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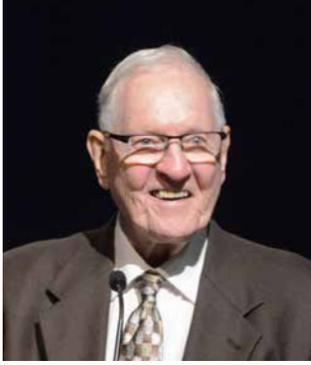
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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Hershey Family:

Going home! I can think of few events that equal this pinnacle as I make my annual pilgrimage back home, to Hershey, Pa. As the Pennsylvania Turnpike leads me through its twists and turns, valleys and peaks – frequently bedecked with fall’s colorful foliage on the trees – the journey affords me a time to reflect on a myriad

of memories from Hershey: of beloved brothers, houseparents, teachers and administrators. With great thanksgiving, I eagerly look forward to reconnecting with people and places at Milton Hershey: a home to so many who – like me – needed a place of nurturing and encouragement.

My initial journey to Hershey, however, was not filled with the same anticipation. It was a dreary and exhausting day as we made the long trek from McKeesport to Hershey. Following my afternoon admission process, I was told, “Clark, your new home will be Evergreen. You will be very happy there with all the other boys.” Shortly thereafter, to my surprise, my grandfather and uncle vanished while I was eating supper. I was “on my own.”

For a child of seven to be stripped of family and torn from the world was traumatic. Within a year, I had lost both of my parents and was now losing my family. I recall nothing prior to the eve of my departure for Hershey. The memories, from that time forward, however, are vivid. . . .as though life began for me the day I stepped out of the car onto those hallowed grounds.

I had walked into a new world, surrounded by all new faces – adults and children – and I knew that I was on my own. It was a profoundly emotional and psychological experience for me. During my first six years at Hershey, I lived in five different homes. New boys, houseparents, and surroundings were a seemingly never-ending part of my life. But, it didn’t take long until “The Home,” in every sense of the word, became home for me. The other boys with whom I lived, studied, and played became my family. The bonding of what we called “Homeboys” was (and is) incredible. This is evidenced in the fact that there is fierce loyalty among the alumni. Maybe that is a by-product of one having to be “on his own.”

Entrance into second grade was my introduction to “The Home.” Friendships were established, with some of them lasting a lifetime. The Class of ‘47 was already beginning to form. Some who were part of it in the early years dropped out, while others at various grade levels were admitted along the way.

Although my experience at Milton Hershey School was the result of tragic circumstances, this “home” offered me an experience that has influenced almost every aspect of my life. That’s why returning is such a profoundly moving experience. It gives me opportunity to literally and figuratively retrace the paths that lifted me from the depths of adversity to mountains of opportunity and grace.

It is hard to fathom that 2017 marks the 70th anniversary of our ‘47 class. For those of us who have faithfully returned, each year brings fewer familiar faces of students, faculty and administration. Inevitably, once familiar buildings have changed since we began our collective journey here. And yet, despite the transitions that accompany life’s passing days, the original mission of Milton Snavely Hershey that embraced and fostered us remains steadfastly committed to each generation.

That is why I never tire of coming “home.” For, with each visit, I see children and youth benefiting from the generosity of the chocolate magnate. I meet dedicated teachers and houseparents who continue to love, encourage, and challenge students with life’s possibilities. I relish conversations with administrators and staff members who seek to honor past traditions, while implementing innovations that might offer current students the most effective and nurturing upbringing in these days.

I anticipate our special homecoming this fall and treasure the opportunity to celebrate with my brothers of ‘47. Honoring those no longer present with us as we gather in Alumni Grove, we can look forward to meeting and greeting newer members of this unique family established by Milton and Catherine Hershey. Together, we will again discover our shared blessing inherited in this benevolent setting. Until that day, when we – young and old – can re-unite at “home,” I carry you close in my heart.

The Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby ‘47

Editor’s Note:

After being asked to write the letter for this edition of *Thy Traditions Dear* and beginning to put words to paper, The Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby ‘47 suffered a heart attack. Working with his son Robert, Clark had almost completed his thoughts when he sadly passed away on Friday, April 21. Robert finished the letter and sent it to us. It is printed here as it was received without edit.

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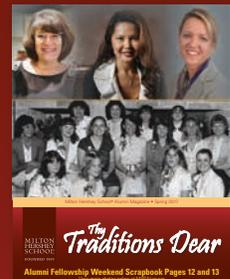
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Girls first enrolled at Milton Hershey School 40 years ago in 1977. MHS President Pete Gurt ‘85 called attention to that anniversary while congratulating the recipients of the 2017 Alumni Achievement Award recipients at the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner in March. By coincidence, all three alumni awards were presented to women. On the cover are Christine (Brennan) Cook ‘81, the first girl to receive a diploma from the school; Dr. Mary Trinh Pentel ‘86, the first Alumna of the Year; Joanne (Troischt) Gagnon ‘85, the first alumna to serve as president of the MHS Alumni Association, and the first girls to graduate from MHS in 1981.



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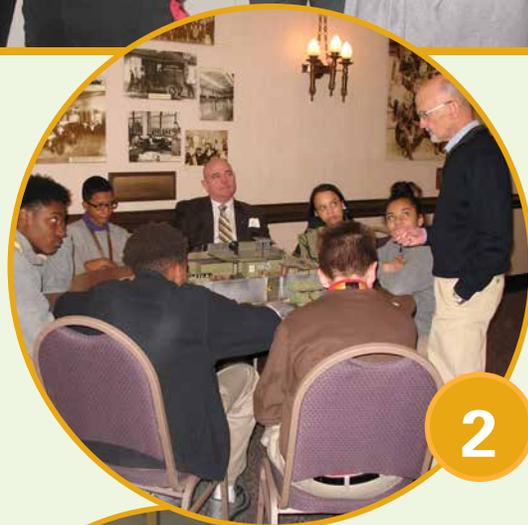
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Alumni bring history to life for MHS students

by Amanda Kidhardt, Interim Alumni Programs Coordinator



GOLD STAR ALUMNI

HERSHEY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL & MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL,
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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory and high tribute to sons of their Alma Mater, Hershey Industrial School & Milton Hershey School, who died in defense of their country, offering the supreme sacrifice on the altar of freedom.

Let us, the living, firmly and devotedly resolve to live lives of noble character and to express goodwill in all human relationships, so that these men shall not have died in vain and that the ideals for which they fought and died will be upheld in our beloved country.

Taken from original Gold Star yearbook: 1962

The HIS/MHS Gold Star Alumni Exhibit was dedicated on May 26, 2011. Pages 2 and 3 include photos from the ceremony, Career Day 2004, the 2004 Alumnus of the Year brochure, and the veterans panel in March.

Thank you to the alumni who volunteered for the Veterans Panel on March 10

Darrell Blizzard '42 ★ Michael Bordner '00 ★ Ritchy Estright '63
Robert Spayd '02* ★ Jeffrey Sypolt '77 ★ Richard Zilmer '70

*Robert Spayd served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2003 to 2011. During his service, he was an engineer with Anti-Terrorism Battalion, Alpha Company, 6th Platoon and served in Iraq.

During Alumni Fellowship Weekend in early March, six Milton Hershey School graduates from various decades shared their personal military experiences with ninth-grade students. The event was held in the Heritage Room, where one of the walls is dedicated in tribute to the MHS Gold Star Alumni, graduates who died during military service.

That morning, as students started to arrive, Darrell Blizzard '42 reflected on the Gold Star Alumni memorial. "I know these guys," Darrell said. "This young man here was the smartest guy in my class. My brother is over there. He was a pilot, too."

Shortly after graduating from MHS, Blizzard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1943 to 1945. He was a B-17 pilot who participated in five combat missions over Germany and two prisoner-of-war missions after "VE" Day during World War II.

That moment set the tone for the day. The wars the students studied were no longer dates and events on the pages in textbooks, but the experiences of Milts like them. These moments are exactly what Andrew Miller, social studies curriculum supervisor, was hoping for when he started to plan the event.

"The social studies curriculum at Milton Hershey School encourages students to learn about history thematically and engage it with real-world compelling questions," said Miller. "It encourages students to actively use history, geography, economics and civics to struggle with real world issues. The veterans sharing their stories provide an opportunity for students to hear from and meet individuals who have personal experience when it comes to the United States' military role in the world."

Reflecting on his perception of how the students benefited from the experience, Jeff Sypolt '77 said, "I don't think the students present could help but gain a very clear understanding of the dedication to service each veteran demonstrated based upon the hardships described and trials faced. Every student seemed to have multiple questions and listened intently, at times on the edges of their seats as we shared our stories."

Sypolt served in the U.S. Army for more than 22 years as a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot and aviation safety officer. He now works for the U.S. Department of Commerce as an occupational safety and health program manager.

Kelly O'Brien, a social studies teacher for the senior division, agreed that the panel was a great experience for her students.

"Our students had a wonderful day speaking with the veterans and said that they learned so much from them,"



she said. "Many claimed that they never truly understood the sacrifices of individuals in the armed forces until they listened to their stories and saw the emotion on their faces. When we discuss war and foreign policy in class, it is usually at a 'large scale,' and is more impersonal."

Having students think beyond the classroom is something Richard Zilmer '70, a retired U.S. Marine Corps general, hopes the students took from this experience.

"As the veterans shared our stories, it helped the students understand that freedom comes with a price," Zilmer said. "That it is not just nameless faces in their history books, but Milton Hershey grads who took part in providing that freedom."

Zilmer is a former Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Headquarters Marine Corps. He served the Marine Corps around the world in a variety of roles throughout his 36-year military career, from a Series Commander for recruits at Parris Island to the Commanding General of a Multi-National Force in Iraq. During Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2006 to 2007, Zilmer was responsible for the operations of more than 30,000 U.S. service members in Iraq. He earned numerous honors, including the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device and the Distinguished Service Medal. Zilmer was named Milton Hershey School Alumnus of the Year in 2004.

Studying history is not solely learning about the past; it also is about taking past events and applying them to today's world. That is a lesson that Blizzard hopes he passed on.

"As with all the classes I have spoken to, I have come to realize that, if students are taught history, they are going to make much better citizens," he said. "I hope the stories that were shared, last with them a long time, and they can relate to them when they need to make decisions of their own."

For the veteran alumni returning to MHS, this not only was an opportunity to share their experiences in the military, but also their experiences as Milton Hershey students.

"Having the opportunity to share my experiences with my Milt brothers and sisters was therapeutic," Michael Bordner '00 said. "It gave me a much better perspective of young people and their views on things."

Bordner joined the Army during his junior year at MHS. After graduating from MHS in 2000, he served as a sniper team leader abroad. In 2008, Bordner was assigned to Fort Gordon, Georgia to train as an information technology specialist. He is still an active service member working full time as a calibration technician and resides in Pennsylvania.

The program also gave the alumni like Ritchy Estright '63, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1969, an opportunity to reflect on the impact MHS had on their own lives.

"Ninth-graders are at the stage in their life where they begin making decisions," Estright said. "I explained to them that they have to understand that everyone, no matter who you are, has their own story. And that, it is important that they take their stories and embrace MHS and all of the opportunities it has for them."

The connections being built between the alumni and the students is something the teachers were happy to see.

"Many veterans compared the military to MHS," observed Jamie Kinsley, Senior Division social studies teacher. "They both provide structure, character development, support for reaching their highest potential, and most importantly family. The veterans sharing their experiences generated a common bond and broke down the empathy wall that teachers such as myself, who have never served, have difficulty

overcoming. It gave the veterans the opportunity to speak with our students, and sheds a new light and appreciation for their service."

This was the first year a veterans panel was held, but it is an event that both students and alumni would like to see continue. Students took the time to not only thank the veterans during the panel for their service but sent hand-written thank-you letters to each of the speakers — an act that did not go unappreciated.

"When the students rotated from table to table or as the class was dismissed, they approached us

to thank us for our service," Sybolt said. "It always humbles me when I am thanked for serving others, but from my future alumni brothers and sisters it was actually quite rewarding. I felt as though I had earned my big brother status."

The alumni have expressed they would be more than happy to return to share their stories and continue to provide a face and personal story to accompany the history the students are learning about in class. The most important lesson learned from this experience is that freedom does not come without a price. We should all be thankful each day for the freedom provided by our service men and women. A lesson that, thanks to the veteran alumni, MHS students were able to learn.





Students host appreciation dinner for Home Life staff

By Ashley T. Smith, MHS senior

On Feb. 2 and Feb. 23, the student members of the Milton Hershey School Home Life Student Government Association hosted dinners for all houseparent couples and Transitional Living staff. We created the dinners to allow houseparents and TL staff to have a night away from their hectic lives to enjoy food and dancing. Michael DeAcosta of the MHS Graphic Communication Technology program was the D.J., and he played wedding songs and some TL-related songs. Each student in Home Life SGA helped prepare for the night, whether decorating or setting up, or encouraging the adults to dance.

I realized, that night, how much our Home Life staff cares about us. Even though the night was meant for them, some staff stayed back to help clean up, and many struck up conversations with us about our lives here at Milton Hershey. I learned even when they are being cared for, they still care about us.

It was quite the experience for me, since it was my first time hosting adults for a dinner. It took lots of planning and preparation to make the night perfect. We took lots of pictures throughout the evening and it was truly beautiful to see our guests enjoy a relaxing night.

Coming together to build class unity

By Gracie Hamman, MHS sophomore

At Milton Hershey School there is always something to do. Every year, each Senior Division class hosts two unity events, one in the fall and one in the spring. The student government class caucus plans the events to bring members of each class together. In the fall, the sophomore class hosted a unity event at the ice rink and Copenhaver gymnasium before Christmas break.

Students participated in activities and enjoyed snacks and refreshments. Activities outside included ice skating, ice games, music and a gingerbread house-building contest. It was great to see so many people getting involved and having fun doing something that could sometimes be seen as childish for people our age. In the gym there was basketball, volleyball and soccer. The bleachers were pulled out for anybody who just wanted to sit and hang out.

The spring event for sophomores will be a cookout at a local park before summer break. Seeing the class come together is kind of rare, but it is very enjoyable, and I cannot wait to see what is to come at our next event and at events in years to come.

(Right) Sophomores enjoyed friendly competition as they built gingerbread houses at a class unity event.



MHS student introduces 'Shark Tank' entrepreneur at Harrisburg Regional Chamber event

MHS junior Malcolm Jones got the unique opportunity to introduce ABC's "Shark Tank" TV co-host, Daymond John, during the Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC's annual event. Malcolm and fellow students learned about John's path to success and how to apply his advice to their business aspirations. Jones aspires to be an entrepreneur himself.



Raising money, awareness for children battling cancer

Milton Hershey School students exceeded their Mini-THON fundraising goal by raising \$101,674 for the Four Diamonds Fund to support children battling cancer.

"The best thing about Mini-THON is that it never really ends," said Elijah Conniff, an MHS senior. "The fundraising events might come to an end and so will the 12-hour event, but the impact we create lasts forever. When I saw the total raised up revealing that we had surpassed our goal, instead of numbers, I saw families. I saw a contribution that will undoubtedly save the lives of individuals who will change the world."

Each year, Four Diamonds offers direct support to approximately 600 children with cancer – 100 who are newly diagnosed and 500 who are continuing their fight.

A Note from MHS President Pete Gurt

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters:

Nearly 200 of you returned to campus for Alumni Fellowship Weekend in March. It was a time to reconnect with one another, but more importantly, to connect with our soon-to-be graduating seniors for the Alumni-Senior Dinner. This annual event gives our students the opportunity to form positive relationships with adults who share their unique experience as MHS students. You are part of a dedicated student support system—providing them with valuable insight on how to successfully transition from MHS students and graduates to professionals and leaders. They appreciate learning from you and look up to you as examples of success.

When you return to campus, it exemplifies your commitment to ensuring the MHS family remains strong. We are connected to a worldwide network of brothers and sisters. With your help as mentors, we can ensure the members of the graduating class of 2017 will go on to lead happy and fulfilling lives.

Opportunities to make an impact on the lives of our students are always available. I encourage you to stay connected to MHS through the weekly Spartan Minute e-newsletter and to follow MHS on social media.

I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,
Peter G. Gurt '85
 MHS President

Focusing on global citizenship challenges

This spring, 25 Milton Hershey School students and four staff members traveled to Peru as part of the Multicultural and Global Education program. During the nine-day trip, students attended the Global Leadership Summit on Global Citizenship.

The summit gave students the opportunity to hear from world-renowned speakers, attend educational workshops, collaborate with students from North and South America, and develop solutions to solve global citizenship challenges.

MHS junior Nathan Gourley used the design thinking skills he developed while at MHS to help his team win the design thinking competition. They created an automated solution for reducing beach waste that will be displayed at the Nobel Museum in Stockholm, Sweden this summer.

In addition to attending the summit, students also explored the Amazon rainforest and studied the impact of industrialization on local communities. Students also traveled to popular landmarks in Peru, including the capital city of Lima, the Larco Museum, and the fishing village of Pucusana. Students experienced everyday life in Peru and learned about art, local fishing practices, Peruvian traditions, and the contrast of wealth and poverty.



MHS achieves international CALEA accreditation for campus safety and security

Milton Hershey School became the first pre-K through 12th-grade residential school to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA is the gold standard when it comes to public safety, and the commission's endorsement is a testament to the professionalism of the MHS Safety and Security Department.

"The significance of this award further reflects our commitment to providing MHS students, staff and our community with a safe and secure environment," said Rick Gilbert, MHS senior director of campus safety and security.

The Safety and Security Department is required to submit annual reports to CALEA that demonstrate continued compliance. The school's CALEA accreditation will remain in effect until 2021—at which time MHS can pursue reaccreditation.



Alumna Provides Leadership Toward Global Peace &

by Emily Nardella



Classmates of Wendy MacClinchy '92 may not be surprised to learn she has spent nearly two decades working within the global peace and security, diplomacy, humanitarian and sustainable development fields. Determined to be an agent of change in the world since childhood, MacClinchy's causes were a prominent part of her speeches as a student at Milton Hershey School.

Following in her brothers' footsteps, MacClinchy arrived at MHS at age 15. With core values of community service imprinted at a young age when she volunteered alongside her mother, MacClinchy found opportunities to continue in service and develop as a leader at MHS.

"MHS had a profound, life-changing impact on me. It set me on a completely different trajectory than the circumstances I was born into would have enabled," said MacClinchy. "The world class education, the stability, the comradery of peers and the empathy we shared became a powerful support network ... for the first time for many of us, this meant we were allowed, even dared to defy a predetermined destiny for ourselves. We could reach beyond, if we believed."

At MHS, MacClinchy found many strong mentors like Principal Jack Storm, a great influence and ally, and houseparent Mrs. Stewart, whose leadership helped MacClinchy and fellow students win drama competitions. She also was influenced by the Imlers, houseparents at Foxdale and "surrogate parents" to many, and influenced by Mr. Kriebel, who ignited her passion for literature. Ultimately, MacClinchy's greatest mentors were Milton and Catherine Hershey who modeled a doctrine of giving back to the community.

And she did. She was a hospital candy striper, organized volunteer programs and Earth Day activities, and sang with the choir at nursing homes. She also took challenging college courses, led in student government, worked on student publications, and performed.

"I'd gone from an introverted, troubled teenager to student body president giving our commencement address. It was an incredible honor. And it was evidence of the transformation the school made possible," said MacClinchy. "The school put its trust in us at great risk and expense. It was an investment in our character, in our future. That meant a lot. I can honestly say it not only changed my life, but probably saved it. Though I wouldn't have admitted it at the time, every single aspect of MHS life—from morning chores, to academics, to earning the trust of teachers, houseparents and peers, to sports and activities,

were each an investment into building the character and integrity required for a successful career in any field. The MHS community showed each of us we were worthy. That was powerful."

That groundwork enabled MacClinchy to cobble a path to her humanitarian work. Support from MHS, her theater training, and scholarships paid her way through George Washington, then Rutgers University where she studied international relations and environmental policy. Taking her first jobs after graduation at food banks in Washington, D.C., and California, MacClinchy worked evenings to save money to travel the world. A nine-month backpacking expedition enabled her to climb the Himalayas, visit the Taj Mahal, raft the Mekong, hike volcanoes, pray in mosques, and meet the Dalai Lama. Through the experience she also witnessed the crushing poverty and disease she wanted to eliminate.

Environmental Stability

And since that time, MacClinchy has mostly lived in countries beset by war or other crises often putting her own life at risk to help people affected by conflict, famine, poverty and violence. She has volunteered with the U.S. Peace Corps and served in Security Council-mandated United Nations peacekeeping and special political missions in the Middle East and Africa. She has been a senior advisor to the governments of Afghanistan and Iraq, led U.N. coordination during the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon and has served directly under five U.N. Under-Secretary Generals at U.N. Headquarters, in New York, and in field operations. MacClinchy's recently published flagship report for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on the links between state and societal fragility and violence has been the source of global policy recommendations.

Now living in Japan with her husband and two daughters, who as toddlers were already volunteering at Palestinian refugee camps and Congolese orphanages, MacClinchy cites the issue of climate change as one that will define her generation.

"Once we cross the threshold of two-degree temperature rise, there is simply no going back," said MacClinchy. "We have an enormous responsibility to define whether our legacy will be one of short-sighted greed and domination or wisdom and compassion."

Though she calls this a pivotal time in the "human project," she is optimistic about the future and even sees an opportunity for Milts to play a role.

"I think Milts are uniquely positioned to become exactly the kind of conscientious global citizens we need now with the capacity to make a real difference out in the world," she said.





Alumni recall memories of Milton S. Hershey

Alumni Relations & Programs and the Department of School History partnered to capture memories of Milton Hershey and others from earlier times of the school's history. Surveys were sent to alumni and 17 interviews were conducted. The alumni shared a wealth of memories, and here are a few small excerpts. Thank you to all who participated!

Carey McDaniel '47

"It was either a Saturday or Sunday evening. My mother had come up to visit me, and we were eating at the Community Inn, and Mr. Hershey came in and sat in a booth sort of adjacent from us, and my mother said she wanted to meet him to thank him. So she walked over, and he stopped eating and then asked my mother to join him in the booth, and they talked for about 10 or 15 minutes.



Tait Douglas '45

"The strawberry patch [at farmhome Englewood] probably was about seven acres overall. Part of that was dedicated to experimental strawberries, and it was during that period of time when berries are ripe, Mr. Hershey would have his chauffeur bring him out to the experimental patch. They always got into the patch and, of course, tasting the berries, and Mr. Hershey enjoyed that part of it. Whatever he liked, usually we planted a couple of years later.



Carl Landeck '42

"A lot of times, Mr. Hershey would show up during a Friday assembly. That was the last activity for your school week up there, your assembly program. And I remember Mr. Hammond used to say, 'Oh I see that Mr. Hershey just walked in the auditorium; maybe he'll come up and have a few words to say to you boys.' So he would work his way up to the stage, and he would usually have maybe some comments to make to us. It was one of those things that it was strictly off the cuff, seeing Mr. Hershey and wanting to visit his boys up on the hill.



Bill "Pop" Price '42

"We'd see Mr. Hershey come in [to the Hershey Bakery & Candy Kitchen] ... he'd take his coat off and hang it on the clothes tree. He'd take his straw hat off and ... put an apron on. Then he'd walk straight through and spend some time ... over there in the candy kitchen. Then he'd come across the hall in the bakery, and he'd come up and help us at the bench, making cookies or whatever.

But then, the funny part was, when he'd leave – now we did it respectfully – we'd say now the snowman's leaving. So he's in the candy side playing around in the comstarch, he'd go over to the bakery, it has the flour. Usually he has a dark suit on, so we, in respect, we called him the snowman.



Harold Karl '44

"When I was out at the greenhouse you know, we did all kinds of things. And of course, every once in a while I'd get to water, I'd get to go up to the mansion and water, and Mr. Hershey would see me and he'd greet me and ask me, you know, how I was doing, was I one of his boys and I said yes, and he said, 'Well where are you from?' And I told him I'm from Oberlin and I said, it's a little southeast of Harrisburg. Then one other time, he saw me and he said, 'I haven't seen you for several weeks,' and then I explained to him, I said, well, I do two weeks at the greenhouse and then two weeks up on the hill at school doing classwork. He said, ohhh. (chuckles) He must not have been aware of that, (chuckles). And he was a gentleman, I mean he was really a soft-spoken man, a very gentle man.



Former administrator shares his memories of the limo wagons

After the article about the Milton Hershey School wagons appeared in the last issue of Thy Traditions Dear, Nelson Durand, retired director of the intermediate division, shared the following memory.

"It fell to me to design the driver training protocol and check them all out in those elongated Chevy wagons. If they could drive into the Cedarview carport, back out and make the turnaround without hitting anything nor running into the poison ivy, you know that they could handle the giants."

"They did more than carry the boys to class at Senior Hall before the opening of Catherine Hall. Houseparents took turns on the meal runs replacing the meal buses by fitting the wagons to hold kettles each evening. During those early years our vans [wagons] were quite the tourist attractions and even served as mobile advertisements for Milton Hershey School as they wound their way through town."

The wagons not only drove around Hershey, but also on field trips, as seen here in Washington, D.C. If anyone has memories of the special wagon in the other photo, School History would like to know. Pictured is the class of 1992 on a trip to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, circa 1985.



Coming on Friday, Sept. 15

The 75th Annual Cocoa Bean football game between Hershey High School and Milton Hershey School



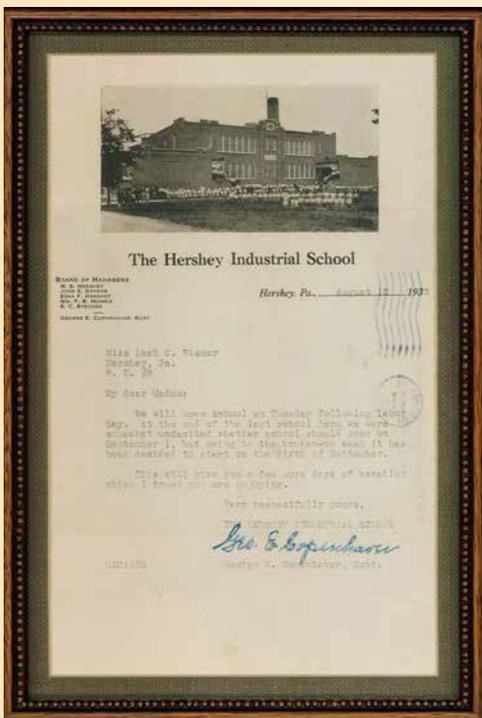
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The Department of School History thanks the following people who donated or shared objects and/or photos to the MHS Heritage Center at Kinderhaus as of April 12. If we have inadvertently missed someone, please contact us so the listing can be included in an upcoming issue of Thy Traditions Dear.

Recently, Ken Hatt '41 donated a framed letter dated Aug. 12, 1932, from Superintendent George Copenhaver to teacher Miss Leah Risser.

- John Cook, MHSAA Honorary Member
- Rodney Drake '80
- Neil Fasnacht
- Delores Gaiser
- John Hanawalt '70
- Kenneth Hatt '41
- Harry Heath '60
- Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society
- Virgie King, MHSAA Honorary Member
- John Kirk '77

- William Landis
- Jerry Long '55
- Lois Peterman, MHSAA Honorary Member
- William Price '42
- Ronald Reale '55
- Ann Reigle, MHSAA Honorary Member
- Paul Sheaffer '42
- Angela Stoops
- Ralph Tomassi '73
- John Williams '70





Young grad thankful for relationships with MHS staff

by John Forry, Home Life Administrator

Eric Shirley '14 enrolled at Milton Hershey School in 2006 as a fifth-grader. He recently graduated from Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology, and will soon start a job where he will train to become a construction manager. After graduating from MHS, Shirley's plans were interrupted, and he took a year off before furthering his education. That's when he learned the true value of his MHS family.

There also were teachers and administrators that had an impact on my time at MHS. Specifically, my carpentry teacher Mr. Richard Mattis '63. He was a cool, laid back teacher but also meant business. He pushed to help me become the best carpenter I could be. He knew my potential and even awarded me the Shop Award at graduation. He was a great teacher as well as a great person. A couple other people I would like to mention are Ms. Donna Gordon and Mr. Elliott Robinson. I met them my senior year, and they had a significant impact on my time there. They were always giving me advice, and we always had great conversation. These little conversations led to a great relationship.

What do you feel had the greatest impact on your success while you attended MHS?

The greatest impact MHS had on me was the support system provided by the faculty. There always was someone pushing me to do my best and to strive for excellence, whether it was in the classroom, on the field, on the mat, or working on the house project.

Even the rough times I had at MHS helped build my character. The times I got in trouble for the things I shouldn't have done or shouldn't have said, taught me to think clearly and to also think before I act and speak. I realized my actions and my words have a huge impact on the way my peers and the adults around me judged my character. I soon understood that the adults that surrounded me at MHS were not there to discipline me and make my experience at MHS horrible, but to help me grow and become the young man they knew I could be. I appreciate every single one of the adults that made a difference.

Who can you remember impacting your life while you were a student at MHS?

There are plenty of people at MHS who impacted my life. Starting with the houseparents at student home Roosevelt. I spent half of my MHS career there. From fifth grade through eighth grade, I had Jeff and Marcy McCue. Then I started off my high school career with John and Renee Forry until they moved on to become houseparent trainers. Once they left, Jeff and Alyson Tran took their place at Edgewood. These houseparents have seen me at my worst, and they have seen me at my best. No matter how much I put them through, they were always there for me and continue to be there 'til this day.

My coaches taught me discipline, perseverance, team work and responsibility. It doesn't matter how good you were on the field or on the mat, if you didn't take care of your responsibilities in the classroom and within the student home, you were not playing. One coach that stood out to me was Coach Ryan Michael. He probably doesn't know this, but he's the type of person I would call a silent leader and someone I looked up to. He never said much, but when he did, it was always something positive and something that kept your spirits up. I always respected his honest feedback. Whether it was on the football field or the wrestling mat. He would acknowledge you whether it was a win or a loss. As with many people at MHS, I have a lot of respect for him.

Why do you feel they were able to impact you?

Surprisingly, I never realized the impact these individuals had on me until I left. The reason is, the majority of these people are still part of my life. I know if I ever need anything, they would be there for me. When they would contact me and encourage me to visit them after I graduated, I knew they really did care. It's been three years since I graduated, and they are still part of my life. They will still be there for me when I need anything, and that's how I know the love is real. The relationships you create at MHS are like no other. I believe life is about the people you know and the relationships you create. Anyone can make a difference in your life; sometimes they come unexpectedly, and those are the difference makers.

What did you do after you graduated from MHS?

Things didn't go as planned after I graduated. I was supposed to go to school, but I had to take a year off. Thanks to Ms. Gordon and Mr. Robinson, I was able to land a job at MHS in the Structural Trades Department. Jeff Kauffman agreed to let me work there until I left for school.

The year I worked at MHS helped me in many different ways, which is another reason I'm thankful for MHS. The time I spent working there, I learned a lot that would benefit me for my future career goals. I learned from all the guys in the shop. They should all know they made a difference in my life. They helped me learn, gave me advice, advanced my carpentry skills, and most importantly, they always fed me. They even invite me back to have lunch with them once in a while.

Following my year working at MHS, I attended Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology in Lancaster. There, I enrolled in the carpentry program. I graduated on May 13, and landed a job that will train me to become a construction manager. This is the beginning of my career, and I'm really looking forward to it. I was recommended by John Osmolinski, again another great MHS employee, who helped me when I least expected it.



Are you still in contact with those who you identified from MHS?

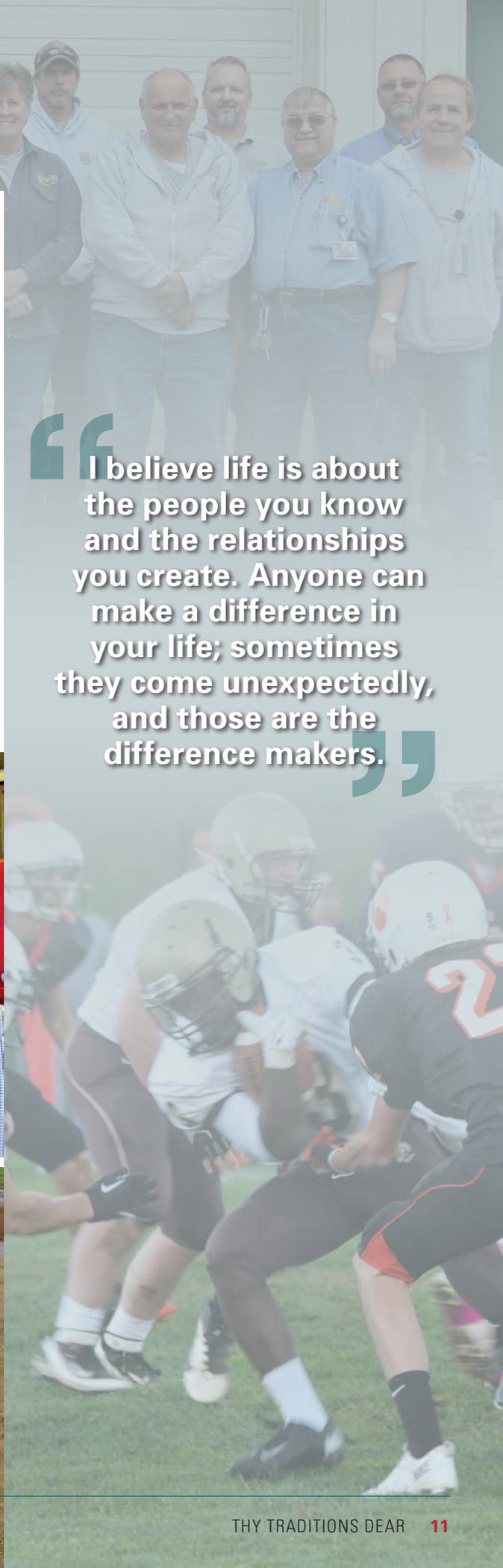
Yes, I am still in contact with the majority of them. They all have a significant impact on me 'til this day. I get texts from them just as I would get from one of my friends. These are the type of people I love having in my life. The ones that care and the ones that encourage me to be great. It really makes a difference, and I am truly thankful.



If you could have a conversation with the school founders, Milton and Catherine Hershey, what would that sound like?

The first thing I would do is thank them for the sacrifices they made and all they did to start such a great school. I would tell them how much of a difference the school has made for me and how many great people have entered my life. I also would tell them that their school was a huge success and has impacted thousands of children's lives. I could never repay them for the things they have done for me and countless others. But I know they have made a difference in thousands of people's lives, including mine. That alone, I think, would put a huge smile on their faces, because they would know their dreams had come true.

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ALUMNI FEEL WEEK



FELLOWSHIP END '17



Milton Hershey School recognizes outstanding alumni and student achievements

Three alumnae and three seniors honored during Alumni Fellowship Weekend

On Friday, March 10, Milton Hershey School® honored three outstanding graduates with Alumni Achievement Awards. The awards, developed in 1997, annually recognize graduates for their academic, career and community service accomplishments. Corresponding awards also were presented to current MHS seniors.

The alumni honorees include Jazzirelle Sepulveda '09, Nadine Hokayem '89 and Kristie Sams '98. The student award recipients include seniors Jesper Andersson, Chiemela Anyanwu and Josi Daugherty.

"These six individuals have committed themselves to excellence," said MHS President Pete Gurt '85. "The three alumni recipients are great role models for our students—leading the way in their respective fields and making a difference in their communities. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey would be incredibly proud of their accomplishments."



About the alumni honorees:

- **Jazzirelle Sepulveda '09** received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Academic Excellence**. Sepulveda graduated magna cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law in 2015. Previously, she completed her undergraduate degree in three years, with her first year at Dickinson College and her last two years at the University of Virginia. She currently works as an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C.
- **Nadine Hokayem '89** received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Career Accomplishment**. Hokayem is a naturopathic physician who founded and launched the company Nutri-Patch® in 2016. She also is a professor and attending physician at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and owns her own practice, Medicine by Nature, in Stamford, Connecticut. She is recognized as an industry leader in science-based naturopathic medicine with expertise in a variety of disciplines including botanical medicine, nutrition, acupuncture and homeopathy, bridging the gap between allopathic and naturopathic medicine.
- **Kristie Sams '98** received the **Alumni Achievement Award for Community Service**. Sams is co-founder and board member of It's Our Little Secret, a non-profit dedicated to providing a voice for emotionally, physically and sexually abused children, teens and adults. She received the CFO of the Year award in 2014 from the State of Illinois and an award from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for her philanthropic work.

About the student honorees:

- **Jesper Andersson** received the student **Academic Excellence Award**. He has taken honors courses throughout his high school career and is one of the top academic students in his class. He finished the fall semester with a cumulative grade point average greater than 99 percent. Andersson has taken courses at Lebanon Valley College and four Advanced Placement classes during the last three years. He also has been the recipient of the MHS Visionary Award, Student of the Marking Period, Chairman's Medallion for Excellence, Spartan Character and Leadership Award and Rotary Student of the Month.
- **Chiemela Anyanwu** received the student **Career Achievement Award**. She has consistently been named to distinguished honor roll and effort and conduct honor roll. She is a member of National Honor Society, was the recipient of Rotary Student of the Month, the Spartan Aspire Award and Transitional Living Student of the Month. Anyanwu is active in Student Government Association, and was a member of the 2016 and 2017 District Championship mock trial teams. She participates in string ensemble, New Horizons, varsity choir and varsity soccer.
- **Josi Daugherty** received the student **Community Service Award**. Daugherty is devoted to the service of helping others. She served as camp counselor at Camp Yolijwa for two years, spent a year mentoring an elementary student and is an elementary school Zumba instructor. She has been active with Student Government Association since fourth grade, once serving as the secretary of character and development and acting vice president. She has been honored as a member of the National Honor Society, as an MHS Student Ambassador and as a Junior Chapel leader. Daugherty also was a member of the 2016 and 2017 District Championship mock trial teams. She has been the recipient of the MHS Visionary Award, Spartan Aspire Award and Rotary Student of the Month.

Spartan Minute

The weekly Spartan Minute e-newsletter includes a variety of information of interest to alumni, such as:

- Videos and news about MHS
- Homecoming and Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner details
- Online registration for alumni events
- Links to photo galleries from alumni events
- Athletic schedules and results
- Visual and Performing Arts news

If you'd like to receive Spartan Minute, send an email to mhsalum@mhs-pa.org, with the subject line "Send Spartan Minute," and include your name, class year and email address in the body of the message along with this wording: I give Milton Hershey School permission to email me.

Each spring, MHS acknowledges accomplished alumni along with seniors, leading up to the announcement of the Alumnus of the Year. MHS will honor 2017 Alumnus of the Year Eric Welsh '84 during a special recognition dinner on Saturday, June 10. He will address students and staff during the 2017 Commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 11.

Alumni reconnect in Phoenix, Philadelphia, New York

The Milton Hershey School Alumni Relations and Programs Office hosts alumni events in various regions of the country each year. The locations and frequency are selected based on the concentration of alumni who live in those areas.

Since January, alumni and their guests attended dinners or receptions in Phoenix, Philadelphia and New York City.

Invitations for regional alumni events are mailed to alumni who live in the targeted areas, and information is published in the weekly Spartan Minute e-newsletter and online at mhsalum.org.

Regional events are open to all alumni, and reservations are requested. For details and reservation information, contact the MHS Alumni Relations and Programs Office at 717-520-2030 or email MHSAlum@mhs-pa.org.

Visit mhsalum.org to view other photos from alumni events and programs held throughout the year.



In January, alumni from Arizona, Nevada and California reconnected with the school and each other during a dinner in Phoenix. A highlight of the program was the opportunity for the alumni to “meet” MHS senior Brennon David, who is originally from Arizona. David plans to enroll at the University of Arizona after graduating in June. He talked about his experience at MHS and gave the group a tour of his Transitional Living apartment via FaceTime. Then, the alumni introduced themselves to him.



Nearly 50 alumni and guests gathered for a reception with MHS President Pete Gurt, his wife Jane, and several other MHS staff members at Sonesta Hotel in Philadelphia in March. After comments from MHS senior Josi Daugherty via FaceTime, the alumni learned about how they could help support young graduate success. Focusing on the theme of “Power of One,” Gurt asked the alumni to name one MHS staff member who made an impact on their lives.



On May 5, 40 Milton Hershey School graduates, guests and staff members gathered in New York City for an alumni reception. Alumni shared stories of their “Power of One”—the person who made the biggest impact on their lives while at the school.

MHSAA President's Message

Dear Alumni Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your participation in the 63rd annual Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner on April 10. This year's dinner debuted a new format with the inclusion of a networking session before dinner. We had many positive comments and some good suggestions moving forward. I would like to thank the programs committee, chaired by Mike Mulderig '71, the Alumni Relations and Programs Office and many others who helped make this evening such a success.

As we enter spring, and the promise of new beginnings, I am excited to share with you Milton Hershey School Alumni Association's work on a strategic plan we hope to implement this year. This plan sets the framework for our future success and begins to outline the necessary growth toward the programs and services that will bring added value to your membership.

The MHSAA Board is concentrating on the association's financial stability, independence and the fundraising efforts essential to supporting these goals. We are developing a professionally organized structure that works to incorporate recruitment of qualified candidates and succession-planning that will ensure we are poised and capable for handling our future growth.

The goals outlined above will take leadership and commitment from our alumni. I encourage those who can, to bring their talents and commitment and run for the MHSAA Board. We have a specific need for those who can contribute skill sets supporting finance, communication, legal counsel and information technology. The deadline to submit your application is June 1. The application can be found on MHSAA's website at mhsaa.org.

As our association continues to grow in numbers and commitment, we have an opportunity to support our Home, School and each other through service and comradery. We are in a unique period in our Home and School's history when everything is aligning in a rare way. The MHS president, and one of our own, Pete Gurt '85 has a vision for the School that is bringing great opportunity for growth and success. Coupled with the dramatic changes that will happen with the appointment of new Hershey Trust Board members, the possibilities to serve more children is unprecedented.

MHSAA has requested at least three MHSAA alumni be on the Trust Board. The recent appointment of three new members sees the start of that fulfillment in the appointment of Melissa (Peeples) Fullmore '91. MHSAA continues to seek ways to develop a strong relationship with the Board of Managers, and to be informed in a timely manner of developments that affect our Home and School so we can advise, educate and support our constituents.

We all want to know that the direction of the School and the success of our students is being supported in every way possible and that their lives will be filled with strength and honor, traits that also will be exemplified by Milton Hershey School leadership. As our Alma Mater says, we stand firmly united.

Sincerely,

Lorraine (Hissick) Romberger '83, MHSAA President



Bleeding brown and gold ... what makes a graduate a Milt or Homeboy?

Written by one Homeboy and one Milt

Milton Hershey School is more than 100 years old and has more than 10,000 graduates. Compared to major colleges and universities, the alumni population is small in number. However, the statistics don't do justice or even begin to explain Milton and Catherine Hershey's extraordinary family.

Some people say that if you graduated from Milton Hershey School, then you are a "Milt or Homeboy"... period, end, no further discussion. But being a "graduate" is something you become by completing your time at MHS. Being a Milt or a Homeboy is something you earn.

It is earned by giving back whenever possible to the home that helped shape our lives. It is earned by supporting other graduates in time of need and participating in alumni activities in support of our home. It is earned by protecting and nurturing our home as the Hersheys envisioned. It is earned by investing in things related to MHS that may cost you time and sometimes even money. It is really earned once you begin to realize that this home and school is something larger than ourselves and certainly bigger than any one alumnus, regardless of who we are or what we think we may have done. It is earned by people like those in the picture above.

Alumni Fellowship Weekend 2017 was scheduled a month earlier than in previous years, so the weather for the MHS Alumni Association's annual Cancer Care 5K was raw and cold with snow still blanketing the ground. The walk went on as scheduled and was attended by a small group of dedicated alumni. Among them were John Hanawalt '70, John Whitehead '71 and Tom "T.R." Rothert '71. These three Milts, old enough to be Homeboys, didn't care about the adverse conditions. They simply thought, "supporting the association's Cancer Care Fund is a good thing." That simple. No long story, no thought of getting in another picture or seeing their names in another alumni publication, just supporting something good. More importantly, Hanawalt and Whitehead were supporting one of their best friends, T.R., who a few short years ago had a stroke and continues his battle to full recovery every day. T.R. wanted to support the Cancer Care Fund and wanted to do the entire walk using his walker ... and he did, with his two "brothers" by his side in the bitter cold.

Milts and Homeboys come in all sizes, shapes, color and gender. The story above can be told time and time again, by any number of Milts. But to bleed brown and gold, one must understand that our home, Milton Hershey School, the alumni association and alumni who make up this family are a far stronger proposition than any one of us. By design of Milton and Catherine Hershey, our wonderful home is to exist in perpetuity, which means our time with the school as a student or graduate is but a fleeting moment. Why would we ever waste a second not supporting the family that literally, in many cases, gave us our life? Looks to us like T.R. and his friends understand that completely!

Chapter News

Harrisburg Chapter

Approximately 50 people enjoyed good food, games and fellowship at the chapter's annual holiday dinner in December 2016, including eight Milton Hershey School seniors. Continuing the holiday theme, the chapter hosted its eighth annual Easter Party for 18 MHS elementary students who stayed on campus during the Easter break. The students colored eggs, participated in an egg hunt, and enjoyed a pizza party. Each child went home with prizes and an individual picture with a giant Easter Bunny.

Community service projects with MHS students are scheduled for Saturday, May 6; Sunday, July 23; and Sunday, Aug. 13. All alumni in the area are invited to participate.

The chapter meets on the third Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. For details, contact John Hanawalt '70 at jhanawalt@pbi.org.



Homestead Chapter

The chapter continues to prepare home-cooked breakfasts once a month to raise money for various programs, including awards that the chapter presents to two seniors each year.

The Homestead Chapter held its annual Alumni Breakfast on March 10 during Alumni Fellowship Weekend, and the bullseyes continue to be a popular tradition during the annual all-you-can-eat meal. It is a great way to start the day and gather with other alumni.

Honorary Member Chapter



The chapter's 2017 meetings focused on providing updated information about several areas of the school.

At the February meeting, Barbara Malecki from the MHS Human Resources Department presented information about benefits and the materials that are available. Chapter members agreed that, as retirees, they are very fortunate to have the level of benefits offered by the school.

Rick Gilbert, MHS director of security, also provided an update regarding security at MHS. The campus is secured by 20 uniformed security personnel who patrol the school's 10,000-acre campus and 700 cameras that monitor the campus. Visitors to campus buildings are required to check in and register for visitor passes.

Members also enjoyed a presentation about the MHS Multicultural and Global Education program presented by program coordinator Andrew Miller. The chapter learned there are three types of tours – academic, language immersion and global summit. Students from Senior Division can apply, and so far, students have traveled to Iceland, Ghana, Costa Rica, and several countries throughout Europe as part of the program.

The chapter will continue to sponsor a "Lifer" award for graduating seniors who enrolled at MHS in first grade or earlier.

Future chapter meetings are scheduled as follows:

- June 13, "A Walk Down Memory Lane"
- Aug. 15, Annual Picnic and Elections
- Oct. 10, Student Presentation about the trip to Italy

Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Chapter hosted a virtual golf outing in March at Play-A-Round Golf in Ardmore.

Reminder: Book rooms early for Homecoming 2017

Book your rooms early for Homecoming, Sept. 29 – Oct. 1. A list of Hershey-area lodging locations, is located on the MHS Alumni Association website at mhsaa.org.

To request a discount at the hotels listed on the website, you must call the hotel instead of booking online and mention that you are a graduate of MHS.

In addition, the Philadelphia Chapter has contracted with the Hilton Garden Inn in Hershey for the entire hotel for which you may reserve rooms online. A block of rooms has been reserved for Sept. 28 – Oct. 2. The special room rate will be available until July 14 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.

Room types include: 2 Queens, 1 King and Sofa Bed, 1 King Accessible, 1 King, and 1 King Delux with Sofa Bed.

You may add your class year in "special requests/additional comments." We will do our best to group you on floors.

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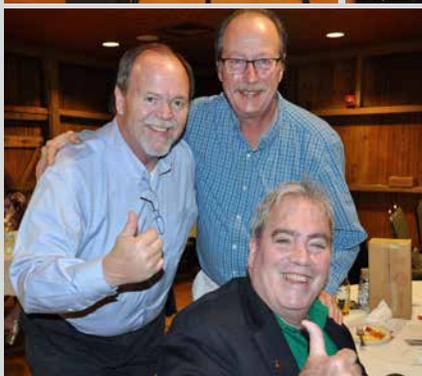
In what has become an annual Homecoming tradition, MHSAA is selling Homecoming raffle tickets. First prize is \$10,000, followed by two prizes of \$1,500 each and three prizes of \$500 each. The winning tickets will be drawn at the annual Homecoming Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 30, but you do not need to be present to win. The cost is \$100 per ticket. You can purchase raffle tickets at mhsaa.org, or call the MHSAA Office at 717-520-2045.

Reunion planning time!

Several class agents and reunion planners for class years ending in 7s and 2s are planning reunion events for Homecoming 2017, which is scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

As you plan your reunion celebrations, please keep in mind that the MHS Alumni Association can provide you with fresh class lists and contact information. If you are a class agent and would like an updated list, please contact the MHSAA Office at 800-292-4647 or 717-520-2045, or email alumnimhsaa@comcast.net.

If you are curious about what's being planned for your class, or you are interested in assisting with reunion plans, MHSAA also will be able to put you in touch with your class agent.



MHSAA hosts inaugural Presidents' Reception during Alumni Fellowship Weekend

The first-ever Presidents' Reception hosted by Milton Hershey School Association President Lorraine Romberger '83 and MHS President Pete Gurt '85 was well attended and raised more than \$5,000 for the alumni association. The event took place on Saturday, March 11, at Purcell Friendship Hall during Alumni Fellowship Weekend.

A silent auction featured student and other MHS-themed art, and entertainment was provided by the New Horizons. After the performance, the guests visited with the students, and gathered together to sing the Alma Mater.

Alumni Fellowship Weekend features new events

The annual Alumni Fellowship Weekend in early March was a joyful one for the heart of the MHS family — students and alumni. Thank you to the hundreds of alumni who returned to campus to enjoy a variety of events.

The weekend kicked off with a Career Fair for Senior Division students on Friday, and continued that evening with the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner. Nearly 40 alumni participated in the Career Fair or spoke to students in ninth-grade Career and Technical Education classes. In support of the school's emphasis on CTE and supporting young graduate success, the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner included a new feature, a career networking reception before guests were seated for dinner. Based on comments from everyone who participated, the networking session was a welcome addition to the evening.

On Saturday morning, the Alumni Breakfast at Purcell Friendship Hall fueled those who participated in the MHSSA Cancer Care Walk on a very chilly morning. A few hardy alumni and friends braved the windy, cold morning at Shenk Park in Hershey to walk the five kilometers in support of their alumni brothers and sisters in the battle against cancer. Later in the day, alumni joined a group of MHS seniors for a friendly volleyball match. Saturday's final event was the Presidents' Reception, a new fundraiser hosted by the MHS Alumni Association.

The weekend culminated with Chapel Service on Sunday morning and open houses at the Transitional Living homes. Overall, there were plenty of opportunities for alumni to reconnect with one another and begin building meaningful connections with current students — your future alumni brothers and sisters.

Class Notes

1940s

F. Tait Douglas '45, of Sun City, Ariz., attended the MHS Alumni Reception in Phoenix, Ariz., in January. He continues to have good health and stays active with sports and working out in the gym.

Ralph Hetrick '47, of Hershey, enjoys gardening, reading, building bird houses, and visiting with friends.

1950s

Edwin Hill '51, of West Chester, is a retired township manager. He has been appointed to his fourth three-year term as the chairman of West Bradford Township Zoning Hearing Board.

John Resanovich '51, of Lebanon, was appointed to a three-year term as chairman of North Lebanon Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Mark Saddington '56, of East Greenville, is a truck driver.

1960s

Peter Devries '60, of Rochester, N.Y., enjoys painting landscapes and still-life arrangements. He is employed part time at Walmart.

Earl Quay '61, of Orangeburg, S.C., is sole proprietor of Quay Textile Services.

Joseph Heiser '62, of Carolina, Puerto Rico, is owner of Joseph Heiser, CPA.

Richard Forney '63, of Warrington, is retired from PECO Energy.

James Gould '63, of Hershey, is still selling insurance and bonds because he enjoys his job and clients. He is active with his church and the MHSAA Homestead Chapter, and he has chaired the MHSAA Golf Committee for 16 years.



Alumni and former houseparents from student home Woodside gathered for a mini-reunion in March. Pictured from left to right: Back Row: **Bruce Breon '72**, **John Foley '83**, **Scott McAdams '71**, former housefather **Elmer Norris** and **Ralph Carfagno '73**. Front Row: **Mike Oberly '73**, **Dale Klinger '71** and former housemother **Mary Norris**.

Richard Mattis '63, of Palmyra, teaches carpentry at MHS.

Albert Wilson '64, of Boerne, Texas, has retired.

Terry Brubaker '66, of Lititz, is owner of Superior Promotions.

David Katz '66, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., enjoys retirement and traveling in his RV.

George Williams '66, of Elizabethtown, retired after 45 years as a construction electrician. He enjoys traveling in his Corvette with his wife, Mary Ann.

Wayne Cupp '67, of Harrisburg, is owner/operator of E.M. Horstick, Inc. He and his wife, Cheryl, recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary.

Robert Kramer '68, of Middletown, retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2012.

David Zembower '68, of Port Charlotte, Fla., is retired and enjoying life in southwest Florida.

1970s

Kirk Hagerty '70, of West Mifflin, is semi-retired from his business, Kirk Hagerty Construction.

Michael Moreland '70, of Lewes, Del., retired from New York City real estate and property management and moved to Lewes.

William Patts '70, of Taylor, Mich., is a print tech at Taylor School District.

Eugene Hunking '71, of Mechanicsburg, is a contracting officer with NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center.

James Allison '74, of Becket, Mass., is president of AH&M, Inc., a global marketing and communications agency.



Bob Fehrs '63 inducted into PA Chapter of National Wrestling Hall of Fame

On April 30, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame inducted 10 new members into the Class of 2017. Among the recipients is Milton Hershey School graduate and retired MHS administrator **Bob Fehrs '63**.

Fehrs was a member of one of the best groups of wrestlers in MHS history and graduated with a 43-4 record. He went on to wrestle at the University of Michigan where he became one of the best wrestlers in Wolverine history – graduating as a three-time Big Ten Champion.

He served as an assistant coach at University of Pittsburgh and Harvard University and was head coach at University of Nebraska. During his coaching career with Nebraska, Fehrs led the team to four top 10 NCAA finishes and coached two NCAA wrestling champions.

Last month, he received the "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" award and was inducted into the PA Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



2016 MHS Alumnus of the Year and professional musician **Johnny Mills '75** performed for and interacted with Visual and Performing Arts students, on March 10 during Alumni Fellowship Weekend.

1980s

Martin Henry '82, of Acworth, Ga., works in corporate security for the Blank Family of Business/Atlanta Falcons.

Allan Lynch '82, of Phoenix, Ariz., retired from the military after 25 years.

Glad Cleveland '83, of Mechanicsburg, is owner of The Cleveland Group, a financial and retirement planning service.

Duane Craven '85, of Zephyrhills, Fla., is founder and CEO of Duey Does It!! Services. His company recently celebrated its fifth anniversary.

William Jester '85, of Philadelphia, is chief operating officer at Rutgers Institute for Translational Medicine and Science.

Thomas Sorrentino '85, of Allentown, and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July 2016.



Christine (Brennan) Cook '81, a kindergarten teacher at MHS, continues a tradition of being photographed with former students at the Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner. Pictured from left to right are Justin Padmore, Cook, Lacey Scott and Austin Padmore. The three are among 10 seniors who will be honored as Milton Hershey School Lifers — graduates who enrolled in first grade or earlier — during the Commencement festivities in June.

Robert Halbleib '86, of Hughesville, retired from Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., early this year.

Justin Wayns '86, of Huntington Beach, Calif., earned a bachelor's degree in cyber security and a master's degree in information technology management from Kaplan University. He is site manager at RICOH USA.

Jason Wolfe '87, of Sewickley, 2014 Alumnus of the Year and founder of GiftCards.com, received the 2017 Outstanding Entrepreneur Award from The Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association on May 11. Today, GiftCards.com is the top online gift card site in the world. Wolfe sold GiftCards.com to Blackhawk Network (HAWK) in early 2016. He is now building Gift Card Granny as his next venture.

Tom Firestone '88, of Sewaren, N.J., is a motion graphics animator and VFX artist.

Marissa Wolfe '89, of Tampa, Fla., is the CEO and owner of Wolfecare Consulting, LLC.

1990s

Lynda Gullett '90, of Bozeman, Mont., is a registered nurse case manager at Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital.

Tamara McCray '91, is an attorney for the U.S. Treasury Department.

Danyl Collings '95, of Stoughton, Mass., is branch manager and a certified residential appraiser at First American Mortgage Solutions.

Meraedith Lange '95, of Homer, N.Y., is a registered nurse and clinical nurse educator at Upstate University Hospital.

Edward Latimore '97, of Ashland, Ore., earned a promotion to senior director of operations at Indomira, Inc.

Vanessa Perez '98, of New York, N.Y., is a stay-at-home mom.

Nicholas Stone '98, of Harrisburg, is the owner and operator of Stone Gold Trade.

Atira West '98, Piscataway, N.J., is director of retail collection programs at TerraCycle.

Amy Kline '99, of Washington, N.J., is a Future Farmers of America advisor at Warren Hills Regional High School. Her students recently won first place in the New Jersey FFA Livestock Evaluation and Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development event.

2000s

Jessica Manrique '01, of Madrid, Spain, completed her MBA at IE Business School and moved to Madrid, Spain. She works at Cygnus Asset Management as a hedge fund analyst.



Milts find Milts all over the world! These two MHS alumni randomly discovered they were working in the same location in Bagram, Afghanistan. **Kyle Stromburg '89** and **Erin Heintz '89** work as contractors to support the U.S. Army. Stromburg said that while it was not planned, being in Afghanistan with a fellow Milt is comforting.

Olivia Carroll '02, of Hempstead, N.Y., is a program coordinator at the New York University School of Medicine.

Kimberly Jones '04, of Blakely, will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in criminology.

Stephanie Ulrich '05, of Paxinos, is education manager at Keystone Human Services.

Kristen Hill '06, of Manchester, N.H., is an instructional designer at Southern New Hampshire University.

Melissa Goodfriend '07, of Pittsburgh, is engaged to be married to Michael Stenberg. She is development coordinator for Pittsburgh CLO. A Class Note in the fall issue of Thy Traditions Dear included an incorrect spelling of Michael's last name and the incorrect name of Melissa's employer.



Jonathan Branam '96, of Harrisburg, works as a business development specialist to help businesses grow and refine their goals. He is the men's head basketball coach at Harrisburg Area Community College and helped the team make it to the playoffs. In 2017, he was awarded Co-Coach of the Year for NJCAA Region 19 as a first-year head coach.



In January, **Deesha Dyer '95**, former social secretary to President Barack Obama, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Obama "for the ride of a lifetime." She posted the following along with a photograph on her Facebook page: "Thank you for always trusting me to be me (even when I didn't know who I was at times or didn't have confidence in myself) while serving you and the American people. Looking forward to dancing our way out together tomorrow morning. It has been an honor to work in what we will always call The People's House." The photo was taken on Jan. 19, the day before the Obama administration's last day. *Official photo provided by the White House.*

Sultana Karim '08, of Woodbridge, Va., is a trauma counselor at Action in Community Through Service.

Donte Peeks '08, of York, is a senior business analyst for Snyder's-Lance Inc.

Christian Calle '09, of South Orange, N.J., is an assistant project manager at M. Melnick & Co., Inc.

Victoria Hernandez '09, of Allentown, is a shift manager at Amazon.

Ashley Lloyd '09, of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., is a mental health therapist in Yonkers.

Lisa DiBona '10, of Philadelphia, is a certified medical assistant at Jefferson Hospital. She has completed an associate degree and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Haley Jones '11, of Warner Robbins, Ga., is a stylist assistant at The Veranda Salon & Spa.

Julissa Alvarez '12, of Scranton, graduated in May 2016 with a Spanish degree. She will graduate from Wilkes University with a second degree in business management in May.

Hakima Williams '13, of Carnegie, is a cardiovascular surgical technologist at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Hospital.

Chelsea Bolden '14, of Hummelstown, is a cosmetologist.

Alecia Brooks '16, of Saegertown, is a hostess at Applebee's. She is seeking employment to work at a veterinarian clinic to get experience for her major.

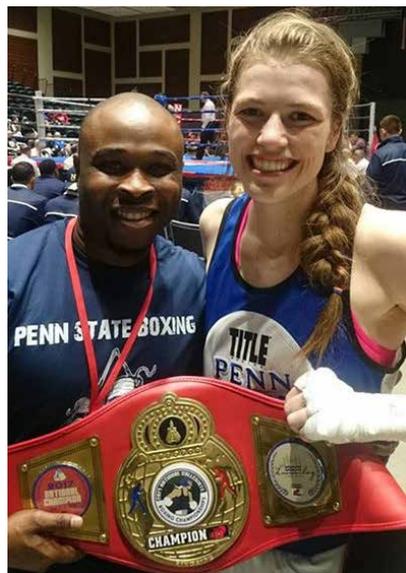
Katherine Clark '16, of Annville, is a student at Lebanon Valley College.

Kenidie Kalbach '16, of Benton, is a student film major at Kutztown University.

Marriages

Deanna (Owens) Parr '93, of Hershey, married Darren Parr in October 2016.

Ashley (Brown) Curbelo '06, of Ooltewah, Tenn., married Raymond Curbelo in July 2016.



Penn State University Boxing Coach **Omo Osage '00** rebuilt the Penn State Boxing team, which won the 2017 National Collegiate Boxing Championships, the team's first national championship in 10 years. Among the team members is Taylor Varner, daughter of Ed Varner, director of visual and performing arts at Milton Hershey School. Taylor is the 2017 NCBA National Champion (147 lbs Womens).

Deaths

Adam Daffner '47, of Las Vegas, Nev., Jan. 8

The Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby '47, of New Castle, Ind., April 21

William Rickmers '50, of Hummelstown, April 9

Lewis Erdman '58, of Camp Hill, Feb. 18

James Stevens '58, of Linton, Ind., March 4

Howard Beury '59, of Minersville, Feb. 25

Eugene Clews '61, of Lebanon, July 23, 2016

Douglas Lewis '61, of New Castle, Del., April 9, 2016

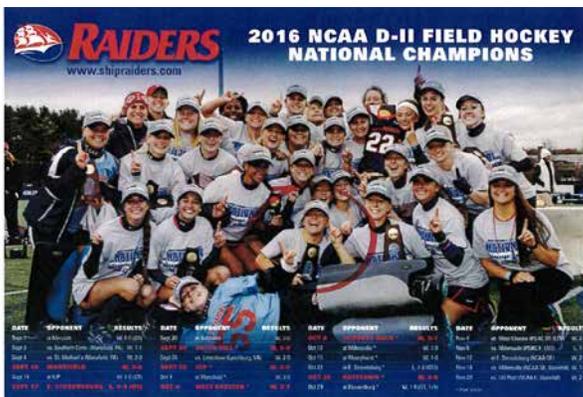
Robert Elliott '62, of Mainz, Germany, July 16, 2016

Lawrence Reinhart '62, of Cullowhee, N.C., Dec. 22, 2016

Larry Boyle '68, of Sweet Valley, Dec. 10, 2015

William Hubert '72, of Athens, Aug. 18, 2016

Brittany Corsnitz '06, of Elizabethtown, Feb. 4



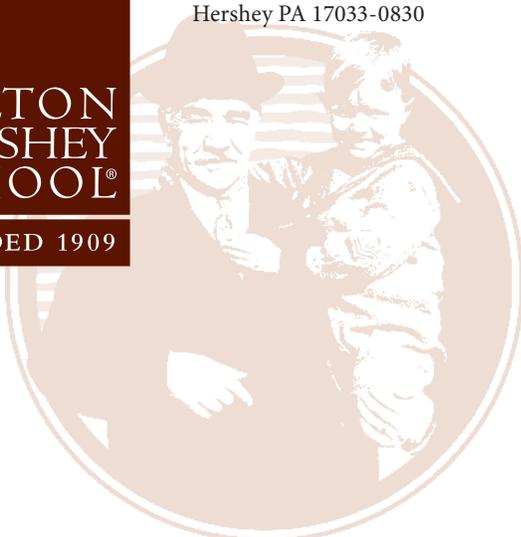
Autumn Beattie '16, of Reynoldsville, was a member of Shippensburg University's 2016 NCAA Division II Field Hockey National Championship team.

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Alumni Calendar

June '17

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| 1 | Deadline for MHSAA Service Award Nominations |
| 1 | Nominations due for Honorary Members of MHSAA |
| 1 | Deadline to submit application to run for MHSAA Board of Directors |
| 10 | Senior Chapel, Ring Ceremony and Awards Program |
| 11 | Commencement |
| 25 | MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting |

August '17

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| 6 | MHS Alumni Association Board Meeting |
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September '17

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| 2 | Homestead Chapter Breakfast |
| 15 | Cocoa Bean Game; MHS vs. Hershey High School |
| 29-Oct. 1 | Homecoming 2017 |
| 30 | MHS Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting |

October '17

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| 1 | MHSAA Memorial Grove Service |
| 1 | Nomination deadline for 2018 Alumni Achievement Awards and Alumnus of the Year |
| 7 | Homestead Chapter Breakfast |

November '17

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| 4 | Homestead Chapter Breakfast |
| 5 | MHS Alumni Association Reorganizational Meeting |
| 11-12 | Journey of Our Lives Program |

December '17

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| 2 | Homestead Chapter Breakfast |
| 6 | Elementary Division Christmas Party with Alumni |

April '18

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| 20-22 | Alumni Fellowship Weekend |
| 20 | Alumni-Senior Fellowship Dinner |

September '18

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| 21-23 | Homecoming 2018 |
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