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Thank you...

Thank you alumni and friends for helping us reach our financial goal last budget year (June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2013). On Friday, May 31 at 10:45 p.m., the Fort Wayne Alumni and Friends Resource Center had received \$60,102.78 towards our \$60,000 need. We had less than \$51,000 earlier in the day, so we are rejoicing with receiving almost \$10,000 in donations in one day.

The largest gift was \$2,500, and the smallest was one penny, but it all added up. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and overall support as we continue our mission to care, connect, and celebrate. Now is the time to forge ahead as we have events planned for this summer and fall. Hope to see or hear from you soon.

Dr. Rene Frank's legacy remembered



Dr. Rene Frank taught at Fort Wayne Bible College from 1951 until his passing in 1965. His love for music was surpassed only by his love for Christ. He was

born of Jewish parents with a musical background. His mother was an accomplished pianist and singer. He grew up in Germany, but was forced to leave in 1936 because of the growing Nazi threat.

He lived in Japan for 15 years. It was there he became a full-time musician and composer. It was also there he saw his home burned to the ground losing many of his musical works. But in a time of great duress he found faith in Christ on March 15, 1942 through an unusual conversion experience. In 1951 he came to Fort Wayne to begin teaching music. He earned his masters and doctorate degrees in music at Indiana University and completed his work on his magnum opus the "Passion Symphony."

He was revered by his students and "simpatico" as his professor at IU described him. He was a member of the National Church Music Fellowship (NCMF) and his music was performed by the Northwestern University, Evanston, III., Indiana Central College Choir, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Fort Wayne Bible College Chorale. His music is now available for all to hear in the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center Archive. Look for him on the Distinguished Campus Servant page to read his biography, see photos, and to add your own tributes.

Staycation 2013 a Success

Thank you all who helped to make Staycation 2013 a success. In one week we had 18 volunteers give 202 hours and had six quests visit the Lillian Rolf house.



They made some incredible improvements at the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center.

The garage doors received much attention as we had some bad paneling. Volunteers replaced and painted the new paneling. Volunteers also planted flowers around the Lillian Rolf House and installed and planted some new flower boxes and hanging plants. The old cornerstone from Founders Hall now can be seen in front of the Lillian Rolf House surrounded by bricks from the former campus building. We also did a lot of cleanup in and around the house. We look forward to seeing you here at Staycation 2014. Click here to see the pictures, and click here to see the video.



Along Rudisill...

- Where is He Now? Dr. Evan Wood ha09 taught on the Fort Wayne campus in the Management and Communication Department. Where is he now? Click here to find out and to see his contact information.
- Are you coming to the Shift Conference hosted by the Missionary Church at the Grand Wayne Center July 15-18, 2012? We hope you will stop by our booth, or better yet have lunch with us at the **Resource Center Wednesday** or Thursday between 12 noon and 1:15 p.m. For the first 20 who email me, your lunch will be FREE. Dr. Jay Platte g69 will be our grill master for the days.
- There's a new kid in town and he's asking questions and taking names...for publications and our web. Click here to see who the new kid is and what his responsibilities will be this summer.
- Is Your Brain a Toxic Dump? As emotional stress and turmoil builds up within us it could lead to a physical or emotional explosion. Susan (Boklaga) Pereira g87 learned that from a dryer that started on its own. Read her article to learn about some healthy and effective ways of dealing with toxic and negative thinking.
- Upcoming Events

June 2013

Pastoral Ministries program to be featured in next FW Vine

The Pastoral Ministries program historically was one of our most popular programs. We will look at its history, faculty and staff, and interesting ministries alumni are engaged with now after going through the Pastoral Ministries program. Do you have any recommendations of individuals you believe are doing unique ministries after going through the Pastoral Ministries program? Please email me your recommendations to mcmortensen@taylor.edu.

Have a super summer!

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



P.S. Baseball season is in full swing, which means Alumni & Friends can look forward to another Alumni Night at the FW TinCaps on Monday, July 22. This



year we're going to sit in the left field stands, which is the Home Run Porch. The event includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and post-game fireworks. Join us to cheer on the TinCaps and to reconnect with Fort Wayne and Upland campus friends! Click here to order your tickets!

- July 21 "Pizza Night" at Ludlow Falls
- July 22 "Alumni Night at the FW TinCaps
- July 29 "Alumni Gathering" at Prairie Camp
- September 13-14, 2013 - Select Class Reunions
- The Resource Center just learned that Barry Bartels g74 passed away June 25 in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is survived by his wife, Jenny, g90. Our prayers and sympathies are with the Bartels family during this difficult time. 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.

Submit & Read Online News Notes

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).

y, 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!