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Summer Events Planned

June 2012

The Resource Center will hit the road this summer with ice cream shakes from Ivanhoes, camp gatherings and a baseball game. Additionally, "Free Food Fridays" and some other unique events are in the



works. For example, I have lived in Fort Wayne for 42 years, and I have NEVER eaten at Power's Hamburgers. I am hoping some alumni will join me for my first slider...just in case. The Resource Center is also open and available for small reunions of alumni wanting to have a cookout, home-made ice cream or a coffee-bar night. Coming events are [listed here on our website](#). I will be near Grand Rapids, Mich.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Ludlow Falls, Ohio; and Goshen, Ind. this next month.



Along Rudisill...

- Recently, the Resource Center has designed a new feature on our website called "Distinguished Campus Servants." The page recognizes notable individuals who served on the Fort Wayne campus with distinction. We have plenty of individuals through the years who deserve recognition, but we need volunteers to write up the biographies. We list each person's Highlights of Service, Biography, a Photo Album and Tributes. If you are willing to assist us with this project, please email alumnifw@taylor.edu.

Thank You for "Being Counted"



Thank you for helping us reach and exceed our fiscal-year goals for funding and volunteer hours. Giving increased from \$55,769 last fiscal year to

\$61,250 this one. This kind of increase is incredible and truly a blessing. Furthermore, volunteers gave 4,852.50 hours, which surpassed the 4,000-hour goal. Both of these benchmarks are strong indicators to Taylor that Fort Wayne Alumni want the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center to continue caring for alumni and celebrating the legacy of impact the Fort Wayne campus and her alumni have and are making here and around the world. June 1 we started back at zero, yet with your help again, we look forward to meeting our commitments again this next fiscal year that will end May 31, 2013. *Be Counted!*



- When is the last time you looked through your college yearbook? Do you even know where your yearbooks are located? All yearbooks with the exception of the years when they were on CD or not published are now available online. [Click here to go down memory lane.](#)
- Please pray for those in Colorado and Florida with the wildfires and the flooding from Tropical Storm Debby. We have multiple alumni from both campuses in both states.
- **Mark g85 and Lorie g85 Vincent** have recently been interviewed by the Christian Leadership Alliance about their book, "Fighting Disease, not Death: Finding a way through Lifelong Struggle." [Click here to read the article.](#)
- **Tashi (Bent) Widmer's g09** vision to become a Guidance Counselor at Lister Mair Gilby High School for the Deaf in Kingston, Jamaica did not initially come true, yet she took a position the Lord provided and learned a lot during the past three years. Recently, after serving faithfully, she was named the new Guidance Counselor for the School. Congratulations, Tashi! For more *News Notes*, [please click here.](#)

Fort Wayne Celebrates! 2012

Fort Wayne Celebrates! is a weekend planned for both young and older. On Friday, September 28 primarily older alumni or those who appreciate traditional music will meet beginning at 2 p.m. in the Eicher Student Commons. We will start with a special chapel, which will be followed by a social time and dinner. This day will also celebrate the Class of 1962's 50th reunion.



On Saturday, September 29 the Class of 1962 will continue their reunion in the morning at the Resource Center and then conclude at Halls on Bluffton Road. In the afternoon we will welcome Social Work and Professional Writing majors back to campus to have a reunion with **Michele (Mallett) Wells h09** and **Dr. Dennis Hensley h08** along with other younger alumni who want to play Ultimate Frisbee or just to sit around and talk.

Plenty of time will be given for alumni to catch up and to just spend time together. Registration is now available at fw.taylor.edu for those from the Class of 1962. Others will be able to register soon. If you would like to assist us in pulling together a special reunion for some friends, [please email us](#). ALL are invited. For more information, visit fw.taylor.edu/events.

We Love Our Volunteers

The Resource Center is dependent on volunteers each year to care for Fort Wayne alumni and to celebrate the legacy of impact of the Fort Wayne campus and her alumni here and abroad. During this past fiscal year (June 2011 to May 31, 2012), 78 volunteers gave 4,852.25 hours doing various tasks.

For a second year in a row, **Dr. Jay Platte g69** outpaced everyone with 1,060.25 hours. Other volunteers with more than 50 hours included:

- Tui (Walcott) Bedwell g97
- Dick Baxter g70
- Bill Gerig g61
- Joyce (Wiggle) Gerig fs61
- Larry Heidelberg g67
- Arlene (Dissinger) Motter g67
- Gerald Ringenberg g45
- Violet (Egley) Ringenberg g45
- Elaine (Voss) Sheil g61
- Mary (Schade) Weidner g59

For more information on how you can volunteer, [please click here](#). Every hour makes a difference! Younger alumni are especially needed to identify pictures and events, so we can post more of these pictures and events.

We care, we celebrate,

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

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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).

... 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!