



**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting  
February 20, 2024**

**MINUTES**

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

*Craig Larson, John Mikenis, David Milton, Mike Dreznes, Terry Gainer, Kelvin Lovely, Pat Regan, Tom Gavin, Andy Youpel, Ron Dubin, Gene Rouse, John Knoebel, Bill Duffy, Billy Hilbring, John Franklin, and Dennis Heitzmann were present. Bill Johnson also attended the meeting as an observer.*

*John Wilson, Rick Zarr, Bob Fioretti, Eric Rouse, Don Triveline and Bill Kushner notified the Board that they would not be able to attend the meeting.*

*Curtis Rempson, Nolan Lane, (6th Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), Derek Lott (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), John Fanning (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), David Ireland (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), and Mike Foley (3rd Consecutive Miss With No Explanation), were Missing With No Explanation.*

**Opening Prayer**

Andy Youpel opened the meeting with a prayer asking for a productive meeting.

**Minutes from December 15, 2023 BOD ZOOM Call Meeting Mike Dreznes**

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from the December 15, 2023 Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Bill Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Kelvin Lovely seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Pat Regan**

Pat Regan presented the Financial Report as of February 19, 2023. Our current cash Balance stands at \$20,190 compared to a balance of \$19,845 as of 12/31/2024. I previously sent the Board the complete 2023 Financial Statements and supporting schedules. Since I did not receive any questions, I will not be making any comments on last years' results.

Items of note:

1. We have received 50 (\$3,445) paid registrations for the 2024 All Class Reunion. The Class of 1973 has accounted for 29 of the registrations. Of the total, we received 3 paid registrations in 2023.
2. We purchased 80 (\$1,750) Mendel Logo Polos that will be available as Donation Gifts at the All Class Reunion and other Events.
3. I have presented the Planned Corporate Cost as they will be paid Quarterly. In the near term the largest payment will be the initial D&O Insurance installment of \$963 to be paid in March.
4. We paid \$1,057 for the Mendel Science and Technology Hall Exhibit mostly for the small floor level showcase and the programming for the HOF/Veterans/ Mendel History on the vertical monitor.
5. I have started on the 2023 Form 990EZ Tax Return. There are some new reporting requirements.
6. I have filed the required Annual Report with the State of Illinois.



John Mikenis made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Gene Rouse seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## Committee Reports

Each Board of Directors was reminded of their Committee Assignments. They were encouraged to be involved with their assigned Committees.

		<h1>COMMITTEES</h1>	
Bob Fioretti	VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS		
David Ireland	OPEN		
John Fanning	WEBSITE, VETERANS		
Don Trivelino	SCHOLARSHIP		
Andy Youpel	VETERANS (CHAIR), REUNION, GOLF, SCHOLARSHIP, PICNIC, FIRST RESPONDERS		
John Franklin	SCHOLARSHIP		
Rick Zarr	WEBSITE (CHAIR), GOLF OUTING		Finance
Billy Hilbring	REUNION		Golf Outing
Curtis Rempson	VETERANS		Hall of Fame
Dennis Heitzmann	HOF (CHAIR) SCHOLARSHIP		Website
Terry Gainer	VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, MEMBERSHIP		Membership
Derek Lott	PICNIC (CHAIR)		Scholarship
John Wilson	SCHOLARSHIP		Reunion
Nolan Lane	PICNIC		Picnic
Bill Duffy	GOLF OUTING		Veterans
Eric Rouse	SCHOLARSHIP (CHAIR)		First Responders
Gene Rouse	PICNIC		
Mike Foley	REUNION		
Ron Dubin	MEMBERSHIP (CHAIR), REUNION		
John Knoebel	GOLF OUTING, REUNION		
Craig Larson	SCHOLARSHIP		
David Milton	SCHOLARSHIP		
John Mikenis	HOF, REUNION		
William Kushner	FIRST RESPONDERS (CHAIR), GOLF OUTING, SCHOLARSHIP, REUNION, PICNIC		
Tom Gavin	GOLF OUTING (CHAIR), SCHOLARSHIP, VETERANS, REUNION, PICNIC, FIRST RESPONDERS		
Kelvin Lovely	SCHOLARSHIP, VETERANS, GOLF OUTING, PICNIC, REUNION, FIRST RESPONDERS		
Pat Regan	SCHOLARSHIP, FINANCE (CHAIR), REUNION, VETERANS GOLF OUTING, PICNIC, FIRST RESPONDERS		
Mike Dreznes	SCHOLARSHIP, REUNION, VETERANS GOLF OUTING, MEMBERSHIP, WEBSITE, PICNIC, FIRST RESPONDERS		



## Chairman's Report-Golf Committee-Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson reported that the Golf Committee currently consists of Andy Youpel, Bill Duffy, Pat Regan, Tom Gavin, Rick Zarr, Don Goepfner, Kelvin Lovely, Tim Zimbauer, John Farris, John Knoebel, Mike Dreznes and Bill Kushner. He said that the Golf Outing Plan is in place, now it needs to be executed.

The Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday July 10, 2024 at Hickory Hills Country Club. Every Board Member is asked to get involved, either by playing, attending dinner, helping to work the event, or purchasing an ad in the Event Book.

Golf and Dinner will cost \$110 and have a purchase price of \$155. Dinner only will have a purchase price of \$55, and Hole Signs will have a purchase price of \$125.

Bill Johnson wants to pursue a major sponsor for the Golf Outing. He also wants to have other 'corporate' sponsors for the breakfast, bar, etc. He proposed \$1,500 for the "Mendelian (Grand) Sponsor. The Mendelian Sponsor will be shown on all Golf Outing publicity items. The Mendelian Sponsor will also have the opportunity to have a spot in the "Shop Monarchs Directory" on the website. **UPDATE: Bob Aprati ('62) bought the Mendelian Sponsor for \$1,500 at the Western Suburb R.O.M.E.O.**

Bill Johnson presented some golf promotional concepts prepared by John Knoebel. These included name for the golf carts that had the golfers name on one side and the Mendelian Sponsor on the other side. Bill Johnson and the Golf Committee will work with John Knoebel to implement these concepts.

Bill Johnson has photos of the Sponsor Hole Signs from previous Golf Outings. He will determine which signs need to be replaced. He will follow up with previous sponsors to convince them to be sponsors in 2024.

Bill Johnson recommends that the Alumni Association purchases a printer, Selfie Computer and cartridges that can be used at the Golf Outing to create 4"X 6" photos and/or 6" X 7" photos to sell to foursomes. Photos will be taken of each foursome at the start of the outing. These photos will be available at the end of the day for purchase. The cost will be about \$250. Bill is waiting for the approval to make the purchase. This printer can also be used at the Reunion and other Alumni events as well.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**MENDEL ALUMNI GOLF OUTING**  
WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2024

Hickory Hills Golf Course  
8201 W 95<sup>th</sup> St  
Hickory Hills, IL

8:00AM  
CHECK-IN  
8:00AM  
SHOOTING START

This Outing is for Mendel Alumni and all Friends of Mendel. Proceeds above the cost of the event support Retired Aquaticians, the Mendel Alumni Scholarship Program, the Mendel Hall of Fame, and the Mendel Website.

The cost of \$155 includes green fees, golf cart, open bar, dinner and door prizes.

Don't golf? Cocktails followed by dinner begin at 2:30 PM for only \$55. Don't have a foursome? We will fill it in for you.

Fill out the form below and mail it by July 6, 2024 LATEST. Make with checks payable to Mendel Alumni Association.

u/o Pat Regan  
12310 Bayberry Lane  
Wheaton, IL 60189

A portion of the Golf Outing revenue will be donated to the Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Fund.

**ENTRY PACKAGES**

GOLF AND DINNER	\$155
DINNER ONLY	\$55
HOLE SPONSORSHIP	\$125

Bill Johnson (708) 710-6828 [bjm123@att.net](mailto:bjm123@att.net)  
Pat Regan (630) 408-1447 [pat123@att.net](mailto:pat123@att.net)

**Register and/or Pay Online:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

"IF PAYING BY CASH: RETURN THIS FORM AND STATE THAT YOU WILL BE "PAYING AT DOOR"

WANT TO HAVE A HOLE SPONSORED BY AND NAMED AFTER YOUR GROUP OR BUSINESS? ADD AT LEAST 2129 WIRE, ALONG WITH VERBAGE FOR SIGN:

VERBAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

OR EMAIL DESIGN/VERBAGE TO: [bjm123@att.net](mailto:bjm123@att.net)

NAMES OF ADDITIONAL GOLFERS BESIDES MYSELF:

1	_____	CLASS OF: _____
2	_____	CLASS OF: _____
3	_____	CLASS OF: _____
4	_____	CLASS OF: _____

**GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!**  
<https://mendelchs.org/>

## Chairman's Report- Hall of Fame Committee-Tom Gavin

Dennis Heitzmann submitted his resignation as Chairman of the HOF Chairman. John Farris provided the following report for the Alumni Association Board of Directors:

*The HOF Committee met on Feb 12, 2024. All members were present except Steven Smith and Fr Sullivan. Dennis Heitzmann announced that he WILL NOT BE CHAIR but will be a Committee Member. John Farris, as Secretary, therefore led the meeting.*

*Committee members were asked to consider leadership positions.*

*Next meeting will be in early April to consider leadership and Farris will query the Mendel Board of any interest for the HOF Chair position. \*\*\*\**

*Prior induction to the Hall of Fame was supported as a requirement to be a Member of the HOF Committee. The nomination form will be reviewed by all members of the committee and the current form on the Mendel website will be considered acceptable for any new nominations as any changes to form would probably be less strenuous. The deadline for May 2025 induction is December 31, 2024. Any existing nominations that were not selected will again be reviewed as has been past practice.*

*Communications with the committee shall be directed to the Secretary at [mendelhof@gmail.com](mailto:mendelhof@gmail.com) until other leaders are selected.*

*It is requested that a HOF Committee Member be given one to two minutes at the reunion to ask Hall of Fame members to stand and be recognized and to also direct the audience to the pages in the program that list all HOF members and the procedure/criteria for nomination and selection.*

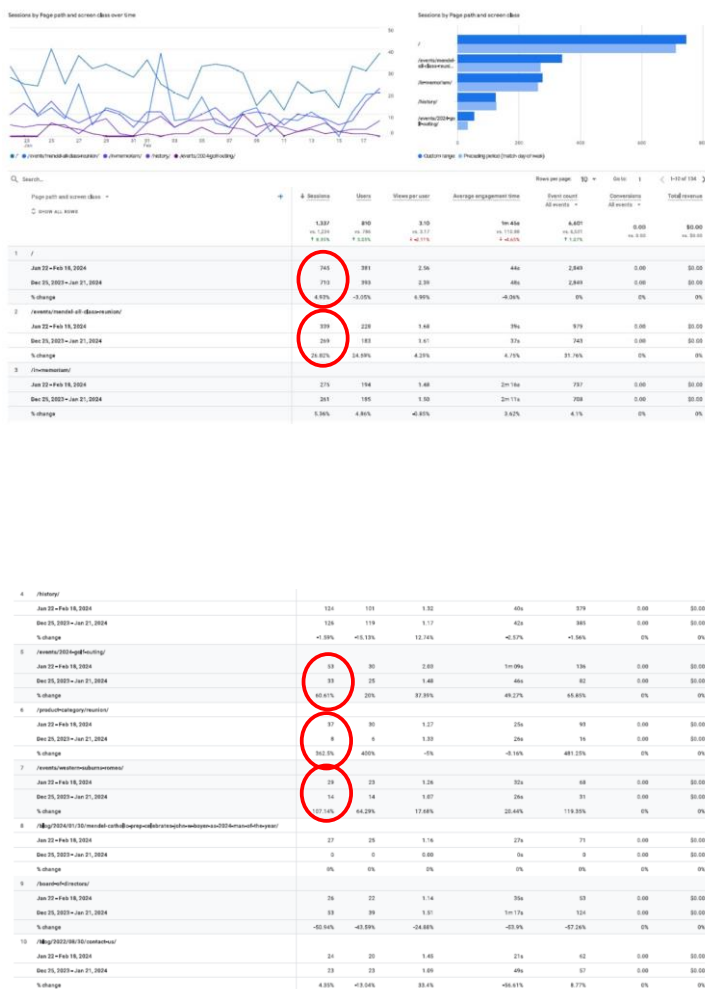
*The information on the HOF in the proposed program book for the reunion has been reviewed, and the only changes would be committee membership and that will be updated on a timely basis.*

## Chairman's Report- Website Committee- Rick Zarr

Rick Zarr reported that he has multiple historical interviews. He will work to upload these to the Website.

Ron Dubin advised that the mendelchs.com website has about 1500 registrants. Ron Dubin has been the webmaster for this site since 2002. Ron Dubin links any updates on the mendelchs.org website to the mendelchs.com website.

From January 22, 2024 to February 18, 2024, the mendelchs.org site had seven hundred forty-five "hits."



All BOD Members were encouraged to sign up to make reoccurring Monthly Donations on the Mendel Website.

## Chairman's Report-Membership Committee-Ron Dubin

Mike Dreznes once again emphasized the need to get Email addresses for Alumni to make them aware of the Alumni Association's existence and the Alumni Associations Events and Activities. Mike Dreznes explained that the goal of the Membership Committee is to locate good email addresses for 50% of the known living Alumni. Currently that number is at 34.8%.

All Board Members were sent the Alumni Roster Database and asked to review their information and fill in any missing details for all Alumni that they may know. They were asked to find email addresses since email is the Alumni Association's typical mode of communication with Alumni.



Since June 20, 2023, Rich Williams has helped to find 748 more Deceased Monarchs and 672 more Email addresses for Alumni. Rich Williams and Mike Dreznes completed the vetting process for all classes between 1955 and 1967, plus the 1973 and 1974 classes. The 1969 Class will be the next Class to be vetted.

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023					
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%
1956	274	83	191	28	14.66%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%
1958	325	49	276	54	19.57%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.97%
1962	318	121	197	140	71.07%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.81%
1964	440	45	395	80	20.25%
1965	488	62	426	55	12.91%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.39%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.61%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.61%
1969	362	39	323	79	24.46%
1970	294	18	276	63	22.83%
1971	327	30	297	98	33.00%
1972	264	25	239	72	30.13%
1973	258	23	235	110	46.81%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.04%
1977	75	5	70	20	28.57%
1978	136	9	127	36	28.35%
1979	176	13	163	33	20.25%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.35%
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	24	17.27%
1985	135	5	130	22	16.92%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.94%
1987	137	4	133	30	22.56%
1988	99	2	97	16	16.49%
1989 MDP	111	3	108	2	1.85%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	1	1.14%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%
UNK CLASS	61	1	60	13	21.67%
ALUMNI	9012	1115	7897	1814	22.97%
TEACHER	23	8	15	6	40.00%
TOTAL	9035	1123	7912	1820	23.00%

SINCE START OF CAMPAIGN

748 More Deceased

672 More EMail

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2/16/2024					
CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL	%
1955	289	125	164	38	23.17%
1956	276	123	153	42	27.45%
1957	251	76	175	31	17.74%
1958	325	77	248	67	27.02%
1959	376	93	283	81	28.62%
1960	410	150	260	67	25.77%
1961	365	78	287	71	24.74%
1962	324	128	196	148	75.51%
1963	372	104	268	80	29.85%
1964	437	111	326	158	48.47%
1965	480	142	338	152	44.97%
1966	485	152	333	207	62.16%
1967	382	87	295	134	45.42%
1968	354	83	271	212	78.23%
1969	362	47	315	83	26.35%
1970	294	22	272	72	26.47%
1971	326	32	294	105	35.71%
1972	261	25	236	69	29.24%
1973	257	40	217	162	74.65%
1974	226	42	184	117	63.59%
1975	167	13	154	46	29.87%
1976	140	6	134	24	17.91%
1977	75	6	69	20	28.99%
1978	135	9	126	36	28.57%
1979	176	13	163	34	20.86%
1980	111	7	104	18	17.31%
1981	119	8	111	21	18.92%
1982	96	3	93	22	23.66%
1983	120	4	116	15	12.93%
1984	141	2	139	32	23.02%
1985	134	6	128	25	19.53%
1986	128	6	122	24	19.67%
1987	138	6	132	35	26.52%
1988	98	6	92	15	16.30%
1989 MDP	112	4	108	3	2.78%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	4	4.55%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%
UNK CLASS	66	5	61	13	21.31%
ALUMNI	8986	1842	7144	2483	34.76%
TEACHER	45	29	16	9	56.25%
TOTAL	9031	1871	7160	2492	34.80%

**Chairman's Report-Veterans/First Responders Committee-Andy Youpel**

The Veteran/First Responder Committee consists of Jim Chevalier ('66) US NAVY, Mike Connolly ('60) US ARMY, Mike Dreznes ('68), John Fanning ('68) US ARMY. Tom Gavin ('67), Bill Kushner ('71), Terry Gainer ('65) US NAVY, Kelvin Lovely ('78), Pat Regan ('68), Curtis Rempson ('83), Bob Fioretti ('71) and Marty Gainer ('70) US ARMY.

Bill Kushner has not finalized any plans for the First Responders' Mass during Police Week May 15-21, 2024. Terry Gainer offered to contact Bill Kushner to help organize this event. Terry Gainer suggested the Mendel Alumni Association tags onto a Mass already being planned by a church for Police Week.



**MAY 15-21, 2024**

**ACTION ITEMS: Terry Gainer to contact Bill Kushner to organize a ZOOM Call with his Committee to develop a strategy for the First Responders Mass during the week of May 15, 2024.**

## Chairman's Report-Legacy Award Committee-Eric Rouse

Eric Rouse was not on the call. He will be asked to present an update on the Legacy Scholarship at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

The Legacy Award Committee is comprised of Eric Rouse, Craig Larson, David Milton, John Wilson, Dennis Heitzmann, Don Triveline, Pat Regan, Andy Youpel, Tom Gavin, Ron Smith, Kelvin Lovely, Bill Kushner, Bob Fioretti, Danny Randall, John Franklin, and Mike Dreznes.

To date, Craig Larson has received two applications for the 2024 Mendel Legacy Award. One is from a Providence High School applicant, while the second application was incomplete. Craig Larson will contact the applicant to get a completed application. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2024.

The Legacy Award Committee has a meeting scheduled on March 7, 2024. The agenda will include:

-Review of submitted applications.

-Determine the number of awardees for 2024

-Strategies to increase awareness such as the LinkedIn page as suggested by John Mikenis

The email address for Craig Larson on the Announcement and Application was changed to use all capital letters.

Mendel High School Alumni Association  
\$1,000 or \$2,000 Legacy Award  
Open to Immediate Descendants of  
Mendel Catholic High School Chicago Alumni



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### 2024 REQUIREMENTS

- Child, Grandchild or Great Grandchild of Mendel Alumni
- Current High School Senior – 2024 Graduation Class
- Minimum ACT Score -21 or 1100-SAT Score
- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Proof of Acceptance to a 2 or 4 Year, Institution of Higher Education (College, University or Technical School)
- Proof of Community/School Involvement
- Written Essay Topic:
- The Mendel High School Fight Song Opening Words Are:  
"Go you Men of Mendel, we've got to reach our goal!"

*In 300 words or less, share your goals as you prepare to advance your education. What are your career aspirations*

**SUBMIT APPLICATION & ESSAY TO [LARSON@ELLIJAY.COM](mailto:LARSON@ELLIJAY.COM)  
CLEARLY MARK IN SUBJECT LINE "MENDEL LEGACY AWARD"**

## Mendel Catholic High School Chicago Alumni Association Legacy Award Application

Please print legibly: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Related Mendel Alumnus \_\_\_\_\_

Mendel Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

ACT or SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

School You Will Attend in Fall 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Required Documentation with Submission:

- Copy of SAT or ACT Score
- Proof of 2.8 GPA
- Copy of College, University or Technical School Acceptance Letter
- Essay: *In 300 words or less, share your goals as you prepare to advance your education. What are your career aspirations after you graduate from college? Why?*

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION & ESSAY SUBMITTAL MARCH 15, 2024**



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I verify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

SUBMIT APPLICATION & ESSAY TO [LARSON@ELLIJAY.COM](mailto:LARSON@ELLIJAY.COM)  
**CLEARLY MARK IN SUBJECT LINE "MENDEL LEGACY AWARD"**

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2024 Christmas Luncheon Recap December 19, 2023

Twenty-four Monarchs attended the Mendel Christmas Luncheon Celebration on December 19, 2024 at JJ Kelley's in Lansing, Illinois. The food was great, as was the comradery. A variety of gloves, hats, socks, and toys were donated to help needy families during the Christmas season.



### Mendel Hall of Science Rededication Recap January 10, 2024

The rededication of "The Mendel Hall of Science-Dedicated to the Mendel Catholic Prep Alumni Association" at St. Rita High School was a wonderful event.

Fr. Tom McCarthy discussed the history of Mendel High School during his homily at Mass, which was attended by the entire St. Rita student body.

The St. Rita Class Officers joined Members of the Mendel Alumni Association to rededicate the Mendel Hall of Science. Many of the Mendel High School trophies and memorabilia are on display in the trophy cases. A screen is scrolling details of the Members of the Mendel Hall of Fame as well as the fifteen Monarchs killed in Vietnam.

A QR Code is shown on the display case to allow instant access to the Hall of Fame bios and descriptions.

The display area looks great. Thank you to Andy Youpel, Pat Regan and John Dreznes for their dedication and passion to complete this project.

The next phase of this project will be to hang Mendel Basketball Banners as well as a banner for the Mendel Alumni Association in the St. Rita Gym. According to Andy Youpel, this should be completed by mid-March 2024.





**Western Suburb “R-O-M-E-O” February 21, 2023 UPDATE**

Mike Dreznes encouraged all Board Members to attend the R.O.M.E.O. Event on February 21, 2023 at Ballydoyle in Downers Grove, IL. Bill Duffy will be the host.

Attendees will be asked to donate a bottle of liquor to be used in baskets at the All-Class Reunion Silent Auction.

The next R.O.M.E.O. will be in the Northwest Suburbs. Mike Dreznes asked any Board Member who would be interested in hosting the next R.O.M.E.O. to contact him.

**UPDATE:**

Thirty Monarchs gathered at Ballydoyle Irish Pub and Restaurant in Downers Grove, Illinois on February 22 to share some Mendel Spirit at the Western Suburb “R.O.M.E.O.” (Random Old Monarchs Eating Out.) Bill Duffy (‘64) did a great job as the host.

The Monarchs caught up on current events with the Mendel Alumni Association and sang a rousing rendition of the Mendel Fight Song.

Mike Connolly (‘60) won the Split the Pot Raffle and proceeded to donate back half of his winnings.

The Monarchs in attendance donated about thirty bottles of liquor that will be bundled in baskets and used in the Silent Auction at the All-Class Reunion on May 3, 2024.



**2024 All-Class Reunion Discussion May 3, 2024**

Mike Dreznes announced that the publicity campaign for the next All-Class Reunion on May 3, 2024 at Gaelic Park, in Oak Forest, IL has been initiated. The Classes of 1973 and 1974 will be honored for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries.

The response to date of forty-seven attendees is disappointing, but not alarming.

John Mikenis ('73) continues to be a huge help with the organization of the reunion, especially with his 1973 Classmates. Volunteers are needed to help with the Reunion, especially volunteers from the Class of 1974.

The Mendel Alumni Association Announces

# MENDEL MONARCHS ALL-CLASS REUNION

Honoring the 50 Year Anniversaries for the Classes of 1973 & 1974  
**FRIDAY MAY 3, 2024**

Spouses & Significant Others Welcome  
**Gaelic Park**  
 6119 West 147th St.  
 Oak Forest, IL 60452

**6:30 Cocktails | 7:30 Dinner**  
 \$75 Per Person if paid by March 9, 2024  
 \$95 Per person after March 9, 2024  
 \$560 Per Table of 8 (Only until March 9, 2024)

Pay online or send checks to Pat Regan  
 15510 Bayberry Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189  
 or Call Pat Regan with Credit Card Details at (630) 408-1447



**SAVE THE DATE**

VISIT [www.mendelchs.org](http://www.mendelchs.org) FOR MORE DETAILS



## MENDEL CHS CLASS REUNION

HONORED GUESTS  
 50th Anniversary  
 1973 & 1974 Classes

**PROGRAM**  
 Mendel Alumni Association All-Class Reunion  
 Friday May 3, 2024 Gaelic Park, Tinley Park IL  
 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM

**SEND MESSAGES TO YOUR CLASSMATES WITH THE REUNION PROGRAM BOOK**

DONOR (1 LINE MESSAGE & NAME)	\$35
HALF PAGE	\$85
FULL PAGE	\$125
INSIDE BACK COVER (ONLY 1)	\$300
INSIDE FRONT COVER (ONLY 1)	\$300
OUTSIDE BACK COVER (ONLY 1)	\$500

Pay & place ads online at [mendelchs.org](http://mendelchs.org) or send Checks and ad content to Pat Regan 15510 Bayberry Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189 or Call Pat Regan (630) 408-1447 to pay with credit card

Board Members were strongly encouraged to take the lead and to register and pay for the All-Class Reunion as soon as possible. As of February 16, 2024, only eight (8) Board Members had paid for their registration, although eighteen (18) Board Members had volunteered to work at the All-Class Reunion. Craig Larson and John Wilson already know that they will not be able to attend the Reunion.

- Bob Fioretti
- David Ireland
- John Fanning
- Don Trivelino
- Andy Youpel
- John Franklin
- Rick Zarr
- Billy Hilbring
- Curtis Rempson
- Dennis Heitzmann
- Terry Gainer
- Derek Lott
- John Wilson NA
- Nolan Lane
- Bill Duffy
- Eric Rouse
- Gene Rouse
- Mike Foley
- Ron Dubin
- John Knoebel
- Craig Larson NA
- David Milton
- John Mikenis
- William Kushner
- Tom Gavin
- Kelvin Lovely
- Pat Regan
- Mike Dreznes

## MENDEL 2024 ALL CLASS REUNION BOD STATUS (AS OF 2/16/24)

- PAID WITH ASSIGNMENT
- UNPAID WITH ASSIGNMENT
- PAID WITH NO ASSIGNMENT
- UNPAID WITH NO ASSIGNMENT



MENDEL 2024 ALL-CLASS REUNION POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS			
PAID	ASSIGNMENT SHEET	UNPAID	AS OF 2/16/24
Transport BANNERS & Mendel Letters	Pre & Post Event	Andy Youpel '88 Pat Regan '88	
SetUp- POS	5:00 PM-6:00 PM		
SetUp- Tables & Transaction Tables	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	All Hands	Jim Parazzo '73 Joe Fink '74
REGISTRATION	6:15 PM-7:00 PM	6:45 PM-7:30 PM	8:30 PM-9:15 PM
45 MINUTE SESSIONS "A-E"	Doug Dunne '73 Dr. Dan Rowan '74	John Mikenis '73 Ray Dignan '73	
"F-K"	Andy Youpel '88 Bill Ruppert '73	Terry Gainer '88 Chris Sojka '73	
"L-R"	Mike Foley '73 Luther French '73	John Knoebel '88 Bill Patterson '73	
"S-Z"	Michael Hyde '73 Mike Desmond '88	Ron Dubin '88 Dorran Stewart '88	
73, 74 CLASSES	Dante Mosley '73 Sandy Dreznes '71	Derek Lott '84 David Milton '77	
ON SITE REGISTRATION	Pat Regan '88		
GREETER	Don Trivelino '71 Jim Sulikowski '73 Dan Maracich '73	Marty Schmitt '73 Eric Rouse '75 Les Lachine '73	
FUND RAISING			
SILENT AUCTION	Mike Dreznes '88 TBD 1	TBD 2 TBD 3	TBD 4 TBD 5
MENDEL MERCHANDISE	Art Santoyo '73	Tom Tomaszewski '6 Rich Williams '82	TBD 4 TBD 5
SPLIT THE POT	Billy Hilbring '81 Bill Johnson '88 Derek Lott '84 TBD 1	TBD 2 TBD 3 TBD 4 TBD 5	TBD 6 TBD 7 TBD 8 TBD 9
PROGRAM			
Photographer & booth	Bill Zarr '71 Tim Zimbever '71		
MC	Tom Gavin '87 Bill Knoebel '71		
OPENING PRAYER	Father Bill Sullivan '59		
Board Presentations: HOP INTRODUCTION TBD =	TBD by Mike Dreznes		
GUEST SPEAKERS	Bob Lopez '73 Dr. Dan Rowan '74		PAID WITHOUT ASSIGNMENT BOB FIORETTI 1971
MAN OF THE YEAR	John Boyer '84		
Lifetime Achievement Award	Jack Vazny '81		
TENTATIVE VOLUNTEER GROUP	Steve Beck '71 Art Waller '87 Rich Williams '82		

Program Book ad sales are slow, although the Back Cover, Inside Front Cover and Inside Back Cover have been sold. Once again, Board Members were asked to take the lead and to purchase an ad in the Program.



Silent Auction donations are also slow. Mike Dreznes asked all Board Members to solicit restaurants, bars, etc. that they frequent to ask for donations. This is an important source of revenue for the Reunion and every effort must be made to get donations.

Mike Dreznes announced that John Boyer ('64) accepted the offer to be honored as the 2024 Mendel Alumni Association Man of the Year. The Executive Board recommended that the Mendel Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award be created, and the first awardee should be Jack Vlazny ('61). Jim Vlazny ('59) is writing a story to highlight his brother's contributions to the Alumni Association and to the Augustinians over the years. Mike Dreznes will meet with Jim to finalize the document.

## 2024 MAN OF THE YEAR

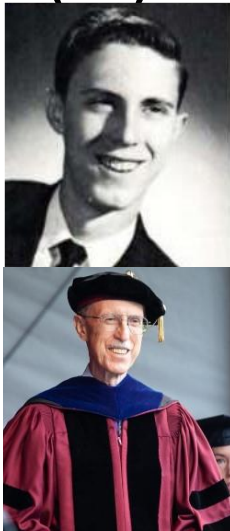
### John W Boyer ('64)

John Boyer served as Dean of the University of Chicago from 1992 until 2023, making him the longest-tenured dean in the College's history.

Some of John Boyer's notable accomplishments include strengthening Alumni Relations, increasing funding for faculty chairs and student scholarship funds, and increasing the diversity of each successive class. He also worked to get well-known scholars to teach undergraduate courses.

John focused on the development of study abroad programs. He was deeply involved in the establishment of the University of Chicago Center in Paris, as well as many other Programs and Internships. As a result, study abroad rates have tripled since 1992.

John stepped down as Dean in 2023. He currently serves as Senior Advisor to the President and the Martin A. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago. **He is a Deserving Mendel Man of the Year!**



## 2024 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### Jack Vlazny ('61)



JACK VLAZNY  
MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
By Jim Vlazny (Mendel '59)



**Introduction:** This is the story of my brother Jack Vlazny's fifty-five plus years of dedication and service to his *Alma Mater* Mendel Catholic High School, and to the Augustinians and others who ran the school. After reading it you will see why he well deserves to be recognized for his lifetime achievements on behalf of his high school, and why he has earned the affectionate title of "Mr. Mendel".

**In the Beginning:** Jack entered Mendel as a freshman in the fall of 1957.



This was a great time to be a Monarch since it was the year that Mendel won the City Football Championship in dramatic fashion, with a forty-one yard touchdown on the last play of the game. Jack and several of his classmates also had older brothers at Mendel, and this made it easy for them to fit in and enjoy their four years at the new school in the old Pullman neighborhood. Mendel drew students from all over the South and Southeast Sides, and one of the interesting features of this diverse student body was that Jack and his classmates got to know and rub shoulders with young men of different backgrounds, cultures, and ethnicity. All of these factors contributed to make Jack's four years at Mendel a very memorable experience, and they help to explain his devotion to the school.

Ron Dubin made the motion to change the "Mendel Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award" to the "Jack Vlazny Lifetime Achievement Award." Terry Gainer seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bob Lopez ('73) and Dr. Dan Rowen ('74) have agreed to act as the spoke person for their respective classes.

John Dreznes agreed to serve as the Disc Jockey at the reunion for \$500. UPDATE: John Dreznes will not be able to attend the Reunion, but he will provide a suitable replacement for the Disk Jockey.

Bill Johnson suggested that a table be set up for Golf Outing Registrations. A gift, such as three monogrammed golf balls could be given to anyone who signs up and pays for the Golf Outing at the Reunion.

Bill Johnson also asked if Rick Zarr could take the Class Photos at the Reunion to sell to Alumni before they leave the Reunion. While all agreed that it would be good to have these photos available for purchase, some Board Members were concerned that this would require too much time from Rick. An alternative option would be to have a third party take the photos and sell them to attendees. This discussion was tabled as it will be discussed at the next Reunion Committee Meeting on Tuesday May 5, 2024.

Mike Dreznes asked for help to layout and print the Reunion Program. This will be a big job. He said that he will print out the name badges for Board Members and Class Representatives and Honored Class Registrants who register before April 1, 2024.

Mike Dreznes presented the current Reunion agenda. During the Closing Remarks, Committee Chairmen will be able to make two-to-three-minute speeches. There were no questions on the proposed agenda.



### THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

- 6:30 PM OPEN BAR UNTIL 7:30 PM**  
CLASS GROUP PHOTOS, SILENT AUCTION  
BIDDING & SPLIT THE POT
- 7:30 PM DINNER IS SERVED**
- OPENING PRAYER**  
REV. BILL SULLIVAN ('59) O.S.A.
- OPENING REMARKS**  
MIKE DREZNES ('68)
- WELCOME ADDRESS**  
TOM GAVIN ('67) BILL KUSHNER ('71)
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
JACK VLAZNY ('61)
- MAN OF THE YEAR**  
JOHN BOYER ('64)
- HONORED CLASSES SPEECHES**  
1973-BOB LOPEZ  
1974-DAN ROWAN
- CLOSING REMARKS**
- 9:00 PM OPEN BAR UNTIL 10:00PM**
- 10:00 PM CASH BAR UNTIL 10:30 PM**
- 10:30 PM SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES &  
RAFFLE WINNERS ARE DRAWN**



### NEW BUSINESS

#### 2023 Annual Report

Since no one volunteered to create the 2023 Annual Report, it was agreed that the Financial Summary prepared by Pat Regan would be posted on the Mendel CHS Website and serve as the Annual Report.

#### Southside St. Patricks Day Parade

Mike Dreznes and Andy Youpel both agreed to help with the St. Patricks Day Parade plans, but did not have the time to serve as the "Parade Leader." The Board Members were asked to contact Mike Dreznes if any of them was willing to act as the 2024 Southside St. Patricks Day "Parade Leader" for the Alumni Association.

**UPDATE: AS OF MARCH 3, 2024, NO ONE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE AS THE "PARADE LEADER."**

### NEXT MEETING

The next Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9, 2024 at 7 PM Chicago time.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.



