

# The Oriole's Eye View`

## The Official Newsletter of the Morrice Area High School Alumni Association

The Morrice High School Alumni Assoc. is dedicated to fostering a lifelong relationship between its members and its alma mater.

### Officers:

Andy Flynn '68, President, Historian  
Jennie Bristley Walker '61, Past President  
John Mortimore '75, Vice President  
Belinda Markell, Secretary  
Cathryn Lezovich Mulholland '61, Treasure/Editor  
25 Year Director, John Hargrove '88



## **Morrice High School Alumni Association 124rd Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Morrice High School**

The 123<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Alumni Association was called to order on Saturday, May 11, 2013 in the Morrice High School gym. Welcoming members and guests were Jennie Bristley Walker '61 and Andy Flynn, '68. The superintendent of Morrice Area Schools, William Heath gave a very nice welcome to the Alumni and introduced the class of 2013 who were in attendance. Welcoming the Class of 2013 was John Mortimore '75 and his son Mike Mortimore '13 did the Response. Jennie dismissed the officers and the 50<sup>th</sup> year class for dinner. The dinner was catered by Brenda Walker Hart, '83. The evening's entertainment was Glory Bound. Natalie Markell was the recipient of the 2012 Alumni scholarship. She was able to be here this evening. She spoke to the Alumni giving her thanks and appreciation for the much needed scholarship.

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Jennie Bristley Walker. The roll call of the board members was taken. All present. The minutes of the May 2012 were submitted in the newsletter by Belinda Markell.

They were approved as written by Leroy Hankinson. Supported by Linda Hankinson Strachan. The treasurer's report was also printed in the newsletter and given by Cathy Mulholland. A motion to accept the report was made by Sharon Freeman Lewis and supported by Cheryl Brown Lewis.

**Old Business:** The scholarship was given in 2012 to Natalie Markell and Kelsey Butcher and presented at Graduation.

**New Business:** A nomination for President was made for Al Markell by Leroy Hankinson and Al Markell respectfully declined at this time. A nomination for Vice President was made by Linda Hankinson Strachan for John Mortimore and supported by Cathy Lezovich Mulholland. Motion carried. Nomination was made by Linda Hankinson Strachan for Belinda Markell as secretary made and supported by Leroy Hankinson. Motion carried. Nomination for 25 Year Director was made for John Hargrove by Jennie Bristley Walker and supported by Belinda Markell. Motion carried. No nominations received for 10 Year director. The alumni members were asked for volunteers to help clear and take down the tables.

A motion was made to donate to the Field of Dreams by Cheryl Brown Lewis and supported by Betty Grinnell Brown. Motion passed. A motion by Leroy Hankinson to donate \$500.00 and supported by Mary Lezovich Wall. Paul LeValley asked if we could afford it. Treasurer responded with yes. Betty Grinnell Brown made a motion to amend the donation from \$500.00 to a \$1000.00, and motion supported by Lois Ashley Whalen. Motion was voted and passed.

Harold Tester asked if we could add a line to the Newsletter for donation to the Field of Dreams. It was discussed and decided that it would take away from our donations.

Paul LeValley asked about the 125<sup>th</sup> yearbook.

The memorials were conducted by Sharon Freeman Lewis. One candle was lit and given to each family/member in remembrance of all graduates and attendees of Morrice High School who passed away in 2012/2013. They are:

**June Morse Martin '49**  
**William Smakel '53**  
**Shirley Coleman Selfridge '53**  
**Duane E. Markell '55**  
**Susan E. Cunningham Smith '59**  
**William Lienau '60**  
**Larry G. Munro '61**  
**Paulene K. Morse Silvers '66**  
**Jeanne Ann Gray '69**  
**Kyle R. Bonin '76**  
**Earl J. Shull '79**  
**Tracy Davis Anderson '97**  
**Dorcus R. Vogt Janitor**  
**Francis Spencer Campbell attended.**

Meeting was then adjourned.

Thank you to the following Alumni Members who sent in those generous contributions, we acknowledge donations at different levels: **Platinum:** \$100.00 and above, **Gold:** \$50.00 to \$99.99, **Silver:** \$25.01 to \$49.99, and **Bronze:** \$ 01 to \$25.00. (These amounts do not include payment of dues or for meals).

#### THE FOLLOWING HAVE CONTRIBUTED AT THE

##### **PLATINIUM LEVEL:**

Anonymous Donor  
Duane & Betty Grinnell Brown '53&56  
Jack Kinney '45  
Ronald Grinnell '65  
Grace Proudfoot Gruesbeck '41  
Joan Kane Mills '52  
Morrice Women's Club  
Royce & Lois Righter Smith '46  
Patrick Tyrrell '62  
Victoria Vavricka '68  
Mary Lezovich Wall '55

##### **GOLD LEVEL:**

Linda Forrest Atwood '69  
Joann Edington Blancher '50  
Duane & Betty Grinnell '53 & 56  
Gib Hale '74  
Leroy Hankinson '52  
Clyde & Sharon Freeman Lewis '60  
Allan & Belinda Markell '84  
Shelly Baron Torrealia '81

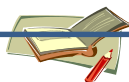
##### **SILVER LEVEL:**

Dawn Walker Benjamin '54  
Bridgett Flynn Krebs '96  
N. Alice Tyrrell Carbary '54  
Harold Lewis '46

Sam & Joan Copeland Maag '72 & 73  
Cathy Lezovich Mulholland '61  
Dorothy Pavlica Nanasy '58  
Reva Hayes Parrella '64  
Connie Bennett Paulsen '68  
Ruth Kane Placeway '62  
Bill Rothney '69  
Inez Ashley Ross '48  
Richard Levi Sayles '71  
Wanda Bolek Simon '48  
Deanna Gilbert Tebby '59  
Marquerite Scollon Trierweiler '52  
Pam Cowell Wade '73  
Jennie Bristley Walker '61  
Dorothy Sayles Ware '53  
**BRONZE LEVEL:**  
Patti Bennett Bossick '74  
Ethan Clay Cole '2012  
Christine Ware Cole '87  
Edward Cook '61  
Ilene Gruesbeck Corp '38  
Patricia Markell Edington '53  
Andy & Rita Flynn '68 & 69  
Richard Freeman '63  
Linda Bulmer Harris '64  
Walter Jenison '58  
Gary Kingsley '56  
Tammy Holder Kretzinger '81  
Cheryl Brown Lewis '68  
Marie Bressette Lewis '65  
John Mortimore '75  
Rose Marie Quinter Lowell '55  
Norma Rogers Parker '54  
Beth Howard Poe '66  
Pamela Rogers '74  
Julia Sturgis Rothe '56  
Henry & Shirley Service Sayles '50 & 52  
William & Rita Kane Sinn '60 & 62  
Harold Tester '55  
Herman Tester '54  
Clyde Ware '58  
Lois Ashley Whalen '51

#### **Donations totaled:**

**Operations \$1084.00**  
**Scholarship \$2610.00**  
**Dues \$ 500.00**  
**Meals 1410.00**  
**Bills Paid \$3518.93**  
**Scholarships \$2500.00**  
**Balance 7/1/12 \$6638.25**  
**Balance 7/1/13 \$6223.32**



**CHAT FROM OUR MEMBERS**

**Joann Edington Blancher '50 I**

have a nice photo of Nerissa Proudfoot and I would like for her family to have it.

**Edward Cook '61** I attended the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual reunion of the Boy Scouts from Laingsburg's Troop 205 that attended the 1960 National Jamboree in Colorado Springs with me. I enjoy the camaraderie an

d have made it to most of the reunions. Does Morrice still have a Troop?

**Irene Gruesbeck Corp '38** I'm 94 years old so don't do anything to exciting. I think it is great that you are keeping the Alumni Association going each year.

**Gary Kingsley '56** I received both an email and snail mail newsletter this year. Thanks so much for the news and communication. Especially thanks to all of the individual efforts that make this possible.

**Sam & Joan Copeland Maag '72&73** Will miss it again this year The family turkey hunting weekend on this very weekend too with the family. Hope to make it next time. Take care.

**Norma Rogers Parker '54** It was with interest that I read the Field of Dreams article. But I would appreciate a little more information. I think that the idea is great, and can see, by the number of activities you have held, that is being supported by the community. I graduated in 1954 and have always been embarrassed with our outside sports facilities. I am wondering: 1. Is the "field of dreams" the only funding that will go to the addition of a school track and needed lighting? 2. Is the Morrice Board behind this project? 3. Is there an estimate of how much money will be needed to make this improvement? 4. How much

money has been raised by the “field of dreams” so far? These things were probably discussed in the past, but it would be nice to have a financial update each year.

**Cathy Lezovich Mulholland '61** Norma and anyone else interested should go to Facebook page Morrice Alumni Association or Field of Dreams and see the video that Mr. Knull, a teacher at Morrice put together. It will answer your questions. It brought tears to my eyes and made me very proud of our community.

**Connie Bennett Paulsen '68** I enjoy the Facebook Alumni Page. It helps to stay in touch with news from home. I wish I could attend the Alumni Banquet, but living so far from Morrice makes it difficult.

**Inez Ashley Ross '48** Inez is still writing. Her Adobe Castle novel/screenplay will be a movie in 2014! See Lois Ashley Whalen if you'd like a copy of Southerton Abby which includes the Ashley sisters and a Morrice School episode. Email Inez for other books [inezaross@gmail.com](mailto:inezaross@gmail.com).

**Henry & Shirley Service Sayles '50&52** Henry and Shirley still farming with help from our son Charles and daughter Diane. Takes Henry and I longer to get our chores done, bad knees and backs slows us down. We celebrated 60 years of marriage in September 2012.

**Deanna Gilbert Tebby '59** My hubby and I have moved to a retirement home, still in the town of Parkhill, Ontario. It takes some getting used to, not sure we have adjusted, and it's 6 mos. and counting. We are well and that's what counts. Hello to all and best wishes.

**Harold Tester '55** October 31<sup>st</sup>. 1954 Mrs. Sinn had a stove in the yard, Frank asked his mother if we could take it. She said yes so we put it in the trunk of Jeen Jordon's car. We went to the High School to set it in front of the school. The town police car came up behind us, so we decided to head back to Sinn's to put the stove back in the yard. When we got to Sinn's house, 3 police cars (Morrice Police, County Police and State Police) were following us the State Police ask us what we were doing. We said we were putting it back as someone had taken it. The Officer went to the door and Mrs. Sinn said it was hers.

**Shelly Baron Torrealba '81** A word of encouragement to all Morrice High School girls- I am now enjoying my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge- do not underestimate the power of lofty dreams-if you believe you can achieve any aspiration or dream!

**Pam Cowell Wade '7** We won't be able to attend this year. Thank you for the Newsletters, we enjoy them very much. Keep up the good work!



Andy Flynn and Cathy Mulholland presenting the \$1000.00 check to Dave Lerner President of the Field of Dreams.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of this year scholarships were: **Brandon Tabit** Alumni/Jack Kenney Scholarship, **Virginia Hargrove** and **Hannah Rawza** Alumni Scholarships.

All three recipients were active in National Honor Society, Student Council, as well as Athletics.

Brandon plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University to study pre-med and transfer to a School of Medicine to become a Doctor.

Virginia plans on attending LCC to study Architecture. She is the daughter of John and Lea Ann Fox Hargrove Morrice Alumni.

Hannah will attend Michigan State University and study Veterinary Technology. Her father Paul is a Morrice Alumni.

Nice Thank You notes were received from Virginia and Hannah.

### 2013 & 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Morrice Graduate's and Alumni Scholarship recipient's Natalie Markell 2012 and Chelsea Wesley 2013 are showing the world that big things do come from small towns. Natalie currently attends and plays basketball for Jackson College. Chelsea attends and plays basketball for Schoolcraft College. Both ladies' talents have proven to be a great assets for their teams. Both Natalie and Chelsea have been “shooting the lights out” with Natalie averaging 11.85 and Chelsea averaging 10.4 points from their last 7 games this season. Natalie is the daughter of Al Markell, '84 and Belinda Markell of Morrice. Chelsea is the daughter of Joe & Lorraine McNeal Wesley both graduates of Morrice class of '86.



### Varsity Basketball Seniors

What a season the Varsity Basketball team has had. Going into Districts they are 17-6 on the season. The losses have been to Class C Schools and we were in the games right to the finish. Above are the seniors who were honored on Sr. Night with a heart breaking loss to New Lothrop, whom we beat earlier in the season at New Lothrop.

Above left to right: Griffin Lewis grandson to Carl & Ellen Lewis '63 & '64. Joey Gutting son of Jason Gutting '93 & Tonia Warner Gutting '97. Ronnie Hubble son of Paulie Hubble '94 & Stephanie Carpenter. Jacob Bindschatel son of Barbie Mulholland Bindschatel '85 & Jack Bindschatel. Connor Riley son of Monica Olsen Riley '90 and Andrew Riley. Cody Rivers son of Enos & Heather Rivers. The rest of the team is made up of Juniors: Colin Lewis, Garrett McPherson, TJ Hulbert, Mason Mendyk & Dakota Ward. The boys earned its first District title in 14 years and reached its first Regional final in 30 years. They lost to Adrian Lenawee Christian 58-36.

### Obituaries since Annual Meeting

Lynette Smith Poiter '71  
 Cecil Freeman '40  
 Margaret Hewitt Robinson '41  
 Ted Powell '59  
 Cecil Flynn '39  
 Paul Harlacher '72  
 Hilda Vogt Sayles '49  
 Dan McNeil '65  
 Darrel Numerick '55  
 Henry Adamski,, Teacher 51-53  
 Majel Lowrie, Cook 25yrs.  
 Kenneth King '76  
 Jeannie Gray '69  
 John Maddox '85



### Varsity Girls Basketball Seniors and Coach

The girls Varsity Basketball Team ended their season 17-5 & 13-3 League finish. February 21 the girls beat Burton Bentley 56-26, which gave their coach Chris Smith 2000 his 100<sup>th</sup> win. Morrice hosted the Class D Districts and beat Holt Lutheran 57-23 despite losing the top scorer Courtney Wolf to a serious elbow injury. The girls played Lansing Christian for the title and lost 37-38.

Above left to right are seniors Barbie Broomfield daughter of Bill & Linda Broomfield, Khris Smith Coach '98 and Madison Munro daughter of Shelly and Gene Munro '83.

### Hall of Fame

Candi Kollek '99 was elected to the 2014 Hall of Fame. She scored 1159 points during her basketball career, 2<sup>nd</sup> most in school history. She scored 113, 3 pointers, 135 season assists and 398 career assists for first place in school history ,she also had a seventy-one career free throw percentage. Candi was the floor leader of the 1998 State Championship team.

Also, elected to the Hall of Fame was the 1995 Softball Team. They were 8-3 in MSAC, overall 23-13 and were Class D Runner-up. The team consisted of: seniors Samantha Myers, Samantha Parsons, juniors Kerri Edington, Bridgett Flynn, Aimee Watson, and Dawn Wood, sophomores Kristie Edington. Krystie Haddix, Belinda Phend, Kim Schuyler, Casey Siminski, Sarah Wesley, Liisa Miilu, Jackie Proudfoot, Shawna Shepard. Coach: Spencer Goodyear.



### FIELD OF DREAMS UPDATE

Decades Dance was held March 22 At St Mary's Hall. What a fun night was had by all. Music was donated by DJ Mike Buck. Meal was prepared by Brenda Walker Hart '83, decorations by Stacy Willis White '90, and Jason Wood '91, pictures by Susan Rene. The event was chaired by Bridgett Flynn Krebs '96 and Jason Wood '91, with the help from the Field of Dreams members.

Upcoming events planned for the Field of Dreams are;

Track Banquet/Silent Auction/Hall of Fame will be held at the St. Mary's Parish Hall April 26<sup>th</sup>. Mom to Mom Sale & Breakfast at Morrice Elementary time to be announced. Ford Drive 4UR School at the Jr. /Sr. High School May 16<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced. We made \$6000.00 on this last year.

Morrice Village Homecoming June 28<sup>th</sup>, Corn Hole Tournament and Beer Tent, TBA. Great Fireworks put on by the village at dusk. Come and join us for a day of fun at the Lugnuts Game July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be working a concession stand. Also, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for all you Golfers an outing at Glenbrier Golf Course just south of Perry, watch for the advertisement for registration information. We will be selling yard lines at the football games for \$20.00 a line for the season. At the end of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters if the ball lands on your yard line you win \$50.00. Other events in the fall are Sip & Shop, Football Banquet, Roll Haven, Superette Pizza night. You can see we have a group of members who are working hard to finish the Football and Track Facilities. hey also appreciate the support from the Community and Alumni.



### VILLAGE HOMECOMMING & FIREWORKS JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.

## Varsity Baseball

		First Practice	
3/25	Home	Gen.Christian	4:00pm
3/27	Home	Saranac	4:00pm
	Home	Port. St Patrick	4:00pm
4/2	Away	Potterville	4:00pm
4/3	Home	Lan. Christian	4:00pm
Break Apr 7-11			
4/14	Away	Webberville	4:00pm
4/17	Home	New Lothrop	4:00pm
4/21	Away	Atherton	4:00pm
4/24	Away	Hamady	4:00pm
4/25	Away	Ashley	4:00pm
4/26	Away	Byron Invite	10:00am
Wooden Bat Trn.			
4/28	Home	Genesee	4:00pm
5/1	Home	Byron	4:00pm
5/3		PROM	
5/5	Away	Dryden	4:00pm
5/8	Away	Bentley	4:00pm
5/12		Bendle	4:00pm
5/15		Fulton	4:00pm
5/19		Pew-Westphalia	4:00pm
5/20		Awards Night	
5/21		Lansing Sexton	4:00pm
5/31		District	

## Varsity Softball

3/10		First Practice	
3/27	Home	Saranac	4:00pm
4/1	Home	Portland St Pat	4:00pm
4/2	Away	Potterville	4:00pm
4/14	Away	Webberville	4:00pm
4/17	Home	New Lothrop	4:00pm
4/21	Away	Atherton	4:00pm
4/24	Away	Hamady	4:00pm
4/25	Away	Ashley	4:00pm
4/26	Away	Bath Inv	9:00am
4/28	Home	Genesee	4:00pm
5/1	Home	Byron	4:00pm
5/3	PROM		
5/5	Away	Dryden	4:00pm
5/8	Away	Bentley	4:00pm
5/12	Home	Bendle	4:00pm
5/14	Home	Mt Morris	4:00pm
5/15	Home	Fulton	4:00pm
5/19	Home	Leslie	4:00pm
5/20	Awards Night		
5/21	Away	Lan. Eastern	4:00pm
5/31	TBD	District	

## Varsity Track

	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
3/10		First Practice
4/15	Durand	w/Mt.Morris
4/18	Dansville	Dansville Inv
4/22	Webberville	Webberville w/Atherton
4/24	Byron	Byron & Bentley
4/25	Webberville	Webberville Inv
4/29	Dryden	Dryden w/N. Lothrop & Genesee
5/2	Beal City	Great Lakes Inv
5/3		PROM!
5/6	Bendle	Bendle w/Hamady
5/9	Byron	Byron Inv
5/13	Perry	w/Beecher & Durand
5/17	TBA	Regionals
5/20	Webberville	GAC Meet
5/27	Corunna	Shia. County Meet
5/28	Lansing	Champions Meet
5/31	TBA	State Finals

Track meets start at 4:15 GAC meet 10:00am

## Middle School Track

	<u>PLACE</u>
4/21	Webberville w/Perry
4/23	New Lothrop w/Goodrich
4/28	Byron w/Genesee
4/30	New Lothrop w/Bendle
5/7	Goodrich Invitational
5/12	Durand w/Byron
5/14	Durand w/Bentley/N Lothrop

All meets start at 4:00pm





**MORRICE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
*Founded 1891*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include Maiden name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending enclosed is \$12.00 for my meal	\$ _____	<b>124<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING</b>
Guest _____ \$12.00	\$ _____	<b>SATURDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup></b>
Guest _____ \$12.00	\$ _____	<b>MORRICE HIGH GYM</b>
Yes, I will attend Enclosed is \$12.00 for my meal		
Sorry, I cannot attend this year, but I am sending Annual Membership Dues \$5.00 per member per year.	\$ _____	<b>OPEN HOUSE 5:00 PM</b>
Donation to Operations (everyday duties)	\$ _____	<b>DINNER 6:00 PM</b>
Donation to Scholarship Fund	\$ _____	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____	

**Please make checks payable to Morrice Alumni Association  
Box 335 Morrice MI 48857**

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2014  
COST AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$14.00 PER PERSON**

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**CHAT AND COMMENT SECTION**

Comments, Complaints, News about yourself, your life, your activities, your classmates, class reunions, old Morrice Stories worth retelling. Your Alumni friends would love to hear from you.

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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