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February 2012

Your Opinion Counts

Your opinion counts at the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. We exist to CARE for Fort Wayne alumni and CELEBRATE the legacy of impact here and abroad. In order to fulfill our mission, your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Would you please take five to seven minutes to reflect on your experience at or with the Fort Wayne campus and since to give us your candid feedback about the events, services and opportunities provided by the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center? Your thoughtful responses will help us to serve you better now and in the future!

[Click here to start the survey.](#)

I will send a DeBrands chocolate bar to the first 20 who complete and submit their survey.

Three Join FW Alumni Council



The FW Alumni Council welcomed three new members this past weekend: **Joel Lange g10**, **Tauna (Herrell) Batise g03**, and **Dr. Jay Platte g69**. The new members brought energy and new ideas for us in caring for, connecting and celebrating with FW campus alumni. Saturday's meeting also featured a first, due to a funeral, Tauna joined our meeting via Skype from her hotel room in Atlanta, Georgia. With new technologies becoming available, we may be able to get feedback from others in similar circumstances in the future.

"My first impression of the council meeting was that every member had the heart and interests of the Fort Wayne alumni clearly in focus."

— Jay Platte g69

The Council also named **Bill Gerig g61**, president-elect, **Susi Jones g71**, secretary, and **Joel Lange g10**, member-at-large to the Executive team to work with **Cathy Schrock g90**, president, **Tui Bedwell g97**, past-president, and me. The next Council meets April 14. We will be discussing Alumni Awards. Do you have a recommendation for a worthy individual? To see a list of past recipients, [click here](#), or you may simply complete the Alumni & Friend Award Nomination Form.

Bill Gerig Joins Resource Center Staff

Bill Gerig g62, alumni director from 1982-1997, has been hired as a quarter-time assistant to the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center. Bill and **Joyce (Wiggle) fs61** have been loyal volunteers since the Resource Center opened. With his knowledge, connection and love for our Fort Wayne Alumni, he was a natural pick.



"What a joy to work again adjacent to the Fort Wayne campus. Having been here as a boy when my father was Dean (1945-50), then as a student (1960-61), and as a staff/faculty member (1982-1997) this has been home to me. Here I learned to play basketball as a boy with the older students, was challenged to missionary service as a young man, and as a faculty member was thrilled to see freshmen grow into committed servants of the Lord. Now I feel the challenge and privilege to care for Fort Wayne Alumni and to celebrate our legacy of impact here and abroad. May God continue to bless all those who have set foot on this campus, so that we may bring honor and glory to His Name."

Bill will assist me with administrative items, volunteer management and event support. **Kari Reynolds g99** has been serving in this role. She will continue through May 31. Kari is now teaching full-time and getting her master's degree. I could not be more thankful for what Kari has done and the servant's heart she has demonstrated in setting up the initial archives and the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center not once but twice. **Dr. Jay Platte** is also continuing his volunteer work with us heading up the Archives and providing help in multiple areas.

Special Price on Dr. Wes Book



With February being a month we celebrate Valentine's Day, the *FW Online Store* has a special on Dr. Wes Gerig's book, *The Core of Christian Love: Love as Action*. For this month only, you may purchase or pick up your copy today for just \$8 online (this includes shipping, handling and tax).

Dr. Wes tackles commandments in [John 14:15, 21, 23:24](#) and [Matthew 23:19-21](#) and connection to obedience. In preparation for this book, he read through the entire New Testament, wrote down every commandment according to his own personal translation from the Greek text, and categorized them.

We care, we celebrate.

Michael

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



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- **THANK YOU!** With your help, the FW Alumni & Friends Resource Center was able to send a pick-up load of groceries and some generous checks to help a recent grad, who had recently had a brain aneurysm and stroke. Thank you to those who gave sacrificially, as we CARE for our FW Alumni.



- Updates on **Joy Gerig's g51 & 66** (pictured above) health are being posted on our website (on the right side of the home page, look for Current News) and occasionally on Facebook. This site will give you the most accurate and timely information. Please share this with others, as this is where we will post other updates and news items.

- 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 a CELEBRATION for the former business manager, dean of students, director of the correspondence studies department and a current volunteer twice a week 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. To help us plan, please simply email us with your intentions and how many may come with you.

- On February 6, we lost a dear friend, **Mary Caroline Gerig g52**. You may watch her Celebration of Life service through a link on our website. [Click here to watch and listen](#) – the beginning features several minutes of beautiful piano music played by her son-in-law, **Tim Johnson TUU81**.

We'd like to double check the *employment information* we have on record for you. This information can be especially helpful in connecting alumni to one another in their fields of interest.

Please review your information and let us know if we need to update our records:

Jay Platte

Employment Information:

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If you have corrections/additions - or if the information above is blank - please [click here](#).

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Jay and Shirley, 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 alumni@taylor.edu anytime!