



# Marlington Alumni Association

*Past.....Helping.....Future*

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PRIDE--a concept invoked to motivate people for a common cause, as well as to reinforce the bonds which hold those people together. Each time I learn of another Marlington success story--academic, artistic, athletic, team or individual--I feel that sense of pride. Graduating from MHS establishes a lifelong bond between the Marlington school district and myself. This link enables me to feel that pride.

The Marlington Alumni Association is another connection between graduates and our alma mater. It provides us with another way to feel that pride. In the beginning, the foresight of a small group of alumni and advisors established this organization. More alumni have since joined and helped us grow stronger; our membership numbers 673 alums in 33 states. So far, we have been able to provide ten scholarships and honor ten outstanding alumni. Our scholarship funds are growing. Our newsletter reaches approximately 7,000 alumni. All of this generates a great sense of pride.

Let's keep the ball rolling! Join the Marlington Alumni Association if you haven't already done so. Enjoy our fund-raising dinner at Dawson's Restaurant on April 17 and help the MAA, and attend the Alumni Banquet on June 11 at the Alliance Women's Club (see articles elsewhere in this newsletter). Give what you can--time, ideas, money. Remember the MAA for planned gifting or incidental contributions. We would eventually like to give more and larger scholarships. Only with your help can this happen.

I extend special thanks to Lyle and Margaret Krabill, who recently established the Jim Krabill Memorial Scholarship. Their generosity in the face of their tragic loss will enable many more Marlington graduates a chance to continue their education beyond high school. Good people associated with Marlington--yet another source of pride.

Pride, indeed, is a powerful feeling. Feel it! Experience it! Contribute to it!

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Robinson, M.D.  
Alumni Association President



## Alumni and Friends Enjoy Awards, Music at '93 Reunion Banquet

As alumni and their guests entered the dining hall at Mount Union College, oh's and ah's were heard. More than 100 flickering votive candles, centerpieces of mirrors reflecting candelabra, and glimmering confetti created a welcoming atmosphere. Clearly displayed on the podium was the alumni motto--PAST HELPING FUTURE. Dinner music by MHS graduate and composer Steve Parsons added much to an enjoyable evening.

Lots of recognition, some of it expected and some of it a surprise, highlighted the annual dinner meeting of the Marlinton Alumni Association on June 26. Special awards and recognition involved two graduates, two new graduates, and the first superintendent of the Marlinton School District.



*Master of ceremonies Jim Hastings welcomes alumni to the annual reunion banquet.*

Outstanding Alumni awards went to Bill Liber, Class of 1965, for outstanding service to the district, and to the Rev. Marvin Lare, Class of 1952, for success in his chosen profession. Katherine Marie Haywood and Monica Lynne Egert were given scholarship awards.

A special commemorative plaque was presented to Orin G. McGlone, who served the district as superintendent from its inception in 1957 until 1952. He was a teacher and principal for the Marlboro School prior to becoming the chief Marlinton official. He concluded his career in education at GlenOak in Plain Township as head of the science department.



*Ray Ramser and Bill Liber catch up on the news during the punch reception.*

Rev. Lare, an ordained United Methodist minister, has had pastorates in Ohio, Texas, California, and South Carolina. In the latter state, he was named "Most Outstanding State Employee in Excellence and Innovation" as executive director of the Institute on Poverty and Deprivation.

Liber, senior vice president of Butler Wick's Canton office, has been active in the alumni group, serving as president and coordinating the scholarship team. Before returning to this area several years ago, Liber was involved in numerous civic groups in Franklin, Pennsylvania. He also was the only known Marlinton alumnus to play in a Rose Bowl game.

Also given special recognition were members of the Marlboro Class of 1943 and the Marlinton Class of 1968. James Hastings, *Alliance Review* editor, served as master of ceremonies for the program.



*1993 HONOREES: Outstanding Alums Rev. Marvin Lare and Bill Liber, former superintendent Orin McGlone, and scholarship winners Kathie Haywood and Monica Egert.*

## News About MHS Graduates . . .

- \* *Ray Sluss* ('44), has retired from his position as vice president of Harper Row Publishers.
- \* *Tom Liber* ('63), is vice president of Roetzal & Andress Law Firm and heads its public law department. He was recently elected to the Akron Regional Development Board.
- \* *Clyde Lepley* ('68), was named superintendent of Louisville City Schools, Louisville, Ohio. He was previously high school principal and science teacher at Marlinton, science consultant for the Stark County schools, and curriculum director at Louisville.
- \* *Dave Kuntzman* ('70), was named Boss of the Year by the Alliance Association of Secretaries. A member of Ernlich, Kingsley & Schaeffer Insurance Co, he focuses on people and service to the customer.
- \* *Russ Haidet* ('71), participated in trimming the angel-themed national tree at the White House in December. He made a wooden angel for the 18 1/2' fir in the Blue Room.
- \* *Ted Mihaila* ('72), was named general manager of business economics and bearings for North and South America for the Timken Company.
- \* *Brenda Warner* ('79), plant protection and quarantine officer, works with the Orlando, Florida airport "Beagle Brigade," inspecting agricultural products and searching for items being illegally smuggled into the U.S.
- \* *Angela Walker Gary* ('85), serves as a bilingual economic meeting planner for the World Book in Washington D.C.
- \* *Mark Whitt* ('87), received a degree in political science/criminal justice and is working on the staff of Ohio Gov. George Voinovich.
- \* *Brian Smith* ('91), serves aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt. The ship supports flights over Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Readers are invited to submit any information they would like to share with other alumni. News items will be printed as space is available. Be sure to include the year of graduation.

## Class Reunion Plans

Class of 1944 - 50th year - August 20, 1994  
Alliance Country Club  
Contact Dale Whitacre, 875-1011

Class of 1969 - 25th year - August 6, 1994  
Don Pancho's Fiesta Room  
Contact Kathy Thomas Williams  
9611 Brixton NW, Uniontown, OH

## MAA Accepting Nominations For Outstanding Alumni

The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for Outstanding Alumni Awards. Nominees should demonstrate outstanding success in his/her chosen field or have made significant service contributions to Marlinton Local Schools. The award winners will be announced at the alumni banquet on June 11. Each honoree will receive an engraved walnut plaque and have his or her portrait included in the Alumni Hall of Fame at Marlinton High School.

Selection committee chairman Dave Albright announces the following guidelines for outstanding alumni award nominations:

- \*Must have graduated at least 10 years ago
- \*Must have 10 years experience in career field
- \*Must have diploma or G.E.D. certificate.
- \*Must be living at time of selection.
- \*Must exhibit outstanding career achievement or service accomplishments.

Consider nominating a friend, relative, or any graduate you feel would be deserving of this award. Submit a nomination explaining in detail the reasons why your nominee qualifies for an award. List their honors, accomplishments, and related activities from graduation to the present. Include his/her complete name, address and year of graduation. Also include your address and phone number so we may contact you for further information. The award recipients will be requested to attend the alumni banquet on June 11.

All nominations will be kept on file for three years. New nominations and information updates will be accepted at any time. Nominations for this year's outstanding alumni awards must be received by April 20, 1994. Send information to:

Marlinton Alumni Association  
10320 Moulin Ave.  
Alliance, Ohio 44601

## **Krabill Scholarship Established in Memory of Marlboro Student**

The L. Krabill family of Marlboro Township has established the Jim Krabill Memorial Scholarship in memory of their son James F. Krabill. Jim was a ten-year-old fifth grade student at Marlboro when he was struck and killed while riding his bicycle on October 25, 1993. A quiet child, Jim had many friends, was a good student, and enjoyed school.

He was the youngest child of Lyle and Margaret Krabill. Jim is survived by a sister, Jennifer, and brothers Bob, Jon, and Dennis. He was a very willing and hard worker on the family farm. In his spare time Jim spent many hours reading. He especially enjoyed Hardy Boys mysteries and Super-Hero comics. Jim had several pet cats; his favorite subject in school was math. His favorite sport was football and he was very proud to have played on the junior varsity team for the Little Dukes, which finished their first season just two days before his death.

Jim will always be missed by family and friends, and it is hoped that through this scholarship fund his memory will continue and many will have an opportunity to advance their education. The family has requested that this year the scholarship be awarded to a student who plans to study horticulture or agriculture.

## **Alumni Association to Hold Chicken Dinner as Fund-raiser**

The Marlinton Alumni Association will hold a public dinner as a fund-raising project on April 17, 1994. The event will be held from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Dawson's Restaurant, West State Street, Alliance, Ohio. The menu will feature baked chicken, dressing, mashed potato/gravy, tossed salad, and rolls, all for the reasonable cost of \$5.00. Dessert, if you have room for it, is extra. (We'd like to tell you that the chickens were raised by MHS vo aggies, but they weren't and we can't, so we won't.)

Proceeds from the dinner will be used for expenses like printing and mailing our newsletter (over \$1,300 for each issue!), printing address labels for class reunions, upgrading our equipment for keeping address files, etc. Here's your chance to have an excellent meal at a reasonable cost and help out your alumni association at the same time. So bring the family and come on down! Contact Eleanor Ramser at 821-2407 for tickets.

## **MAA Wants Your News And Missing Class Lists**

The MAA welcomes information from grads, friends and families about alums' achievements, promotions, community awards, etc. Drop us a line any time and mail to MAA, % Marlinton Schools. Be sure to include the graduation year on any correspondence about address changes or grad news. Our mailing lists are sorted by classes, and sifting through nearly 7,000 names to find yours is an very time-consuming task. A million thanks to Eleanor Ramser, who very kindly has spent many hours searching for those elusive names.

The alumni association is still missing updated address lists from several classes, which means that we are unable to mail the newsletter to any of these grads. If you have a recent list or can get one for any of these classes, please, p-l-e-a-s-e, PLEASE get a copy for MAA. The missing classes are 1973, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1987.

# Reminiscences. . .

## Louise Bingham, MHS Choral Director

By Bonnie Saunier Linerode ('68)

Perhaps it is appropriate to characterize a musician's life as a medley, blending both joyful and sad strains into one rich composition. Certainly, retired Marlinton teacher Louise Bingham is the sum of many experiences. During the years 1957-1974 Marlinton students and faculty were likely most familiar with Louise as the teacher who conducted the district's choral program. But there were many other passages in Louise Bingham's life.

The daughter of a steel worker, she was born in West Virginia near Martinsville. When Louise was eight, her family moved to Ravenna, and during her sixth grade year, to Rootstown. She has two younger brothers. At age ten Louise began years of piano lessons, gaining skills that would be invaluable during her college years at Kent State University in the early 1930's. Along the way to graduating *cum laude* as a voice major, she also earned teaching minors in English, biology, and history.

Her training in English helped land her first teaching job in Edinburg, Portage County, where she taught sophomore, junior, and senior English, as well as one course of vocal music. On this job she also led girls' physical education, which meant exercises and dancing during the winter months and baseball in the spring. Add direction of the high school orchestra, and one gets a sense of how much work it took to earn her \$900 salary. Regardless, she taught at Edinburg five years and gave piano lessons at 50 cents a lesson before marrying Leslie Bingham, a young farmer.

Louise met Leslie at a wedding for which she was singing and Leslie was best man. Their courtship spanned two summers and led to their August 1940 marriage. The newlyweds build a home on a dairy farm in Edinburg; their son Ralph was born in August 1943. They bought a farm in Marlboro in 1946 where they grew potatoes, melons, grains, and had an orchard.

Bitten by an infected mosquito in 1947, Leslie contracted a debilitating case of encephalitis and al-

most lost his life. Louise's mother moved in to help for several years. When doctors said Leslie could no longer stand the Ohio winters on the farm, the young family began spending the winter months in Florida. When Ralph was in eighth grade they settled once again in Ohio.

A meeting with Orin McGlone in a potato field drew Louise back to education during the 1957-58 school year. Frank Romeo was music director, but didn't particularly want to lead the vocal music program. Louise taught that first year at Marlboro High School and stayed on at the same building until taking the helm of the choral program at the newly-built Marlinton High School. In all, Louise taught seventeen years in the district before retiring in 1974. Most of that career was under the mentorship of Thomas Hazen, but other administrators included McGlone, William Porter, Harold Hall, and Gordon Rinehart. Her successor at Marlinton was Betty Davis.

Although her life has had its sorrows, Louise is quick to point out she has had things to laugh about, too. She remembers a faculty that, as a general rule, got along well together, and she remembers students who were "always willing to work."

According to Bingham, the students seemed to especially enjoy the concerts and musicals, which included Finian's Rainbow, Brigadoon, and Where's Charlie?, as well as You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Bingham says she enjoyed her years of teaching, but found herself "awfully tired at night." After all, she reminds, one "can't get 75 kids together in a room and expect them all to be little angels."

Louise was also a familiar face at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, with her involvement in the choir spanning some 45 years, excluding some winters. Following her retirement, Louise cared for her husband, who suffered from post-encephalitis Parkinson's disease. Leslie died in 1987, and a handful of years later Louise moved to an apartment in Hartville. She is now a resident at St. Luke's Lutheran Home in North Canton, Ohio.

## New Members

New members who have joined our association since the last newsletter include:

- Class of 1937**  
Ethel Evans
- Class of 1941**  
Virginia Mosby Spinelli
- Class of 1943**  
Betty Slusser Shoemaker
- Class of 1945**  
Wayne Lare
- Class of 1946**  
Walter Frank
- Class of 1952**  
John Oleksa
- Class of 1964**  
Fritz Wurgler  
Linda Dean Beck
- Class of 1966**  
Gerald Evans  
Janene Muckley Gorham
- Class of 1968**  
David Kirk  
Bonnie Linerode Saunier
- Class of 1969**  
Penny Faxon Flitcraft
- Class of 1973**  
Douglas Flory
- Class of 1974**  
Samuel L. Ciatu
- Class of 1976**  
Kristine Moore Yavelak
- Class of 1981**  
Teresa Hoover Scheider
- Class of 1988**  
Edward C. Monter
- Class of 1990**  
Joanna Monter
- Class of 1992**  
Bob Monter  
Jason D. Beck
- Class of 1993**  
Christine A. Baker  
Shana Pilla  
Jaelith Taddeo  
Monica Egert  
Kathie Haywood

## Friends of Marlinton

Donald Shoemaker  
Barbara Wood  
Floyd Walter  
Frances Walter

## Boosters Plan Special Event For Band Director's 20th Year

On Saturday, April 30 the Marlinton Band Boosters will be hosting a celebration to honor Terry Frenz's 20 years of service as band director at Marlinton. The event will be held at Marlinton High School from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. Please join the Boosters for an evening of special activities, fellowship, and refreshment. We are compiling a "Book of Memories" to present to Mr. Frenz; if you would like to have a special message included, please write it on letter-sized paper and include your name, band years, and graduation year. Send your information to Marie Millard, Marlinton Middle School, 10325 Moulin Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601.

## Marlinton Alumni Association Statement of Purpose

1. To sponsor scholarships for outstanding Marlinton students.
2. To foster a sense of belonging for alumni to the Marlinton community.
3. To enhance tradition and pride in Marlinton and its alumni.
4. To recognize outstanding alumni for success in their chosen career field.
5. To recognize outstanding alumni for service to the Marlinton Schools.
6. To assist individual classes in organizing activities and obtaining information.
7. To create an awareness of the successes of Marlinton alumni and to use those successes as models for current students.
8. To promote the welfare of Marlinton Local Schools.
9. To honor each year the 25th and 50th classes.
10. To provide successful role models to assist current students in reaching career and life goals.
11. To provide support for current students as they confront the practical real-life problems involved in achieving their life goals.

# '94 Alumni Banquet Planned; Silver & Gold Classes to be Honored

By Jim Hastings ('53)

The 1994 Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, June 11 at the Alliance Women's Club on Union Avenue. A punch reception begins at 6:15 pm, with dinner at 7:00. During the evening's program, scholarships and outstanding alumni awards will be presented. Special recognition is planned for members of the classes of 1944 and 1969.

Don't miss this enjoyable evening! It's a fine opportunity to catch up on your old schoolmates. The cost is \$16.00 per person. Reservations are required and may be mailed by June 1 to the MAA, 10320 Moulin Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601. For more information, contact Eleanor Ramser at 821-2407.

## Class of 1944 and 1969 Will be Special Guests at Alumni Banquet

In a spirit of patriotism to nation and school and using the theme "This is Worth Fighting For" for their yearbook, the Class of 1944 left high school as a world war continued to swirl. Special recognition was given the more than sixty Marlboro Township men and women serving in the military, but there was also the lighthearted popularity polls, the traditional class prophecy, and a wide range of extra activities.

The Duke cagers of 1944 posted a very respectable 17-6 record, despite the loss of Coach Ralph Krabill to military service after one game of tournament play. Team captain Ray Sluss and principal Charles Pfouts directed the team to two wins and two losses.

The twenty-three seniors launched their final year on September 7 and on October 14 sold savings bonds and stamps totaling \$3,400 for the war effort. Time marched on through initiation of freshmen, a senior play entitled "Act Your Age" and baccalaureate until suddenly, commencement arrived on May 31.

The Class of 1969 had the best basketball team in school history, a football team that dramatically turned around from the previous year, and inspiring words from Richard M. Nixon as they prepared for graduation. In a White House letter, Nixon noted a similarity between the soon-to-be grads and his own high school class, saying "We all know what it is to be young at the start of an adventure."

Expanded use of color pictures highlighted the *Scenario*, which recounted events such as Buckeye Boys and Girls State programs, honors captured by the Marching Dukes of Marlinton, singers, scholars, and athletes.

With All-Ohio basketball star Luke Witte setting the pace, the Dukes were unbeaten in 18 regular season games, then won four tournament games before falling to Canton McKinley. The Dukes gridders, on the heels of a winless season that included just one touchdown, finished just 1-8-1, but proved competitive behind record-setting seasons by John Kennedy (most passes caught in one game and for the season), Gary Acierni (seven touchdown receptions) and Willie Owens (85 yards to tie the longest run from scrimmage).

## MAA BANQUET RESERVATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for reservations  
at \$16.00 each to the Alumni Banquet at Alliance  
Women's Club on June 11, 1994.

Please send to:  
Marlington Alumni Association  
10320 Moulin Avenue  
Alliance, OH 44601

For more information about the banquet, contact  
Pat Ramser at 823-2091.

## MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* Gift/Contribution \* \*

Enclosed is a gift for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please send to: Marlington Alumni Association  
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## Gifts & Contributions

- \*Marlboro Alumni
- \*Nadine Donachy
- \*Lyle Krabill Family
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ramser
- \*Ford Davis Scholarship

## Memorial Gifts

### In Honor of:

Coach Ivan Farrah

### In Memory of:

Edith Cope  
James McCallum  
Gregory Mullett  
Bill Shori  
Eva Vaughn  
Helen Rinehart  
Harlan Lanzer  
Florence Hill  
Helen Rinehart  
James McCallum  
Helen Rinehart  
Deceased Members of  
Class of 1953

### Given by:

Mr. & Mrs. W. Liber

### Given by:

Mr. & Mrs. H. Davies  
Eleanor Ramser  
Mr. & Mrs. R. McIlroy  
Class of 57  
Roger Vaughn  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Walter  
Shirley Lanzer  
Thomas Hardwick  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ramser  
Mr. & Mrs. R. McCallum  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Linerode  
  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Hazen  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Ramser

## MAA Welcomes New Members!

If you have not yet become a member of the Marlinton Alumni Association, consider joining now so that you can continue to receive news about your schoolmates and alma mater. The MAA will finance future projects through new members, donations and contributions. We are not charging annual dues. Charter members have lifetime memberships. *New lifetime memberships may be obtained with a one-time \$20.00 fee.* Membership is open to all graduates of the schools of Marlinton district including the former Marlboro High School, to those who attended any Marlinton building, to current and former staff, and to friends of the school district.

The MAA will also gladly accept contributions not limited to memberships. Donations designated for the scholarship fund will help the association provide more and better scholarships in the future. Assistance from a professional investment planner is available to anyone wishing to establish a trust or deferred gift for the Marlinton Alumni Association. You may also want to consider a contribution in honor or in memory of someone special and/or gift memberships for graduates or future graduates!

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