



**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Director's Meeting**

**May 9, 2023**

**MINUTES**

*Larry Bliss, Mike Foley John Fanning, Billy Hilbring, Nolan Lane, Ron Dubin, Bob Fioretti, Rich Williams, Bob Fioretti, Dennis Heitzmann, Kelvin Lovely, Mike Dreznes, Pat Regan, Tom Gavin, and Andy Youpel were present. Rich Zarr attended as an observer.*

*John Wilson, Jim Weber, Jamie Mayes, Derek Lott, John Quattrocki, John Knoebel, and Bill Kushner notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting prior to the start of the meeting.*

*Ron Smith, David Ireland, Eric Rouse, Danny Randall (3<sup>rd</sup> Missed Meeting in a row), Curtis Rempson, and Gene Rouse were Missing With No Explanation*

**President Tom Gavin Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 PM**

**Opening Prayer**

Andy Youpel opened the meeting with a prayer asking that the meeting be productive and that good decisions be made.

**John Franklin Induction Vote**

John Franklin was introduced to the Board. He was not able to attend the meeting due to a work emergency. Mike Foley made a motion to accept John Franklins nomination for the Board. Larry Bliss seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2023 Meeting**

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the March 8, 2023 Board Meeting.

No one had any questions or comments regarding the March 8, 2023 ZOOM Call Minutes.

Bob Fioretti made a motion to approve the minutes. Rich Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee**

Pat Regan submitted the Treasurer's Report- Summary Financial Report as of 5/8/2023 shown below.

	2023 Budget/Actual									
				Merchandise						
	All Class Reunion	Golf	Xmas		Veterans	Events				
	#	\$	Outing	Party	HOF	Day	Total	Corporate	Donations	Scholar
Beginning Cash Balances 12/31/2022		20,334.12	8,996.29	599.03	-	1,955.45	31,884.89	(2,468.95)	(7,000.00)	
<b>2023 Activity</b>										
<b>Revenue 2023:</b>										
Paid			2,300.00	210.00	350.00		2,860.00		-	1,9
Unpaid			13,250.00				13,250.00			
<b>Total</b>	-	-	15,550.00	210.00	350.00	-	16,110.00	-		1,9
<b>Expenses 2023:</b>										
Paid			2,248.45	1,522.60	1,201.71		4,972.76	1,469.04	3,089.54	5.0
Paid Other					-		-	(1,655.25)	-	
Unpaid Hickory Hills			7,750.00				7,750.00			
Unpaid Other			1,064.35		2,000.00		3,064.35	2,196.96	-	
<b>Total</b>		-	11,062.80	1,522.60	3,201.71	-	15,787.11	2,010.75	3,089.54	5.0
<b>Net Cash Results for 2023</b>	-	-	4,487.20	(1,312.60)	(2,851.71)	-	322.89	(2,010.75)	(3,089.54)	(3.0)
<b>Net Cash Results 2021-2023</b>		<b>20,334.12</b>	<b>13,483.49</b>	<b>(713.57)</b>	<b>(2,851.71)</b>	<b>1,955.45</b>	<b>32,207.78</b>	<b>(4,479.70)</b>	<b>(10,089.54)</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>
				Chase Bank Balance				<b>5/8/2023</b>		
				In Process						
				Less: O/S Checks	Fr Sotak			#155		
				Less: O/S Checks	St Rita			#160		
				Less: O/S Checks	Brooks			#163		
				Less: O/S Checks	Dreznes			#164		
<b>In 2022 Spending for 2023 Golf Outing:</b>										
Rich Williams Fund for Golf Prizes			500.00			Scholarships	6,000.00	TBD Proposed by Scholarship Comm		
Deposit for Hickory Hills			1,000.00							
<b>Corporate Cost:</b>			<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>						
Mendel PC & Software			-	-						
D&O Insurance			1,691.00	1,615.00						
Web Fees			1,125.00	1,595.00						
IRS Filing Fees			350.00	600.00						
Mendel Picnic Donation			500.00	-						
			3,666.00	3,810.00						
<b>Other items in 2022</b>										
Foley Award				240.00						
Augustinian Ad Book				400.00						
Gift Cards for Reunion Support				780.00						
Other				28.00						
			3,666.00	5,258.00						
HOF 2022 Budget Carryover			(2,710.00)							
Augustinian Event April 2023			1,750.00							2023 Includes 4 people at \$350/ea. Plus \$100 Plaque and \$250 Gift
	Paid		(1,750.00)							
			-							

**Our Book Bank balance stands at just over \$14,300.**

**1. For the Alumni Golf Outing- (7/12/2023)**

\* We have 14 registered paid golf/dinner and 5-hole sponsors-total receipts of \$2,300

\* We have received and paid for the 100 Golf Tote Bags-\$2,183.

**2. A new Column Heading-Merchandise/Xmas Party was added to tract spending for merchandise sold all Events and fulfilled orders placed on-line thru the Mendel Web Site (in process).**

\*We paid for and received the new Mendel Hats- 120 hats for \$1,434. We are offering these for sale at \$25/ea.

\*We paid for and received 50 Mendel Car Decals costing \$88 which are being offered for sale at \$5/ea.

\* We placed an order for additional Mendel T-Shirts -120 for \$748. These have been a popular item.

**3. Hall of Fame (HOF)- Spending to date includes:**

\* 26 sweatshirts for \$417. Half of these will be given to the inductees and the balance will be available for sale.

\* \$300 deposit given to St. Rita the use of their facility for the Event.

\* The balance of the Unpaid (\$2,000) is for the HOF Plaques (\$1,300) and estimate for food and beverages (\$700)

\* So far we have received a contribution of \$350 to help defray the cost of the event.

#### 4. Corporate:

\* Since our last meeting we paid the first General Liability/D&O premium (\$405) and the Umbrella Insurance premium (\$538).

#### 5. Donations, that we made since our last meeting:

\* Spent \$720 for our participation in the South Side St. Pat's Parade. The bulk of the spending was the donation to the event (\$300), posters and float decorations.

\* Tom Gavin and Bill Kushner's attendance at the Midwest Augustinian Gala (\$1,400) and a plaque and a cash award for Father Sotak. That check (#155) for \$250 is still outstanding.

\* Purchase of 6 seats (\$390) for the Catholic Hall of Fame inducting Mendel Alumni Michael Hampton (1982) and Mark O'Hare (1972).

#### 6. Scholarships:

\* Since our last meeting we received \$1,200 in direct Scholarship funding.

\* We have disbursed \$5,000 in Scholarship Awards for six very deserving high school graduates. Of this amount there are two checks outstanding, which have yet to be cashed by the respective high schools. We initially approved Scholarship disbursements of \$6,000.

John Fanning made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Andy Youpel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Chairman's Report: Golf Committee

The 2023 Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday July 12, 2023 at Hickory Hills Golf Course. John Farris, Pat Regan, and Bill Johnson were recently at Hickory Hills, and they said the course looked great.

Tom Gavin reported that fourteen people have paid to golf, and five-hole sponsorships have been sold. We had to guarantee 80 golfers. Pat Regan said that in 2022 we had 93 golfers plus 10 people who only ate dinner. Pat Regan said it is possible to register and pay on the Mendelchs.org website.

Tom Gavin asked that every BOD Member be involved in the Golf Outing either to play golf, eat dinner, sponsor holes, and/or to help out with the event on the day of the event.

Mike Dreznes suggested that the Golf Committee consider a challenge match against the Leo Alumni Association. Leo has a strong Alumni base, but due to diminishing enrollment, the number of active Alumni is declining. This could be a win-win for both Alumni Organizations.

**ACTION STEPS: Mike Dreznes to develop a series of Email, Instagram, Classmates and Facebook announcements to generate publicity for the Golf Outing.**

**All BOD Members should register to golf and/or have dinner, and /or sponsor a hole. If they do not want to play golf, they should contact Tom Gavin to ask how they can help at the Golf Outing.**

### Chairman's Report: Hall of Fame Committee

Tom Gavin reported that the 2023 Mendel Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is Saturday May 27, 2023 at St. Rita High School. John Farris submitted a report to be used at the BOD Meeting.

The fourteen Monarchs shown below are being inducted. Seventeen were nominated. Inductees include BOD Members Rich Williams and Rich Zarr. The Board congratulated them for their inductions.

	<b>Grad Year</b>	
<b>Dr. Dan Rowan</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Russ Petrizzo</b>
<b>David Slawkowski [RIP]</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>Richard Williams</b>
<b>James Debardelaban</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>Richard Zarr</b>
<b>Lester McCarroll</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>William Callahan</b>
<b>Ronald Crieger [RIP]</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Michael Hampton</b>
<b>Dr. Thomas King, Jr</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>William Reynolds</b>
<b>John Mikenis</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>Steven Smith</b>

The HOF Committee thanked the Alumni Board for their financial support of this event. Photos and videos of the event will be put on Mendelchs.org website, and individual pages for each inductee will be created. The program book will also be posted.

This event is for HOF inductees and their guests only due to size of the venue. The inductee and one guest are comped, a small charge of \$10 for each additional guest is requested to defray the cost of refreshments.

Current HOF members were contacted to ask for help at the event but only 2 replied in the affirmative. If there are other HOF members that can attend help the HOF Committee they can contact John Farris at mendelhof@gmail.com. The HOF Committee needs help from 10 am to noon, checking in guests, setup etc. Mike Foley said that he had volunteered. Tom Gavin, Dennis Heitzmann and Andy Youpel did not recall receiving an email asking for help. Mike Foley asked how many volunteers were needed.

New inductees receive a framed certificate and a HOF sweatshirt. The HOF Committee may have some extra shirts that we will offer for sale to HOF members at the Induction. Mike Dreznes made a motion that the new Inductees be given Mendel hats. Mike Foley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The HOF committee plans to do an induction every two years, the off year of the All Class Reunion; therefore, the next HOF Induction will be in May 2025. Nominations for that Induction will close in December 2024. Nomination packets are available on the Mendelchs.org website.

After the 2023 Induction, the HOF Committee will be reorganized. Current HOF Members may be contacted to consider serving on the Committee.

**ACTION STEPS: Members of the BOD who are also HOF Members should contact John Farris to ask how they can help. Pat Regan will work with John Farris to get the hats for the Inductees.**

#### Chairman's Report: Website Committee

Mike Dreznes announced that the mendelchs.org website is receiving rave reviews. Rich Zarr, John Farris and John Dreznes are doing a great job,

Rich Zarr, who is the Chairman of the Website Committee reported that he is updating many of the videos that he has in his archives. Andy Youpel suggested that the Board reaches out to other high schools schools to see if they have film of games against Mendel. Andy Youpel offered to contact Brother Rice.

Rich Zarr asked if anyone knew how much we can get on YouTube.

Rich Williams reported that the "What's Cookin, Monarchs?" feature now has 33 recipes. His goal is to reach 100 recipes. He asked Mike Dreznes to send out an E-Mail Blast requesting recipes.

Rich Zarr reported that he and John Dreznes were finalizing the Mendel Shop pages on the website. Visitors to the website will be able to order and pay for Mendel hats, shirts, and stickers. Pat Regan will notify Mike Dreznes when the payments are received, and Mike Dreznes and Andy Youpel will coordinate shipment of the items.

Rich Zarr made a plea for Mendelians, videos, and newspaper clippings. Dennis Heitzmann said he has 1964 Mendelians as well as letters from Joe McGee and the Jays Potato Chip Schedules. Rich Zarr asked that he send them to him by E-Mail.

Dennis Heitzmann made a motion that Rich Zarr be reimbursed \$200 of the \$300 that he spent on a scanner. Mike Foley seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously. Andy Youpel made a motion to give John Dreznes a \$100 gift card since he is putting in many hours on the website.

Mike Foley seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**ACTION STEPS: Andy Youpel to ask Brother Rice Athletic Director for copies of Mendel/Rice football game films. Rich Zarr and John Dreznes to activate the Mendel Shop on the website. Mike Dreznes to send an email blast to let Alumni know about the Mendel Shop and to ask for recipes, Mendelians, and newspaper clippings. Rich Zarr to contact Pat Regan to get the \$200 reimbursement for his scanner. Mike Dreznes to contact Pat Regan to decide the best way to get John Dreznes the \$100 gift card. Dennis Heitzmann to send Rich Zarr the Mendelians and other items that he has for the website.**

### Chairman's Report: Membership Committee

Ron Dubin is the Chairman of the Membership Committee. One hour before the meeting he Was notified of a family situation, and he would not be able to attend the meeting.

Mike Dreznes emphasized the need to connect with all Alumni and he asked for ideas. Currently, although Facebook and Classmates are used, the main mode for mass communications with the Alumni is through E-Mail. Mike Dreznes presented the following chart:

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP					5/9/2023
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	292	52	240	32	13.33%
1956	275	79	196	30	15.31%
1957	250	46	204	30	14.71%
1958	326	40	286	73	25.52%
1959	377	51	326	69	21.17%
1960	412	65	347	50	14.41%
1961	366	54	312	58	18.59%
1962	318	118	200	138	69.00%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.81%
1964	440	41	399	79	19.80%
1965	477	55	422	55	13.03%
1966	488	57	431	84	19.49%
1967	388	24	364	66	18.13%
1968	359	54	305	110	36.07%
1969	362	33	329	76	23.10%
1970	284	18	266	60	22.56%
1971	327	30	297	95	31.99%
1972	246	25	221	70	31.67%
1973	256	14	242	59	24.38%
1974	229	14	215	33	15.35%
1975	167	12	155	44	28.39%
1976	141	4	137	23	16.79%
1977	75	4	71	19	26.76%
1978	136	8	128	38	29.69%
1979	164	13	151	31	20.53%
1980	109	7	102	17	16.67%
1981	116	7	109	21	19.27%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%
1983	120	4	116	12	10.34%
1984	141	2	139	23	16.55%
1985	134	5	129	21	16.28%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.94%
1987	136	3	133	28	21.05%
1988	100	2	98	17	17.35%
1989 MDP	7	3	4	2	50.00%
UNK CLASS	37	2	56	14	25.00%
<b>ALUMNI</b>	<b>8655</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>7666</b>	<b>1679</b>	<b>21.90%</b>
TEACHER	23	8	15	4	26.67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8678</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>7681</b>	<b>1683</b>	<b>21.91%</b>

Mike Dreznes congratulated Rich Williams for his efforts to communicate with his 1962 Classmates, as well as John Farris with his 1968 Classmates. The 1971 Class had good communication results thanks to Mike Foley as well as the efforts made by his Classmates to locate Monarchs from the Class of 1971 for their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The same is true for the Class of 1972. Someone has to make the effort to locate and communicate with his Classmates.

Mike Dreznes volunteered to send another blast to all Alumni asking for their help to update their Class Rosters.

**ACTION STEPS:** Mike Dreznes will send out an E-mail blast that will include the current rosters for each class. All BOD Members are asked to review their class rosters and to notify Mike Dreznes of any corrections.

### Chairman's Report: Veterans' Committee

Andy Youpel is the Chairman of the Veterans' Committee. The Veterans' Committee sponsored two very successful events in 2023; the Veterans Day Mass at St. Rita and the Vietnam Veterans Day Mass at St. Cajetans. Andy Youpel and his Committee were congratulated and thanked for their hard work. The events have generated excellent publicity for the Mendel Alumni Association and really deeply touched a lot of people. Andy Youpel reported that the American Legion had included a story on the Vietnam Veterans Day Mass in their National Magazine. The Chicago Catholic also included a story on the Mass.

### Chairman's Report: Scholarship Committee

Ron Smith is the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Ron and his Committee were applauded for the successful launch of the Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Program. The winners of the inaugural 2023 Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarships are:

\$1,000 Joseph Koch from St Rita High School. His grandfather is Stephen Koch from the Mendel Class of 1968. Joseph will be majoring in Nursing, and he will attend Illinois State University in the Fall.

\$1,000 Quinn Kelly from St. Rita High School. His grandfather is Bernard Kelly (deceased) from the Mendel Class of 1958. Quinn will be attending Eastern Michigan University in the Fall.

\$1,000 James Block from Providence High School. His grandfather is John Block from the Mendel Class of 1964. James plans to attend Miami of Ohio University in the Fall.

\$1,000 Zachary Hesselmann from Providence High School. His grandfather is Larry Vallow from the Mendel Class of 1966. Zachary's Great Grandfather is Coach Lou Guida. Zachary has not made a final decision yet, but he most likely will attend Miami of Ohio University in the Fall.

\$500 Allen Olivares from Gwendolyn Brooks High School. Allen will be attending the University of Illinois Chicago in the Fall.

\$500 Joaquin Michael Cassell from Gwendolyn Brooks High School. Joaquin will be attending Winston Salem State University in the Fall where he will be studying Computer Science.



Mike Dreznes and Andy Youpel will present the Scholarship Certificates and Checks to Joseph Koch and Quinn Kelly on Wednesday May 10, 2023 at St. Rita. Tom Gavin and Andy Youpel will present the Scholarship Certificates and Checks to James Block and Zachary Hesselmann on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Providence Catholic High School. Andy Youpel and Kelvin Lovely will present the Scholarship Certificates and Checks to Allen Olivares and Joaquin Michael Cassell from Gwendolyn Brooks High School on Wednesday May 24, 2023 at Gwendolyn Brooks from 9 AM to Noon.

The Committee will work on Fundraising and plans announce the 2024 Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Program by February 2024. The Scholarship will be available to Seniors in High School who meet the qualifications and are Mendel Alumni Legacy.

John Fanning suggested that a raffle be created with the revenue generated going to the Scholarship Fund. All agreed that this was a good idea, and the Committee should pursue the concept. The Board Members were encouraged to reach out to friends who owned car dealerships to ask for contributions. However, since the donation would not be tax deductible, it may be difficult to get a large contribution. John Fanning suggested making the prize a trip, which would be attractive to donors, but would not be too expensive to procure.

**ACTION STEPS: Mike Dreznes, Andy Youpel, Kelvin Lovely and Tom Gavin to make award presentations as described above. Ron Smith and the Committee should pursue concepts, including a raffle to raise funds for the Scholarship Program.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2023 All-Class Picnic Update June 24, 2023

Derek Lott was unable to attend the BOD Meeting. However, he reported that ticket sales are approaching 50 tickets. He said he was only aware of two tickets being purchased that mentioned the Alumni Association. All BOD Members were encouraged to attend the picnic. Andy Youpel and Tom Gavin stated that they plan to be at the picnic. Mike Dreznes will be out of town that week.

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Pat Regan will work with Derek Lott to send the \$500 upfront payment for the picnic.

The Picnic Organizers have approved the Alumni Association's request to sell Mendel Hats, Shirts and Stickers at the picnic. Derek explained that they have a system in place so that cash is not exchanged with the vendors directly which helped with the insurance and park usage. Andy Youpel will coordinate setting up the Mendel Shop at the picnic.

Derek Lott confirmed that all necessary insurance coverages are in place.

**ACTION STEPS:** Pat Regan to contact Derek Lott to coordinate \$500 transfer. Andy Youpel to collect Mendel hats, shirts, and stickers for Mendel Shop at picnic. Andy also should bring out three or four Mendel trophies to the picnic. All Board of Director Members should try to attend the picnic.

### Mendel Showcase at Gwendolyn Brooks/Pullman Foundation

Mike Foley has not been able to communicate with anyone at Gwendolyn Brooks on this topic. This concept will be shelved, and efforts will be made to work with St. Rita to have the Mendel Showcase in Mendel Hall.

**ACTION STEPS:** Andy Youpel to contact Tom McCarthy to initiate discussions to create a Mendel Showcase in Mendel Hall at St. Rita High School.

### Visit to Augustinian Facility in Crown Pointe May 17, 2023



Anyone who wants to visit with the Augustinians in Crown Point on Wednesday May 17 should meet at Andy Youpel's house (2240 West 113<sup>th</sup> Place) at 9:30 AM to carpool. The other option is to meet at the Augustinian Facility in Crown Point (203 West Franciscan Drive) at 10:30 AM. Andy Youpel emphasized how much the Augustinians enjoy visits by Mendel Alumni.

We will be joined by Joe Brennan ('68) who attended Mendel for two years, and then went into the Augustinian seminary and Paul Dudzik ('62) who lives in Crown Point. Mike Foley suggested we interview some of the priests regarding their memories of Mendel and post the video on the Mendel Website.

Per the recommendation of Joe Brennan, we will order Aurelio's Pizza for lunch. Tom Gavin will coordinate the visit with Mike O'Connor.

**ACTION STEPS: Tom Gavin to call Mike O'Connor to coordinate visit and to ask what kind of pizzas to order from Aurelio's Pizza for lunch.**

### Attendance at Augustinian Gala May 17, 2023

Tom Gavin and Bill Kushner and their spouses attended the Augustinian Gala at the Drake Hotel on May 17, 2023. They presented the Honored Guest Fr. John Sotak ('69) with a plaque and a \$250 check. According to Pat Regan, the check has not been cashed yet.

Friday April 21, 2023



Chairman Bill Kushner Fr. John Sotak President Tom Gavin

### Mendel Alumni Stickers

Mike Dreznes reported that Bill Duffy was able to procure fifty Mendel Alumni stickers. The cost is about \$1,90 each and they will be offered for sale for \$5.00 each. The Board thanked Bill Duffy for his initiative and effort.



### Mendel (ZOOM) Assembly

Mike Dreznes had previously proposed a ZOOM Assembly that would invite all Mendel Alumni to join the ZOOM Call to be updated on Mendel Activities. It was decided that this could erupt into complete chaos, so the concept has been shelved for now.

### Mendel Monarch One Day Retreat August 2, 2023

Andy Youpel will work with Fr. Tom McCarthy to coordinate a one-day All-Class Retreat at St. Rita on Wednesday August 2, 2023. The Board agreed that this would be a good initiative. The following day, Thursday August 3, 2023, the Class of 1973 will be organizing their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Aurora, Illinois, so this could be an added incentive for out of towners to return to Chicago.

**ACTION STEPS:** Mike Dreznes and Andy Youpel to meet with Fr. Tom McCarthy to coordinate this event.

**UPDATE:** Mike Dreznes and Andy Youpel met with Fr. Tom McCarthy on May 10, 2023. Fr. Tom suggested we have a half day retreat followed by a catered lunch from Barracos at a cost of \$20 per head. The St Rita Shrine would cost \$300 for the event. Everyone, including spouses, would be invited to this retreat. We would charge \$45 per person.

### Catholic League HOF Mark O'Hare/Mike Hampton Induction April 27, 2023

Two Mendel Monarchs were inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Thursday April 27, 2023, at the Crystal Sky Ballroom in McCook, Illinois. Monarchs Mark O'Hare ('72) and Michael Hampton ('82) were two of the eleven Inductees for the 2022-2023 Class of the Chicago Catholic League Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Tom Gavin, Mike Foley, and John Wilson represented the BOD at the event.



### New Order of Mendel Gym Shirts

We now have approximately 100 Mendel Gym Shirts of all sizes (Including 3XL) in inventory.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Southwest Suburbs "R-O-M-E-O May 15, 2023

Mike Dreznes announced that the next R-O-M-E-O Event will be held Monday May 15, 2023 from 10 AM to Noon at the Original Pancake House 15256 South LaGrange in Orland Park. This restaurant is owned by the family of Don Laroche ('64) The response has been very good with about 50 people expected to attend. The R-O-M-E-O Event will be hosted by Ed Hammer ('70)

#### Northside and South Suburbs "R-O-M-E-O"

Mike Dreznes reported that we are in discussions to have a R-O-M-E-O Event on the Northside of Chicago as well as in Northeast Indiana. Details to follow.

### Alumni Softball Tournament

The Alumni Association was invited to participate in the Chicago Catholic League Men's 16 Inch No Glove Softball Tournaments. The Board agreed that if this invitation was received 20 years ago, we would accept the challenge. However, this concept was a no-go for the Board.



**2023 CCL  
MEN'S 16 INCH  
NO GLOVE  
TOURNAMENT**  
Friday, June 2, 2023  
Beverly Park  
2460 West 102nd Street  
Chicago, IL 60655

**Tournament Format**

- No Glove - 1&1 Count -
- Two Games Guaranteed -
- Consolation Bracket -
- Games Will Start at 4PM -
- Each Team Will Consist of at Least  
**(8) Players from the Same High School  
On the Field at the Same Time -**
- Multiple Teams Allowed for Each School -  
**Entry Fee \$300 Per Team**
- First 12 Teams to Register and Pay**  
(15) Man Roster Needs to Be Turned In at the Draw  
**1st Place Prize Money \$750**  
**2nd Place Prize Money \$500**  
**Consolation Bracket Winner \$350**  
**(15) Shirts With School Colors Provided**

**For More Information or to Register Your Team Contact:**  
John O'Connor: 773-480-2210  
Paul Rowan: 708-574-6191  
Live Blind Draw May 31, 2023  
7:30 PM  
Cork & Kerry  
10614 S. Western  
Chicago, IL 60655



**Class of 1973 Fifty Year Reunion August 3, 2023**

The Class of 1973 will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Two Brothers Roundhouse Brewery 205 N Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505 on Thursday, August 3, 2023 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The Cost is \$55 / per person with a Cash bar.

**Rotation of Board of Directors**

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In accordance with the Articles of Association, eight Board Members will be rotated off the Board effective July 31, 2023. Eric Rouse, Gene Rouse, Jamie Mayes, Jim Weber, Larry Bliss, Mike Foley, Ron Dubin and John Knoebel are scheduled to be rotated off the Board.

Each of these individuals will be contacted by Tom Gavin and/or Bill Kushner to see if they want to continue on the Board for three more years. They will report their findings to the Nominating Committee, that consists of the Officers of the Alumni Association and the Chairman. The Board agreed that those Board of Directors who leave the Board should be given a plaque to thank them for their service.

All Board Members are asked to submit names of potential new Board Members to Mike Dreznes no later than June 26, 2023.

**ACTION STEPS: Tom Gavin and Bill Kushner to survey the outgoing Board Members to determine how many new Board Members are needed.**

**Mr. M**

The Board was presented with an idea to reintroduce “Mr. M” based on the “Man for Others” theme. The Mr. M designation would be given to an Alumnus who has dedicated his life to public service or for the welfare of others. This award would be presented to Alumni based on their lifetime career achievements and their contributions to society. The Board of Directors would submit nominations for Alumni who could be living or dead. The Board of Directors would vote to determine “Mr. M.”



A Committee needs to be formed to develop and promote this concept. Board Members who are interested in this Committee should contact Mike Dreznes.

**ACTION STEPS: Mike Dreznes to send an announcement to all BOD Members to introduce the "Mr. M" concept and to ask for volunteers to join the Committee.**

**William "Billy Hawkins ('79)**

William "Billy" Hawkins ('79) was Inducted into Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Hall of Fame. The Board congratulated Billy on his achievement.

**Next Meeting**

The next BOD ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 7 PM Chicago time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM