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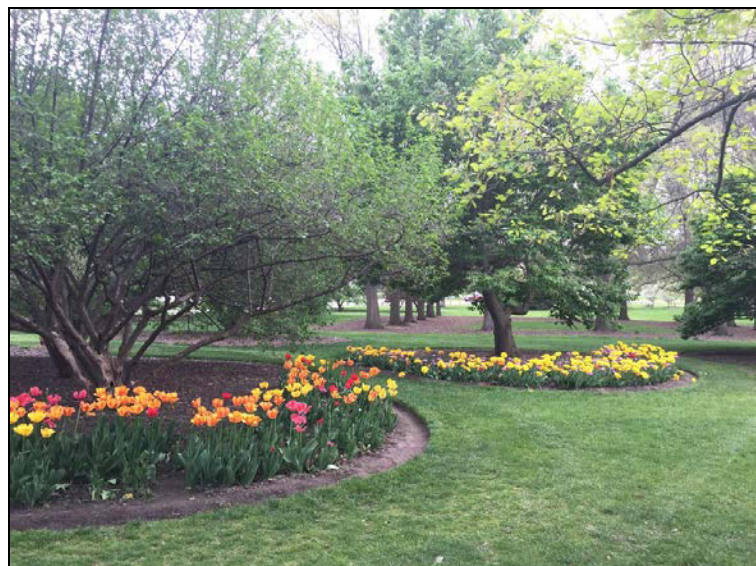
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May 2015



As I write this issue of the *FW Falcon*, it is raining and thunderstorms are threatening. The rains certainly have kept the grass green and the flowers blooming. Here is the latest:

### Final Call for Participation to Meet Budget



Just as the spring rains keep the grass growing and the flowers blooming, the Alumni Center needs your giving participation between **now and May 31**. Gifts, no matter the amount, from \$10 to \$25, \$50, and more, help us meet our need and demonstrate your desire for the Alumni Center to remain in Fort Wayne.

Please give a gift to be counted and to show your support for the Alumni Center. *Each donation counts!* As of this writing, \$12,300 is needed **by May 31**. My wife, Christine, and I love this ministry so much, **we are going to match the first 50 gifts up to \$500 of \$10 or more**. Who will answer our challenge? [Click here](#) to give TODAY!

### Former Classroom Becomes Workplace



**Kelsey (Crok) Schneider g09** never imagined she'd end up back at the Fort Wayne campus working in her former classroom. She now has a front-row seat to watch all the exciting changes happening on campus, right from her workplace window at Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Witmer Hall. [Click here](#) to read this second story in a series of articles about what is happening now on The Summit.

### Volunteer Spotlight: Shellie Burden g91

Volunteers are the backbone of our work at the Alumni Center. This month we are starting a new series of articles where we feature the work of one of our volunteers. **Shellie (Kale) Burden g92** leads our Alumni Prayer Team with 30 members from Hawaii to Indiana. [Click here](#) to see what Shellie does as a volunteer to see that the ministry continues.



### Alumna Serving in Nepal is Safe



**Ruthie Kaufman g08** has been serving with an organization that prevents human trafficking in Kathmandu, Nepal. She was there when the 7.8 earthquake hit April 25. Ruthie is safe, and she is now running a "tent school" for children. After the news of the earthquake, I reached out to her, and she responded, "Thank you for your prayers. I am so blessed, and I can feel the prayers around me. It's amazing to see God's provision for all of our needs and leftovers to help those who are so devastated." Ruthie concluded, "I am very busy... we have so much work to do. We will not get 'back to normal' again for a LONG time." But she says it is "joyful service."

We Care by Connecting & Celebrating,

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



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P.S. [Click here](#) for the most recent video update from Foster.

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### Along Rudisill...

- Volunteers will be returning to the Alumni Center for **STAYCATION** next week, June 1-5, to plant, paint, and prepare (clean) for summer and fall guests. Let us know if you can give one hour, one morning or afternoon, or a day. **Friday, June 5**, we will have a cookout for those who RSVP at [alumnifw@taylor.edu](mailto:alumnifw@taylor.edu). Join the fun as we work/volunteer together!
- The **Fort Wayne Alumni Online Store** is having a special on **T-shirts**. For just **\$8 plus S/H** you can show your school spirit. The special is good between now and Sunday, May 31.
- The north side of Rudisill Blvd. may take on an old but new look if Brightpoint (formerly CANI) gets its wish. Schultz, Bethany, and Residence (Oakwood) Halls will be renovated and two other buildings will be constructed if the plans are approved for "Enterprise Pointe." [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Char (Miller) Binkley g65** and I presented our two-year strategic plan to the University Cabinet, Tuesday, May 19. The response was good. We were told "the presentation was thoughtful, well-prepared, and very informative."
- Soon another Fort Wayne alumni couple plans to serve overseas. **Matt g09 and Natalie (Myers) g11 Mills** are planning to head to China to teach English to university students something that Matt did for one year after graduation. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Shawn Hicks g98** has just been named the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for Northern Bedford High School in Lehigh, PA.
- **Rita (Fruchey) Webb g65**, 71, of Reading, PA, went home to meet her Savior on Friday, May 22, 2015, after a three-year battle with cancer. Rita was an elementary school teacher in Michigan and Ohio for 31 years before retiring. Survivors include her husband, Jerry; two sons; one sister, **Genevieve (Fruchey) Heindel g69**; and one brother.
- 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.

### Events...

- **Fort Wayne Networking Event – May 29 @ Biaggi's**
- **Alumni Night @ the FW TinCaps – June 30 @ Parkview Field**
- **SHIFT Conference - July 13-16 @ Grand Wayne Center**
- **Senior Saints & Ivanhoe's - August 2 @ First Missionary**
- **Homecoming 2015 – September 18 & 19 on campus**
- **Alumni Gatherings with Taylor – [Click here!](#)**
- **More to Come...**

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Wednesday – 9 to 5 p.m.  
Thursday – 9 to 5 p.m.  
Friday – 9 to 5 p.m.

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