

**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2026
MINUTES**

President Tom Gavin and Chairman Kelvin Lovely Called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 PM

Dennis Heitzmann, Bill Duffy, Fr. Tom Griffin, Mike Frigo, Art Gillespie, David Ireland, Craig Larson, Eric Rouse, Dan Rowan, Mike Dreznes, Tom Gavin, J.C. Crane, David Ireland, Kelvin Lovely, Pat Regan, Don Triveline, Durell James, Andy Youpel, Bill Johnson and Eric James were present.

Bob Fioretti, Rick Zarr, Bob Lopez, and David Milton notified the Board that they would not be able to attend prior to the meeting.

Derek Lott (3rd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), Billy Hilbring (3rd^d Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), John Franklin (3rd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), Mark Hubbard (2nd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), and Ron Dubin (2nd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), were Missing with No Explanation.

Opening Prayer

Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A. opened the meeting with a prayer asking for God's help for a good meeting and his grace for all Mendel Alumni. He also prayed for good weather and a successful, fun Golf Outing.

June 6, 2026, BOD ZOOM Meeting Minutes-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from June 6, 2026 Board Meeting. Eric James asked that Mike Dreznes' name be replaced by his name in this paragraph:

“501c3 Corporation Explanation-Eric James *explained that the major difference between a 501c3 and a 501c7 Organization is the tax deductible advantage of a 501c3 Organization”* This change was made.

No one had any other questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Pat Reagan made a motion to approve the modified minutes. Dan Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Eric James

TREASURER REPORT



Eric James

Eric James presented a very detailed Treasurer's Financial Report and a Committee Report. He explained that the Executive Board needs to discuss the Financial Report.

Locating Alumni Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the following chart to show the progress made since June 20, 2023 to locate missing Alumni. He emphasized that we cannot expect Alumni to participate in

the Mendel Alumni activities if they are not aware of them. We need email addresses!

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%

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION			
YEAR	NAMES	UNSUBSCRIBE	DECEASED
1955	288	2	
1956	277	1	
1957	252	0	
1958	324	0	
1959	396	4	
1960	410	1	
1961	363	4	
1962	320	4	
1963	371	0	
1964	437	4	
1965	478	6	
1966	487	7	
1967	386	5	
1968	355	6	
1969	361	4	
1970	299	7	
1971	326	1	
1972	258	5	
1973	259	5	
1974	227	0	
1975	165	0	
1976	140	1	
1977	76	0	
1978	136	0	
1979	176	0	
1980	111	0	
1981	115	0	
1982	96	1	
1983	120	1	
1984	142	1	
1985	134	0	
1986	128	1	
1987	138	0	
1988	99	0	
1989	112	0	
1990	88	0	
1991	90	0	
UNK CLASS	61	0	
ALUMNI	9001	71	
TEACHERS	49	0	
TOTAL	9050	71	

SINCE
START OF
CAMPAIGN
IN JUNE
2023

1,571

More

Deceased

1,858

More

Emails

For

Living

Monarchs

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of known living Alumni. We currently have email addresses for 58.5% of known living Alumni. When this campaign started in 2023, we

only had email addresses for 22.97% of known living Alumni. We have identified 1,937 additional email addresses since 2023.

Mike thanked Rich Williams, Derrick Lott, terry Gainer, Andy Youpel, John Mikenis and Ron Dubin for their help to locate Alumni. Mike offered to send the Class rosters to any Board Members who were willing to help with the search.

Hall of Fame Committee Report

HOF Committee Chairman J.C. Crane was not in attendance at the Board Meeting. Mike Dreznes reminded all Board Members to submit HOF Nominations prior to the December 31, 2026 deadline.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



HALL of FAME APPLICATION- UPDATE

Please download the pdf file to fill out the application. SAVE THE DOWNLOADED FILE TO YOUR COMPUTER. You can directly enter all the fields into that file and then save it with nominee's name to your computer. You can then print it. If you choose to fill it out manually, it must be typed. Please follow the guidelines. To submit an entire application package, you must include all supporting documents with the pdf application form and **email it to the Secretary, Mendel Hall of Fame Committee, jc_crane@msn.com**.
Questions 636-696-3098.

The Deadline for submitting applications will be December 31, 2026, for induction in May 2027.

Website Committee Report-Rick Zarr

Website Committee Chairman Rick Zarr as not in attendance at the Board Meeting. Mike Dreznes encouraged all Board Members to visit the Mendel Alumni Association Website. Rick Zarr and John Dreznes were thanked again for their dedication and hard work on the Website.

Update on Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing

Bill Johnson was not at the meeting. Mike Dreznes presented an update.

Mendel Monarch Masters Golf Outing

all Mendel family and friends welcome



Hole #11 Veterans & First Responders

Hole #14 The Pope Hole XIV

Door Prize

Raffles w/ Split the Pots

Winning Foursome has first choice from the prize table

**GOLF PACKAGE: GREEN FEES, GOLF CART, DINNER,
OPEN BAR 8AM CHECK-IN 9AM SHOTGUN START**

SANTA'S GIFT RATE UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE 2025 \$150

EARLY BIRD UNTIL 7/4/26 \$165 RATE FROM 7/5 TO 8/14/26 \$175

AT THE DOOR RATE \$185

FOURSOME RATE UNTIL 7/4/26 \$620 RATE AFTER 7/4/26 \$640

3:30 PM DINNER & COCKTAILS EARLY BIRD UNTIL 7/4/26 \$65 RATE AFTER 7/5/26 \$75

pay online:

www.mendelchs.org

or send checks:

Mike Dreznes 233 East 13th St

Unit 1803 Chicago IL 60605

questions:

Bill Johnson (708) 710-6823

bjmjtaz@att.net

GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!

FRIDAY AUGUST

RAINOUT MON

8201 West S

Hickory Hills,



donations will be made to:

-  The Mendel Legacy Awards Program
-  The Mendel Hall of Fame
-  Mendel Veterans & First Responders
-  and to our Senior Augustinians

Welcome to the Mendel Alumni Association 27th Annual Golf Outing

The Mendel Monarchs "FORE-EVER" 27th Annual Golf Outing is happening this Friday August 21, 2026 come rain or shine. Please do not call the Golf Course to check on the status of the outing.

When you arrive at Hickory Hills Country Club, pull your car up to the Bag Drop, drop your bag and park your car. Return to the Bag Drop and tell the Greeters your name. You will be given a tag to place on your bag, which will then be taken and placed in a pick-up area on the course side of the Club House.

Proceed to the Registration Desk to confirm your presence and to pay, if you have not already Paid. Once everyone has been checked in, you will be guided to your cart to place your bag.

Come inside for a great breakfast (\$14 pay direct to Hickory Hills).

Spend some time viewing the **PREMIUM & STANDARD RAFFLE** Items, and purchase Raffle Tickets (**PREMIUM** \$25 Each, 2 for \$40, **STANDARD** \$10 Each, 3 for \$20) and purchase some **SPLIT THE POT** Tickets (\$10 each 3 for \$20, 8 for \$50.) Cash is King!

Purchase your Contest Entry for \$25 to Qualify for All Three Contests. (Longest Drive on Hole #14 (UNDER 70 YEARS OLD), (Longest Drive on Hole #14 (OVER 70 YEARS OLD)- Closest to the Pin #4 & #17).

A Group Photo will be taken at 8:45 AM on the Tee for Hole #1. You will then proceed to your cart and to your starting assigned hole for a 9AM Shotgun Start .

Dixon Golf will have Outing Contests on Hole #1 and Hole #13. Details at the Tees.

Hole #11 is the Veterans First Responder Hole - Hole #XIV is the Pope Leo XIV Hole-Hole #16 is the Insurance and Business Hole. Foursome Photos will be taken on #17 tee. Photos will be available for purchase after dinner . \$10 individual \$25 for foursome .

Play is Scramble with Maximum Score of three over par per hole. To improve pace of play, please stop golfing on that hole if your foursome reaches three over par on that hole.

The Cash Bar Car will be on the Course. Each golfer will get a hot dog and soft drink ticket to use at the Halfway House.

We will have a Cash Bar prior to dinner in the dining room. Dinner with a Two-Hour Open Bar will start approximately at 3:00 PM.

Presentation Agenda: 1) Greeting: President Tom Gavin and Chairman Kelvin Lovely, 2) Announcement of Foursome Winners, 3) Announcement of Contest Winners, 4) Announcement of Raffle Winners. 6) Announcement of Split the Pot Winners.

Winning foursome will get first choice of prizes. Second lowest score foursome will get second choice, etc.

Once all Presentations are completed, and Prizes are Awarded, we will close the Outing with a Rousing Rendition of the Mendel Fight Song to send everyone home happy!



Monarchs have donated many items that will be either raffled off as Premium or Standard Items or used for Prizes the Foursomes at the Golf Outing.

MONARCHS FORE-EVER PREMIUM RAFFLE ITEMS

1P TWO CHICAGO BULLS GAME TICKETS DURING 2026/2027 SEASON SECTION 301 ROW 8 ON THE AISLE (GAME TO BE DETERMINED) TERRY LYNCH ('66) DONATED TICKETS (SET 1)

2P TWO CHICAGO BULLS GAME TICKETS DURING 2026/2027 SEASON SECTION 301 ROW 8 ON THE AISLE (GAME TO BE DETERMINED) TERRY LYNCH ('66) DONATED TICKETS (SET 2)

3P 2 TICKETS WHITE SOX VS MINNESOTA TWINS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 AT 5:40 PM 12 ROWS BEHIND SOX DUGOUT PLUS PARKING PASS (SET 1)

4P 2 TICKETS WHITE SOX VS MINNESOTA TWINS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 AT 5:40 PM 12 ROWS BEHIND SOX DUGOUT PLUS PARKING PASS (SET 2)

5P BETTINARDI PUTTER PLUS 2 DOZEN TITLEIST PRO VI GOLF BALLS

6P BO JACKSON AUTOGRAPHED BALL WITH AUTHENTICITY CERTIFICATE

7P HICKORY HILLS GOLF FOURSOME WITH CARTS

8P WHITE SOX POPE HAT AND SHIRT

RED RAFFLE TICKETS



MONARCHS FORE-EVER STANDARD RAFFLE ITEMS

- 1S** TOUR WEDGE SET 52, 56 AND 60 DEGREE
- 2S** GOLF BAG WITH MENDEL ALUM TOWEL AND GOLF BALLS
- 3S** GOLF TRAVEL BAG
- 4S** SAMSONITE MOTHERLOAD BACKPACK
- 5S** SAMSONITE COMPANION BAG & SMALL UNDERSEAT CARRY-ON
- 6S** FULL 21 INCH WHEELED DUFFEL SAMSONITE TOTE A TON BAG
- 7S** SAMSONITE CARRY-ON SUITCASE
- 8S** CASCADE MOUNTAIN HIKING POLES
- 9S** TIMBER OUTDOOR FOLDING CHAIR WITH FOLD OUT TABLE FOR BEVERAGE AND I-PAD



BLUE RAFFLE TICKETS \$10 EACH 3 FOR \$20

Two Silent Auction Items will be available at the Golf Outing.



2026 MENDEL MONARCHS FORE-EVER PREMIUM AUCTION

ST. CHARLES GOLF COURSE THREESOME PLUS CART Opening Bid \$300 (FAIR MARKET VALUE \$750)

Three Golfers (The Fourth Golfer Must Be The Club Member, Ken Celic ('65))

18-Hole Round

Seven tee combinations ranging from 6,946 yds (73.6/134) to 5,551 yds (67.4/119)

Electric carts with windshields, sunroofs, GPS, hand towel,
insulated cooler with bottled water & ice, tees, scorecard

Greens, tees & fairways: combos of bent- blue- and poa annua turfgrass

One Foursome Forecaddie (if played during summer school break)

Unlimited pre-round use of practice green & range with Titleist practice balls, free tees & ball markers

Locker room privileges: locker, shower, toiletries, cleaning of street and golf shoes

Mid- and post-round beverages

Clubs cleaned post-round

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The round is to be arranged for a mutually agreeable date between the guests and Ken Celic on
Tuesdays-Sundays. Course closed for maintenance on Mondays.

(Highly recommend scheduling the round for early in the summer in case of inclement weather
requiring a re-schedule.)

There are some scheduling restrictions depending on the day of the week due to leagues, special
events, etc.

The member, Ken Celic, must accompany the three guests to round-out the foursome.

Contact Ken directly to make arrangements: Ken's Phone and E-mail will be provided to highest bidder

The round must be played during the 2026 golf season, ending October 31, 2026

THE PREMIUM AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2026.



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



2026 MENDEL MONARCHS FORE-EVER PREMIUM AUCTION

NOTRE DAME VS MICHIGAN STATE FOOTBALL GAME

Opening Bid \$1,100 Total For All Three Tickets & Parking Pass

THREE (3) TICKETS IN DUNCAN CLUB LUXURY SUITE INCLUDING CARVING STATION, OPEN BAR & PARKING FOR NOTRE DAME VS MICHIGAN STATE FOOTBALL GAME AT NOTRE DAME STADIUM FRIDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 19, 2026.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE GAME FROM THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE LUXURIOUS, EXCLUSIVE DUNCAN CENTER SECTION OF NOTRE DAME STADIUM.

INCLUDES ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK DURING THE GAME PLUS A PARKING PASS

THE PREMIUM AUCTION WILL CLOSE AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2026.



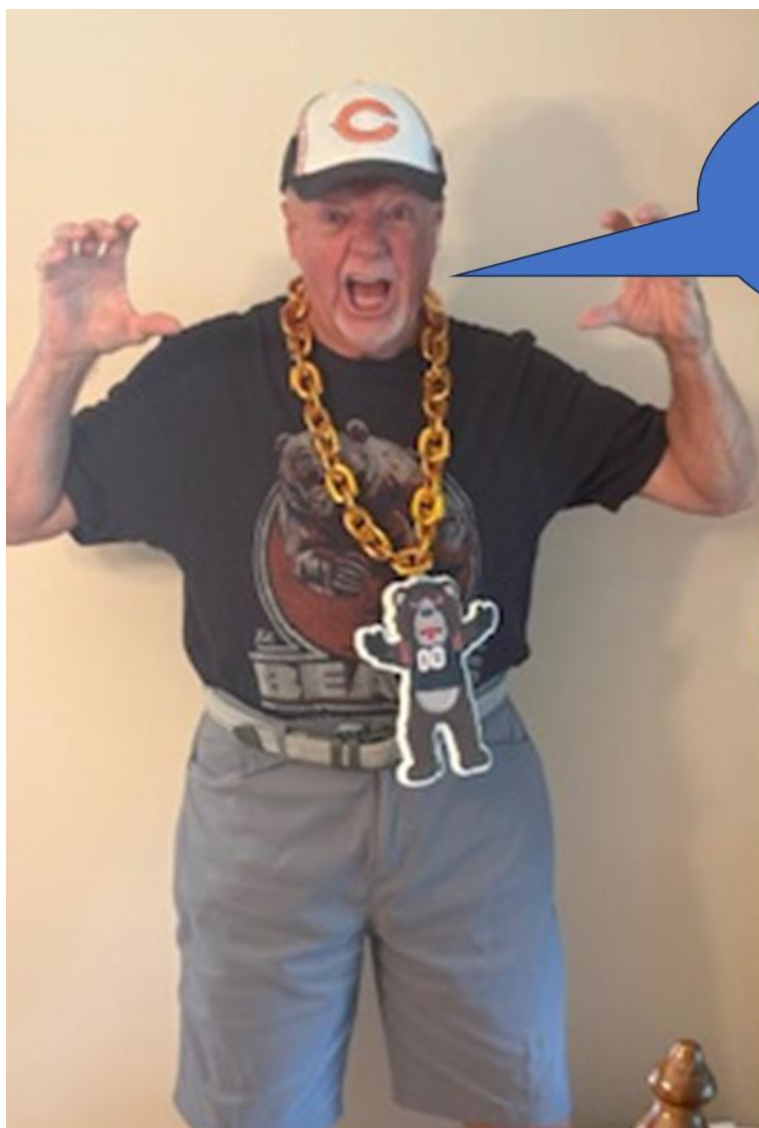
The Committee is having good success with Hole Sponsorship Sales. The goal is to exceed \$7,000 in Sponsor Signs.

HOLE SPONSOR SIGNS

THANK YOU!!

Gregory Morin		1	1	THERAPY QUOTE	NEW BATCH 1
Gregory Morin		2		NEVADA	Use Existing Sign.
Daniel Rowan		3		WISHING ALL MONARCHS WELL	Use Existing Sign.
Joe Brennan	14	4		POPE COULD HAVE BEEN MONARCH	Use Existing Sign.
Gregory Underwood		5		CALIFORNIA MONARCHS	Use Existing Sign.
Daniel Griffin		6		CALIFORNIA MONARCHS	Use Existing Sign.
Terrence Majerski		7		Washington Monarchs	Use Existing Sign.
Patrick Regan		8		Regan Boys	Use Existing Sign.
Mike Frigo		9		ADDUCCI VEGA	HE WILL BRING EXISTING SIGN TO
John Ormsby		10	6	ORMSBY FAMILY	NEW BATCH 1
Bob Fioretti		11	4	ATTORNEY GENERAL Campaign	NEW BATCH 1
Mike Dreznes	11	12		Beverly Records Thanks Veterans	Use Existing Sign.
Jack Dreznes	14	13	3	Beverly Records Pope	NEW BATCH 1
John Grady		14		Four Grady Boys	Use Existing Sign.
Jim Riordan	14	15		GOD BLESS POPE LEO XIV	Use Existing Sign.
Rosario Petrizzo		16	9	Stifel	NEW BATCH 1
Jim Davoren	11	17	8	God BLESS OUR VETERANS	NEW BATCH 1
Dennis Heitzmann		18		CLASS OF 1964	Use Existing Sign.
Frank Gornick		19		CONGRATULATIONS COACH MAGEE	Use Existing Sign.
Charles Kallsji		20	11	Fr. Flynn and Section 4	NEW BATCH 1
Terry Gainer		21	5	GAINER BOYS "FAMILY AFFAIR"	NEW BATCH 1
Patrick Regan		22	13	YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY	NEW BATCH 2
John Wilson		23		CLASS OF 1972	Use Existing Sign.
Jim Vlazny		24	2	Jack Vlazny "You Can Never Be Replaced"	NEW BATCH 1
Tom Gavin		25	7	SHOUT OUT TO OUR FORMER...	NEW BATCH 1
John Sheahan		26	10	Sheahan Boys	NEW BATCH 1
MIKE DREZNES		27	12	MENDEL BOD	NEW BATCH 1
Jack George		28	14	Jack George and Bill Sullivan O.S.A.	NEW BATCH 2
Terry Lynch		28	15	TIP OF THE HAT	NEW BATCH 2
Ed Burke & Jim Vlazny		30		Thank you Coach Magee	Use Existing Sign.
Bill Johnson	16	31		Insurance	Use Existing Sign.
Dave Kavanaugh (1)		32	16	Mendel Was There When We Need a Catholic	NEW BATCH 2
Paul Kavanaugh	11	33	17	LEST WE FORGET	NEW BATCH 2
Paul Kavanaugh		34	18	DO NOT FEAR FAILURE	NEW BATCH 2
Bill Johnson		35	19	YOU HAVE QUESTIONS WE HAVE ANSWERS	NEW BATCH 2
Bill Duffy		36	20	FOND MEMORIES OF MENDEL BROTHERS	NEW BATCH 2
Marty Conroy		37	21	1961 GOLF CHAMPIONS	NEW BATCH 2
Mike Dreznes		38	21	CLASS OF 1968	NEW BATCH 2
Randall Hildeman		39	22	PROUD MENDEL MONARCHS	NEW BATCH 3
Bob Aprati		40		Mendelian Sponsor	Use Existing Sign.
Jack Blaeser		41		Joe Magee & Fr. Gavin	Use Existing Sign.
Jack Blaeser		42		Thank you Mendel Catholic	Use Existing Sign.
Fred Smith		43	23	I MISS THESE GREAT FRIENDS	NEW BATCH 3
Damone Bester		44		"BLUE SMOKE RISES"	Use Existing Sign.
David Kosmala		45	24	THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES	NEW BATCH 3
Andy Youpel		46		FALLEN MEMBERS OF 1966	Use Existing Sign.
Greg Skrony		47		MCCrane, Rosenwald and Skrony	Use Existing Sign.
Joe Clebanoff	16	48		ESSENCE HEALTHCARE	Use Existing Sign.
Kristy Devine		49		Marathon Sportswear	SENDING CHECK 8/5/26
John Mandujano		50	25	GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL	NEW BATCH 3
Jim Panozzo		51	26	MAGIFICENT MENDEL MONARCHS '73	NEW BATCH 3
Mike Dreznes	14	52	27	PIERZINSKI & POPE PORTRAIT	NEW BATCH 4 PORTRAIT
David Milton		53		MIGHTY CLASS OF 1978	Use Existing Sign.
Paul Carvey		54		Monarchs Forever	Use Existing Sign.
Kevin Mott	16	55	28	EDWARD JONES	NEW BATCH 5
Bob Jones		56	29	JOHN DALY & STONY BURKE	NEW BATCH 5
Jim Panozzo		57	30	PAUL O'GRADY	NEW BATCH 5

Bill Johnson has done a wonderful job as the Chairman of the Golf Committee. He asked for Volunteers to make this the best Mendel Golf Outing ever.



BE THERE!
SEE YOU FRIDAY!



Mendel All-Class Family Cookout

Art Gillespie explained that the All-Class Family Cookout was a big success. He thanked all of the volunteers who helped this year, and he is looking forward to even a better Cookout next year.



DATE

Jun 27, 2026

Expired!

TIME

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

LOCATION

Gately Park
10201 S. Cottage Grove

CATEGORY

> Reunion

SHARE THIS EVENT



Mendel All-Class Family Cookout,

📍 Gately Park – Near the Dr. Conrad Worrill Track Facility

📅 Saturday, June 27, 2026

🕒 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

The Mendel Alumni Association proudly invites all classes, families, and sister schools to join us for a full day of fellowship, laughter, food, and legacy.

Powered by the Class of '84, this special gathering welcomes alumni from Mendel and our sister schools: Longwood, Aquinas, Seton, and Unity. Whether you graduated in the 50s, the 80s, or somewhere in between, this is your day to reconnect and celebrate the bonds that never really left.

We will be honoring milestone classes:

- ◆ 1956
- ◆ 1966
- ◆ 1976
- ◆ 1986

And celebrating the Class of 1984 with a special 60 Years of Life & Legacy tribute.

Parking is available at 10201 S. Cottage Grove and at 103rd & Corliss near Gately Stadium.

Mendel Honor Flight – Andy Youpel

Andy Youpel explained that the Honor Flight would happen in late Spring/Summer 2027. There is no cost for the Veteran. However, they must have a guardian. The cost for the guardian is \$500. Another option is to have a guardian appointed at no cost.

These are the Monarchs who have applied for the Honor Flight.



2027 MENDEL HONOR FLIGHT			AS OF 8/18/2026				
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	CLASS	PHONE	
ARENDT, ALAN	7325 Olcott Ave	Hammond	IN	46323	74	(219) 844-6979	
CHEVALIER, JAMES	16247 Lavergne Ave	Oak Forest	IL	60452	66	(708) 990-2191	
DILLON, GREGORY	9211 S. St. Louis Ave.	Evergreen Park	IL	60805	66	(708) 423-7341	
DREZNES, JOHN	17119 Shetland	Tinley Park	IL	60487	66	(708) 772-1949	
FALSEY, PATRICK	10416 S. Trumbull	Chicago	IL	60655	73	(847) 721-8714	
GASSER, LAWRENCE	20 Amber Ct	Crete	IL	60417	70	(708) 672-1152	
HILDEMAN, RANDALL	20800 OAK LANE	Olympia Fields	IL	60461	61	(708) 748-1702	
HORVATH, THOMAS	2707 43rd Street	Highland	IN	46322	64	(219) 972-0933	
JOHNSON, JOSEPH	606 Dawes Ave	Utica	NY	13502	73	(315) 456-8393	
KING, THOMAS	9920 Discovery Terrace	Bradenton	FL	34212	63	(708) 220- 4575	
KIPNIS, STEPHEN	12929 S 79th Ave	Palos Hts	IL	60463	N/A	(708) 822-8273	
LUMBRAZO, MICHAEL	9457 Walnut Dr.	Munster	IN	3321-382	64	(219) 838-3348	
MATA, MAXIMO	16718 Paxton Ave	Tinley Park	IL	60477	70	(708) 921-3384	
MICHAEL, LAWRENCE	.850 East Wintergreen Drive	Green Valley	AZ	85614	63	(414) 581-3714	
PETRIZZO, RUSS	12437 Mackinac Rd	Homer Glen	IL	60441	68	(708) 516-5556	
PRZYBYLA, TOM	9010 E 91st Ct	Crown Point	IN	46307	68	(219) 722-6210	
TAYLOR, WILLIAM	2740 Squire Ct.	Dyer,	IN	46311	66	(219) 644-5180	
YOUNG, KENNETH	2538 York St.	Blue Island	IL	60406	60	(708) 385-3914	
YOUPEL, ANDREW	2240 W. 113th PL	Chicago	IL	60643	66	(773) 881-1378	
ZAJACZEK GERALD	114 Peachland Creek Rd	Gray Court	SC	29645	64	(864) 575-2682	
SMITH, RON (GUARDIAN)	1705 Spyglass Circle	Palos Hts	IL	60463	72	(773) 401-3270	
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MALLOY, JAMES	10221 S Bell	Chicago	IL	60643	66	(312) 636-6559	

501C3 Corporation Advisory Committee Report on Optimum Configuration of the Alumni Association as it Relates to the 501C3 and the 501C7 Organizational Issue Eric James

Eric James presented a proposal to remove the Comptroller position from the Executive Board and to limit the number of Executive Board Members to odd number to break tie votes. This turned into a major discussion that could not be resolved during the Board Meeting.

It was decided that a Long Range Planning Committee chaired by Eric James be created to present a proposal regarding the 501C3 vs 501C7 situation and the revised Articles of Association to the complete Board at the next Board Meeting. David Milton and David Ireland, and Mike Dreznes offered to serve on this Committee. These questions, among others need to be addressed:

QUESTION

Other than three common Board Members, what is the relationship between the “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation” and the “Mendel Alumni Association”? The “Mendel Alumni Association” has never formally approved the creation of the “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation.” Should all “Mendel Alumni Association” members also be “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation” Members or should they be totally separate Boards?

What accounting systems, policies, and procedures are in place for the sharing of revenue and expense between the two entities?

Does the “Mendel Alumni Association” Board of Directors have the authority to direct the actions of the “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation”?

Who determines how funds collected thru “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation” are allocated? Does the “Mendel Alumni Association” have access to the collected funds?

Has the “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation” been changed to be more inclusive? If so, what is the current status in the State of Illinois?

The Board asked the Long Range Planning Committee to submit their recommendations to the Executive Board ASAP.

Articles of Association Rewrite-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the current Mendel Alumni Association Articles of Association as well as the following suggested modifications (in yellow highlight):

The Board may terminate any Board member who misses three consecutive meetings without a valid excuse by a record vote.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall include all persons who attended Mendel Catholic High School at graduation status.

Section 2. Rights and Participation

Membership includes access to events, communications, and leadership opportunities outlined in these bylaws.

Article IV. Governance: Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1. Structure

The Board of Directors shall govern the Association and consist of 29 members, including six Officers: Chairman, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and

***We currently have 29 Voting Members**

- Member Database Committee - the Member Database managing and improving the collection, storage, and use of information within the Association.
- Reunion Committee - The reunion committee's primary purpose is to execute a successful class reunion. Ideally, the Reunion Committee will ensure that every member of each class being honored for their decade of service (Fortieth, Fiftieth, Sixtieth, Seventieth, Eightieth, etc).
- Veterans and First Responders Committee - The Veterans and First Responders Committee, focuses on supporting and advocating for veterans and their families.
- Website Committee - The Website Committee ensures the website is an effective tool for communicating information, engaging members, and achieving the organization's overarching goals.
- **Executive Committee - The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman, President, Vice President, Secretary, and one or more additional officers the Board may designate. This committee:**
 - Act on behalf of the Board between full meetings (subject to the Board's approval)
 - Monitor strategic initiatives, partnerships, and urgent decisions
 - Address personnel, legal, or confidential matters requiring immediate action

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Section 2. Budget and Financial Reporting

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- The Treasurer and/or Comptroller shall present a financial report at each scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing the association's financial statements as applicable.
- The Treasurer shall maintain a Financial Policy and Procedure Manual, which shall be submitted to the Board from time to time for review and approval.

Section 3. Banking, Disbursements, and Segregation of Funds

All funds of the Association shall be deposited in federally insured banks under the name of the Association.

Eric James suggested that the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have an odd number of Members to avoid tie votes. It was agreed to maximize the number of Board Members at 29, instead of 30. No decisions were made regarding the number of Executive Committee Members.

No decisions were made regarding the modified Articles of Association. The Board asked for time to review the proposed amendments to have a vote at the next Board Meeting.

Board of Directors Membership Update-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the following proposal for the configuration of the Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors:

Board Of Directors



ATTENDANCE AS OF 8/18/26

80%	Mark Hubbard
53%	Eric Rouse
100%	Dan Rowan
92%	Mike Frigo
53%	Ron Dubin
42%	Art Gillespie
94%	Craig Larson

79%	Bob Fioretti
51%	David Ireland

100%	Don Trivelino
79%	Durell James
53%	John Franklin

100%	Rev Tom Griff
100%	Rick Zarr

58%	Billy Hilbring
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92%	Bob Lopez
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100%	Dennis Heitzm
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100%	Terry Gainer
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73%	Derek Lott
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92%	Jerome (J.C).
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65%	Bill Duffy
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TREASURER	100%	Eric James
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CHAIRMAN	100%	Kelvin Lovely
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PRESIDENT	100%	Tom Gavin
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VICE PRESIDENT		OPEN
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COMPTROLLER	100%	Pat Regan
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SECRETARY	100%	Mike Dreznes
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The proposed new Board of Directors configuration could not be approved due to a disagreement regarding the Comptroller position.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Gregor Mendel Appeal

Mike Dreznes presented this preliminary proposal for the 2026 Gregor Mendel

The Mendel Alumni Association encourages you the Gregor Mendel 2026 Annual Appeal

Donations will be used to fund the Mendel Legacy College Scholarships for Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren of Mendel Alumni, in memory of Monarchs killed in the line of duty and to help to support priests who taught us at Mendel Catholic High School.

All Mendel Alumni, Friends & Families are asked to donate as generously as possible to this extremely important endeavor.

You also are asked to include the Mendel Alumni Association in your donation. You can specify where your donated funds are used by the Alumni Association.

The Gregor Mendel Appeal will start on the birthday of St. Augustine, November 13, and will run for thirty-seven days until December 19, 2026, the Mendel Catholic High School's thirty-seven year history.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO THE GREGOR MENDEL ANNUAL APPEAL](#)

2027 Mendel Legacy Award

Mike Dreznes announced that the deadline for applications for the 2027 Mendel Legacy Award would be March 15, 2027. Craig Larson and Eric Rouse agreed to chair the Legacy Committee in 2026.

The program began with five applicants in 2023, each receiving \$1,000 awards after review by a de ('68) and Eric Rouse ('75). By 2024, participation nearly doubled, with nine students sharing \$6,000 applicants were awarded a total of \$9,350.

Then came 2026.

A record twenty applications were submitted—each one reflecting the strength, pride, and academic Faced with such an impressive group, the committee didn't scale back—they stepped up. After peti approved a record-breaking \$18,750 in awards, ultimately supporting twenty students with scholars

That's not just growth—that's legacy in motion.

The Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Award remains open to any child, grandchild, or great-grand graduating high school senior pursuing further education. It's a direct investment in the next genera that the bond doesn't end at graduation.

For details on the 2027 program and how to apply, visit [this page](#)

Blue Smoke lives on—just with backpacks and scholarships now.



NAME	MENDEL LEGACY	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
IMOGEN DUFFY	BILL DUFFY ('64)	BENET ACADEMY	VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
ABIGAIL BILSKY	JACK VLADNY ('61)	NORTH FORT HIGH SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
EMILY BLOCK	JOHN BLOCK ('64)	PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
MARTIN RADGOWSKI	BILL DUFFY ('64)	BENET ACADEMY	UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
RYAN LOEHR	DON LARISEY ('65)	ST RITA HIGH SCHOOL	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
JOSEPH GAINER	TERRY GAINER ('65)	ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL	MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY
HENRY WILLIAMS	RICH WILLIAMS ('62)	WHEATON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL	VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
XAVIER SELLERS	JOHN GIBLIN ('59)	VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL	PURDUE UNIVERSITY
DECLAN DUFFY	THOMAS DUFFY ('63)	HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL	LIMESTONE UNIVERSITY
MADISON HEITZMANN	DENNIS HEITZMANN ('64)	RICHARD MONTGOMERY HS	PENN STATE
THOMAS LOSH	THOMAS LOSH ('73)	HOMEWOOD FLOSSMOOR HS	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

CLASS OF 2025

2026

LEGACY AWARD

BRAYDEN SEARS	JACK DUFFY
BRODY MCKAY	TOM DUFFY
ELLIE CONNEELY	JOHN GIBLIN
JOSEPH GAINER	JAMES GIBLIN
MICHAEL O'CONNOR	JOE FARRELL
NORA DUFFY	BILL DUFFY
NORA DYIEKAN	TIM GIBLIN
PATRICK WALLER	MIKE DUFFY
MIA GAINER	JAMES GIBLIN
EMMA GAINER	JAMES GIBLIN
KALEB WILSON	GENE RIBLIN
EVAN BANSLEY	BILL STEPHENSON
NOLAN WALSH	JACK DUFFY
VIOLET BAKER	TOM PATRICK
MAEVE FARRELL	JOE FARRELL
OWEN FARRELL	JOE FARRELL
JACK FARRELL	JOE FARRELL
GABRIEL JOHNSON	DAVID JOHNSON
ELLA RIORDAN	JIM RIORDAN
CHLOE HALL	GERALD HALL
PURDUE	

Next Mendel Board Meeting

The next Mendel Alumni Association BOD ZOOM Call will be on Tuesday October 27, 2026, at 7PM Chicago time.

Closing Prayer-Fr. Tom Griffin

Fr. Griffin thanked God for his continued guidance for the Mendel Alumni Association.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM Chicago time.