



Marlington Alumni Association

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

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Alumni & Friends Gather for Annual Reunion Banquet

The eighth annual Marlington Alumni Association banquet and business meeting was held at the Alliance Women's Club on June 15, 1996. Nearly 100 alumni and friends gathered for good food, laughter, and sharing memories. Alumni association president Tom Robinson ('68) welcomed everyone as the evening got underway, and Dave Albright ('62) gave the invocation. Piano music was provided during dinner by Marlington resident Linda Parsons. Following the meal, Jerry Peterson ('68) served as master of ceremonies for the rest of the evening's program.

Ten members from the class of 1946 in attendance were honored for celebrating their 50th anniversary of graduation, and class members from 1971 were recognized for their 25th year anniversary. All of the honorees received a souvenir honoring the occasion.



Members of the Class of 1946 enjoyed attending the MAA reunion and renewing old acquaintances.

Jerry Peterson ('68), chairman of the scholarship committee, presented alumni scholarships to several Marlington graduates. Amanda Zellers received the Ford Davis Memorial Scholarship to study math and/or science. Jim Krabill Scholarships for studies related to agriculture were presented to Jeffrey Battershell and Joshua Lane. The Marlington Alumni Scholarship was awarded to Nick Evanich.

In recognition of the 40th anniversary since the formation of Marlington Schools, district superintendent Alan Andreani presented a short program on the history of the school district and various changes in education that have occurred since 1956. Mr. Andreani used "The Marlington Story," a slide/tape presentation, to illustrate many of the educational features and curriculum areas available in our current school program. Everyone enjoyed seeing scenes of students involved in various educational activities, as well as hearing projections for the future of our school district.

Committee chairman and outgoing president Tom Robinson presented a report and update on the progress of MARLINGTON MILESTONES, a major fund-raising project designed help our organization reach toward its many goals. Other business included a financial report, comments from several committee chairmen, and election of officers. Those elected to lead the alumni association for the coming year include president--James Hastings ('53); vice president--Dave Albright ('62); secretary--Pam Kraft ('71); and treasurer--Dave McAlister ('76).

Front--MAA officers Dave Albright, Pam Kraft, Dave McAlister. Back--Scholarship winners Josh Lane, Nick Evanich, Amanda Zellers.

From the Alumni Association President...

The Marlington Alumni Association has been low in profile, but busy in planning during recent months. Due to changes in postal regulations and increases in postage cost, the executive board has decided to limit publication of a newsletter to one edition this year. We hope to return to the previous fall/spring publication in the future.

A successful chicken dinner fundraiser was held at Dawson's restaurant in March, with over 400 people attending. Plans are well under way for a golf outing fund raiser, scheduled for August 1 at Tannenhau Golf Club. More information is provided elsewhere in this edition.

Please mark your calendars for June 13, the date of our annual membership meeting. This year's event will be held at the newly remodeled Hoover-Price Campus Center at Mount Union College. A buffet dinner will precede the annual meeting and awards program. We hope for a good turnout to share the progress which has been made in the areas of scholarship support and the Marlington Milestones project. Both are growing.

The executive committee is eager to hear from Marlington grads with suggestions and comments on ways the association can better serve you. We are also always looking for alumni who are interested in volunteering to assist in our projects.

Sincerely,



James Hastings, President
Marlington Alumni Association

MAA Wants Your News And Missing Class Lists

The MAA welcomes information from grads, friends and families about alumni achievements, promotions, community awards, etc. Drop us a line any time and mail to MAA, % Marlington 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 a 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. This 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 get a copy for MAA. The missing classes are 1973, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1987.

We are still missing Scenarios from the classes of 1942, 1965, and 1988. If anyone has one they would like to donate to MAA, it would be greatly appreciated!

Alumni Association Welcomes New Members!

If you have not yet become a member of the Marlington 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 member dues, 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 Marlington district including the former Marlboro High School, to those who attended any Marlington 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 Marlington 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!

News About MHS Graduates . . .

- * Rear Admiral Jack Chenevey ('65) was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of Rear Admiral, Commander of the Naval Air Center Weapons Division in California.
- * Tommy Tucker ('65) is an iridologist and a certified natural health professional.
- * Beth Baugh ('71), a registered CPA, was promoted to corporate secretary and treasurer of Digital Lightwave, INC. of Clearwater, Florida.
- * Greg Burke ('74) is now Athletic Director at Northwestern Louisiana State University.
- * Terri Kent ('78) is director and choreographer at Cain Park Theater.
- * Scott Robertson ('80) was honored as Alliance Rotarian of the Year for his community service.
- * William John Cojocar ('80) was promoted to major in the U.S. Army and is serving as senior intelligence officer with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.
- * Joyce Lamb ('83), an attorney for six years, is acting municipal court judge in Alliance. She also serves as president of the Alliance Woman's Club.
- * Brenda Kay Hale Tantzen ('85) is employed by Livermore National Lab as property representative for Fission Energy Safety.
- * Pat Gulling ('86) holds degrees in political science, accounting, and sports administration. He is employed with the law firm of Newman, Olson & Kerr in Youngstown.
- * Amy Barnes Tabler ('90) is a teacher with Sylvan Learning Center in Lima, OH.
- * Donald Moesle ('91), a graduate of the Border Patrol Training Academy, is assigned to the San Diego Border Patrol apprehending illegal aliens and intercepting narcotics entering the U.S.
- * Carla Millard ('91), a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, is the Assistant Sports Information Director at Stetson University in Deland, Florida.
- * Angela Petrusek ('92) is employed at WKBN Channel 27 news in Youngstown, Ohio.

Class Reunion Plans

Class of 1939 - 58th year - September 13, 1997
Home of Harold Sweitzer
Contact: Betty Devies (330) 935-2229

Class of 1947 - 50th year - August 1, 2, 3, 1997
Cruise, Brookside Country Club, & picnic
Contact: Jack Wearstler
P.O. Box 312, Grafton, NY 12082

Class of 1962 - 35th year - July 5, 1997
Sheraton Hotel at Belden Village
Contact: Dick Werstler
5611 Nimishillen, North Canton, OH 44721

Class of 1972 - 25th year - August 9, 1997
Don Pancho's
Contact: Ray Boyce (330) 821-5862
11190 State Street, Alliance, OH 44601

Class of 1977 - 20th year - July 19 & 20, 1997
McKinley Center Atrium & picnic
Contact: Marty Dickerhoof Palmer,
4249 Beechwood Avenue, Paris, OH 44669

Class of 1992 - 5th year
Contact: Rachel Balderson
10608 Julie Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601

If you are having a reunion, notify us as soon as possible so we can answer the many phone calls requesting information. After a reunion, please send us a corrected address list.

MAA Golf Outing Announced

The Marlinton Alumni Association Board of Directors is planning to sponsor a golf outing for alumni and friends of Marlinton. The outing will be held Friday, August 1, 1997 at the Tannenhaut Golf Club. Proceeds from the golf outing will go to the Marlinton Alumni Scholarship Fund for the benefit of Marlinton graduates.

The cost of a ticket includes all golf fees and two meals. Prizes will be given for all levels of play. Why not get a foursome together and enjoy a day of golf and renew old friendships and memories. If you would like more information or want to sign up, call Bill Liber at (330) 493-1616 or 1-800-545-3562, or Jerry Peterson at (330) 471-5012.

Marlington Schools: Forty Years of Change

By Alan Andreani, Superintendent

Following much spirited debate by the residents of Lexington, Marlboro, and Washington townships, in 1956 local voters approved the formation of a consolidated school district encompassing the three townships. This was the origin of the present Marlington Schools; the new district's name was a combination of its three member townships. In 1961, the new high school had 48 students in the first graduating class and 22 teachers. By 1996, the count was 49 teachers and 202 seniors.

Elementary education was provided in the early 1800's in small local districts most often developed by church groups. In 1956, each township provided elementary education through eighth grade, often in an assortment of one-room schools. Students in Lexington and Washington townships attended Alliance, Minerva, or Louisville high schools, while Marlboro students attended their own high school built in 1926. An even wider course of study became available when Marlington, Alliance, and Salem school districts established a joint vocational district in 1972.

The district is still comprised of three elementary schools. Lexington Elementary opened in 1956, Marlboro Elementary opened in 1954, and Washington Elementary opened in 1951. All elementary buildings serve grades K-5. Marlington also has one middle school, which opened in 1971. The public education system serves approximately 95% of all students in the district. The remaining 5% attend private or parochial schools, are home educated, or are open enrolled in adjacent districts.

The peak enrollment was 4,035 students in the early 1970's. Enrollment then decreased until 1991, when students numbered 2,473. Since the 1990-1991 school year, the district has had enrollment increases unprecedented in its past. Over the last two years, Marlington has become the fifteenth fastest growing school district in Ohio. Current enrollments at the various buildings include 548 at Lexington, 402 at Marlboro, 373 at Washington, 646 at the middle school, and 854 at the high school.

The most recent additions to district buildings were new classroom wings, built at Washington and Marlboro in 1971. Since that time, declining enrollments have not required additional classroom space. With the reversal of that trend, the board of education is carefully monitoring any changes in class sizes. This, in conjunction with state requirements for special education and federally required compensatory education, boosts the need for classrooms, particular-

ly at the elementary level. These changes, along with new technology requirements, will be putting new demands on the school buildings at Marlington.

Marlington offers a complete curriculum as required by the Ohio Department of Education. The high school program also includes advanced placement calculus, statistics, and English. Other new educational features include several computer labs, a tech prep program in agriculture/horticulture, and options for upperclassmen to take college classes. In 1980, one computer was used for instructional purposes; sixteen years later more than 125 computers are available for use by various classes.

A variety of extra-curricular activities are found throughout the grade levels. Many different instrumental and vocal music programs are offered; the Marching Dukes of Marlington have gained national recognition in competitive events. This is a major change from the days when marching bands existed to play at football games. The athletic program, which now offers 16 varsity sports (football, golf, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls soccer, volleyball, boys & girls tennis, boys & girls basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, boys & girls track), has produced many state team and individual competitors. Marlington currently belongs to the Northeastern Buckeye Conference, where the district has won the All-Sports Trophy several years.

Over the years, Marlington students have excelled in various academic extra-curricular activities. Some of these achievements have included National Merit Scholars, Academic Challenge Superbowl winners, regional/state science fair winners, Odyssey of the Mind regional/state winners, Scholastic Achievement Test state winners, American Legion regional/state winners, Presidential Academic Fitness Scholars, National Safety Poster winner, All-Ohio Youth Choir, district/state/national FFA awards, and district/state office education winners.

As one looks at Marlington's progress over the past forty years, this is obviously a district that has grown both in size and stature. With whatever criteria one uses, Marlington generally ranks in the top 25% of all school districts in Ohio. Marlington Schools have built a proud tradition of excellence over the years; the district also has a clear commitment to the future. The strengths of Marlington are a result of a supportive community, caring parents, a dedicated staff, and students whose goal is to go forth from Marlington and make the world a better place to live.

Highlights from the Class of 1996

Memorial & Special Gifts

<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Mrs. Floyd Walter	C. Carl Walter
Harold & Betty Davies	Dr. Bob Davies
50th Wedding Anniversary	

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Berdine Folk	Harold & Edna Weil
Ron Dimit	Ken & Nancy Schwan
Floyd Walter	Primus Venture Partners
Ron Dimit	Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Phillabaum
Floyd Walter	Robert & Lana Martens
Tom Garman	Bob Patton
Floyd Walter	Ralph & Vera Ketchum
Tom Garman	Class of 1954 & football team
Floyd Walter	Richard & Marilyn Hyde
Jack Garman	Class of 1954 & football team
Mr. & Mrs. Orin McGlone	Class of 1954
Floyd Walter	Mark Mihalik
Mr. & Mrs. Orin McGlone	Bob Patton
Floyd Walter	C. Carl Walter

Gifts & Contributions

- *Austin "Pete" & Rita Moulin
- *C. Carl Walter
- *Dr. Tom & Karen Robinson
- *Class of 1964
- *Class of 1965
- *Terry's Tire Town
- *Genie Company
- *Jim & Erma Hastings
- *Tom Chenevey
- *Gregg Shinn
- *Mary Carr Petrich
- *Penny Faxon Flitcraft
- *Attorney Dean Swift
- *Linda Hempstead
- *Mary Hoover
- *Mike McMin
- *Christina Frank Schatz
- *Ruth Scott
- *Puluna Thakkar
- *Dale & Gerri McGirr
- *Harold & Betty Davies
- *Tom Hagan
- *Joe & Penny Shanower
- *Dave & Wendy Williams
- *Alan Oyster
- *Matt Trieff
- *Jerry Peterson
- *Ray Sluss
- *Ray & Eleanor Ramser
- *Dr. Doug Cunningham
- *Nadine Donachy
- *Darla Burris
- *Brett & Jane Shinn
- *Ray Sluss/Houghton Mifflin Co.

The girls' softball team established a standard for excellence by winning the state championship, the first state title ever won by a Marlinton team. Individually, Diane Rubin and Craig Welch qualified for state competition in golf and cross country, respectively, with Rubin becoming the first-ever female Stark County Golfer of the Year.

Academic recognition came into focus with David Diener named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, while Chris Ringwalt and Jon Neal were commended for their test performances. FFA members Matt Phillips and Ed Gallagher captured first places in a state junior horticulture competition, while Chris Rodkey, Clifton Walls, Jeremy Coontz, and Matt Baum placed one through four respectively in state fair residential landscape design.

Three changes in athletic facilities--one by design, the others by necessity--occurred. Reconstruction of tennis courts was the planned improvement for that program, while a new football field was necessitated in the aftermath of vandalism. As part of the football field repair project, it became necessary to replace stadium lighting units, described by one administrator as "about ready to fall over" because of their age and deteriorating poles, with new lighting.

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 13. The honoree will receive an engraved walnut plaque and have his/her portrait included in the Alumni Hall of Fame at Marlinton High School.

The selection committee 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.
- *Can be submitted by anyone

All nominations must list achievements from graduation to present. Explain in detail the reasons why this person qualifies for such an award. Include his/her complete name, address and year of graduation and your own address and phone number so we may contact you for further information. The award recipient will be requested to attend the alumni banquet on June 13. Please submit nominations in letter form no later than May 1, 1997 to:

Marlinton Alumni Association
10320 Moulin Ave.
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Update on Marlinton Milestones

\$1,000,000

SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND

Both interest and principle from this fund may be used for loans to further Marlinton graduates' education.

\$500,000

CURRENT INDIVIDUAL STUDENT NEEDS

Interest from this fund may be used for special needs of current students.

\$300,000

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Alumni Scholarship
Ford C. ... Scholarship--science
James H. ... Scholarship--agriculture
Vocational Scholarships--NEW
Need based Scholarships--NEW

\$200,000

MAA CURRENT FUNDS

\$1,000,000... That is our goal! MAA is in the middle of a major fundraising campaign to have one million dollars in our treasury by the year 2000. How will this money be used? For more scholarships, larger scholarships, and multi-year scholarships. For current student needs not otherwise covered, for educational loans, and for association expenses, such as printing and postage costs. (Uncle Sam doesn't deliver these newsletters for free!) In other words: **Past....Helping....Future!**

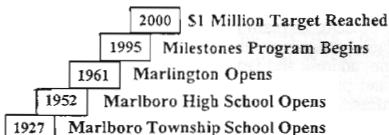
Those of us who passed through these MHS halls (and benefited immensely from it) can now give a helping hand to current and future students at Marlinton. Education is important. Education is vital. Education costs money. There are many needs, and the MAA can help address them. We wish to enable students to go to college, or to vocational training, or to some other form of post-secondary education.

Even if you no longer live in this school district, you can make an important contribution to the place where you were educated, allowing others to be successful, too. Many have made a contribution to the MILESTONES project. Thus far we have had pledges for \$60,115 and have received \$47,295. Coupled with previously received funds, this gives us a total of \$200,000 in our treasury. A good start, but still only part of our goal.

Please join in on this most worthwhile endeavor. Be a Duke! Better yet, be a King!! Or connect us with a company or a foundation which can help. Planned giving (wills, trusts, transfer of appreciated stock, etc.) are also welcome. It won't cost you very much, and it can help do a whole lot!

Detach and return to: Marlinton Alumni Association, 10320 Moulin Ave., Alliance, OH 44601

Marlinton Milestones



Total Pledge _____	<input type="checkbox"/> King	\$1,000 or more
	<input type="checkbox"/> Duke	\$500 to \$999
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prince	\$150 to \$499
	<input type="checkbox"/> Squire	\$5 to \$149
	<input type="checkbox"/> Jester	\$1 or less
Paid Now _____	Bill Quarterly _____	(Up to 20 Qtrs)
	Bill Annually _____	(Up to 5 Yrs)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Alumni Banquet Scheduled for June 13; Silver & Gold Classes to be Honored

The 1997 MAA annual banquet will be held on Friday, June 13 at the Hoover Price Center on the Mount Union College Campus. A punch reception begins at 6:00 pm, with dinner served at 6:30 pm. During the evening's program, scholarships and the outstanding alumni awards will be presented. Special recognition is planned for members of the classes of 1947 and 1972.

Don't miss this enjoyable evening! The cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are required and may be mailed to MAA, % Dave McAlister, 10320 Moulin Avenue, Alliance, Ohio 44601. Deadline for reservations is June 1. For more information, contact Eleanor Ramser at (330) 821-2407.

The Honor Class of 1947

Twenty-nine seniors followed the motto, "Leaving the Past, Entering the Future" through their final year at Marlboro High School. It was a class which numbered 47 members as freshman and was involved in a variety of changes in the traditional school life. This senior group saw the debut of a National Honor Society, the addition of an activity period and reduction of classes to 40 minutes, and the return of football after a five year absence due to World War II.

"Six husky seniors" participated in the football program, proclaimed the school yearbook; four were also members of the basketball team. The gridgers were 5-2 and the cage squad 10-5.

Class members used the American Beauty Rose as their flower and chose kelly green and white for the colors. As juniors, they had sold candy at noon and hot dogs and other snacks at home sporting events to have enough money for prom at Shady Hollow Country Club.

Senior year highlights included spring prom at the Alliance Country Club and presentation of a class play, "The Case of the Missing Heirs." Snowfall saw cancellation of school March 25-28. Principal/teacher P.M. Barry and his seven faculty members said farewell to the class at the May 25th baccalaureate and May 27th graduation ceremonies.

The Honor Class of 1972

The yearbook theme: "the mind, the body, the soul" was emphasized by three truths: 1) visions blurred by time... lost and forgotten, rest in the shadows of--the mind; 2) victories remembered in parts thrill and pain...achieved by the wonders of--the body; and 3) dreams embroidered with haze grow...and become real, real enough to fill--the soul.

Academic and athletic achievements were saluted. In scholarship examinations, Dave Bierie placed third in the state in music; Cecil Keene and Cathie Kuhle received state honorable mention in chemistry, and Tom Wurgler received honorable mention at the state level in advanced algebra.

Diane Green, Kim Schulze, Russ Mayer, Judy Fancis, Nancy Phillips, Cecil Keene, Rhonda Buck, David Ulbright, and Phyllis Tamovich were accorded departmental honors and received awards sponsored by the Lexington Ruritans. Steve Poole set a shot put record and Pam Davis was crowned winter sports queen at a dance, "Shadows in the Snow." The school newspaper, *The Shield* was doubled in physical size and became a monthly publication.

The faculty stood at a superintendent, principal, two assistant principals, three guidance counselors, and 63 teachers. The class of '72 was comprised of more than 300 students, one of MHS's largest ever.

Complete the following information and return this form with your check made payable to the Marlington Alumni Association. Deadline for banquet reservations is June 5.

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ Alumni Assoc. lifetime memberships @ \$20.00 Total _____

_____ Banquet reservations @ \$15.00 Total _____

If memberships are different than the person above, please list names and addresses on a separate page and attach to this form. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE CLASS YEAR! Mail this form and your check to the Marlington Alumni Association, 10320 Moulin Avenue, Alliance, OH 44601.

Marlington Alumni Association Welcomes New Members

Class of 1951

Kenneth Shanower

Class of 1961

Patricia Robinson Maldoven

Class of 1963

Joe Shanower

Class of 1964

Nancy Daniels Farrington

Class of 1965

Geraldine Schilling McGirr

David Robinson

Class of 1966

Penny Anderson Shanower

Dale McGirr

Thomas Swartz

Class of 1971

Kent Waller

Class of 1972

Jenny Hoover

Class of 1973

Sherrill Fletcher Wimer

Class of 1974

Richard White

Mike McMinn

Class of 1980

Lynette Robinson Hardy

Class of 1983

Dr. Sarah Froman

Class of 1986

Dr. Kevin Penird

Leesa Madsen

Jon Hemminger

Class of 1989

Tammy Skinner Shamblin

Tara Battershell Wright

Puluna Thakker

Class of 1990

Jeff Battershell

Class of 1996

Rebecca Cioci

Joshua Lane

Amanda Zellers

Nick Evanich

Friends of Marlington

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson

Mrs. Floyd Walter

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