



# MAA News

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

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## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

Bill Liber Class of 1965

Many of you may remember when we all joined the Marlington Alumni Association we paid a one-time \$10 membership fee. In recent years many members have asked us, "How can we contribute something to the Alumni Association every year?"

After some discussion it was decided by the Board of Directors to launch the Marlington Alumni Annual Patron Program. This is an annual giving program that provides for various levels of gifts depending upon your budget. The response to this initial Patron Program was very positive with approximately

\$6,000 being raised. We have listed our initial patrons in this newsletter and also provided a subscription form in case you would like to become a patron this year.

Since our inception in 1990, our scholarship grants have now exceeded \$100,000. Please join me and become a Marlington Alumni Association Patron by choosing whatever giving level is comfortable for you. This program will not only help us to continue giving scholarship grants to graduating Marlington Seniors, but also help us to stay in touch with you. I hope to hear from you.

*Marlington Alumni Patron (form page 8)*



## ELEANOR RAMSER REMEMBERED

*The following eulogy, written by Barbara Graf, was read at Eleanor Ramser's funeral and appeared in The Alliance Review.*

John Keats wrote "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and I am certain that my dear friend Eleanor Ramser is the personification of that thought. When I first got to know her, Jim Hastings, editor of *The Review*, was calling her the 'Belle of Marlington.' Not only was she pretty and pleasant, but she was also so well organized, serving diligently and loyally as the press representative for her district long after her retirement from teaching. She kept Ma Bell's business booming.

Thinking back, I believe I first admired her when, as a young reporter, I was asked

to cover her annual Posada, a Spanish Christmas parade and procession from house to house. This began in the classroom under her leadership and brought world Christmas Customs into many Marlington area homes. Ellie was a teacher who helped her students enjoy the learning process and was respected for her organizational skills and her creativity, but also for her strictness. When some of her former students from her days at Marlboro High School later became school board members she was heard to say "I would have given them better grades if I'd known they would be my bosses." Members of the faculty often praised her fine teaching

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## MAA Board of Directors

President: Debbie Vaughan '76'  
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## President's Message

Marlington Alumni President Debbie Vaughan '76

The past year has brought more changes for our Alumni Association. Since the inception of this association Eleanor Ramser has been a constant anchor keeping us on track and moving ahead, we feel a great loss with her passing. We hope to continue moving forward in a way that we know she would approve of.

The Milestones program has ended, replaced by a fall mailing to Alumni with different donation options and a chance to let us know what is new in your life. Please keep us updated with new addresses and family changes. It helps those who are in charge of class reunions to have these updates.

Please check out our Alumni web page, go to [www.dukes.k12.oh.us](http://www.dukes.k12.oh.us), click on Marlington High School, then on Alumni we have updates on what's happening with the association and also a page where we can put alumni updates.

Best wishes for a prosperous year to all.

**Debbie (Miller) Vaughan '76'**

*President*

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## 2003 Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship	Recipient
Marlington Alumni Association	Kristen Raj
Richard W. Bohaychuk	Julie Anstine
	Katherine Papania
Ford C. Davis	Brooke Fleischer
Hastings	Erin Cochran
James Krabill	Grant Porter
Pete Moulin	Paul Schillig
Rita Moulin	Erica Embaugh
Eleanor and Ray Ramser	Angela Hickinbotham

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*Tell us about you. Send updates and photos to the*

*Marlington Alumni Association!*



# UpComing Reunions

Marlboro School Reunion - All classmates from 1927-1960  
Saturday, July 24, 2004 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Contact Janet (Chenevey) Seifert at 330-699-6977

Class of 1954 - 50th Reunion  
Friday, July 23 — Get together at the home of Jerry Seifert.  
Saturday, July 24 - Celebrate at Marlboro Reunion.  
Saturday evening — Class dinner at Anthes.  
*Invitations will be forthcoming*

Class of 1963/1964 - 40th Reunion  
August 13 & 14 - Friday Aug. 13 - Beechwood Playground - informal picnic, no cost (2270 Beechwood Ave.)  
Saturday Aug 14. - Louisville Eagles 6:00 PM (\$25 per person - dinner, cash bar, entertainment)  
Contact - Terry Schwinn at 330-484-9339 or tpschwinn@juno.com)

*We are still trying to locate: 1963 - Jane Dickman, Bonnie Hartman Harris, James Stafford, & Ruth Stauffer. 1964 - Ritty Peddicord, Sally Difloure Maxey, & Helen Blake Collins*

Class of 1969 - 35th Reunion  
September 18 at Louisville Eagles. Contact Jan Baswell at 330-935-2212 or Janofalltrades51@aol.com

Class of 1974 - 30th Reunion  
Skyland Pines, July 31 2004. Contact: mhsclassof74@netzero.net or Debbie Reed Socotch 1-800-753-4511 ext 6795

Class of 1979 - 25th Reunion  
August 6 - Mixer at Roadhouse Charlies / August 7- Dinner at Louisville Eagles Contact Lynette Weinert Blasiman at 330-821-6107 or Laura Shearrow Hoover at 330-935-2518

Class of 1984 - 20th Reunion  
August 13 - Mixer / August 14 - Golf at Sable Creek inAM / August 14 - Dinner at 356 Fighter Group / Aug. 15 - Family Picnic  
Contact at Joe Knoll 330-821-2788

Class of 1989 - 15th Reunion Pending October  
Contact Marcy Carpenter Hankins at 330-821-3979 or Daren Balderson at 330-823-4861

Class of 1994 - 10th Reunion  
July 17 - Alliance Elks. Contact Ryan Jones 330-497-9164

Class of 1999 - 5th Reunion - No plans as of yet

# 2003 Alumni Members

Audrey Hurley	1997
Toni Middleton	1967
Edward Oyster	1952
Martha Sommers	1955
Stacey Benner	1982
Jennifer Gall	1984
Todd Fisher	1989
Wade Fox	1941
Scot Bohaychyk	1982
Nick Bohaychyk	1981
Linda McClain	1966
Mark Zellers	1977
Janet Lerner	1960
Karen Anders	1971
John McGirr	1960
Betty Davis	retired staff
Daniel Middleton	1965
Tammy Frank	1977
Raymond Asher	staff
Kathleen Aldridge	1978
Mary Vaughn	1946
Prosby Janello	1939
Dale McGirr	1966
Steve Miller	1980
Susan Diser	1964
Carol Henry	1964
Michelle Weber	1986
Kelly Buehler	1980
Craig Reay	1975
Josette Chenevey	1980
Chris Paganelli	1972
Jodi Petti	1983
Sherry Shonk	1969
Leslie Wasem	1971
David Wade	1981
C. Michael Sheppa	1967
Michael Dillon	1965
Linda Dillon	1968
Shawn Dillon	1988
Jennifer Sirianni	1990
Aaron Dillon	1992
Michael Dillon	1994



# Alumni Highlights

## The Moore Family



When John and Rosa Moore moved to Marlboro Township in the mid 1940's they purchased a farm on State Route 619 and could not have known that more than sixty years later it would still be providing income, accomplishment and satisfaction for their family. Two of their sons and all of their eleven grandchildren would eventually graduate from Marlboro and Marlinton High Schools. Moore's Farm, which specializes in the growing of Christmas trees, daylilies and hostas, is now operated by the children of Marlboro High School graduates

Harold Moore (1948) and LaVera Green Moore (1947). In 1980 after years of grain and livestock farming, the Moores started planting trees-3000 trees each year for three years, making their first Christmas tree sale in 1986.

David (1966), Sharon (1968), Jean (1970), Calvin (1973) and Denise (1976) as well as their collective spouses and children take turns planting, spraying, trimming and otherwise maintaining this hobby farm while holding down full time jobs in such careers as US Army colonel, reading specialist, architect, welder, and nurse. They return to the farm during the busy Christmas season to assist in the cutting and selling of trees. This family of Marlinton graduates has stayed in touch with their "roots" and welcomes the opportunity to spend time with one another and with other Marlinton graduates!

## Mike and Jill (Shade) Anstine Class of 1982/1984



"It's amazing how influences from twenty-five years ago can effect your current day to day activities," commented Marlinton graduate (1982) Mike Anstine. As owner and manager of Anstine Machining Corp. in Alliance, Mike appreciates the core education he received from Marlinton's vocational machine trades program. A journeyman tool and die maker, Mike and his company provide tool and die building, product development, small production runs and custom machine

components for various manufacturers in NE Ohio.

Jill (1984) shares Mike's appreciation for their alma mater, as their children Josh, Emily and Sarah (ages 15, 13 and 11) each attend Marlinton. "We are so glad to be able to bring our kids up in the same community we were brought up in." In addition to her active life as wife and mom, Jill has completed her Series 7 securities licensing and is employed as a Licensed Sales Assistant at Butler Wick & Co., Inc. in Alliance. Jill attributes some of her success to Marlinton's excellent teaching staff.

Both Mike and Jill are active members of The Chapel in Marlboro and enjoy spending their free time supporting their children as they participate in MHS cross country and MMS volleyball and track.

## Naomi (Teeters) Breit Class of 1945



A 1945 graduate of the former Marlboro High School, Naomi began her teaching career in the same building in which she had originally attended classes. Beginning as a substitute teacher in 1954, Naomi accepted a permanent position as a second grade teacher at what had become Marlboro Elementary the following fall. While attending classes nights and summers, Naomi juggled the demands of a busy wife and mother of two, receiving her degree in 1958, but never leaving the Marlinton School District. Best known as the Marlinton Middle School art teacher, Naomi taught hundreds of eager students the finer points of color, shading and perspective drawing until her retirement in 1983.

Following her retirement, she and husband Lawrence moved to the Minerva area where they continue to maintain a 25 acre hobby farm raising sheep in the summers, then relax among the orange trees in Bonita Springs, Florida during the winter months. With a daughter in Philadelphia and a son in Wisconsin, the Breits enjoy traveling to see their seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. When in Ohio they attend the First Friends Church in Alliance, and when in Florida they are active with the Anchor Christian Church. "The Lord has blessed us well," shares Naomi.

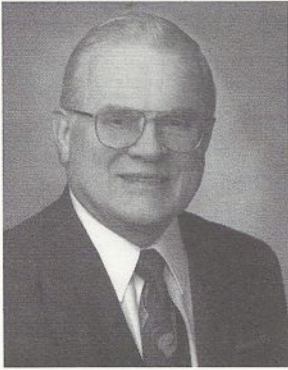
*Alumni articles written by  
Vondea Sheaffer*



# 2003 Outstanding Alumni

## Henry Sweitzer 1953

by James Hastings Jr.



Henry Sweitzer, a 1953 graduate of Marlboro High School and a 1957 graduate of Kent State University recently retired as human resources manager for hourly employees at the Hoover Company where he was employed

for 35 years. At Hoover, he was involved in teaching and training programs, worked with special needs young people and as a college recruiter, taught quality control and chaired a Canton Chamber of Commerce committee which developed a community resource workshop for teachers.

He and his wife Maryanna do volunteer work in the Stark County Christian Academy library. Additionally he has been involved in boy scouting, Marlboro PTA, Marlinton Band Boosters and the Union Avenue Church of Christ, where he has been an elder for 34 years.

In accepting the award, Sweitzer said he was blessed to

have grown up in the country and the Marlboro community, and to attend a school which had great teachers. He noted the importance of education in his life. His mother and wife were teachers, his son is a NEOUCOM teacher in addition to being a surgeon, his daughter Joanna Allen is certified to teach vocal music and piano, his daughter SueAnn is head of the mathematics department at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and his daughter Connie is a teacher at Stark Technical University.

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## Dale McGirr 1966

by James Hastings Jr.



Dale has been senior administrative officer for the University of Cincinnati for 24 years, serving the past 15 years as Vice President of Finance where he is responsible for a budget of \$900 million, an endowment of \$800 million and research holdings of \$120 million.

A 1966 MHS graduate, he was graduated with a BSBA (cum laude) in Corporate Finance in 1970 and a masters degree in Public Administration in 1972 from the Ohio State University.

Personal interests include travel (most recently to Greece), hosting foreign exchange students, historic preservation, architecture, golf and writing.

He married Gerri Schillig, his high school sweetheart, in 1969. Opting to not have children of their own, the McGirrs work actively with other children, including them on vacations. Taking an active role in their education and their personal interests and becoming the "American parents" to foreign exchange students has given them

a "global family" whom they love very much.

He credited Marlinton Schools for providing the foundation in all that he has accomplished since his graduation and credited his wife-his life partner-for being the central force in his life, together sharing their love for travel and for children.

McGirr shared his love of writing, which frequently includes poetry and short stories, with hopes of writing novels someday.

He voiced fond memories of participating in school plays each year at MHS, and particularly loved playing the part of Finian in his senior year production of "Finian's Rainbow."



# 2003 Gifts & Donations

## Honorarium

### **In Honor of Terren Frenz, MHS Band Director:**

Donna Similer Fausnight '53  
Paula Detchon Haigler  
Donna Monter '53

## Memorials

### **In Memory of Alice Patton**

*Ray & Eleanor Ramser*

### **In Memory of Charles Jones**

*Ray & Eleanor Ramser*

### **In Memory of Treva Weingart**

*Ray & Eleanor Ramser*

### **In Memory of Tom Haines**

*Charles & Beverly Anderson*

### **In Memory of Cletus & Mary Moulin**

*Dr. Rose Moulin Kuceyeski*

### **In Memory of Anna L Lare**

*Bloss Reunion Fund*

*William & Lois Bloss*

*Robert & Sharon Bloss*

### **In Memory of Jeanetta Stauffer**

*Marilyn Stauffer Lauby*

### **In Memory of Lance Edward Ferguson**

*Linda Zeller Johnson*

### **In Memory of Jackie Craig Canterbury**

*Joann Huddleston*

### **In Memory of James McCallum**

*Ross & Marjorie McCallum*

### **In Memory of Crystal Stroup**

*Annabelle Bohaychyk*

### **In Memory of Jim Krabill**

*Thomas Swartz Trucking*

## Richard Bohaychyk Memorial

Akron Porcelain Plastics  
Akron Porcelain Hourly Employees  
Anonymous  
Anstine Services  
William & Ruth Apitz  
Sam & Barbara Bacon  
Richard Baker  
Robert & Marcia Benson  
John & Kay Birk  
Bloss Family Reunion  
Robert & Sharon Bloss  
William & Lois Bloss  
Bohaychyk Grandchildren  
Annabelle Bohaychyk  
Mary Bohaychyk  
Robert & Maude Bohaychyk  
George & Sue Bosu  
Richard & Carroll Candle

## Richard Bohaychyk Memorial

The Chapel in Marlboro  
John & Erin Cingel  
Class of 1954  
Martha Cornette  
Lawrence & Mary Ann Crum  
Terry & Cindy Cugini  
Dallas V Culp  
Garry, Sherri, Ryan & Gregory Culp  
Marjorie Darsch  
Melvin & Claris Domer  
Harold & Mary Devies  
Dan & Norma Erb  
LaVonne Epley  
Peter & Beverly Fanase  
Donald & Julia Fearon  
Neal & Betty Franks  
Brad Gamble  
Charles & Virginia Gamble  
Dan & Mary Ginther  
Michael & Sarah Reed Gold  
Gerald & Janis Hanna  
Harmony Three – Janice Erb, Lynn & Clair Besse  
Jan & Janet Hemminger  
Bruce & Pam Hickinbotham  
Dr. William & Eva Hill  
Mary A Hilmer  
Ray & Shirley Hinerman  
Gordon Hjortaa  
Twila M Hoover  
Tom & Diana Hotlinger  
Jeffrey & Marlana Kohler  
Glennis Lautzenhiser  
Linda Lazo  
Jack & Anne Lewis  
William Liber  
Nancy Lively  
Tom & Gwen Liverett  
Marlboro Women's Club  
Charles & Shirley Mason  
Robert & Joelle McIlroy  
Memorial Day Parade Association  
Eugene, Carla & Melissa Miller  
Margaret Miller  
Miriam Miller  
Orus Miller  
Robert & Marylou Mock  
James E. Mohler  
Moore's Tree Farm  
Kenneth & Blanche Moore  
Stanley & Catherine O'Brien  
Brent & Lea Packey

## Richard Bohaychyk Memorial

Billie Rainieri  
William & Shirley Patton  
Robert & Alice Patton  
Jodi Petti  
Don & Janet Prather  
Ray & Eleanor Ramser  
Gorman & Crystal Rasmussen III  
Carl & Jeanette Richards  
Naomi Robenstine  
Charles & Nicolle Robinson  
Anthony & Marilyn Rothermel  
Ethel Solami  
Norma Sattler  
Karen L Schrop  
Jerry & Janet Seifert  
Dennis & Vondea Sheaffer  
Pat & Tricia Shannon  
Bruce & Shirley Stanford  
Joan Streb  
Howard & Berdine Strouble  
Thomas & Barbara Sullivan  
Doug & Faith Thornberry  
Edsel & Lois Tucker  
Bonnie L Viebrang  
Glenn Yeck  
Vivian Yoder  
Leslie & Connie Whited  
Marita Weidamon  
Kenneth & Peggy Zellers

## Eleanor Ramser Memorial

James & Charlene Akenhead  
Alan & Sharon Andreani  
Shelley Aumend  
Gary Baker  
Janice Barker  
Jane Bethel  
Gerald & Mary Bixler  
Annabelle Bohaychyk  
Lee & Nancy Breit  
Gordan & Sheri Bye  
William & Barbara Buck  
Barbara Bussard  
The Bugansky Family  
Lawrence & Carolyn Frank  
Neal & Betty Franks  
Michael Chlebeck  
Barbara Clunen  
Gerald & Melva Conrad  
Rose Day  
Harold & Mary Devies  
Lynn Digby



### **Eleanor Ramser Memorial**

Mitchell Domer  
Wayne & Shirley Draa  
Michael & Sarah Reed Gold  
David & Patricia Gram  
James Gressinger, Sr.  
James & Erma Hastings  
Thomas & Helen Hazen  
Diana Heinz  
John & Maria Henning  
Dale & Vicki Herbert  
Twila Hoover  
Dick & Vickie Johnson  
Kevin Krabill  
Marvin Lare  
Clyde & Sherry Lepler  
William & Melinda Liber  
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Robert & Mary Lou Muckley  
Andrea Ogline  
Robert Patton  
Mary Petrich  
Nick & Josephine Pietrocola  
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Richard & Mary Psolla  
Carol Reynolds  
Dianne Reynolds  
John Reynolds  
Thomas Reynolds  
Gordon Rinehart  
Rev. Marvin & Rebecca Ringer  
Kenneth & Nancy Schwan  
Tony Scott  
Ruth Slicker  
Janet Springer  
James & Beverly Snyder  
Craig & Stephanie Unckrich  
Elizabeth Thorpe  
Bill & Carol Umberger  
Ernest & Elsie Walker  
Washington Elementary Staff  
Dave & Wendy Williams  
Alice Welch  
Lori Yost

### **Patrons**

#### **Duke**

William Liber

#### **Duchess**

Scott Robertson

#### **Knight**

Charles & Beverly Anderson

Anonymous

Anonymous

Ralph Bingham

Cynthia Bowlin

Richard & Carroll Candle

James Devies

John & Barbara Esterly

James Fisher

William & Marjorie France

Robert & Mary Frase

Ronnie & Paula Haigler

Linda Hempstead

Guy & Linda Johnson

Kevin Krabill

Glen Lair

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Tom & Karen Robinson

Rockledge Animal Clinic

Tammie Sader

Richard & Denise Schilling

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Dennis Smith

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George Wahl

Kent Walter

Jeff & Norita Webb

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#### **Lady**

Joanna Allen

Lawrence & Naomi Breit

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Caren Davis

Alan & Deborah Fox

Lawrence & Carolyn Frank

Sarah Froman, MD

Miriam Geist

Georgia Hennesey

Jeff & GERALYN Kent

Sarah Lehman

Jason & Kerri Lohr

Richard & Carol McGirr

Sandra Menegay

### **Lady conti**

Jerry & Sherry Moffett

Alberta Montgomery

Susan Neil

Victori Ribeiro

Kenneth & Nancy Schwan

Lonnie & Nancy Springer

Dale Stermer

LCDR Robert Stevens

James Stuckey

Christopher & Joan Wire

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Samuel & Barbara Bacon

Rev. Paul Biery

Ron & Lynette Blasiman

Olyn & Tina Boyle

Gerald Bowman

Jeff & Lyn Church

Irene Cironi

Martha Daugherty

Harold & Mary Devies

Arlene Dotson

Rebecca Egli

Nancy Farrington

Geoffrey Frank

Brad Gamble

Floyd & Margaret Haines

Randy & Denise Holben

Thomas Kuhn

John & Anne Lika

Thomas & Bonnie Linerode

Joan Lutz

Mark & Faye Maholm

Harry & Lois Martin

Carl & Louise McAlister

James & Carolyn McCune

Marilyn McLaughlin

Bonnie Mills

Jack Monter

Austin Moulin

William Mowry

Terry Pfiefer

Francis Prather

Patricia Pritchard

Edwin Purviance

Carl & Jeanette Richards

Don & Sue Reber

Arthur & Helen Sacco

Charles & Susan Schillig

James & Dorothy Schultz

Jeffrey & Kim Shoemaker

Sherry Shonk

Derek Sivy

Vicki Smith

Carl & Beth Strouble

Dale & Stacey Turnquist

### **Earl conti**

David & Susanne Waltman

Robert & Carolyn Wentz

James & Lynda Williams, Jr.

Mark Zellers

#### **Other**

Ruby Blair

Richard & Connie Brownsberger

Thomas & Cynthia Bryan

Katie Dillon

William & Marianne Drexler

Alice Fitzpatrick

Cheryl Gammon

Larry & Rosemary Greenawalt

Twila Hoover

William Koch

William & Kathryn Leishman

Linda McClain

Gretchen Norman

Patrick & Elizabeth Papania

Ralph & Catherine Robinson

Russell & Helen Showers

Erin Stone

Marie Thompson

Arlene Wolf

David & Marie Yarian

### **2003 Milestones**

#### *Anonymous*

Louise Ardinger

Class of 1967

Barbara Esterly

Geoffrey Frank

Timothy Freshley

Mary Hilmer

Kevin Krabill

William Koch

Bonnie Mills

Austin Moulin

William Patton

Ray & Eleanor Ramser

Kenneth & Nancy Schwan

Lois Shimp

Dennis Smith

Benson & Frances Springer

Texas Roadhouse, LLC





# Alumni Golf Scramble

## Tannenhaut Golf Course

### Friday, July 16, 2004



Proceeds benefit the  
"MARLINGTON ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND"  
OUR LARGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR!

Cost: \$80.00 entry fee per person • \$320.00 entry fee per team



Includes: Breakfast \* Greens Fees \* Cart \*  
Steak Dinner \* Gift Package \* Door Prizes

Breakfast Buffet: 8:00 AM • Shot Gun Start: 9:00 AM  
Steak Dinner approx: 2:00 PM

Individuals, spouses, and teams welcome!  
Come join the fun and help the  
MARLINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



QUESTIONS CALL: Don Prather 330-935-2214  
Bill Liber 330-494-5750 • Wayne Schillig 330-935-2964

## *Give back to your school and your community by becoming a Marlington Alumni Patron*

The Marlington Alumni Association strives to provide more scholarships and exemplary educational opportunities for Marlington students. Those of us who have passed through the MHS halls can continue this tradition of excellence by joining with other

Alumni in support of current and future students. Please consider joining those listed on pages 6-7 by making a donation today, fulfilling our motto of *Past Helping Future*.

*Detach and return and make checks payable to: MAA, 10320 Moulin Ave., Alliance, OH 44601*

## ***Marlington Alumni Annual Patron Program***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Total pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Eleanor Ramser

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but occasionally fell victim to her “good clean fun” tricks. Perhaps some of you will recall these.

The elder sister to triplets in a day and time when there was no Pampers, she helped, cared, loved and laughed at an early age and did it all through her life. She sadly lost all



three siblings in recent years and helped daily with their needs, always with a smile but a sad heart. During her own three-year struggle with cancer, she remembered others such as an ailing neighbor, whom she knew was alone on a holiday and she sent Ray to buy him a take-out meal.

Although childless themselves, Ray and Eleanor “adopted” nieces, nephews, and their children, with the “adoptees” returning the love wholeheartedly. And how thrilled she was when Missy and her husband named their daughter Daisy Eleanor for her great-aunt; some of us quite expected an advertisement in the local newspaper proclaiming the news. A Marlinton graduate of the 80’s was so fond of her Spanish teacher that her daughter was called Eleanor and was a welcome visitor in the Ramser home in recent years. An inspiration and founding mother for the Marlinton Alumni Association, Eleanor was touched when last year

the school’s coveted Citizenship award was named in her honor. Although a language teacher, she touched the lives of many others in over 40 years as an educator, always encouraging excellence and diligent work ethic.

Her caring and sharing nature and exemplary citizenship, always evident to her friends, became more widely recognized as she and friend Mary Ann Burke added ice cream socials in all Alliance nursing homes as a permanent event of the annual Carnation Festival. Their great idea, which deserves to be copied by other communities, started with these active Catholic church women and now involves women from other denominations. Eleanor rounded up the entertainment to enhance the ice cream and loved the laughter and fun generated all over town in places where the Carnation Festival was formerly not celebrated. It was an honor for me to sit with the Ramsers and the Burkes to see this year’s parade after the two women had hosted more than a dozen parties. Our paths crossed for many years at American Association of University Women, where both of us felt strongly about providing camperships for middle school girls at a statewide education Be Wise Camp. We raised our money through the membership during meetings, but if we came up short, “The Genie” rubbed her magic lamp, and the funding appeared a la Ellie.

For the past dozen years, Eleanor has been the “high potentate” of my Alliance sorority, the “Ricettes.” We were at first just a lunching group meeting every other month or so and one day dubbed ourselves the Ricettes because we did not favor opening each meeting with greeting card poetry from Helen Steiner Rice. When I bought my first Oldsmobile from Ray, the Ricettes packed my

trunk full of rice items of every description; I soon learned to like rice. When I bought my second Ricemobile, the other five members led by Eleanor and armed with kazoos, made me a traveling tape of “My Merry Oldsmobile” and other selections. They practiced in a room at Marlinton and giggled hysterically through a very masterful chorale. Every year we have a reunion, and Ray told me the other day by phone that he wants to remain our friend and perhaps become an honorary, first male Ricette. I am not sure that we Ricettes will make it through the next meeting without some tears.

Another Eleanor R., Eleanor Roosevelt, said something very poignant which makes me think of our dear friend and her journey into all of our lives. “You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best you can give.” Our true and faithful servant did just that. Rest well and in peace, dear friend, until we meet again.



## Class of 1979 Honored by Shirley (Huey) Farnham

1979 was a year of events to remember; the first case of AIDS was diagnosed and Three Mile Island suffered a nuclear accident. The first Post-It-Notes were created, Jimmy Carter was President and the energy crisis was in full swing. Saddam Hussein had just been elected President of Iraq, and the Walkman radio was a huge success.

The top five television shows were M.A.S.H., Happy Days, Lavern and Shirley, 60 Minutes, and Three's Company. Gasoline was ninety cents a gallon, a loaf of bread was forty cents, a postage stamp cost fifteen cents and the cost of an average home was between \$25,000 and \$32,000.

Fads included such items as the lava lamp, mood rings, pet rocks, black lights and velvet posters. Bell-bottoms

and hot pants came in both knits and denim. Hip-huggers were worn with platform shoes, and the great disco dance craze was in full swing.

As seniors we were looking ahead with anticipation. Our class motto expressed that sentiment well: To accomplish great things we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe.

Gordon Rinehart, John Haupt and Ray Asher guided us through the hallways of life at MHS as our "principals" of direction. Many classmates went on to college, while others joined the military or accepted positions for jobs that would eventually become careers.

We look back and remember toe socks, our productions of "Annie Get Your Gun," "Scrooge," and "The Pajama Game," as well as many

sports and band accomplishments. We sadly remember those who are no longer with us, (Troy McClain, Jim Miller, Daryl Pritchard, Mike Milburn, John Sasso and Mark Heilman.) and hope that you recall the memories of the laughter, tears and joys that got us through the years we shared together.

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**Class colors;** Dark blue and silver

**Class flower;** Red sweetheart rose

**Class officers;**

President, Scott Moser

Vice President, Steve Mathew

Secretary, Beth McMinn

Treasurer, Donna Cotton.

**Class advisors;**

Julie Beltz and David Williams

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## The 50 Year Class - 1954 Honored by Annabelle (Bloss) Bohaychuk

In September of 1950, thirty-eight freshmen entered Marlboro High School, scared, but certain they could make it. With Mr. Thomas Hazen as our class sponsor and Neal Franks as our class president, we were on the first leg of a journey of a lifetime. The sophomore class formally inducted us into high school. Mary Prather represented us for Homecoming, and Wanda Middleton was voted in as cheerleader. Many others dove in and became active in sports and clubs. We wanted to prove we were the leaders of tomorrow.

In September of 1951 we moved into the new building! As sophomores we were in charge of the school supply store at noon each day. We were important! Sam Bacon, Earl Boyl, Neal Franks, Tom Garman, Jim Gressinger, Dave Krichbaum, Jerry Monter, Bill and Bob Patton, George Schwinn, Ron Sedoris, Jerry Seifert, Ron VanCamp, Dale Vaughn and

Oliver Wilcoxon represented us in basketball, football and track. Because we were a small school, some of our football players marched with the band at halftime!

During our junior year four classmates were inducted into the National Honor Society, Barbara Betz was chosen as Homecoming Queen, and Annabelle Bloss was the junior attendant. Katie Szekely and Annabelle were chosen as majorettes and enjoyed their debut at the Stark County Fair. We were in charge of the Candy Store at lunchtime, a great prom fundraiser.

Our senior year began with thirty dream-filled students. With Coach Nisley as our sponsor and Jim G. as president, we were ready for the future. We chose purple and white as our class colors, selected the carnation as our class flower and claimed our motto: Ever climbing toward new horizons. Wanda Middleton was our

homecoming attendant, and all of the hams had the opportunity to perform in our senior play *Uncle Fred Flits By*. A senior highlight was our trip to New York City under the watchful eye of Coach Nisley and his wife. We graduated on May 24th ready to face the world. Our class has given much to our country, our community and our school. We are pleased that three of our classmates have been chosen as Outstanding Alumni. Fifty years later twenty-three classmates remain friends and get together often to reminisce and laugh.

Favorite songs of the class of 1954: Glow Worm, Come On-a My House, Cold, Cold Heart, Goodnight Irene, Three Coins in A Fountain and Mona Lisa.





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In Memory of Eleanor Ramser & Honoring the classes of 1954 and 1979

June 12, 2004 • Marlington Middle School

Social hour: 6:00 pm • Dinner: 7:00 pm

The Marlington Alumni Association will hold their Annual Meeting and Banquet on Saturday, June 12, 2004. This event will be held at the Marlington Middle School cafeteria. Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 7:00 PM. The tickets are \$20.00 and include hors d'oeuvres, a wonderful dinner and dessert.

We will be awarding our annual scholarships along with new Outstanding Alumni awards. Please join us to mingle with old friends and make new ones. Make your checks payable to the Marlington Alumni Association. RSVP by June 7, 2004. Business casual dress, please.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$20 for the MAA Meeting and Banquet on June 12, 2004  
Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the Marlington Alumni Association.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class year \_\_\_\_\_

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