonstrate interest in pursuing a career in some branch of political science or international studies that promotes cultural understanding. Funding was initiated by **Joe Lantz, '64**.

The Garber Family Scholarship is awarded to a student in the amount of \$500 who is interested in entrepreneurship. Preference will be given to a student who shows enterprising spirit, whether through involvement in school and community organizations or real-world experience in starting a company. Funding was initiated by **Stan Garber, '03 and his wife Stephanie**.

The Sloe Family Scholarship is awarded to a student in the amount of \$1,000 who has demonstrated community/church/school service involvement and has an entrepreneurial spirit. This scholarship is open to a student that may be heading to college or furthering their education in the Skilled Trades. This scholarship is in honor of **Marge and Peter Sloe**, parents of 12 children, 9 of whom graduated from MHS. Funding was initiated by **John, '71, Tom, '74, Linda, '76, Laura, '77, Mike, '80, Therese, '81, Kathryn, '83, Robert, '86, and Jane, '88**.

The Mayfield Alumni Association now offers 32 different scholarships to graduating seniors and total over \$30,000 each year during the Honors Day Assembly. Alums of all ages continue to donate to their favorite scholarship as a way to signify their admiration for what Mayfield has provided for them many years ago. The Association can't thank our donors enough for helping today's students get a head start on their college education or technical training. The exceptional quality our scholarship committee sees in these students each year is off the charts. It should be noted that all our scholarships are perpetual in nature. Family and friends have made it a point to insure that the memory of each scholarship will live on forever.

Wildcattin' With Kitty



Vince Ruggieri Jr., '21 was voted Prom King at last year's MHS Prom. Our Alumni Association Secretary, **Vince Ruggieri Sr., '80** was voted Prom King a mere 41 years before his son! Has something like this ever happened where father and son shared the same title at the same high school??!!

This from **Sharon LeBold DeMaria, '63** (from the spring of 1952): Thirty-two boys, including seven lettermen reported for the opening day session when MHS started baseball practice last week, **Coach Gene Schmidt** said today. Serving as a nucleus for Schmidt are veterans **Dick Palmer, Bob Sullivan, and Dick Madole**. Also, five lettermen are returning to duty with the MHS track squad, **Coach Ken Faulhaber** said today as he announced the 12-meet schedule. **Bill Wagner**, first in the broad jump in the county meet last year and a dash man, is among the returning lettermen. Also back are **Bill Negrelli and James Brett**, both performers in the 880 event. Miler **Mike Lembric**, who was third in the county meet is back, as is **Mike Lanese**, high hurdler and broad jumper.

Our Yearbook Memories Will Live On Forever!!

The Chagrin Falls Alumni Association passed along a great idea to the Mayfield Alumni Association recently. They connected us with a company that digitizes high school yearbooks at a very reasonable price. **Roberto Marino, our Historian and Web Coordinator**, took charge of this project and shipped one copy of each yearbook in our collection to the company in Oklahoma. Our first yearbook was completed in 1930 and was followed by one in 1932. Unfortunately, further yearbook production didn't occur until 1949. From 1949 forward, every class has had a yearbook. A total of 73 yearbooks were sent to be digitized, concluding with the 2019 yearbook. The Association will keep the digitized versions of all yearbooks so all our wonderful memories of Mayfield High School will never evaporate! Hopefully, we will be able to add to our Class by Class History easier and faster. Once we see what the software looks like and determine if it will be easy to manipulate, we may make the digitized yearbooks available to all members of the Mayfield Alumni Association. We will have an update in our next newsletter.

2021 Mayfield High School



Michael DeJohn, '72



Michael McCartney, '84

Michael DeJohn was best known in high school as a student council member and a football and track athlete. From Mayfield High, Mr. DeJohn went on to graduate cum laude from Bowling Green State University in 1976. While at BGSU, he excelled in the ROTC program, in the top five percent nationally, and earned accolades, including honors as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was awarded a Regular Army Commission as a Second Lieutenant. Mr. DeJohn is currently a Financial Advisor/Registered Representative at Cedar Brook Group in Mayfield Heights where he concentrates on small businesses preparing strategic and succession plans to aid in the sale and exit from their business. For the past 47 years Mr. DeJohn has been a football official at the youth, high school and college levels. Michael has also contributed as a wrestling official at the high school and college level for 28 years. Michael continues to be a supporter of Mayfield Schools, choosing to move back to Mayfield in 1987 from California and raise his family here. Together, with his father, **Ross Sr.** and his brother, **Ross Jr.**, they supported and donated towards the construction of the Mayfield High School Alumni Pavilion. Currently, Michael is working to develop and fund the improvements of a courtyard for students at Lander Elementary to honor his late wife, Cathy. Michael became a financial advisor to help guide people as they plan for their own retirement. By using his own experiences and lessons to educate his clients, Michael hopes to help many others realize their goals. Personally, Michael considers his finest achievement to be raising his sons into wonderful men after his wife Cathy died 18 years ago. Mr. DeJohn says of his influence, "I have not written books, cured a disease, or become famous, outside of my family. My life has been one of using my experiences and skills to help others to move forward and achieve their own goals."

Michael McCartney distinguished himself at Mayfield High School as a scholar, athlete, and artist. Throughout all four years of high school, he made honors, played soccer, swimming and tennis and performed with the Mayfield Players. He also participated in the Mayfield Uni-cycle Square-Dance Team performing nationally. McCartney's success did not peak there. After two years at Colby College, he eventually was accepted to the United States Naval Academy where he distinguished himself among the top of his class. He first commanded a ship in 2003, and at Annapolis commanded all the midshipmen. As a career Navy officer for 31 years, McCartney will transition to civilian life, likely putting his considerable skills to work for the United States Department of Defense, or other organizations needing his expertise. Michael McCartney has offered his service to the Boy Scouts of America, the leadership classes at Mayfield High, and to his church. He continues to lead on the board of directors for the Antietam Institute, a Civil War educational and historical organization, connecting his service as CO of the USS Antietam. In his successive commands in the Navy, McCartney relies on three things for success. One, he believes everyone must have integrity. He wrote that one must live "...a life of integrity, performing each job or task to the best of your ability, taking responsibility for yourself, your actions and for those around you." Additionally, he believes the most successful teams have leaders who create opportunities for those under them to succeed. Furthermore, Michael McCartney quotes John Maxwell, author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, in his personal success strategy, "Attitude is not everything, but it is the main thing." Mr. McCartney sees that his ultimate goals are to be an exceptional husband and father and to work every day toward success for himself and to help those around him succeed. He remarks, "It is a life of service to and for others."

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Nick Palazzo, '99



Paul Matias, '88

Nick Palazzo is remembered by many at Mayfield as the ultimate utility football player. Whatever needed to be done to win, Nick Palazzo was part of it. However, it is his subsequent success built upon his athletic prowess that garners him induction into the Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame. As a Harvard undergrad, Nick Palazzo created STACK magazine, all the while earning academic honors, and athletic recognition as one of the all-time leading rushers and scorers at the top of the Ivy League All-Time record book. STACK magazine was supported by sports icons such as Nike, Gatorade, Under Armour, New Balance, and many more. The platform sought to educate and inspire young athletes. At its peak, STACK reached 15 million monthly digital visitors, a social reach of more than 100 million, and was distributed to over 12,000 high schools. With articles and interviews from influencers like **LeBron James, Drew Brees, Dwayne Wade, and Cam Newton**, STACK was the definitive platform for young athletes. In 2020, Mr. Palazzo founded NP Ventures, an advisory and investment firm designed to assist emerging founder partners in the sports, technology, and media industries, as well as to create and make its own investments into new companies. Palazzo has appeared in numerous publications and broadcast programs, including *The New York Times*, the "Today" show, *Mediaweek*, *MIN*, *Folio*, *Sports Business Journal*, *Forbes* and *Adweek*, and is a frequent keynote and panel speaker. Also, Mr. Palazzo was featured in the acclaimed book *Upstarts! How GenY Entrepreneurs are Rocking The World of Business*. In addition to his business ventures, Mr. Palazzo is passionate about expanding the possibilities available to today's student-athletes from under-resourced areas. He created the 2x2 Foundation to support a variety of sports, health, and fitness programs to benefit young athletes in their schools and communities. Above all his success, he considers his partner Emily and their four daughters to be his finest achievement.

Mayfield Village Chief of Police **Paul Matias** always knew his path was in law enforcement. First, at Lakeland Community College with an Associate Degree in law enforcement, and then earning a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude, from Tiffin University in criminal justice, homeland security and terrorism. Chief Matias furthered his studies earning a Master of Science from Tiffin in 2018. He proudly served 10 years in the United States Navy, as well. Chief Matias considered himself an average student at Mayfield, but his ambition grew as he entered the service and the workforce. He realized that he had a distinct advantage over others having graduated from Mayfield High School. He said, "I credit this to the staff at Mayfield High School, who often seemed to work harder at getting me through high school than I did on my own." Particularly, Matias credits **Joe Nader's** electronics and robotics program for spurring his desire to excel. Choosing to serve our country and then entering the law enforcement field sent Chief Matias on a path to the top of his profession. He began as a patrolman, worked up to detective, and then sergeant. Eventually, in 2019, the dedication and leadership he embodied earned him the role of Chief of Police in Mayfield Village. To protect and serve is not only a motto of the police force, but one Chief Matias carries into his personal life. He lends his efforts to St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church where he serves on the Church Council, as well as volunteers with "Helping Hands," a meal preparation and delivery service also sponsored at the church. Professionally, Chief Matias has earned top honors, but he believes being able to use his training, education, and experience to serve his community, in which Mayfield High School resides, is among his greatest achievements.

2021 Hall of Fame



Alex Yakubovich, '04

Alex Yakubovich has been running ever since he was a member of the Mayfield High School Cross Country team. He has not only run in several marathons and half-marathons, but also has been running his own companies. In college, Mr. Yakubovich created Onosys, an online restaurant ordering platform which was eventually acquired by the Cleveland company, LivingSocial and is still operating. Next, he created Scout RFP with partner and fellow Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame inductee **Stan Garber**. Together, they grew the company which eventually sold for over half a billion dollars to Workday. Currently, Mr. Yakubovich runs one of the fastest growing segments of Workday, one of the largest software companies in the world. In high school, Alex Yakubovich was ambitious, participating and leading in many extracurricular activities, as well as cross country and track. His time at Mayfield High School began his entrepreneurial journey. From high school, he attended Case Western Reserve University earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in economics. It was there that his business plans for Onosys became a reality. After its success and sale, he focused on creating Scout RFP. Yakubovich considers creating Scout RFP as his greatest achievement so far, and aspires to scale operations, culture and revenue even further in the future. Personally, Mr. Yakubovich is focused with his wife, Lisa, on raising their two young children and supporting his community within several charitable organizations. He fondly remembers many of his teachers and their selfless giving. Even today, he remains in touch with many of his classmates, and works with some of them. He credits his teachers for instilling a strong discipline, sense of civic responsibility and community, and integrity; a foundation that has served him well.

Mayfield Hosts Alumni Symposium

The Mayfield Alumni Association hosted a first-ever **N. E. Ohio Alumni Symposium on October 16, 2021**. The Symposium was held in our Alumni Museum and included donuts, coffee, lunch, and beverages. Many alumni associations attended and shared ideas on a wide variety of topics including: membership, scholarship, fund raising, class reunion services, philanthropy, yearbook collection and sales, homecoming tailgate party, and newsletters production. The Symposium was intended for Presidents and Treasures as they would receive the greatest benefit from the discussion. We prepared a comprehensive notebook for each alumni association packed with materials we commonly use in our operation. Attendees were very impressed with our Alumni Museum and the Alumni Pavilion. We are light years ahead of other associations when it comes to these two facilities. Attendees also decided that this event should become an annual affair so we can continue to share ideas and experiences. The Euclid Alumni Association volunteered to host next year's Symposium.

Kelly - Barnes Retirement and Welcome Home Party

On August 7, 2021, the Mayfield Alumni Association hosted a memorable retirement party for **Dr. Keith Kelly** and welcomed home **Dr. Michael Barnes** at the same time. The Alumni Association reached new levels of engagement under Superintendent Kelly for the past nine years. And things won't change under the leadership of our new Superintendent, Mike Barnes.

The Association's growth over the past decade has been phenomenal. A great deal of credit goes to Keith Kelly and our 2500 members. We now have the opportunity to expand our experiences and contributions even further with Mike Barnes. The future looks very bright for your **Mayfield Alumni Association!!**



Dr. Michael Barnes, Wayne Farinacci, Dr. Keith Kelly

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian Ostlund Matz, '42, passed away June 30, 2021

Marguerite Cable Schuck, '42, passed away

June 7, 2021

Catherine Jean Bonnett Beardsley, '43, passed away
May 28, 2016

Robert Mahlstede, '44, passed away July 4, 2021

Dr. Albert Judge, '46, passed away August 15, 2021

Lois Markgraf Baldner, '49, passed away Aug. 5, 2021

Mary Snider Grootegoed, '49, passed away

August 19, 2021

Jacob "Eddie" Pouttu '49, passed away Nov. 26, 2021

Dolores Cicatelli Matovich, '49, passed away

Jan. 18, 2021

Mildred Krumholtz Eville, '50, passed away

Sept. 29, 2021

Irene Peterson Kirkham, '50, passed away Dec. 9, 2021

Joan Doering Lybeck, '52, passed away April 21, 2021

Norma Goss Karabasz, '60, passed away July 19, 2021

Ruth Ziskin Doering, '61, passed away Dec. 3, 2021

Susan Vogt Janssen, '61, passed away Oct. 18, 2021

Peggie Paterson-Mahon Lewis, '62, passed away

August 10, 2021

Sandy Sanguedolce Vaccariello, '62, passed away

Dec. 11, 2021

Kathy Winkler Tribby, '62, passed away July 27, 2021

Helen Juntoff Ehrlich, '64, passed away Nov. 15, 2021

Linda Pedala Crawford, '65, passed away

Sept. 10, 2021

Bobby Guerin Jr., '70, passed away Oct. 25, 2021

Barbara Warren Sbrocco, '70, passed away

Sept. 22, 2021

Linda Farinacci, '79, passed away Oct. 11, 2021

Gary Silverstein, '79, passed away Oct. 12, 2021

Danny Kohler, '81, passed away July 31, 2021

Debra Conti Cicero, '84, passed away June 30, 2021

Trish Iacavone, '89, passed away this year

Staff Deaths:

Donna Finney passed away Sept. 9, 2021. Former member of the Board of Education.

Sally Gillmore passed away Nov. 5, 2021 at the age of 85. High school librarian.

Mary Grootegoed passed away Aug. 19, 2021 at the age of 90. Director of Adult Education.

Richard Huff passed away Sept 1, 2021. High school choir director.

Carolyn Huntsberger passed away Sept. 16, 2021 at the age of 89. Center Elementary teacher.

Joseph Ivanye passed away Feb. 3, 2020. Lander elementary teacher.

Pat Rivituso passed away Oct. 6, 2021. Retired Jan. 5, 2012. High school secretary and assistant to HR Dir.

Jean Woodie passed away July 30, 2021. Special needs assistant at Millridge, M.S., and H.S. Wife of **Butch Woodie, '60**.



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CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '67

Attention all Mayfield High School **1967 graduates**. We are in the process of planning our 55th Class Reunion for the fall of 2022.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2022.

Details will follow. Also check out our own Facebook "Class of '67" page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/503078396565247/?pnref=story> If you know of any classmates not on Facebook, please pass this announcement on to them.

Class of '67 Reunion Committee:

Jim Spisak, Linda (Cetina) Spisak, Judy (Lewis) Delfs, Lynn (Bonomo) Schuping, Diane (Moroff) Briskey, Kathy Bencin, Cathy (Seggio) Johnson, Mary Ann (Sapanaro) DeRose, Cindy (Lelii) Trozzi, Rita Perna, and Sharon (Singer) Boener.

Class of '61

We need to thank **Wayne Farinacci** for all of his assistance with our 60th Mini Class Reunion held in the Alumni Pavilion at Mayfield High School. It was a wonderful venue and perfect for our "INFORMAL" get together of about 100 people which included classmates and spouses. We had everything needed right there and it was FREE! We went with pizza, salad, trays of fruit, and cheese and vegetables. We were able to keep the price at \$15 per person. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we all had a great time!

So, if you are a member of the **Class of '61**, we're doing it again (by request) and we want you back!!

Date: Saturday June 25, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Place: Alumni Pavilion at Mayfield High School

Price: \$2.00 per person at the door

PLEASE JOIN US. It's fun, it's informal, you can't beat the price, and there is no dancing (which you men love).

This year we will have a food truck which will be at your expense. We do ask that you bring your own beverages other than water which we will supply.

Please contact one of the following gals by **JUNE 10, 2022.**

JoAnn Pellan Fiorino at 216-382-1592 or joannflowers@aol.com

Eleanor Kless Squire at 440-231-1031 or squireone43@gmail.com

Class of '62

SAVE THE DATE: for our 60th Reunion --- Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17th, 2022.

Friday early evening mixer at the Alumni Pavilion by the high school football field and Saturday, plated lunch and fun program as in the past. Everyone always has a great time. More details in the Spring. It would be helpful for the Committee to know your **possible intentions** of attending or not. Just let **Karen Arvidson Chilcote (kmac1125@sbcglobal.net)** or **Sharon Daviso (osivad@att.net)** know as soon as you can. We're counting on things being better with COVID, etc. by then. If you would like to update any of your family or contact info for the directory, send it to Karen anytime. In the meantime, we are still looking for the following people that we have never found. If you or anyone you know might know where they are located now, please forward that information as well. Thanks for your help.

Please help us find: **Gloria Jean Ankuda, Leonard Davis, Carolyn Elrick, Mary Ellen Fetterman, Paul Hastings, Fred McDowell, Joann Michaels Simmons, Jean Mihalik, Ruth Nemeth, Nancy Newrones, Laura Noll, Bill Saben, Ed Seufert (our foreign exchange student from Germany), Doris Stupavsky, Marilyn Szabo, and Janice Vida.**

Class of '80

The **Class of '80** will be having a 60th Birthday Celebration/Reunion at Ballantine Restaurant in Downtown Willoughby on **Saturday, May 28th 2022.** More information coming soon. Please "like" our Facebook page "Mayfield High School Class of 1980" or you can visit the Mayfield Alumni Association website www.mayfieldalumniassociation.com Updated information will be posted as it is received.

The Association is happy to print any pre or post Class Reunion information your committee wants to submit. Due to space issues, we reserve the right to edit.

Class of '63

The **Class of '63** never misses an opportunity to get our classmates together as we continue to have a mini reunion each year. We started this practice after our 50th Reunion because we lost so many classmates. For our **58th Mini Reunion** we met at the home of **Wayne and Anna Farinacci** on Sunday, July 25th from 4:00 to 10:00 for a cookout. Thanks to our great reunion committee, we can feed people for \$10 per person! With the help of our talented committee all attendees enjoyed cheese & crackers, sausage w/peppers & onions, cheeseburgers, potato casserole, onion rings, baked beans (**Sandy Weisman Turner's** recipe of course!), assorted fruits, lemon lush, assorted desserts, lemonade frosties, beer, wine, Limoncello, water, and coffee. The attire was casual - bikini's for the ladies and muscle shirts and speedos for the men! And 60's music filled the air.

Many thanks to our great committee: **Wayne & Anna Farinacci, Mike & Cheryl Arenswald Niland, Ellen Levak Maher, Gail Bicker Rye, Diana DiPuccio Vitale, Diane Leonardi Timlin and Joe, Faith DeNapoli DiPippo, Fred & Sherry Gloor, Jon Heavilin, Blue Germano, Anna Mottolese Henretta, Maggie Murphy, Fran Johnson Slifko, Dennis & Joan Francis, and Dan Newton (our National Correspondent).**

Class of '70

The year 2022 will mark our **Class of '70's BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION**, as promised! So, place a big "X" on your calendar for the weekend of **AUGUST 13, 2022!!**

We have reserved the Mayfield Village Community Center for the evening of Saturday, August 13th for our main celebration. This will be a VERY LOW-COST, or maybe even FREE party, depending on our budget. We'll ask you to provide your own alcohol, and we'll supply the refreshments. Friday night's location and other festivities will be announced as we get closer to the weekend.

Love, Karen and the Birthday Party Planning Committee

Class of '65

The Mayfield High School **Class of 1965** will be holding their 57th class reunion **September 10, 2022** at the Mayfield Alumni Pavilion from 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM. For updates, check the "Mayfield High School Class of 1965" Facebook page. Or contact any of the following classmates:

Dennis Jensen, [440-336-6983, drdennisjensen@yahoo.com](mailto:drdennisjensen@yahoo.com);
Gene March, [440-449-7223, ecmarch@msn.com](mailto:ecmarch@msn.com),
Phil Mikita, [330-656-1849, phil.mikita@gmail.com](mailto:phil.mikita@gmail.com),
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Class of '72

CLASS OF 1972 50th REUNION

The **Class of '72** will hold their 50th Reunion Labor Day weekend **September 1-4, 2022**, with the main event being Saturday evening, September 3rd, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn - Mayfield Village. More information to follow. Please forward any information about classmates to:

Don Negrelli grelli@att.net
Tom Strasshofer strasshofer.t@gmail.com

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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 65 or over. 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:

Sharon Lebold DeMaria, '63
Dennis Steffy, '68
Jim Tomaro, '71
Thomas Eville, '72
Louise Fiordalisi Leppla, '72
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