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## 100th Birthday Party Set

He graduated in 1932 from Fort Wayne Bible Institute when a gallon of gas was 10 cents and a loaf of bread was seven cents. The parking meter was invented in this year. (I didn't have the heart to ask how much his college bill was back then!)



The **Rev. Cyril Eicher g32** will turn 100 March 6, 2012; however, his family in collaboration with the [FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center](#) is planning an Open House for the former business manager, dean of students, director of the correspondence studies department and a current volunteer at the Resource Center. It will take place **Saturday, March 17** in the Eicher Student Commons at "The Summit" from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Please consider sending him a 100th birthday card in care of the Resource Center, [915 W Rudisill Blvd.](#) The family has asked that no gifts be given to him, but they do encourage [gifts to the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center](#), where he continues to volunteer generally twice a week, in his honor. *Cyril desires to match dollar for dollar everything up to \$2,000!*

## Year-end Giving Update



**Thank you!** You came through again! Thank you for giving \$33,336 towards our [Fort Wayne Alumni Fund](#). This is slightly less than last year at the same time, but it keeps us on track towards our goal of \$60,000 by May 31,

2012. For those who gave online for our [Falcon Forever t-shirt promotion](#), your shirts will be mailed today.

For those who have not partnered with us financially, please consider participating with some gift to help us continue. Our future ability to care for and celebrate in part is contingent on your participation. Every gift is needed and appreciated.

Year-end giving summaries will be sent soon for those who take advantage of the [Indiana Tax Credit](#) or those who itemize on your taxes. Again, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!

## Indy Mini-Marathon Runners

If you are planning to run in the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon on Saturday, May 5, be sure to stop meet other Fort Wayne and Upland campus alumni at the Taylor University tent. It's a great place to meet your family and friends after the race and to enjoy a few post-race snacks. [Click here to let us know you'll be there!](#)



## Former Correspondence Program Opens Doors for New Teacher

"If anyone told me that I was going to be a teacher, I would have just laughed at them." But, after 23 years in manufacturing, Myron returned to his hometown of Berne, Indiana, to become the chemistry teacher at his alma mater.

Upon graduating with an honors degree in chemistry, Myron went into research and development for a manufacturing company as a ceramics engineer. His plan was to "work one place and work until you die. and die there." His career progressed to a trouble shooter, requiring him to travel 90% of the time. "Our company had 175 facilities around the world, and I was in all of them except for two."

Then, as his company offered him another promotion, Myron did the unexpected and resigned. At the time he was a plant manager in Chicago overseeing 1,500 employees. The promotion would have propelled him into a vice president position and a seven figure income. So, why quit?

[For the "rest of the story," click here.](#)

## New Taylor Provost Announced



Dr. Jeffrey A. Moshier, currently Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School at Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.), has been named Provost at Taylor University following a nationwide search. Prior to his

responsibilities at Wheaton, Moshier served as the founding Dean of the College of Health and Natural Sciences at Messiah College (Grantham, Pa.).

The Moshiers are parents of two grown children. He will assume his role at Taylor in mid-June. [Click here to read more about Dr. Moshier.](#)

Wishing you a Happy New Year – *we care, we celebrate,*

*Michael*

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

**Fort Wayne**  
Alumni & Friends Resource Center



## Along Rudisill...

- **HELP!** One of our recent graduates has suffered some major health setbacks. He and his wife REALLY need our help. Would you consider dropping off canned goods or toiletries at the Resource Center, 915 W Rudisill Blvd, NO LATER than Wednesday, January 22? Additionally, if you want to write a check, send me an [email](#), and I will give you instructions. Let's bless the socks off this couple.

- The **Rev. Gareth Wiederkehr g52**, former missionary and visitation pastor for First Missionary Church in Berne, Ind., is currently in Sierra Leone, West Africa, until January 25 along with **Steve Harrigan g80**. They are there teaching business as missions and providing spiritual encouragement to Yalunka believers as well as other people groups in the Sierra Leone area. The group will be joined by Taylor University business students. Wiederkehr will celebrate his 87th birthday while in Sierra Leone.

- The FW Alumni & Friends Council will have its first meeting of 2012 Saturday, January 21. **Cathy Schrock g90** will assume the role of President of the [FW Alumni & Friends Heritage Association](#). Do you have any questions or issues you would like discussed?

- For the six months of the 2012 fiscal year, nearly 3,000 hours of volunteer work has been given and logged. **Thank you!** If you're available and willing to give an hour, two hours or more, we could use you in our mission to care for FW Alumni and to celebrate our legacy of impact here and around the world. Please [email me](#) if you're interested.

- The [Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends website](#), which has been frozen while behind the scenes software has been updated, will go live again next week. Please submit your [News Notes](#), as we are interested in your jobs, moves, babies, etc.

[Submit & Read Online News Notes](#)

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Resource Center Hours:  
Monday – 8 to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday – Generally Closed  
Wednesday – 8 to 5 p.m.  
Thursday – 8 to 5 p.m.  
Friday – 8 to 5 p.m.

Or by appointment (parking available in back)



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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](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu) anytime!