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Alumni to Meet for Dessert

May 2011

Naomi (Buckels) Heidelberg g69 and **Dawn (Renkenberger) Crandall g00** are planning to host a dessert fellowship at the Resource Center, where alumni from the 60s and 70s are going to fellowship with alumni from the 90s and 2000s.

Naomi and Dawn, who attend the same church, have already formed a bond in sharing their stories of what this campus meant to them as students at FWBC and TUFW and now as alumni. Close to 20 alumni have already agreed to come for a relaxed evening of fellowship. **Dr. Jay Platte g69** has agreed to play Dr. Ira Gerig's piano, and I will be giving a very brief update on the Resource Center. No offering plate will be passed or pledge cards will be distributed.

Please consider the invitation to host a similar gathering or a cookout this summer. The Resource Center provides the drinks, plates, silverware, a gas grill, picnic tables, etc. You provide the friends and classmates and the desserts or meat. For more information, email Michael Mortensen or call 260.744.8790.

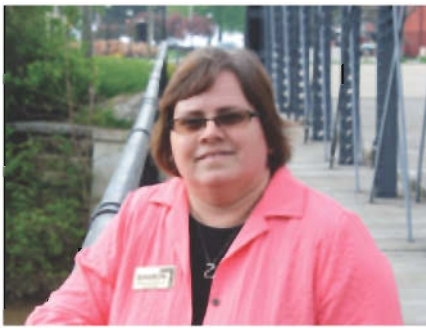
Heart-to-Heart Message from Michael

The Resource Center has been given a \$3,000 matching grant pledge from [Poormans' Heating & Air Conditioning](#) to help us meet our fiscal year-end goal of \$60,000 by May 31. At this point, we have around \$48,000 receipted or pledged. Please consider a gift to go towards this match. This fiscal year-end goal can be reached if everyone would do something. *It would send Taylor a strong message that you appreciate and desire the Resource Center to continue.*

You can [click here and give online today](#), or you can send a check payable to the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center to 915 W Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. Thank you to those who have already sent in a gift(s).

"Prayer Changes Things"

Sharon Gerig g89, Life House coordinator at the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, tells the following story demonstrating how prayer changes things:



We recently had an experience with one of our guest's in the Life House Dorm demonstrating prayer works. The men who stay with us in the Life House Dorm are required to check in every evening and attend Chapel. We are an alcohol and drug free facility and everyone who stays with us must be able to pass a breathalyzer test. This particular guest, "Henry", on this evening, had not shown up for check-in or Chapel.

Henry arrived very close to the time of our curfew, and it became very clear to the staff working that he had been drinking. He spoke with Henry regarding his drinking and communicated to him that he could not spend the night because he was intoxicated. He responded in a way that was disturbing. He stated that he "might as well go jump off a bridge". Our worker immediately responded to this comment and sought to understand what Henry was going through and encouraged him that this was not a good solution. Henry mumbled a response and then just walked out of the building.

The worker sensed that perhaps Henry might be serious and decided to go after him to see where he had gone. [Click here to learn "the rest of the story."](#)

Nu Thang Relived on YouTube



On the lighter side, as a 10-year old, **Michael Clancy g05**, sporting a snazzy "Jesus is Lord" T-shirt, sang, "Nu Thang" by DC Talk on a TV show. The clip has recently re-surfaced on YouTube and has now been viewed by over 1,000,000 people

worldwide! Michael has now been interviewed on several radio stations, which has given him opportunities to share his faith. [To see this clip, click here.](#) While neither Michael's rap nor dancing career took off, his law career did. He is now an attorney specializing in criminal and family law in Phoenix, Ariz.

Blessings,

Michael

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



Along Rudisill...

- This Monday, May 16, alumni in the Fort Wayne area will meet at the Chick-Fil-A at Jefferson Pointe in Fort Wayne for our "Alumni Night." Wear a Fort Wayne or Taylor wearable, and you will receive a FREE chicken sandwich. [See who's coming or sign up here.](#)
- In June, multiple alumni events are going to be held in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Columbus, OH, and Northwest Ohio. Events include Power Walk Wednesdays, "Ivanhoes on the Go" (Don't miss this one!) and a dinner. [More information about are events can be found online](#)
- Congratulations to **Caitlin Wilson g12**, former TUFW student has been named co-editor in chief of *The Echo*, the award winning student newspaper at Taylor University. Caitlin is the daughter of Mike and **Nancy (Dudley) g83 Wilson**.
- The [new website](#) has loads of trivia and information. Last month **Debra (Burkholder) Johnson g86** answered the question: *Who does Cyril Eicher talk fondly about in the "Signs Along the Way" video (2002)?* The answer was J.E. Ramseyer, founder and longest standing president of the Fort Wayne or Upland campuses.
- Your gift by May 31, 2011 would be deeply appreciated as we strive to meet our need of \$60,000. Each gift is tax-deductible and qualifies for the [Indiana Tax-Credit](#) (for those living in the State of Indiana). To gift a gift online, [click here.](#)

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