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Volunteers Thanked

June 2011

The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center has one full-time staff person and one part-time secretary, but last year we had 62 volunteers give a total of 4,029.25 hours during the past fiscal year (June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011). Words cannot fully express my thanks! Those who deserve special recognition include:

- **Dr. Jay Platte g69** – 1,090.75 hours
- **Bill g61 & Joyce fs61 Gerig** – 506.5 hours
- **Gerald g45 & Violet g45 Ringenberg** – 381.75 hours
- **Arlene g67 & John g67 Motter** – 283 hours
- **Dick Baxter g70** – 263 hours
- **Dr. Jackie Carl g53** – 167.5 hours
- **Cyril Eicher g32** – 167 hours
- **Larry Heidelberg g67** – 116 hours

This last year, we have had volunteers who have given one hour here or there, so the time is not as important as much as increasing the number of those who are willing to do something. For more information or to see how you can assist us care for Fort Wayne alumni or to celebrate the legacy of the Fort Wayne campus, please email fwarchives@taylor.edu or [click here](#).

Alumni Teach at Clubhouses

Several Fort Wayne alumni and some current Taylor students are participating in Foellinger's Summer Clubhouse program again this summer. This makes the 12th year Taylor has partnered with the Foellinger Foundation to provide inner-city children an opportunity to participate in a series of team-based activities, problem solving exercises, field trips, musical program and family events.

The directors of the five sites who are either Fort Wayne alumni or a former professor include **Amy Settle**, **Shellie Burden g91** and **Kari Reynolds g99**. Several other alumni and current elementary education majors help to make up the 78 staff members to help with nearly 500 elementary age children participating.



Goals for the summer Clubhouse program include:

- Reinforcement of academic skills
- Focusing on relationship skills including manners, responsibilities, character and respect
- Increased social interaction
- Community awareness and involvement

Alumni Gather for Ice Cream



More than 70 alumni, friends and families from the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses met at the Eicher Commons for the "Start of Summer Celebration" on Tuesday, June 21, featuring Ivanhoes ice cream shakes delivered from Upland. You can see some of the photos from this fun event by [clicking here](#). This was one several [summer alumni events](#) scheduled for this year.

Thank You from Mortensen

As we start a new fiscal year, I want to give a special thank you to those who have partnered with us financially this past fiscal year. I am pleased to announce \$55,769.51 was given towards the Fort Wayne Alumni Fund, which represents an almost 12 percent increase over last year. The largest gift was only \$3,000 from [Poorman's Heating & Air Conditioning](#) (the owners are not alumni) in Fort Wayne, which shows the importance of each gift, no matter the size. My hope is that even more alumni will give something this fiscal year. If each alumnus/na who benefited from the investment of faculty, staff and students of the Fort Wayne campus would make a gift, we will reach our new goal of \$60,000 by May 31. [Click here](#) to honor a faculty, staff or fellow student with a gift today!

Blessings,

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



Along Rudisill...

- Watch Fort Wayne alumni soccer players in action as part of *Fort Wayne Celebrates!* on September 23 and 24 on the former Falcon Field. Join fans and players for a tailgate lunch at Noon followed by an alumni game at 2 p.m. Save the date for this special weekend in Fort Wayne! For more information, messages and photos, [click here](#).

- The name Jacob A. Zeller may not mean much to most, but his bakery provided free rolls, doughnuts, cakes and bread for FWBI students between 1914-1928, saving the college thousands of dollars. Zeller's older sister, Catherine, taught grammar (English) at Bethany Home Bible School in Bluffton, Ohio, which later became FWBC, SCC and TUFW, and she was also the wife of the Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, founder of the school. We should all thank God for this "Memorial Stone" found in the *Vision*, a publication of FWBC in the 50s and 60s found in the [FW Alumni Archive Vault](#).



- **Joe and Elaine g61 (Voss) Sheil** (Long Grove, Iowa), "vacationed" with us last week and planted flowers and plants at the Resource Center. Elaine helped prepare items for her 50th Reunion to be held on campus September 23 and 24 during *Fort Wayne Celebrates!*, and they inventoried donated books. Thank you Joe and Elaine! For more pictures of the Resource Center, [click here](#).

- In the next several days I will be in Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind. for alumni events. In July, we will have other events in Fort Wayne, Grand Rapids (Mich.), Toledo (Ohio), Chicago and Ludlow Falls (Ohio). [Click here](#) for more information about the events.

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Tuesday – Generally Closed

Wednesday – 8 to 5 p.m.

Thursday – 8 to 5 p.m.

Friday – 8 to 5 p.m.

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