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Endorse Resource Center by May 31

What does the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center mean to you? Are you grateful we still have a place in Fort Wayne, adjacent to our campus, where staff and volunteers *care, connect, and celebrate*?

May 2013

The Resource Center needs your endorsement between now and May 31. Would you consider sending a gift of any size to show your vote of confidence? Just last week an alumna sent us \$20—her \$5 gift and three additional \$5 gifts—because she knew not all alumni could give. Her thoughtfulness made our day. Another alumnus sent the following challenge to 90 of his alumni Facebook friends: If 40 of them would give a gift, he would give an additional \$100. These gifts will then match a \$3,000 gift we received from our friends at [Poorman's Heating & Air Conditioning](#).

These gifts not only help us continue the ministry of the Resource Center; they also increase our alumni giving percentage, which is an important barometer of alumni engagement.

Giving is important for our future, so [click here to give your endorsement](#). Please share your endorsements with others!

FW Vine - how are we doing?



The spring 2013 issue of the *FW Vine* was mailed May 3. Did you receive your copy? If not, you may need to update your contact information. Email alumnifw@taylor.edu with your current address, and we will make sure you receive a copy.

Some highlights from this issue include a lovely tribute to the late **Violet (Egly) Ringenberg g45**; a celebration of alumni missions in West Africa; and some exciting news about the

Eicher Endowment. We also tried a fresh color scheme—green and blue—and we love it! What do you think of the new look?

As you browse the latest issue, we invite you to provide feedback about the *FW Vine* by taking a short readership survey. We would love to know how we can better serve our alumni through this publication.

To take the survey, [click here](#).



Goodbye...For Now

We wished our student intern, **Kathryn Fenstermacher cs13**, a sad goodbye last week. Her practicum is finished, and she will graduate this weekend from Taylor University. Her final post on our blog, *Fruit from the Vine*, is a heartwarming reflection on what she learned during her experience with the Resource Center. Please consider leaving a comment on her latest post to show your appreciation for the hard work she has done for us this semester.

The blog posts won't stop after Kathryn's departure, however. We will have another Taylor student intern, **Jared Hammond cs15** taking the reins. We hope to post alumni contributions on the web as a regular feature as well. You each have unique stories of God's work in your lives, both during your student days and now as alumni. We believe sharing one another's stories will be a great tool to help us *connect*, especially with those alumni who live in remote parts of the globe.

If you are interested in contributing to our blog, email alumnifw@taylor.edu or give us a call at 260.744.8790..

Have a Seat

Until last month, several rows of Founders chapel chairs were sitting in the Resource Center garage. Thanks to the skill of **Brad Ulick g88** and the helping hands of his wife, **Kim (Parker) g90**, and their son Caleb, 11



free-standing chairs were made available for purchase! We ONLY have four remaining, which sell for \$100 each plus shipping. Because the chairs were interconnected, we have up-cycled the remaining chair backs into decorative wall hangings with hymn racks attached.

To purchase either keepsake, email alumnifw@taylor.edu or call 260.744.8790.

Blessings to you!

Michael

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



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- During finals week at the Fort Wayne campus, did you ever get that terrible feeling that you would fail a test? The truth is that we all face crises at some point in our lives. In her most recent wellness article, **Dr. Susan (Boklaga) Pereira g87** shares how **Dr. Joy Gerig g51 & g66** helped her mentor a student facing this very crisis. [Click here](#) to read the full article on our website.
- As warmer weather settles in, Foster Park is in vivid bloom with flowering bushes and beds. Did you celebrate your engagement or wedding in the Bridal Garden? Did you make a wish at the Wishing Well? Perhaps you got into trouble for climbing a tree or staying past dusk? Foster Park is a living memory for many Fort Wayne campus alumni. Visit our Facebook page for some current photos of spring flowers in the park.
- We had a fantastic time *reconnecting* with alumni and friends at our *Sunday Sing* on May 5! **Dr. Jay Platte g69** led us in a hymn sing honoring the late George Beverly Shea, an iconic gospel musician who traveled with Billy Graham. We were treated to vocal solos by **Mary Lee (Popps) Hodgin g54** and **Susi (Laymon) Jones g71** and organ solos by **Shirley (Mertz) Platte g69**. Alumni and friends enjoyed themselves so much that they would like to make the *Sunday Sing* a quarterly event. Contact us at alumnifw@taylor.edu to let us know what themes you would enjoy at a future *Sunday Sing* or to volunteer to help us.
- Gerald and **Ashley (King g02) Berry** announce the birth of Micah Thomas Berry born at 5:03 p.m. on March 27, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21.5 in. long. The Berrys live in Kouts, Ind.
- 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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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).

any time during the day, 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!