

# THE ALUMNI VOICE

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WILDCATS

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

This year began later in August than usual, giving students a lengthy, restful break before returning to school. As the Class of 2026 has been getting settled in, the Class of 2023 has been antsy to get out. With college decisions coming in and being made it has been hard for many seniors to stay focused on their current work days. But within this first semester of the 2022-2023 school year, many moments have been worth staying focused on.

For a few years now Mayfield has had a new learning environment, the **Option Program**. It's available to students to provide them with a completely self-paced learning experience in order to accommodate those who learn better with more freedom. Previously this had only been available to 11th-12th grade students, but with the new installment of the upstairs level option space, the Option Program is now available to 9th-10th grade students as well. This new way of learning has been working well according to our principal, **Mr. Jeff Legan**. He spoke about the option stating, "The 9th-12th grade Option modality is working based on the data that I have collected. The data not only measures the academic success of our students but also the social skills that we had originally hoped to develop. These social skills are vital to the success of our students while they are in high school and beyond." Along with the Option, Mr. Legan and his Principal's Advisory Committee of students continues to develop ideas involving new courses that could be moved from a traditional learning setup to a self-paced one. It has become a goal at Mayfield to account for all learning styles.

Mayfield's football team had a successful season this fall under **Coach Ross Bandiera's** leadership. The Cats made it to the playoffs, but unfortunately lost their final game against Austintown-Fitch. The Wildcats were supported through some tough losses, but celebrated through many wins as well with their 6-5 record this year. The student section was filled with school spirit as everyone followed weekly themes to show their support for the team and the school. Half-time performances from our band were full of energy each night as they lived up to their name, The Pride of Mayfield, under the directorship of **Mr. Brad Treiber**.

Sadly, the hardest loss was 14-58 at the Homecoming game against a very powerful Riverside team. Despite a loss on the football field, Mayfield hosted a magical Wizard of Oz-themed Homecoming to celebrate coming back together this school year. Starting off with our Homecoming assembly, the students enjoyed the decorations, complete with cutouts of Dorothy and the others, courtesy of our wonderful student council. New to this year, our assembly was accompanied by our band and cheerleaders to get everyone ramped full of energy for the dance. The Sweet Sixteen tradition continued. Our nominated 16 girls and 16 boys showed off their moves in front of the energetic student body. After everyone had their moment in the spotlight, our crowned King and Queen were announced, **Gigi Raguz** and **Stratos Hiliatzos**. This atmosphere carried into our Homecoming dance that following Saturday night.

The beautiful talents of Mayfield's Theater Department were put on display this year with their performance of **A Chorus Line, Teen Edition**, which follows 32 aspiring Broadway performers as they audition for a part in the chorus line, sharing their personalities and experiences along the way. This production starred **Savon Harris**, as Zach, the director, and **Lauren Peugeot** as Cassie, a talented dancer struggling to make it big in the industry. This show was impressive, as it had a large, multi-talented cast but gave opportunities for each individual to shine in solo performance moments.

This semester has shown that Mayfield strives to become a better place for each and every student. There are places where everyone can showcase their talents whether this is in sports, drama, or learning spaces that we have available. With the success of the first semester with our amazing Wildcats, and a restful winter break, we carry this positive energy and pride with us into the next semester, where many new memories will be made.

Lydia Abbey, '23

**Did You Know??** No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times! (Oh, go ahead - I'll wait)

# THANK YOU 2021-22 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following people donated to our scholarship drive during the 2021-22 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. 44, No. 1.

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

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Our Alumni Association Scholarship Program gets stronger every year because of caring donors like you. This is part of what makes Mayfield High School, and it's alums so special.

## The Alumni Coordinator Position Allowed Us To Expand Our Horizons

Many members of the Mayfield Alumni Association have asked detailed questions regarding several aspects of our organization. The Executive Board has decided to highlight many of the topics that have been submitted. This is the second in a series of historical articles that will appear in *The Alumni Voice Newsletter*.

\*\*\*\*This issue's topic is **The Alumni Coordinator Position**\*\*\*\*

As we stated in the previous newsletter, the Mayfield Alumni Association was created in 1980. We established an Executive Board to handle all the events and activities of the Association. Like most new organizations, we grew steadily over the first 10 years behind the capable volunteer work of our Board members. And then something unsavory happened. Our Alumni Association got a little stale. We offered the same events and services each year that we previously offered. Something was wrong and the Board didn't feel very good about it. Members of our Board were all volunteers, of course. Everybody gave of their time willingly, but to a person, we all wanted to do more for the Association. As good as we were, we wanted to be bigger, faster, and stronger. So, we were at a crossroads of sorts.

Then we got the idea to create a new Board position and we titled it **Alumni Coordinator**. But we didn't want to just add another person who would also give of his/her time freely and risk burning out. We wanted to put some teeth into this position. Our expectations were much higher than "volunteerism." The Association didn't have much money at the time, but we decided if we truly wanted to expand our horizons, we would have to create a paid position. Of course, we would also have to fund this position if we wanted it to succeed. And, boy, did it ever!

Our first goal was to find the right person for the job, then put the Alumni Coordinator in position to succeed. Our second task was to create a job description. After all, we created this position, one that no other alumni association nor school support group had, to take the burden off the other Board members who continued to volunteer their time. The job description was very thorough and has been greatly expanded since its inception. Our purpose in creating the position of Alumni Coordinator was to do much of the heavy lifting of our committee chairs. So the Alumni Coordinator became the focal point of every committee we had, doing things that the committee chair never had time to add on to his/her pile of responsibilities.

We expected the Alumni Coordinator to handle roughly 80% of each committee's work load. These tasks related to membership, scholarship, social events, class reunions, fundraising, and writing our newsletters, among others. The concept was simple - hire someone to do much



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of the work that was above and beyond what we would expect of any committee chair to do on a voluntary basis. It was a gamble because we had to find ways to fund the position. And even if we could raise the money to fund the position, would the concept even work?

The answer is yes! **Laurie Nihiser Fultz, '83** became our very first Alumni Coordinator in 1990, a full 10 years after the Association was created. She probably had the most difficult assignment, simply because she had to blaze the trail. Laurie didn't have a blueprint to follow. We put a lot of faith in Laurie's ability to commit to the job. She had all the skills and personality traits for success. And she was just that - successful. Laurie held the position for three years, until her career no longer offered her the opportunity to continue. **Colleen Kretz Gallager, '84**, then accepted the position for about another three years. Colleen kept the position on an upward track until we were able to hand off the position to **Wendy Brown**. After a few years, we felt there was too much turnover to grow at an acceptable rate. **Wayne Farinacci**, our President who had recently retired from Mayfield High School in 1998, was asked if he would accept the position. Wayne agreed to become the Alumni Coordinator and has held the position for the past 24 years.

After our Alumni Coordinator model became successful, several other alumni associations desired to create something similar. Most didn't turn out so well because they sought funding from their local school board rather than fund the position themselves. Some became obligated to operate like their school board wanted them to. Others couldn't find the right fit. While still others couldn't afford to maintain the position. Perhaps it worked in Mayfield because our alums never give up, never surrender. They supported every event our Alumni Association conducted, including the fundraisers. Our alums fully support one of the strongest scholarship programs in the state of Ohio, which allows our typical fundraising to be used for other student, faculty, and support group endeavors. So there you have it. Our Alumni Coordinator position has helped us become one of the strongest Alumni Associations in the state of Ohio due to the commitment of our alums.

Each future issue of *The Alumni Voice* will feature another unique aspect of the Mayfield Alumni Association.

## Mayfield Alumni Association and Mayfield Wildcat Football Golf Outing, Dinner, and Party will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at StoneWater Golf Club

The **Mayfield Alumni Association** and the **Mayfield Wildcat Football Program** will be hosting our tenth **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 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, Denise Valentino, Vince Ruggieri, and Coach Ross Bandiera.**



### Did You Know??

The 10 most valuable brand names on earth are:

**Apple, Coca Cola, Google, IBM, Microsoft, GE, McDonalds, Samsung, Intel, and Toyota, in that order!**

### *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 sheet of 100 squares sold out in six days, with 40 more sold on the 2nd sheet!!

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 on both sheets!! And 20 squares per sheet (out of 100 squares) will win money!!**

To get more information, please email the Association at [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net) We will send you more detailed instructions. Good luck to all and don't get shut out. You may absolutely 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.




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## Two New Scholarships To Be Offered This Year

Once again, our alums have offered to initiate new scholarships starting with the **Class of '23**. The Alumni Association can't thank the alums and their families enough for their desire to offer today's students a better opportunity for success as they head off to college or pursue a skilled trade. Following are the criteria for two new scholarships that will be offered to this year's senior class.

**The Emily and Arch McCartney Family Scholarship** is awarded to a student in the amount of \$1,000 who will be attending a state university within Ohio. This scholarship is unique in that it will be renewed for three additional years provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA and continues to attend a state university. Emily McCartney was a long-standing member of the Mayfield Board of Education. Arch McCartney attended Miami University and was a local small business owner. All three sons attended Mayfield H. S., **Michael '84, Andrew '88, and James '89**. Funding was initiated by The McCartney Family.

**The Marella Family Student-Athlete Engineering Scholarship** is awarded to a student-athlete in the amount of \$500 who has demonstrated an aptitude in

both a mathematics & science curriculum and in athletics. The student's desire is to pursue a career in engineering or applied sciences. This scholarship is sponsored by the **Marella Family** graduates of Mayfield H. S. **Nancy Fiore Marella, '67, Nico, '21, Mai Ly, '23, and Gianni, '25**.

The Mayfield Alumni Association now offers **34 different scholarships to graduating seniors, totaling over \$35,000 each year**. Scholarships are awarded during the Honors Day Assembly held every May in the high school auditorium. 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 seniors each year is something all alums can take pride in. 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.



Wayne and Anna Farinacci reading a Thanksgiving story in November to a preschool class.

## *Preschool Readers Program is a Blast*

The Mayfield Schools Preschool Program is housed at the high school in the area previously used by the cosmetology program. There are over 100 students enrolled in a three-tiered program - morning, afternoon, and all day. The administration, teachers, aides and support staff are awesome and dedicated people. **Ali Ciccone**, Program Director, asked the Association if alums would be willing to be volunteer readers for the students. Many alums responded to our email request and did just that. We now have about 20 alums who have volunteered to be Preschool Readers.

What a fun and rewarding experience it is to be a Preschool Reader. All volunteers have had at least one opportunity to read a story to the little tykes. More opportunities await during the remainder of the school year. If you live in the Mayfield area and would like to become a Preschool Reader, contact the Alumni Association at [mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net) We will send you more information.

**Did You Know?? You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television!**

## 2022 Mayfield High School Alumni



**Daryl Sanders, '59**



**Hester Peirce, '88**

**Daryl Sanders** graduated from Mayfield High School in 1959, then went on to be an offensive lineman at The Ohio State University. He was drafted into the NFL in the first round, twelfth pick, in 1963 by the Detroit Lions, where he played for four seasons.

Mr. Sanders was raised through the eighth grade in the inner city of Cleveland before attending Mayfield High School. Following his professional football career, Mr. Sanders became a corporate executive at age 28, a Cadillac dealer at 35, and founded a church at 44. Currently, Mr. Sanders owns Internet Dealer Solutions, a marketing business focused on helping auto dealers with Internet sales.

He has made numerous missionary trips, traveling to the Ukraine 13 times as well as Russia, Europe, Africa, Mexico, China, and Japan. He also worked extensively with inner city ministries in Columbus, Ohio.

An avid student of the Bible, Mr. Sanders has spoken to tens of thousands of people in America and abroad. He became a well known advocate for the poor and disadvantaged, and has written eight Christian-based books and one business book. He also founded the Church's One Foundation which comprises suburban and inner city churches working together to help the poor and disadvantaged in Central Ohio. Mr. Sanders has worked under Pastor Rod Parsley as the Director of the World Harvest Ministerial Fellowship. From humble beginnings to Mayfield High, Mr. Sanders clearly used his great leadership and potential to succeed, professionally, personally, and globally.

Before Yale Law School, and after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Case Western Reserve University, **Hester Peirce** was a Fulbright Scholar studying in Vienna, Austria. Ms. Peirce's JD from Yale Law took her to an illustrious career as counsel for various committees and organizations, such as the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, using her expertise in economics and law. Eventually, Ms. Peirce worked her way to her current position as the Commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition to her prestigious role, Ms. Peirce has published numerous articles and academic papers, as well as books intended to keep consumers protected and informed. She has testified as an expert to the United States Senate and House of Representatives and has advised the public through her op-eds and blogs. Ms. Peirce also served as an adjunct professor at George Mason University Law School.

Running track and cross country at Mayfield gave Hester Peirce "confidence to take on many other challenges in my personal and professional life," she says. "The life lessons impressed on me from my years at Mayfield have helped to shape my career trajectory, which led to my nomination and confirmation to serve as a Commissioner at the Securities and Exchange Commission."

Hester Peirce admits that high school was not easy, but the ethic of hard work and facing challenges head-on was fostered at Mayfield High School. She considers her ultimate professional goal to be protecting the nation's markets so they can serve as the backbone of our economy.

## Hall of Fame Inductees



**Anne Hu, '05**

**Anne Hu** graduated from Mayfield High School in 2005 and quickly set the path for a successful career in the film industry as an award-winning film editor, producer, and director. The films on which she has worked have been shown in theaters, on television, and streamed internationally. Miss Hu's film work appears on platforms like Netflix, Starz, and AMC.

Graduating The Ohio State University with a marketing and art degree, Anne Hu moved to New York City to work in advertising, all the while nurturing her passion for film and story telling. She landed a job with HBO to edit movie trailers. Combined with her film classes at OSU and working at HBO, Miss Hu was able to conceive, nurture and develop her talents as a filmmaker.

In her own words Miss Hu considers herself "a director and editor, pushing the boundaries of video and story telling." She has contributed to such high profile projects as *Game of Thrones*, *The Walking Dead*, *Big Little Lies*, and *Halt and Catch Fire*. She has written, directed and edited her own film projects, such as *Into the Woods* (2015). Anne Hu has been awarded numerous prizes from many diverse film festivals and juries for her writing, directing, editing and acting in *Cake* (2017). Most recently, she continues post-production on her latest project, *Lunchbox*, some of which was filmed here at Mayfield High School, as well as a feature film, *Mother*.

The film community has revered Miss Hu's work. A recent Washington Post article says of Hu's work on and in *Cake*, "Based on the strength of her short film, Hu just might become the latest cinematic force to be reckoned with." Non-profit group Filmshop, which provides peer support for film creators, said of Hu, "...she can provide catharsis for audiences as well as inspire them to regard marginalized voices with their whole humanity."

## John Steadman Award



**Jim Mormino, '94**

**Jim Mormino** is a 1994 graduate of Mayfield High School and one of the best all-around athletes in Mayfield High School history. A quarterback for the Wildcat football team, Jim was a three-time letterman, an All-Greater Cleveland Conference selection, a News-Herald All-Star, and a member of the All-District team. On the basketball court, Jim earned a varsity letter two times, while being named to the All-GCC team in one of the top basketball conferences in the state. In the spring, Mo displayed a unique combination of speed, strength, and endurance on the Mayfield Track & Field team. He frequently ran the 400 M Dash, the 800 M run, and threw the shot put. In the rarest of feats, Jim won the 800 M run and the shot put in the same meet. Jim was a four-time letter winner in track, he was the Greater Cleveland Conference champion in the 400, the shot put, and the 800 twice.

Jim continued his athletic career at Allegheny College, where he was a running back on the football team and ran both indoor and outdoor track. He earned 9 varsity letters at Allegheny, was all-conference in football three times, including the conference player of the year as a senior, and was a finalist for the Gagliardi Award, the equivalent of the Division III Heisman Trophy. If this success was not enough, Mo was a three-time conference champion in track and field, including breaking the decathlon record, which he still holds today. He was a national qualifier in the decathlon, finishing in 9th place.

Always a Wildcat, Jim returned to Mayfield where he coached football, basketball, and track, before going to Willoughby South where he coached football, and track, and served as athletic director. Jim recently left education to run the family business, Lyndhurst Lumber.



## MAYFIELD ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM 2022-23

The Mayfield City School District will induct its 33rd class of outstanding graduates into the Alumni Hall of Fame during Fall 2023. These individuals will be graduates who have achieved success in their careers and who have made significant contributions in their fields, as well as to society, the nation and on a global scale. The Hall of Fame inductees will be men and women who have graduated from the present Mayfield High School, Mayfield Central High School (now the Middle School) or Mayfield Center High School (the former administration building).

If you know of a well-qualified and deserving graduate, complete the form below and return it to Community Relations Office, Mayfield City Schools by April 21, 2023. If you don't know the individual's address, but can put us in contact with someone who can help, that would be greatly appreciated. To be eligible, nominees must have graduated in the Class of 2012 or before, and may not be currently be employed by the Mayfield Schools.

A panel of Mayfield High School students, alumni, teachers and administrators will select the inductees for the Hall of Fame. Selections will be based on nominations and information received from friends, families and the individual themselves.

NOMINEES NAME \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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RETURN TO: Community Relations / Mayfield Board of Education  
1101 SOM Center Road / Mayfield Heights, OH 44124 or call 440-995-7222  
**Deadline is April 21, 2023**



The Mayfield Schools needs more nominations for the **Alumni Hall of Fame** program. If you know of a worthy alum who is deserving of such an honor, please complete the nomination form on page 8.

There are three easy steps to follow:

1. Identify an alum who has made notable achievements.
2. Check the MAA web site to see if this person has already been inducted. [www.mayfieldalumniassociation.com](http://www.mayfieldalumniassociation.com)
3. If not, complete the form and mail it to Comm. Rel. Office.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Carrie Hock Jackson, '48**, passed away Nov. 7, 2022  
**Thelma Ingledue Drobinski, '49**, passed away July 21, 2022  
**Richard LaConte, '49**, passed away June 23, 2022  
**Lois Meredith Martin, '49**, passed away Oct. 7, 2022  
**Ruth Frank Robson, '49**, passed away Oct. 13, 2022  
**Marcia Barker Vangunten, '49**, passed away May 15, 2022  
**Michael DiPenti, '51**, passed away April 15, 2022  
**Peter Young, '55**, passed away Sept. 18, 2022  
**Barbara Berhent Blaskis, '57**, passed away Nov 22, 2022  
**Mike Zingleman, '57**, passed away Nov. 12, 2022  
**Charles Leonardi, '58**, passed away Oct. 7, 2022  
**Rae Sankey Duvernay, '60**, passed away July 16, 2022  
**John Ferrara, '60**, passed away July 22, 2022  
**Gerald Kehoe, '60**, passed away Oct. 16, 2022  
**James Taylor, '60**, passed away Sept. 18, 2022  
**Steve Moses, '62**, passed away Oct. 11, 2022  
**Joyce Cipollo Tisovec, '62**, passed away July 19, 2022  
**Linda Foster, '63**, passed away March 26, 2022  
**Gary Schwartz, '63**, passed away July 10, 2021  
**Valerie Lellis Slattery, '63**, passed away June 25, 2022  
**Cahty Seggio Johnson, '67**, passed away Aug. 1, 2022  
**Margaret Smilow, '74**, passed away April 3, 2022  
**Timothy Byrne St., '76**, passed away Aug. 1, 2022  
**Edward Hughes, '82**, passed away Dec. 23, 2022

### Staff Deaths:

**Maggie Case** passed away Dec. 11, 2022. Maggie worked at CEVEC with special needs students.  
**Marge Fultz** passed away Aug. 13, 2022. Marge taught at Mayfield Road Elementary and Mayfield Middle School.  
**Bill Hild** passed away July 1, 2022. Oakville teacher, Lander principal, advocate for special needs students.  
**Carrie Hock Jackson** passed away Nov. 7, 2022. Carrie worked in food service at the high school and served on the Association's Executive Board for 10 years.

## Oldies But Goodies - We Need Your Help!

### Football Players and Coaches:

What was the date of the first football game at the present high school on Wilson Mills Rd.??? The high school opened in August of 1963, but it is believed that the football field was not ready for play at that time. Email your response to us at

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### Football Coaches and Maintenance Crew:

When was the press box first opened at the high school football field? There is some thought that it opened in 1968, but this hasn't been verified. Email your response to us at

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### Cheerleaders and Members of the Band:

Put on your thinking hats. We need to identify exactly when you started performing "The Funk" at Wildcat football games. What school year did this memorable cheer first take place??? Email your response to us at

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# CLASS REUNIONS



## Class of '63

The Class of '63 will be hosting "another big one" this year. Our **60th Class Reunion** will be a three-day affair. Our out-of-town classmates requested this format for milestone reunions to not only spend more time with one another, but to also amortize the plane fare to get to Mayfield. The reunion committee has settled on the reunion weekend - **August 4, 5, and 6, 2023**. Classmates are encouraged to mark your calendars now. Get ready for a memorable time with 60's music filling 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, Blue Germano, Anna Mottolese Henretta, Maggie Murphy, Fran Johnson Slifko, Jon Heavilin, Dennis & Joan Francis, and Dan Newton (our National Correspondent).**

## Class of '62


On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 The Mayfield Village Community Room was filled with classmates from 1962. This proved to be a very good venue for our more formal affair. We had a self-served Buffet with wonderful food catered by Trevi Catering. **Fred Robertson's son, Scott**, (owner of Stem's Fleur), in Cleveland Hts., donated very beautiful red rose (our class flower) centerpieces for all the tables. Photos, Videos, Memorabilia, and Hobbies were displayed around the room. We have three very notable artists in our class who were willing to display some of their work. A few of our classmates provided entertainment through a Name that Tune type of format, with former A-Capella choir and band members. This brought back many old memories and quite a few laughs. An updated Reunion Directory was presented to all. We were very fortunate to have as our special guests, **Wayne and Anna (Garris) Farinacci**, Alumni Association President, along with former teachers, **Paul and Marilyn (Messerly) Sabatino, Mr. Ron Sobel, and Mrs. Sandy (Wiseman) Turner**. **Howard Maier** presented Wayne with a special caricature drawing of the Mayfield "M" from our class for the Alumni Museum. On Saturday, September 17, we had a more casual get together at the Alumni Pavilion, serving finger foods, beverages, and chatting with classmates. All went well thanks to our awesome committee. (too many to mention names here). It was so good to see the 62 people that attended. We hope others will also be able to attend our **80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in 2024**. Please remember to keep **Karen Chilcote** updated with your contact info if it should change: **216-287-3095 or [kmac1125@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmac1125@sbcglobal.net)**.

Sharon Davis Daviso, '62

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# THE CLASS REUNION

Every five years, as summertime nears,  
An announcement arrives in the mail,  
A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;  
Make plans to attend without fail.

I'll never forget the first time we met;  
We tried so hard to impress.  
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,  
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.  
It was held at a fancy hotel.  
We wined, and we dined, and we acted refined,  
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first  
To achieve great fortune and fame.  
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses  
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,  
Now weighed in at one-ninety-six.  
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,  
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd  
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;  
Or poor little Jane, who's always been plain;  
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed 'most apt to succeed'  
Was serving ten years in the pen,  
While the one voted 'least' now was a priest;  
Just shows you can be wrong now and then.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys  
Who seemed to have aged the least..

Another was given to the grad who had driven  
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture  
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.  
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini;  
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether  
They impressed their classmates or not.  
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal;  
By this time we'd all gone to pot.

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;  
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw, and beans.  
Then most of us lay around in the shade,  
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the fiftieth year, it was abundantly clear,  
We were definitely over the hill.  
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,  
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait; they've set the date;  
Our sixtieth is coming, I'm told.  
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall  
At the Shady Rest Home for the old.

Repairs have been made on my hearing aid;  
My pacemaker's been turned up on high.  
My wheelchair is oiled, and my teeth have been boiled;  
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty, and I'm ready to party  
I'm gonna dance 'til dawn's early light.  
It'll be lots of fun; But I just hope that there's one  
Other person who can make it that night.

Why isn't your reunion recap  
or announcement listed on our  
Class Reunion pages??

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



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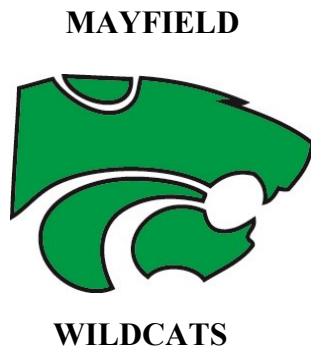
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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](mailto:Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net)

A warm **WILDCAT WELCOME** to:

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- Mark Krieger, '62
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