

CLASS NOTES

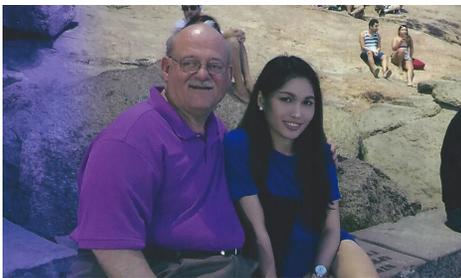
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1970s

Sue (Hartsel '71) and Dan '71 Gerome were inducted into the Lakewood City Schools Hall of Fame. Sue was inducted as a staff member in 2000 and Dan was inducted as a coach in 1997. Dan was also inducted as an athletic director in the Northeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as well as the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Dan is presently a volunteer at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Richard Karlovec '78 retired on November 30, 2021, from Legals News Publishing Company. He is happily enjoying life with his wife, Peachilla Karlovec.



Lynne (Wesche '76) Strasser was presented the Outstanding Dedication Award by Alpha Chi Omega (AXO) national. This annual award is given to an alumna who provides outstanding service to AXO in collegiate and alumnae areas as well as community involvement in the name of the organization. Lynne

is an officer in the St. Louis alumnae chapter, a financial advisor to the AXO chapter at South East Missouri State, and a finance specialist in the Midwest region.

Kary (Adams '72) and Ron '73 Volpi celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 1, 2023.

1980s

Scott Daniels '84 is employed at Astoria/Agora international based out of Cleveland, Ohio.



Colonel Timothy Ott '83 is the chief operating officer of Randolph-Macon Academy, a private boarding school located in Front Royal, Virginia. He retired from the Senior Executive Service of the U.S. Department of the Treasury in 2022, having most recently served as treasury chair and assistant professor of national security strategy at the National War College. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 2014.

1990s

Kristie (Holmes '98) Ray earned her MBA from the University of Georgia in June 2023.

Scott Slabaugh '90 has been named the director of human resources and director of admissions at the Australian Interna-



tional School of Phnom Penh, Cambodia (AISPP). As the premier International Baccalaureate (IB) school in Cambodia, AISPP incorporates the world-class educational system of the Australian Curriculum and combines it with the internationally renowned IB Programmes. He has spent the past 10 years in Myanmar in a similar role.

2000s

Hannah Dengler '08 and Robert Mayer were married on November 2, 2023, in Geneva, Ohio.



Emily King '03 recently marked the five-year anniversary of launching her independent editorial business, Emily King Editorial Services (emilykingeditor.com). She has edited more than 100 fiction and nonfiction books for self-published and traditionally-published authors, as well as textbooks, reports, articles, brochures, and marketing materials.



Tim Lydon '07 is the founder and director of Harmony Dog Rescue, which serves the greater Pittsburgh area. The organization provides temporary emergency boarding for dogs whose owners are going through a crisis. To learn more, visit harmonydogrescue.org.

Jackson Lewis' Pittsburgh Office Managing Principal and Litigation Manager Marla Presley '00 was sworn in as the

president of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA).



2010s

Brandon Alexander '10 graduated summa cum laude from American Public University with a Master of Science in cybersecurity studies.



Stacy (Mann '11) Brown announces the birth of a son, Lucas, on October 6, 2022.



Jennifer (Mills '12) and Joseph Conley announce the birth of a daughter, Payton Ann, on May 24, 2023, who joins sibling, Piper.



Laura Coxe '14 and Jeremy Walker '14 were married on August 19, 2023. Jeremy works in construction management for Babcock and Wilcox, and Laura is

an onboarding accounting manager for Dynamic Logistix. They are the parents of a son, Whit.



Christopher Cugini '13 was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Prevention Action Alliance in Columbus, Ohio. He will be serving on the finance and development committees. This is a statewide organization that helps prevent substance misuse and promotes mental health and wellness.



Britanny (Lyons '14) and John Deibel announce the birth of a daughter, Hallie, on September 21, 2023.



Shelby Gerwin '18 and Mitchell Fete '18 were married on June 3, 2023, at Gideon Owen Wine Company on Catawba Island in Port Clinton, Ohio.



Kayla Hogue '11 and Daniel Risher were married on July 8, 2023, at Waters Edge



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to “catch the fever” at Mount Union. Of course, I’m not referring to the germs that are always circulating around schools and colleges. I hope you catch the contagious excitement of change and growth at Mount Union.

Spend some time in the newly-renovated Campus Grounds, complete with a garage door and fire pit. Check out the new banners, marketing brochures, website updates, or student spotlights. Do you know about growing majors or grad programs in fields such as nursing and engineering? Have you heard about our new sport in women’s wrestling? Have you visited the new Wayne Manzilla Inclusion Center?

I encourage you to read the email updates or take a walk around campus. Spread the word to others (especially high school students) about why you chose to call Mount Union home. We need YOU to show up and show your support of Mount Union through your word-of-mouth communication, support of the Mount Union Fund, and involvement on campus.

I can’t wait to see what 2024 has in store for the Raiders!

Jen (Thurin '03) Slack
Alumni Association President

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



MIKE JARRETT '87

Mike has been named to the “Northeast Ohio Smart 50” list by Smart Business. He is the president and CEO of Jarrett Logistics and serves as a member of Mount Union’s Board of Trustees.



DR. SHUVO ROY '92

Shuvo, technical director of The Kidney Project and professor of bioengineering at the University of California San Francisco, was profiled for making progress on the world’s first bio-artificial kidney.



DR. MANDY (GEDDIS '98) CAPEL

Mandy, professor of education and director of graduate programs in the School of Education at the University, was recently named an expert consultant as part of the Fulbright Specialist Program.

Tia (Corder '13) and Matt Palko announce the birth of a daughter, Evelynne, on September 29, 2022.



Claire (Gliozzi '16) and Tyler Parobek announce the birth of a daughter, Cora Scarlett, on March 7, 2023.

Alex (Caley '14) and Jeff '14 Polen announce the birth of a daughter, Lyla, on November 27, 2023.



Jillian (Panczyk '10) and Chris Polley announce the birth of a daughter, Allie Nicole, on October 16, 2023.



Taylor (Dowling '15) Prelac is the founder of Brooks Bereavement Bears, a non-profit organization that gives teddy bears to women in Ohio who have miscarriages. The organization has partnered with Cleveland Clinic Mercy Medical Center, Aultman Hospital, and Stark Women’s Center. To date, more than 400 bears have been given.



Abbey (Chandler '14) and Blake '12 Rhein announce the birth of a daughter, Sadie Margaret, on April 5, 2023.



Kristin (Reeder '11, M'17) and John Ryan announce the birth of a daughter, Hayley Michelle, on May 22, 2023. Hayley’s grandparents are Larry '83 and Jill (Sawyer '85) Reeder.



Angela (Paridon '14, M'16) and Rob '14 Sassa announce the birth of a daughter, Cora, on October 6, 2022. Cora’s grand-



DR. AMBER HUNT '03

Amber, associate professor of finance and director of the School of Business at Mount Union, was cited as an expert source in a recent WalletHub article about home improvement loan best practices.



SARA (DODSON '03) REITH

Sara founded OHuddle, a youth mentorship program. The program was featured in Capital Ideas, the statewide publication of Farmers National Bank. Nearly 600 students have benefited from OHuddle to date.



ROBYN BROWN '17

Robyn, senior manager of brand and content strategy with the Phoenix Mercury, continues to leave her mark on the sports industry. Robyn recently was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30: Sports, recognized for her drive and powerful digital storytelling.

parents are Kathy (Johnson '79) and Joel '78 Sassa.



Cody (Miller '14) Stoll was named to the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals 25 Under 35 listing.



Courtney (Mendel '14) and James Toth announce the birth of a daughter, Remmi, on October 24, 2020. Remmi's grandfather is Dr. Ron Mendel, professor of exercise science at Mount Union.

DEATHS

1930s

Evelyn (German '39) Jones of Dellroy, Ohio passed away on October 7, 2023.

1940s

Charles Ketcham '49, the husband of Joyce (Parker '50) Ketcham, of Lexington, Massachusetts, passed away on April 15, 2023. He was the son of Dr. Charles B. Ketcham, who served as president of Mount Union from 1938 until 1953.

Carol (Paull '48) Ogline of Sebring, Ohio passed away on December 12, 2023.

Ruth Anne (Myers '46) Swift of Paris, Ohio passed away on October 18, 2023.

Stella (Pastis '47) Thomas of Clearwater, Florida passed away on May 13, 2023.

1950s

Mary Jane (Noble '53) Bair of Deland, Florida passed away on December 15, 2023.

Arthur Bell '50 of Venice, Florida passed away on November 25, 2023.

Nancy (Byron '59) Buterbaugh of Las Vegas, Nevada passed away on June 11, 2023. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Richard Byron '53. She is survived by her husband, Dr. John Buterbaugh '57, three children, eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Samuel Douglass '55 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on January 15, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Judith (King '55) Douglass.

Robert Fronk '58 of Weston, Massachusetts passed away on September 5, 2023.

Sharon (Swimley '52) Glass of Alliance, Ohio passed away on May 22, 2023.

Alice (White '51) Kiel of San Antonio, Texas passed away on June 26, 2023.

Marvin Lautzenheiser '53 of Springfield, Virginia passed away on June 6, 2023.

David Owens '53 of Olmsted Falls, Ohio passed away on April 23, 2023.

Burnel Pinkerton '51 of Brunswick, Ohio passed away on September 14, 2023.

Sandra (Stinson '59) Quay of Edmond, Oklahoma passed away on July 25, 2023.

James Vogelgesang '57 of Littleton, Colorado passed away on March 14, 2023.

Ronald Riggs '59 of Crossville, Tennessee passed away on December 12, 2023.

James Smith '58 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on December 31, 2023.

William "Mac" Wilson '50 of Sun City Center, Florida passed away on April 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly (Gerber '50) Wilson. He is survived by four children and spouses, including Kathy (Wilson '77) and Gary '77 McNeil, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

1960s

Roberta Abbey '61 of Mentor, Ohio passed away on June 15, 2023.

David Albert '66 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on June 14, 2023.

Pamela (Craig '67) Anderson of The Villages, Florida passed away on September 13, 2023.

Thomas Burdette '63 of Canfield, Ohio passed away on February 25, 2023.

Gladys (Howe '63) Crowder of Albany, New York passed away on May 31, 2023.

William Dieringer '63 of Dellroy, Ohio passed away on May 13, 2023.

Ralph Hodgdon, Jr. '63 of Wooster, Ohio passed away on May 23, 2023.

Janet (Zimmerman '61) Kauffman of Creston, Ohio passed away on September 5, 2023.

Frederick Klippert '62 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on October 8, 2023.

Ellen (Miller '62) Mains of Cincinnati, Ohio passed away on May 21, 2023.

John McFarland '65 of Ravenna, Ohio passed away on June 4, 2023.

Constance (Dichler '63) Simmons of New Philadelphia, Ohio passed away December 1, 2023.

Meredith (Denny '66) Smart of Meadville, Pennsylvania passed away on July 12, 2023.

David Straiko '68 of Clayton, North Carolina passed away on June 2, 2023.

Denver Werstler '66 of Canton, Ohio passed away on July 20, 2023.

Joan (Kiefer '66) Zenteno of Smyrna, Georgia passed away on January 9, 2024.

1970s

Janet (Grey '70) Crossland of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away on December 12, 2023.

Janice (Conrad '75) Gibson of Perry, Ohio passed away on August 3, 2023.

Carol (Stewart '71) Hermann of Waltherboro, South Carolina passed away on January 7, 2024.

Marilyn Kornick '74 of Lakewood, Ohio passed away on January 3, 2024.

Jack Maybury '72 of Hebron, Ohio passed away on September 13, 2023.

Patricia Thompson '78 of York, Pennsylvania passed away on October 28, 2023.

1980s

Bernard Brown, Jr. '88 of Alliance, Ohio passed away on August 11, 2023.

Amy (Thiebeau '84) Koehler of Watertown, New York passed away on October 8, 2023.

David Kunz '89 of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico passed away on January 12, 2024.

Matthew Mayle '80 of Canton, Ohio passed away on August 4, 2023.

Daniel Strine '80 of Ashland, Ohio passed away on August 22, 2023.

Robert Walchalk '80 of Akron, Ohio passed away on August 28, 2023.

Beth Wiemers '83 of Newark, Ohio passed away on October 26, 2023.

1990s

Valerie (Jones '93) Vinson of Alliance, Ohio passed away on July 4, 2023.

Jason Weigand '97 of Saint Augustine, Florida passed away on December 23, 2023.

2010s

Jacob Nees '18 of Medina, Ohio passed away on August 6, 2023.

2020s

Hayden Carman '21 of Marietta, Ohio passed away on January 12, 2024. He is the son of Dr. Brad '84 and Stephanie Carman.

TRUSTEES

Charles Webb of Columbus, Ohio passed away on June 22, 2023. He served on the Board of Trustees at the University of Mount Union in the 1990s.

EMPLOYEES

Walter “Jim” Dillon of Canton, Ohio passed away on August 28, 2022. He was a math professor at Mount Union from 1981 through his retirement in 2004.

Linda Freet of Salem, Ohio passed away on June 1, 2023. Mrs. Freet worked for AVI for 17 years.

Sam Geonetta of San Marcos, Texas passed away on June 13, 2023. He served on the faculty at Mount Union.

Gloria Malone of Alliance, Ohio passed away June 16, 2023. She worked for the University as a faculty member in the Department of English for 20 years until her retirement.

Judith McMillin Chambers of Stockton, California passed away on July 11, 2023. Dr. Chambers spent eight years as dean of women and assistant professor of speech at the University during 1960-1968.

Marilyn Middleton passed away on December 11, 2023. She was a cook for Sigma Nu Fraternity at Mount Union for many years.

John Shaffer '59 of Orangeburg, South Carolina passed away on December 25, 2023. He was a professor at the University in the early 2000s.



SCHOOLER LECTURE

Join us for the 2024 Schooler Lecture featuring consumer advocate and environmental activist Erin Brockovich on Thursday, April 25 at 8 p.m.

It's been more than 20 years since the film, *Erin Brockovich*, turned an unknown legal researcher into a 20th-century icon. Her exhaustive investigation as a file clerk at Masry & Vititoe, in part, led to the largest direct action lawsuit of its kind, against Pacific Gas & Electric.

Complimentary tickets will be available February 26 at moun-tunion.edu/schooler-lecture-2024.

Friends

Roy Anderson of Milton, Vermont passed away on August 27, 2023. He attended Mount Union in the early 1960s.

Lois (Wafler) Bossert of Alliance, Ohio passed away on August 25, 2023. She attended Mount Union in the early 1950s.

Walter Hoover, Jr. of Canton, Ohio passed away on August 27, 2023. He attended Mount Union in the early 1980s.

Marilyn Horton, wife of Richard Horton '51 and sister-in-law of Eugene “Duke” Barret '51, passed away on June

5, 2023. Marilyn and Dick were married 72 years.

Donald Peterson, Jr. of Alliance, Ohio passed away on July 16, 2023. He was the son of the late Donald '39 and Josephine (Hoiles '40) Peterson.

Joyce Sassa of Jacksonville, Florida passed away on October 7, 2023. She was the mother of Larry Sassa '76, and Joel '78 and Kathleen (Johnson '79) Sassa. She was also the grandmother of Lindsey (Sassa '06) and Andrew '07 Mangus, Taylor (Sassa '10) and Andrew '10 Neimes, and Robert '14 and Angela (Paridon '14, M'16) Sassa.

Cynthia Sheehan of Naples, Florida passed away on October 3, 2023. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1950s.

Judith Thompson of Lisbon, Ohio passed away on August 30, 2023. She attended Mount Union in the mid-1950s.

James VanPelt of Minerva, Ohio passed away on August 2, 2023. He attended Mount Union in the late 1950s.

Catherine (Carr) Watson of Alliance, Ohio passed away on July 8, 2023. She attended Mount Union in the early 1970s.

Joel Wolfgang of Akron, Ohio passed away on August 12, 2023. He attended Mount Union in the late 1970s.