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Share YOUR Voice!

Your advice is needed! The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center is putting together a three to five year plan, and we are looking for your feedback on our mission and ministry now and for the future. This is a *two-part process*:

1. We are reflecting on our first three years. What has been accomplished? Who has engaged in our mission to *care, connect, and celebrate*? How much interest is there in having the Resource Center and how has it been supported with time, talent, and treasure?

2. We believe there are alumni with whom we have not connected or who do not fully understand our purpose. Some preliminary sessions have already helped alumni feel greater connection.

Here is where we need your help. We're going to be having times at the Resource Center and beyond (perhaps with modern technology), where we have a focused time for you to give feedback with others. We will NOT ask for funds at these sessions.

Are you "IN" to help us? Please email alumnifw@taylor.edu if you would be willing to "Share YOUR Voice" or host a time together.

Alumna Sings at White House

Tesia (Sheffield) Mallory g09 recently sang in the White House for President and Mrs. Obama with the **Jeremy Winston Chorale**. Mallory serves as the Chapel Coordinator at United Theological Seminary, where she graduated last December with her Masters of Divinity. Jeremy Winston is the Music Director at the seminary, so they work together on the chapel program, and he asked her to sing with the group that toured the east coast including the stop in the White House.



"The entire experience was surreal to me," Mallory wrote. "How did I get this amazing opportunity?" she asked. The group toured the east wing, got to try some cookies made by the White House pastry chef, and saw all of the original portraits of the presidents and the beautifully decorated Christmas trees, which was her favorite part.

"I have no doubt that my music/vocal instructors at TUFW helped me get this far, and I'm thankful to God for them everyday," Mallory concluded.

For the full story and pictures, [click here](#).

It's a New Year...New You!

Happy New Year! How is your new year going? Did you make resolutions? Have you kept them? In this issue, **Dr. Susan (Boklaga) Pereira g87**, gives some suggestions even quoting **Dr. Wes Gerig g51** on how to renew our minds using common sense approaches. [Click here to be encouraged and challenged](#), as you strive perhaps for a New YOU in 2013.

What do these three have in common?



Find out by [clicking here](#). This is a new feature we have started. Please take a moment to write a tribute to those who have been...(if I told you, it would give it away). More are to come!

Thank You!

Thank you to those who gave year-end gifts to support the ministry of the Resource Center. As of December 31, we receipted \$30,188.02 (every cent counts) compared to \$33,336 last year. Next week, the "Statement of Giving" documents will be sent for your taxes. Your consideration of a gift to help us catch up and start 2013 well is appreciated. Give online by [clicking here](#). Remember – all gifts designated for Fort Wayne come to fund our programs, events and staff.

Happy New Year!

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

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Along Rudisill...

- Last week **Tommy g85 and Konni (Saylor) g86 Logan** (see photo below) stopped in for a surprise visit at the Resource Center. They are on furlough from Papua New Guinea raising funds to continue translating the Bible in a remote tribe with Wycliffe. Currently, they are 70% finished with the New Testament. **Jan (Schumacher) Logan g68** just happened to be volunteering here that day, so the Logans were able to meet another Logan, who with her husband **Phil g67** has translated the Bible for the Kurankos in Africa ([see a related story](#)).



- Our newest neighbor in Witmer Hall, Big Brothers/Big Sisters has some job openings: Match Support Specialist positions and Community Development Coordinator. Write **Mary Kobles**, HR/Accounting Administrator, if interested in seeing a job description or to send your cover letter and resume.
- Several from the Class of 2003 are putting together plans for a 10-year reunion. If you would like to give input on the date, [please click here](#). If you have a suggestion, or you would like to help with details, please email alumnifw@taylor.edu, and I will make sure the planning team knows of your interest.
- Brooke (Wilson) g03 and Jeff Hartman** will be putting their lives and jobs on hold for a year to serve with **World Next Door** for a year. They will use their photography and journalism skills to fight injustice around the world in four countries. Follow their exciting journey by [clicking here](#).
- For more *News Notes* or to submit a *News Note*, please [click here](#) or go to *Current News here*. We especially want to see your baby announcements. We have a small gift for those of you who send us the announcement and a picture.

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Thursday – 8 to 5 p.m.
Friday – 8 to 5 p.m.

Or by appointment (parking available in back).

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 alumnifw@taylor.edu anytime!