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# TYNER ALUMNI NEWS

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## The ONE Thing

There is one thing that will help us get through any crisis, any change. We all have that one thing – we may spell it differently or we may not apply it effectively, but if we look deeply enough we will find it.

The founder of Keller Williams Realtors, Gary Keller, and his colleague, Jay Papasan, wrote a book in 2013, The ONE Thing. Everyone wanted to know what the one thing was; the authors didn't tell us. They simply helped the reader identify the one thing in their lives they needed to change, to let go of, to move on.

Life is a series of letting go, and in that process something new comes along. In the last few months, many of us have discovered our families and friends in new and profound ways. What's The ONE Thing you have experienced? Love? Gratitude? Fear? Service? Grief? Faith? Sharing? The one thing, the one word may change each day, but it will be there to help you process your experience of life. If there is too much noise, too much confusion, narrow it down to one thing and learn what it has to teach you. What is your one thing?

Rev. William Killian

Written during the COVID-19 Crisis

April 2020

Tyner High School '57

## Polk Township Picnic

### July 25, 1965

About 1 o'clock Roscoe and Edna Sarber with Mrs. Ruff took me to the Polk Twp. Picnic. There was a nice crowd about 100. Ice cream and cookies were served. Roscoe was re-elected Pres. and Mrs. Thayer Sec. We came home about 6 pm. A nice day, not too hot in the shade. Milo Matz's have a nice place for a picnic.

### July 31, 1966

. . . 54` and clear when I got up before 7. Roscoe Sarbers and Mrs. Ruff took me to Polk (Twp.) picnic at IOOF lodge, 80 some there. Home before 5pm.

NOTE: Maisie Thompson Biggins Diary

## Dr. A. A. Thompson:

After graduation from Medical College in Indianapolis in 1905, the Thompsons with their first son went to LaPaz. When Tyner's physician, Dr. Lawson left, the townspeople urged Dr. Thompson to move to Tyner. His service to Tyner and community spanned over 50 years. He estimated that he delivered more than 4000 babies. On one occasion, three arrived in one day. During the influenza epidemic, following World War I in which he served, he went three weeks without going to bed, sleeping in the sleigh between houses. In 1911 the first Model T Ford was purchased, which was stored during the winter, and calls were made by horses and buggy or sleigh.

Brother to Maisie Thompson Biggins

## Tyner Indiana Alumni Facebook Page

ATTENTION: All Tyner Students:

You are invited to join the Tyner Indiana Alumni Facebook Page. This group is for any person that attended Tyner School, whether they graduated or not. Also, this site is open to include spouses of Tyner Alumni and Tyner Community friends.

Come share in school memories, photos and be made aware of upcoming events. There are approximately 200 members and perhaps there is someone here that you have had a desire to connect with, but haven't been successful up to this point - you may find them today.

Joining this Facebook page is very easy, as noted in the following 3 steps:

1. Search for "Tyner Indiana Alumni" on Facebook.
2. Click on the "Join" button (beneath the photo of the school).
3. Respond to the questions asked in the space provided, then submit.
  1. Did you ever attend Tyner School?
  2. What year would you or did you graduate?
  3. What is your connection to Tyner High School?

NOTE: The Group Administrator will review your answers and respond soon. Please consider this invitation now while it is fresh in your mind.

Thank you  
Larry Mueller (JGHS Class of 1969)

Check out the Tyner Website:  
[www.tyner.org](http://www.tyner.org)  
(Alan Burkholder - class of 1964)

## 2019 TYNER ALUMNI BANQUET MINUTES

The 102nd Tyner High School Alumni Banquet was held at the Christos' Banquet Hall in Plymouth, Indiana on June 1, 2019: 88 people were in attendance.

Registration and Social Hour were from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. A large screen, set up in the banquet hall, showed old photos. Also, memorabilia, current reports and much more were on display. Thanks to Susan Lowry Litchfield. All attendees seemed to enjoy their time together.

Linda Drews Benjamin was Master of Ceremonies and opened with a welcome. Larry Mueller offered the invocation before the delicious family style meal was served.

Plymouth American Legion Post 27 presented the colors, and Gene Reese lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Introduction of Classes: The classes ranged from Tyner High School Class of 1932 through the John Glenn Class of 1972. Our oldest alumni was Gladys Thayer Sheneman, Class of 1932. She spoke of her longevity and having no aches and pains. We all applauded her. The class of 1959 had the largest number of members attending, 11 members.

The 2018 Minutes, received in the Newsletter, had one correction. Under DECEASED ALUMNI 2018-2019, Danny Sarber should have read, "Class of 1985." A motion was made by Lori Mullet Jacobs to approve the 2018 Minutes, and it was seconded. The motion was passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Copies of the 2018 Financial Report were distributed to every table. There were no corrections to the report. A motion was made by Arlene Holm Keb to approve the 2018 Financial Report, and it was seconded by Steve Matz. The motion passed with an unanimous voice vote.

Gene Reese spoke of the need to increase the cost of reservations for the banquet. A motion was made by John McGee to increase the amount by \$1.00 per person, and it was seconded by Carl Steinke. The motion passed with an unanimous voice vote. The amount for attending the 2020 Tyner Alumni Banquet will be \$28.00 per person.

3rd Annual "Alumni of the Year" was awarded to Verl Haag presented by Susan Lowry Litchfield.

2019 Scholarship winners were announced by Larry Mueller: Abigail Griffiths, recipient of Vera Klinedinst Scholarship; Samantha Mills, recipient of Mavis Shank Scholarship; Alexia Wise, recipient of Wilma Martin Scholarship.

The 2019 Tyner Alumni Committee was recognized. They were: Linda Drews Benjamin, Gene Reese, Larry Mueller, Susan Lowry Litchfield, Connie Biggins Kipfer. The committee has volunteered for next year's banquet. Other people acknowledged for helping to make this banquet a success were: Rosalie Matz Hollar and Pat Biggins Orcutt (registration table), Marsha Dare Reese (hospitality), Jennifer Reese Cygert (printing programs), Ben and Vickie Holderread Burger (death notifications), Lisa Sleek (help with audio-visual), Donna Schmeltz Wood (procuring the Plymouth American Legion Post 27), and also Noral Baughman for his continued support.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Tyner High School Fight Song, and the evening ended.

## **2019 - 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

We are excited to announce the John Glenn High School scholarship winners that were awarded in a virtual ceremony.

Mavis Shank Scholarship awarded to Hannah Hunnicutt

Wilma Martin Scholarship awarded to Alexandria Tungate

Vera Klinedinst Scholarship awarded to Harley Rough and Ariel Tysver

There was enough money in the fund for there to be two recipients for the Vera Klinedinst Scholarship.

Because we aren't having the Alumni Banquet this year, there is still a way for you to donate to these various scholarship funds. Send your checks made payable to Marshall County Community Foundation, with a notation of the name and the fund to which the money should be deposited. Send to Gene Reese, 128 Gemini Lane, Walkerton, IN 46574.

## **Legacy Class**

We have begun a new tradition of honoring one class each year. We are hoping that this special invitation will encourage each member of that class to reach out to their classmates and invite them to attend the Alumni Banquet. This will give them a chance to reconnect with each other and other Alumni. At next year's banquet we will be honoring the Class of 1966.

## **Tyner-Teegarden-Polk Twp.-Walkerton-North Liberty-Green Twp. Florida Reunion**

Don Knowlton from North Liberty, presided over the Florida reunion held in Sebring, Florida on February 3, 2020. There were 60+ people in attendance and 11 were from Tyner-Teegarden-Polk Township. The conception of the Florida reunion began in the 1980's and its numbers have been decreasing over the years. There were no minutes taken.

The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Homers Original Smorgasbord in Sebring, Florida.

**102nd REUNION 2019 TYNER ALUMNI TREASURER'S REPORT**

**JULY 1, 2018 BEGINNING BALANCE** ..... \$827.92

**DEPOSITS**

95 Paid Reservations @ \$27.00 per Reservation . . . \$2565.00  
 Donations . . . . . \$798.00  
 Contributors: Hal Sheaks, Jim Drews, Dean Thompson,  
 Paul Brubaker, Terry Keck Keller, Anonymous, THS Banquet

**TOTAL DEPOSITS** ..... \$3363.00

**BALANCE FORWARD** ..... \$4190.92

**EXPENSE ITEMS**

Card Stock . . . . . \$34.08  
 Advertising - Pilot Newspaper (2x \$40.50) . . . . . \$81.00  
 Mailing . . . . . \$368.33  
 MCCF Fund - M. Shank (donation) . . . . . \$25.00  
 Floral Arrangement . . . . . \$35.00  
 Plaque - Tyner Alumni of 2019 . . . . . \$37.45  
**TOTAL** ..... **\$581.36**  
 Christos' Banquet Center for Meals & Bartender . . **\$2156.05**

**TOTAL EXPENSES** ..... \$2737.41

**JUNE 30, 2019 ENDING BALANCE** ..... \*\* \$1453.51

**ACTION ITEM: Increase meal cost \$1.00 to \$28.00 (passed 2019) for 2020 Banquet Tickets.**

**NOTE: The following was donated at the 2019 Banquet for scholarship funds at the Marshall County Community Foundation: M. Shank \$51.00, W. Martin \$137.00, V. Klinedinst \$61.00**

**\*\* Ending Balance \$1453.51 reflects \$1000.00 invested in Certificate of Deposit**

**Tyner Alumni Fund**

Dear Tyner Alum,

We enjoyed our memories at Tyner High School. We get together once a year to enjoy a wonderful dinner and relive those experiences. Whether you come to the Tyner Alumni Banquet every year or on occasion, we think it is important to keep this tradition alive. It costs more (+\$500) to plan, arrange, and carry out than what our meal costs. Last year we cut it very close, so we asked for donations from those attending and received generous contributions.

If you are able, whether attending or not, I would like to plead for your help to keep us financially viable. Some may sacrifice more than others. Please consider a donation to the Tyner Alumni Fund to keep our unique banquet going. Together we will keep the "Memories" alive!!! Thank you in advance. Looking forward to the Tyner Alumni Banquet 2021.

The Best Is Yet To Come,

Gene Reese (Class of 1965)  
 Tyner Alumni Financial Secretary

## Pauline Lucille (Matz) Klopfenstein

Pauline L Lucille (Matz) Klopfenstein was born in Teegarden, In. on June 6, 1926. Her parents were George A. Matz and Dottie A. (Skiles) Matz. Pauline, with her parents and siblings, moved to a farm on U.S. 6 in 1929 when she was 3 years old. While she tells the story that she gathered the farm eggs, she remembers listening to Teddy Snowcrop on the radio.

Pauline has been a member of the First Brethren Church Teegarden, In. for 86 years. She is an active member and still plays the piano for the church.

She attended Tyner High School all 12 years. She was a member of the school band, played the E flat Alto horn and also played the horn for the German band. They were called that because they only played German music. While at Tyner H.S. Pauline met the love of her life, Edward R. Klopfenstein, who had moved from Bremen to the Tyner area. They married November 10, 1946. They had 3 children: Marsha, Mike and Donna. Pauline is currently living at the same home where they raised their children. Her husband, Ed passed away in 1982. Pauline's husband served on the USS CV6 Enterprise, the most decorated ship of the Second World War. The USS CV6 Enterprise started the Enterprise Association. This was a reunion of the crew and their families. Pauline became the treasurer after her husband Ed passed. This interaction became a large part of their family lives. The Klopfenstein's enjoyed the Enterprise Association for many years. Being members turned into the family vacations. Pauline's children experienced having many Fathers, Mothers, Brothers and Sisters from the intimate contact with the Association. This gave Pauline and her family great pleasure for several years. Pauline's daughter, Marsha told this story and also stated, "Mom always said that the Enterprise CV6 decorated her life and the people who served and lived to honor her."



**DECEASED ALUMNI 2019 -2020**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>DOD</b>
1942	George Replogle	05/02/25	09/29/19
1944	Verl Haag	10/26/26	06/18/19
1944	Dean Holderread	06/06/25	05/02/20
1945	Dale Spaid	03/27/27	09/13/19
1947	Donna Cudney Huffer	07/30/29	11/28/19
1950	Mary Long Dare	02/06/32	11/10/19
1953	Don Ecker	09/29/35	04/19/20
1953	Roger Stiles	03/09/35	05/03/20
1954	Edna Goheen Swihart	03/20/36	10/05/19
1954	Evelyn Norris Shilts	05/19/36	05/15/20
1958	Elaine May	03/11/40	02/01/19
1960	Judy Barr Watts	10/31/42	11/19/19
1960	Fred Lemert	06/29/41	04/18/20
1961	Rick Rippy	08/07/42	05/10/20
1963	Wayne Pontius	12/02/44	04/24/20
1963	Ernie Burch	06/21/44	05/07/20
1967	Janice Martin Burch	06/19/49	10/27/19
1968	Harry Curtis	06/24/49	12/31/19
1971	John Pippenger	11/04/52	03/21/20
1973	Thomas Balding	10/06/53	01/06/20
TEACHER	Mary Ellen Hission	06/25/23	09/05/19
TEACHER	Betty Nibbelink Neff	09/14/32	02/29/20
TEACHER	Jean Shricker	04/23/24	04/22/20

**Living A New Normal**

We are living in unprecedented times - living a new normal. With this newsletter we are hoping to bring a little hometown normal back into our lives. Let us enjoy our memories of simpler and happier days - 'Our Tyner experiences.'

Basketball games in the "New Gym"

Sock hops in the cafeteria, dancing to "She Wore Blue Velvet"

When I was in 2nd grade there was a horrible storm and the window blew out cutting Mrs. Lehman's face. It was a scary thing to watch. (Linda D.)

Getting *Shocked* at Karn's store on the old Coca-Cola cooler

Walking "uptown" or to my Grandma's house (Maisie Biggins) with friends at lunch hour. (Pat B)

Day's store

I went to Teegarden for 6 years and attended Tyner for 3 years, and each of these schools were closed down and demolished soon after. I'm relieved that JGHS is still standing. (Larry M.)

Mr. York

We hope this newsletter eases the mind, lifts your spirit and brings a smile.

**STAY SAFE - STAY HEALTHY**

Until next year, Linda - Gene - Donna - Larry - Rose (Rosalie) - Susan - Pat - Connie