



Milton Hershey

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

The mission of the Milton Hershey School Alumni Association is to promote an appreciation and pride in our Alma Mater, a sense of family among all alumni, and a dedication to the educational and other principles of Milton and Catherine Hershey's Deed of Trust, with a commitment to the well-being of Milton Hershey School, its students and alumni.

MHSAA 17th Annual Golf Classic Recap



On May 19th we hosted the MHSAA Golf Classic Tournament on the historic Hershey Country Club West Course, site of the 1940 PGA Championship and home of several golf icons including Ben Hogan, Pro from 1941 – 1951. Preliminary figures indicate a record profit, of

which a portion will go towards new golf bags for MHS First Tee. Last year we purchased practice mats for the MHS driving range and donated used golf equipment and balls for that program. Jim Reed, PGA Pro who runs the program reported to the attendees that golf is being introduced to the Elementary students, the Middle School plan to become the basis for a future Senior High golf team seems on target, and the interest in golf and use of the facilities continues to grow.

The Tournament consisted of lunch, open bar, 4 person scramble and a buffet dinner with over 60 Raffle Prizes including a Week at a Condo in Myrtle Beach (compliments of Milt Purcell '64), B & B at Hotel Hershey, Spa Package, numerous rounds of golf at Hershey and other local country clubs in the area, Hershey Park Passes and Bears Tickets and numerous other items. All the participants received MHS 100th Anniversary Hats & Umbrellas, as well as other gifts. No one won the Hole-In-One contests, a \$20,000 Car sponsored by Sutliff Chevrolet on Hole #8 and \$10,000 CASH on Hole #12 sponsored by Jim Gould '63. Skill prizes were won for longest drives, closest to the pin on all Par 3 holes, longest putts on #18 and closest in 2 shots on Hole # 3. Everyone had a great, relaxed time as the weather cooperated with a pleasant, dry day.

We are extremely grateful to all the sponsors, with a special "Thank You" to the Premier Sponsors – The Hershey Trust; Mellon Restoration; and NRG Controls Co, Inc. and the 88 golfers who participated in this event. The committee worked extra hard to overcome the economy and were successful in increasing the number of participants, golfers, sponsors and revenue. Thank You to Jill, the Committee, volunteers, the Homestead, Harrisburg, & Philadelphia Chapters, Milton Hershey School, Hershey Entertainment & Resorts,

The Hershey Company and especially all the many sponsors and companies who donated prizes, money and contributed to make this another fantastic tournament.

Jim Gould '63
Chairman 17th Annual MHSAA Golf Classic



Dear Fellow Alumni:

Graduation weekend was a blast! I was struck by my own memories of disbelief that the time had really arrived. It was like the anticipation leading up to Christmas or a birthday when you are five years old. Between the Awards Brunch in May, and Class Day, it is obvious that the kids enrolled at MHS have tremendous opportunity to grow and prosper at MHS, and that some of those kids – well- they really get it.

How about you? Do you get it? Do you get that no entity, employer, government, marriage, or friendship is perfect? Do you get that mistakes happen, and when they do, you deal with them, and try to ensure they do not repeat themselves. Do you get that MHS is giving children in need the opportunities to grow into healthy, productive human beings?

Jeannette Walls, the 2010 Commencement speaker, shared that one time, her mother heard herself referred to as 'homeless'. She told Jeannette she was never homeless. Jeannette argued that she was sleeping outdoors under a bridge. Her mother countered that indeed, that was her current home. I don't want to try that one on for size, but it does reinforce the notion of perspective. It also reminds me that there is a fine line between always being positive, and turning a blind eye to the obvious.

I am really excited for Homecoming this year. We have such positive momentum. We have a group of stalwarts who put their hearts into organizing a great weekend. The collective group includes a few people who were not on speaking terms a couple years ago. We are short on volunteers and we always need donations, but our familial relations are pretty darn good. Pay your dues, cast your vote, and make your reservations.

Best Regards,
Joanne Troischt Gagnon '85
President, MHSAA

WIN \$10,000.00 AT HOMECOMING

The Milton Hershey Alumni Association is sponsoring a special fund raising project at this year's Homecoming that will give YOU an opportunity to win \$10,000.00! Tickets for the drawing are \$100.00 each. There will only be only 300 tickets sold, so those who procrastinate may not have the opportunity to purchase a ticket. The drawing will be held at the Homecoming banquet Saturday night. You do not need to be present to win!

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| 1st Prize \$10,000.00 | 4th Prize \$ 1,000.00 |
| 2nd Prize \$ 1,000.00 | 5th Prize \$ 1,000.00 |
| 3rd Prize \$ 1,000.00 | 6th Prize \$ 1,000.00 |

The odds are very good that you will win one of the prizes Order your tickets now on your event registration form. Good Luck!

Lottery Calendars are also available for \$50. Call Jill for details or fill in your special 3 digit number on your registration event form. A Commemorative Calendar is available for only \$25.

Chapter News

HARRISBURG CHAPTER –

On June 5, 2010 the Harrisburg Chapter had their Second Annual Yard Sale. Alumni representing classes from the 1940's through the 1980's were in attendance along with their families, friends and members of the community who were eager to participate.

Please see attached a photo of the event. It's Dan Ludwig HIS Class of 1941, and Eamonn Mattiello (8), son of Maureen Gore Mattiello MHS Class of 1987 advertising the event from Linglestown Road.

The Harrisburg Chapter will again be laying a wreath at Milton and Catherine's grave on Sunday September 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow at an off-site location. Please come out and help us honor our benefactors.



HOMESTEAD CHAPTER –



The Annual Steak Fry was held on Saturday, May 15 and as always, a fun time was had by all. The Chapter honored a few MHS students that evening as well as at the Awards brunch the next day. The Chapter gave their Service Award this year to Chris Cook '81. Chris teaches Kindergarten at MHS and resides in Palmyra.

The Chapter holds monthly breakfasts, made to order eggs, etc. the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Dearden House. All are welcome!

On Tuesday, August 3 we will hold the 6th Annual Dick Purcell Memorial Golf Tournament at the Hershey Country Club Links Course, Rt. 39, Hershey, PA. This is a great day of golf on this truly magnificent links style championship course, followed by fellowship, food and door prizes galore at the William E. Dearden Alumni Campus, Purcell

Friendship Hall. If you would like to play, sponsor or for more information please call Georgie at 717-838-5611, ext.10.

We are also planning a dinner/casino night for August 14 and it will be held at Purcell Friendship Hall. We don't have all the details worked out yet though. Anyone that's interested can check on our facebook page (MHSAA Homestead Chapter) for more details when we have them worked out.

Shannon Coughlin '88, *President*
Amy McCloskey Tobin '86, *Chapter Rep*

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER –

The annual Philadelphia Chapter Charity Golf event was held on April 30, 2010 and there were 99 golfers participating.

The outing included lunch, golf, dinner and a silent auction. Chairman Nick Evangelista '70 said that the outing was the Chapter's first attempt in raising funds for local charities and deemed the outing a huge success. "We felt that this year we wanted to do what our founder instilled in us, and that is give back to those that need," Nick stated. "We thought this being the 100 year celebration of MHS we needed to do something special." Bob Chalmers '66 said, "the Chapter normally raises funds to help other alumni and to give a student at MHS a \$1,000 bond each year, but this year we wanted to do more. We chose two charities that work with children with special medical needs."

The Chapter presented the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House and the Goodlooking Foundation of Voorhees, NJ with a check in the amount of \$3,000 on May 26, and was given a tour of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.



Pictured is Chapter president Bob Chalmers '66 presenting a check to Willa Kravitz, Development Director at RMHC.

The Philly Chapter is having their annual family & friends Picnic at the Philadelphia Race Track on Saturday July 31st beginning at 12:00 Noon with the 1st Race starting at 1:00 PM. The race track is located at 3001 Street Road in Bensalem, PA, three miles west of exit 25 on Interstate 95 and one mile

east from US Route 1 and exit 351 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It is approximately 30 minutes north of center city Philadelphia and 40 minutes from Philadelphia International Airport.

There will be a race named in the honor of our Chapter. There will also be a group picture taken after the race at the winning grove.

Food & beverages will be included; there will be a donation bucket present so you can make a donation for the Chapter to help offset our costs.

There will be a 50/50 raffle & a basket of Cheer to raffle

Spartan Head Final Report

The MHSAA Centennial Gift to the School was dedicated as part of Founders Day last November and was completely funded within 4 ½ months of the fundraising which began at Homecoming 2009.

The 16 foot tall and 12 foot wide lighted Spartan Head is an inspiration to one and all but especially to us "Spartans" as it will be to all future "Spartans". The cast bronze plaque at ground level below the Spartan Head addresses Spartan Pride in a message that transcends the HIS/MHS 100 year history.

The fundraising, envisioned as a multi-year project, was completed quickly as all alumni were eager to support the project. MHSAA received over 230 gifts from more than 200 alumni and raised more than 20% over the original \$25,000 goal. The total cost of the project ended up being \$26,552.18, and the MHSAA accepted \$30,078.58 as the total raised and credited to the Spartan Head Fundraising.

The Alumni Association is very thankful to all those who donated and to those who would have donated had they had the opportunity. A few details about the fundraising are appropriate.

Contributions were received from classes as early as 1936 and as late as 2010. Three classes had 10 or more contributors. They were 1970 (11), 1969 and 1965 (10). The Class of 1955 contributed the most with a total of \$5,585. Contributions were received from Alumni, Spouses, Associate Members, Honorary Members, Alumni Chapters, and even a few good citizens.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who made the Centennial Gift possible.

HONORARY MEMBERS

MHSAA inducts retirees each year as Honorary Members of the Association. They are individuals who have had tremendous influence on the lives of many MHS students and graduates. This year, MHSAA will induct **Shirley "Mom Martin" Zimmerman** during the Homecoming Banquet. She was a housemom from 1966-1976.

CLASS NOTES

Otis S. Herb '43, and his wife celebrated 63 years of marriage in June 2010. They have three sons, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren and are doing well. Otis and his wife reside in Pompano Beach, FL.

Dale L. Nolen '43, and his wife, Kitty, celebrated 62 years of marriage on June 5, 2010. They have two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Kitty and Dale reside in Montoursville, PA.

John R. Bellis '44, and his wife Doris have been married for 62 years. They have a son and daughter, two grandsons, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter. John and Doris reside in Richmond, VA.

William G. Gunderman '45, and his wife, Lois celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2010. They reside in Palmyra, PA.

James H. Kilpatrick '46, has a great granddaughter, Raelynn Rebekah Melin, born last June. James and his wife reside in Petersburg, VA.

Alton L. Kauffman '48, has been married for 55 years. He loves playing golf and resides in York, PA.

Gregory C. Rosenberger '49, and his wife just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2010. That date was also the date the class graduated in 1949. Gregory and his wife have three children and three grandsons and reside in Madison, WI.

Samuel E. McCracken '51 and his wife celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 8, 2010. They have two children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way. Sam and his wife reside in Mansfield, OH.

Richard W. Lenhart '52, and his wife, Louise, have been married for 50 years. They have three sons, seven grandchildren, and one great grandson. Richard and Louise reside in Kernersville, NC.

Joseph O. Rhone '53, is still golfing and hunting. He has seven grandkids and one great grandchild. Joseph is traveling and enjoying life and resides in Steelton, PA.

WANTED: DONATIONS

Condo, Vacation House, Time Share – Resort

Do you have, would you be willing to donate one week for a prize or silent auction?

Call Jill – MHSAA at (717) 520-2045

William H. Weiss '53, is enjoying running his business a Mobil Home Park, Cavalry Heights Inc. and the grandchildren. He resides in Camp Hill, PA.

James C. Goldman '57, is in his 23rd year as Director of Volunteers and head chaperone for the Nazareth High School Marching Band. James resides in Nazareth, PA.

Edward L. Rising '63, is now working five days a week as a therapist in Hackettstown, NJ after having open heart surgery in 2008. He resides in Mt. Bethel, PA.

Bruce C. Kensinger '64, married Patricia Moya in Honduras on June 6, 2008 and is still working on getting her visa to the USA. Bruce resides in Charlotte, NC.

Lee W. Kidd '65, and his wife, Shirley have eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren all living in Maryland. They reside in Deland, FL.

Roy G. Thomas '67, celebrated his 60th birthday, 40th wedding anniversary to Elaine and his 20th year serving at the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware in Columbia, MD in 2009. Roy and Elaine reside in Baltimore, MD.

Wesley S. McDowell '68, retired in 2007 as Principal of Kenneth High School. Currently, he is the site coordinator for James Groves Adult Evening School in Newark, DE. Wesley resides in Kennett Square and Sunset Beach, NC.

Albert P. Leonzi '71, is President of the Western Region PCCEA, AARP Instructor – Driver Safety Course, V.P. ECCEA – NW PA, Cantor, Rel. Ed Instructor, Confirmation Coordinator, Liturgy Committee Member, Our Lady of the Lake R. C. Church, NPM Member and National Pastoral Musicians Association. Al resides in Edinboro, PA.

Gerard M. Smigel '71, has a new granddaughter, Natalie Grace, who turned one year old. Gerard resides in Horsham, PA.

Michael DeJesse '72, and his wife, Louise, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on April 10, 2010. They have one son and a beautiful granddaughter, Ariana, who just turned four years old in June. Mike and Louise reside in Philadelphia, PA.

Eric P. Jenkins '79, and his wife celebrated 22 years of marriage this year. They have three children and three grandchildren. Eric says, "life is good and I am blessed." They reside in Dover, DE.

John F. Boran '80, has two daughters, one attending Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and the other a freshman at Pottsville Area School District. His wife is a 6th grade reading teacher in the Pottsville Area School District. John is President of the Board of Education Pottsville Area School District and General Manager of Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. They reside in Pottsville, PA.

Robert Foster '82, has been a driver with UPS for twenty-one years. He resides in Annapolis, MD.

Scott A. Welsh '82, and his wife Cindy Monaco, have four children and seven grandchildren and reside in Flinton, PA.

Anthony J. Barkley '83, has left corporate America and now runs his own company as a life coach, business coach and motivational speaker. He resides in Murfreesboro, TN

Mark S. Dodd '85, moved to a new department at work and is now the IT support for the office of Academic Computing part of the School of Medicine for Johns Hopkins University. He resides in Upperco, MD.

Kyle K. Stromberg '89, was married to Kathleen in October of 2009. They reside in Red Bank, NJ.

Nicole Spells '97, recently completed her Masters of Business Administration. She resides in Williamsport, PA

Rebecca Machado '00, recently got engaged to Micah Pakowski. She is a charge nurse and resides in Sanford, ME.

Richard Lee Taylor '04, married Kaitlyn Jane Murray on September 5, 2009. They reside in Lancaster, PA.

Joshua James Musser '06, became engaged on December 6, 2009 to Gerri Lyn Campbell. If anyone is interested in mp services his website is www.musserviceovers.com. He resides in Harrisburg, PA

Bernard C. Vincavage '09, accepted his first internship freshman year working with Theatre Offensive in Boston, MA. He resides in Peckville, PA.

BIRTHS

Mark R. Yurkonis '91, and his wife welcomed their first child, a son, Markus, on December 16, 2009. They will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary in July 2010. Mark and his wife built a house in 2008 in Lebanon, PA.

Kathryn (Kate) Casey '95, had a daughter Amelia Grace Rodriguez "Mia", who was born on July 14, 2009. They reside in Newport Beach, CA.

Paul James Botto '04, married Emily Cooper on December 26, 2008. On March 5, 2010 they had a daughter, Amya Jade, who was born 7lbs, 12 ozs. They reside in Norristown, PA

REUNIONS

70th Class Reunion – Class of 1940 is planning a Friday evening dinner during Homecoming to celebrate our 70th anniversary of graduation from the Hershey Industrial School. Contact Ken Brady at 410-647-1742 or email hersheykisstoo@yahoo.com.

65th Class Reunion – Class of 1945 is planning a Friday evening dinner at the Hometown Diner in Palmyra. They also plan to meet and sit together for the pre-game luncheon and football game. Contact Levi Filepas 717- 991-2367 or Don Hess 717- 533-9518.



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60th Class Reunion – Class of 1950 will be held on Friday night. Contact Charlie Dodson at 717-272-3633.

55th Class Reunion – The Mighty MHS Class of 1955 will celebrate its 55th Class Reunion starting on Friday evening, September 24, 2010 with a Class dinner at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. A letter will be sent to all classmates with additional details as a fun filled weekend is being planned. Contact Joe Meizen, Class Agent, at 717-531-3397 or email hsybar@aol.com.

50th Class Reunion – Class of 1960 will be at the Purcell Friendship Hall on Friday night. Contact Harry Heath at 717-534-2457.

45th Class Reunion – Class of 65 is having a dress rehearsal for our 50th reunion in 5 years. We will have a hospitality suite/headquarters set up in a central area to all alumni activities and open from 2 PM Friday until midnight and 9 AM Saturday until midnight. There will be coordinated and informal activities for the class to participate in as well as participation in many of the regular planned events surrounding Homecoming. We will be having a formal class dinner on Saturday evening. Contact Jim Hanawalt at 717-652-7424 or Andy Morgan at 618-257-1935.

40th Class Reunion – Class of 1970 will be at the Southfield Alumni Center on Friday night. Contact John Hanawalt at 717-652-6966.

35th Class Reunion – Contact Jerry Waters at 717-652-1364.

30th Class Reunion – Class of 1980 has rooms reserved at the Simmons Motel and will have a get-together in their court yard. We will also be meeting in the private room set up for our class following the banquet. Contact Rodney Drake 717-649-8979, Tom Camarota 614-581-7072 or Harry Aitkens at harryaway@aol.com.

25th Class Reunion – Class of 1985 will be at the Dearden House Basement on Friday night. Contact Joanne Gagnon at 978-551-1975 or Pat Kennedy 717-558-8574.

20th Class Reunion – Contact Gina Allesie 717-533-4046 or Louis DeTurck at willyphillydares@gmail.com.

15th Class Reunion – Contact Edith Penn 215-236-5891 or Joyce Reid 717-695-0930 or nyyankees305@comcast.net.

10th Class Reunion – Class of 2000 will celebrate its 10 year reunion on Friday, September 24. The location is to be determined. Contact Aisha Granville at 267-258-9587 or aisha.granville@gmail.com.

5th Class Reunion – Contact Cassandra Wentzel at 484-529-1987 or cassandra.wentzel@villanova.edu.

ALUMNI DEATHS

William F. Clark '35, died 3-1-10

Franklin W. Hurt '38, died 5-31-10

Lloyd A. Mervine '40, died 3-22-10

Curtis A. Hoffmaster '41, died 4-15-10

Merl H. Schaufert '41, died 3-3-10

Richard F. Leiby '42, died 5-20-10

James Pennington '43, died 7-9-09

Lester E. Altland '46, died 3-11-10

Richard Leopard '46, died 7-6-10

Richard D. Troutman '46, died 9-26-09

Stuart A. Bish '48, died 5-1-10

Randolph L. Dawson '48, died 5-1-10

Delmar V. Black '53, died 5-23-10

George S. Rickel '54, died 2-17-10

Kenneth E. Kensinger '55, died 4-6-10

Clair LeRoy Ogden '55, died 1-5-10

Eric F. Wojciechowski '57, died 3-14-10

Charles Brill '61, died 4-6-10

William J. Kulchitsky '67, died 1-9-09

Andrew J. Stack '74, died 2-28-10

Maurice Malone '75, died 5-30-09

W. Purnell Payne HM, died 2-23-10

Florence G. Schilling HM, died 6-23-10

RETIREE DEATHS

James Brennan, passed away on May 20, 2010. James began employment with Milton Hershey School on July 14, 1969 and retired March 1, 1990. James was a Houseparent with his wife Dorothy. Dorothy preceded him in death on September 27, 2002.

Joseph N. Hogarth '40, passed away on June 20, 2010. Joseph started at MHS on January 17, 1972 as a plumbing and heating teacher and retired in 1989. He resided in Jonestown.

Calendar of Events

September 24-26, 2010

Homecoming 2010

April 8, 2011

57th Annual Alumni Senior Dinner,
Hershey Lodge

May 15, 2011

Student Awards Brunch,
Purcell Friendship Hall

May 18, 2011

18th Annual Golf Classic,
Hershey Country Club/Picard Pavilion

September 16-18, 2011

Homecoming 2011

For details about any of the events listed, contact MHSAA office toll free at 800-292-4647 or 717-520-2045.