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FW Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions & Dinner - April 1

January 2011

The third class of the Fort Wayne Athletic Hall of Fame has been identified, and a special dinner and induction ceremony will be held Friday, April 1 in Fort Wayne. Those being inducted this year:

- Cal Rychener g81
- Tom Rust g72
- Corey Laster g93
- TUFW 2005 National Basketball Championship Team

More information will be included in the *Falcon* next month, and a letter will be going out to former athletes in the area. For more information about the Fort Wayne Athletic Hall of Fame and those already inducted [click here](#).

FW Alumni Fund on Pace

Thank you to those who participated in giving financially to the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center during the first six months of the fiscal year. With gratitude, I am pleased to announce \$34,507.16 (every cent counts) was given towards our fiscal year goal of \$60,000 due May 31, 2011.

The largest gift since June 1 was \$1,000 and the smallest was .01 cent, which shows each person's participation makes a difference. These gifts supply the funds for our staff, programming and events that bring encouragement and resources to our Fort Wayne campus Alumni and Friends.

For the next 15 people who make an online gift between now and January 28, 2011, I will send a FWBC, SCC or TUFW T-shirt. When giving your gift, please put in the comment section your choice of school name and your size.

Heidelberg & Sprunger Join Alumni Council

Naomi (Buckels) Heidelberg g69, who recently retired from teaching after 39½ years in the Fort Wayne Community Schools, and Michael Sprunger g07, Associate Pastor of Youth/C.E. at Berne E.M.C. are the newest members of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Heritage Council.



Both have strong connections to our alumni and friends and have represented the Fort Wayne campus well in the classroom and in full-time Christian ministry.

"God used Fort Wayne Bible College to equip me with His Word, provide me with life-long friends and bless me with my wonderful husband, Larry Heidelberg g67," Naomi said. "I am pleased to serve on the Alumni Council and hope to continue the opportunity for our alumni family to be informed and connected to one another."



"I want to make sure that even though our physical school/buildings may not be used any longer for TUFW we have many relationships and memories that must remain intact and not forgotten," Sprunger explained. "TUFW, FWBC, SCC and even the school my great grandma went to still exist in the hearts, the memories, and relationships of all who worked/attended there."

The next Alumni Council meeting is Saturday, March 26, 2011 in the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center, 915 W Rudisill Blvd.

Blessings,

Michael

Michael D. Mortensen g91
Director of Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Relations



Along Rudisill...

- **Dr. Jackie Carl** g53, former President of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Heritage Association, was unanimously given "emerita" status by the Fort Wayne Council in recognition of her outstanding service and leadership. She joins Cyril Eicher g32, Violet (Egly) Ringenberg g45 and Joy Gerig, g52 and g66, who have received this special designation.
- **The purchase of the Fort Wayne campus** by Ambassador Enterprises LLC is proceeding, with the last details of the purchases being finalized.
- **The new Fort Wayne website** is nearing completion. Watch <http://fw.taylor.edu> for a refreshed site that will include a searchable "Archive Vault" with pictures, musical clips, videos and documents from the past 116 years of history. Additionally, alumni and friends will discover new ways to connect, engage and support the ongoing ministry of the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. Until the site goes live, please "Like" our [Facebook page at FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center](#) to experience samples of what will be available in the new Archive Vault.
- Please mark your calendars for **"FW Celebrates" on September 23-24**, as plans are underway for several alumni events for all generations. Initial plans include a possible soccer reunion game, Singspiration, select class reunions with special recognition for the Class of 1961, Movie on the Lawn and a bonfire in the woods. If you are interested in assisting with a certain event, please email alumnifw@taylor.edu, so we can get you plugged in to the planning.

if we can help you in any way, please contact the Alumni & Friends Resource Center at (260) 744-8790 during regular business hours or e-mail alumnifw@taylor.edu anytime!