

Pacers honor Purple Reign era Giants

Z-Bo visits with hometown fans

In February, the Indiana Pacers honored the Marion Giants of the Purple Reign era.

The special night was part of the team's Hickory Nights series, which "celebrates and honors some of those who have made Indiana synonymous with the game of basketball," Pacers Senior VP Todd Taylor said in the Pacers' announcement of this season's honorees.

On Hickory Nights, the Pacers don the Hickory uniforms, made famous by the movie Hoosiers, and now part of the NBA Pride Collection. The Marion Giants honorees also received personalized Hickory jerseys, and were brought onto the floor at half-time to recognize their accomplishments in the 1980s (the three-peat state boys basketball championships in 1985, 1986, and 1987).

The Pacers faced the Memphis Grizzlies for the Hickory Night honoring the Purple Reign Giants — bringing NBA All-Star and MHS alumnus Zach Randolph to town.

Z-Bo visited with the hometown crowd after the game. It was a great night, with many MHSAA members in attendance for this special event!



The Purple Reign era Giants, who won state titles in 1985, '86, and '87, were honored by the Indiana Pacers in February. (photos courtesy of Mark Fauser)



Marion High School alumnus Zach Randolph visits with Marion fans after the game, after the game featuring his Memphis Grizzlies vs. the Pacers.

On the calendar

- **Class of 1962 Reunion:** Sept. 8-9. Save the date! More details to come.
- **Class of 1967 Reunion:** Sept. 15-17. Contact Frank Ireland, 317-407-4098, or Patty Rigsbee, trigsbee@aol.com.
- **Class of 1982 Reunion:** July 22, 2017. Save the date! More details to come.
- **Class of 1987 Reunion:** Weekend of July 22, 2017. Save the date! More details to come.
- **Class of 1992 Reunion:** July 15, 2017, at Roseburg Event Center in Marion. RSVP by May 31. Email marionhs1992@yahoo.com with questions. >> Link and more details at www.mhsalum.com.



MHSAA membership makes a great graduation gift!

Marion High School's Class of 2017 Commencement Ceremony is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2017

As you make your gift lists for the newest alumni you know, be sure to visit www.MHSalum.com to learn more.

MHS a People's Choice winner in Follett Challenge

In February, Marion High School was named a People's Choice winner in the 2017 Follett Challenge, earning an \$8,000 grant to improve the Giants Library / Media Center.

MHS students and MHS Media Specialist Diana Gardner (herself a Giant alumna) worked hard to win this award, earned by being in the top 10 for votes among the 120 entries.

MHS was the only Indiana school in the competition this year, and their video — inspired by the smash hit musical *Hamilton* — garnered statewide media attention during the competition in late January.

In addition, family, friends, and alumni helped propel votes with social media posts, getting us close to the top 10. The big boost arrived, though, when Caleb Marshall, MHS alumnus and now a YouTube sensation with his dance workouts as The Fitness Marshall, made a plea to his hundreds of thousands of fans to help!

"Because of all these efforts, our students know people care," Gardner said. "I could not be more proud to be associated with the wonderful kids and team of adults who dreamed with me to make this happen."

Hamilton's theme of dreaming big and telling your story is a perfect vehicle for the Giants Library / Media Center, which has undergone a revolution of its own in recent years.

It has truly become a learning commons, and is becoming the heartbeat of the building. The change in atmosphere is per-



Marion High School alumnus Riley Reese (now a teacher at MHS) helps capture the audio track as several MHS students sing their *Hamilton* parody for the Giants Library video, which competed in the 2017 Follett Challenge and earned a People's Choice award.

Watch the video:

You can find the full video on YouTube with this shortlink: <http://bit.ly/WeAreGiantsLibrary>

haps the most visible impact. It has transformed from the school library of yesterday into a warm, inviting space where bookshop-style displays and cafe-style spaces make it almost impossible not to notice something new.

The increased student traffic, the buzz of conversations and project work, the student-produced displays, the current and cutting-edge technology (usually with huddles of students and staff around, collaborating on their latest endeavor) — these are all clear signs of the transformation.

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and opportunities may be what draws students in, but what they carry out with them is the more incredible part. Skills of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking are not just buzzwords. They are important for students' current course work in any subject, but more than that, they are becoming a regular part of students' lives, the new norm.

This is truly life-changing, as these skills will benefit them no matter where their path leads after graduation. At college, they will better be able to navigate opportunities and requirements. At work, they will have enviable and sought-after "soft" skills. In their own lives, they will be empowered with the ability to find and analyze credible information and act on it on their own or in collaboration with others.

Participating in the Follett

Challenge allowed Marion High School an unusual platform through which to share their story and draw attention to their needs. Because these students and staff told their story, the administration, alumni, and donors are more aware of the needs and are interested in building on this Follett Challenge win.

It is so important that these opportunities continue to be open to every student at Marion High School on an ongoing, long-term basis. Our students deserve our best!

If you would like to help fill these needs, and help the Giants Library / Media Center keep up with the latest technology and provide today's Giants with the best opportunities, contact the MHSAA to learn how you can make your tax-deductible gift. You can email us at info@mhsalum.com.

Hall of Distinction nominations open

Do you know a Marion High School alumnus who deserves recognition? Nominations for the MHS Hall of Distinction 2017 induction are being accepted through May 10, 2017.

The MHS Hall of Distinction gives lasting recognition to alumni who have made

exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of Marion Community Schools. It also serves to help inspire current students to aspire to similar success.

Any MHS alumnus who graduated at least five years ago and who has made substantial contributions to the achievements of Marion Community Schools or whose exemplary actions

reflect honor on MCS is eligible for nomination. The Hall seeks to honor men and women who have distinguished themselves through superb accomplishment on a local, state or national level in diverse fields of endeavor.

Non-MHS graduates may be afforded honorary status in the MHS Hall of Distinction.

Nominations must be made in writing and must be received by

in the Office of the Superintendent, District Offices at Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, or by email to pgibson@marion.k12.in.us, by May 10.

For nomination forms and more information, including details on previous inductees, visit bit.ly/MSHallOfDistinction.

For more information, call 662-2546, ext. 125, or email pgibson@marion.k12.in.us.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Giant Greetings!

I am delighted to take the helm as the incoming Board President for the Marion High School Alumni Association. And while I am sure everyone is grateful for the arrival of spring, I am excited to share several objectives that MHSAA has accomplished over the winter. We presented a check for



\$12,000 directly to Marion High Schools during halftime of our basketball win against Oak Hill; we received a check for \$811 from the Indiana Pacers Hickory Game that was fondly dubbed Purple Reign Night; and our association grew 25 new memberships in the month of February from our Board Challenge. These milestones continue to support our overall mission and speak to the amazing success we have had in the association's relatively short existence.

In fact, in just the last two years, we have raised a

quarter of a million dollars for Marion Community Schools students and various programs. Since April 2015, we have gifted more than \$78,000 to MCS and their initiatives.

And overall, your Marion High School Alumni Association has raised \$171,000 in endowments for the arts, academics and athletics. This fund will benefit our students for the long-term, creating GIANT opportunities for success.

I continue to encourage our current members to share our

mission with other alumni in an effort to grow our membership and network of Giant Pride. So whether it's at an upcoming class reunion, casually connecting with old and new friends or simply updating your Facebook status, spread the word for other alumni to join.

Thank you for your continued support!

#GFND

— Lori Eltzroth
(Class of 1989)

MHSAA members:

Class of 1935: Joseph Davis

Class of 1936: Harold Witcoff

Class of 1937: James Wilson

Class of 1938: Richard Simons

Class of 1940: Margie Vice

Class of 1942: Edmund Casey

Class of 1943: Jeanne Michos

Class of 1947: Clark Beck

Class of 1948: Nancy Teeters

Class of 1949: George Dixon,

Pierre Fisher, Robert Shirar

Class of 1950: Carol Fisher,

Jane Kohlmoorgen

Class of 1951: Francis

"Frank" Fisher, Alene Sloan,

Kenneth Sloan

Class of 1952: James Sutter

Class of 1953: Robert L.

Scott

Class of 1954: Lynn Wynston

Class of 1955: Oatess

Archey, Jerry Jones

Class of 1956: Janice Evans,

Frank Faunce, William

Hanley, Doris Jesch, Karen

Tucker, Von Tucker, Morris

Underwood

Class of 1957: Bob Daugh-

erty, Steve Moorehead,

Peggy (Walton) Pace, Dick

Persinger, Don Tillman

Class of 1958: James Moritz

Class of 1959: Maggie (Deck-

er Osborn, Carol (Plummer)

Hamilton

Class of 1960: Deanna

Bergsma, Mark Boatwright,

George Bragg, Avery

Chandler, Mike Conroy,

William Dennis, Bernard

Diamond, Charles Esarey,

Roselyn Farley, David

Fosnough, Mary Gough,

Richard Green, Sondra

Haynes, Gloria Heinemann,

Jim Hughes, John Jacob,

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Jane Keene, Alice Kreissler, Bettieann Liddle, Michael Maidenberry, Kay Miller,

Frances Pack, Marsha Pence,

John Smith, Nancy Ray, Janet

Tenhula, James Thorne, Ros-

ilyn Vyhnaek, Carole (Knotts)

Wandrei, Thomas Westfall

Class of 1961: Michael Achor,

Steve Carmach, Bert Ewer,

Gail Pearce Gorrell, Dave

Ivey, Rosen Richcreek, Jane

(Baas) Sharon

Class of 1962: Amy

Anderson, John Anderson,

Virginia Boatwright, Bill Bow-

man, Carolyn Brooks, Robert

Burke, Richard Conroy, Sue

Cook, Leelia Cornell, Janet

Davis, Wendell Detamore,

John Earnest, Gayle Faunce,

Judith (Long) Guerrero, Lloyd

Herring, Joanna (Harris)

Hesher, Suellen Huff, Sharron

(Ackley) Jacks, Jean Jacob,

David Joyce, Susan Long,

Terry Long, Jill Oswalt,

Terry Porter, Joan (Armstrong)

Purvis, Jack Robison, Steve

Sharon, Jerry Shull, Sarah

Smith, Susan Sutton, Nancy

(Warran) Thorne, Bill Travis,

Sandy Van Hoose-Clevenger,

Charles Young

Class of 1963: Norma Achor,

Darlene "Anna" (Holaday)

Burke, Cheryl Detamore, Mar-

cia Donnell, Pam (Zepperling)

Hufford, Angie (Achor) Kelley,

Teddie Thomas Lee, Dave

Liniger, Nancy Love, Richard

Osburn, Catherine (Hadley)

Reid, Dianne (Sector) Smith,

Susie (Herrick) Vesey

Class of 1964: Judy D.

(Achor) Agee, David Albert-

son, Berniece E. (Detamore)

Andrews, Jim Arnold, Bill

Beekman, Lee Ann (Babcock)

Brown, Ruth A. (Sherman)

Detamore-Reynolds, Joyce

Eltzroth, Paul F. Esler, Connie

(Patterson) Gill, Evelyn M.

(Giegler) Grubb, Glen Hefner,

Susie (Jackson) Herring, Tom

Holloway, Jackie Hoss, Lee

Maidenberg, Jack L. Marshall,

Adrian Messer Jr., John

Milford, Susan Nation-Resler,

George Rauch, Charlotte E.

Real, Marshall Stewart, Becky

Stubbs, William Thorne

Class of 1965: Carole

Cardwell, Sharon Dunwoody,

Tracy (Mattingly) Kirk, Linda

Kitts, Anthony Maidenberry,

Linda Mark, Kathi Richey

Class of 1966: Verlene "Vee"

(Miller) Herrington, Phil

Jenkins

Class of 1967: Frank Ireland,

Cheryl Wiggs

Class of 1968: John Beineke,

Charles Burns

Class of 1969: Arthur Hewitt,

John Jarrett, Bill Perry, Joe

Sutter

Class of 1970: James Hodge,

Jennifer Maidenberry, Steven

Moritz, Carol Murphy, Susie

Oyler, Twanna Scroggins, Avis

Stewart, Judi Woodward

Class of 1971: Bruce

Baumbaugh, Eddie Lee Black,

Philippa Culley, Linda Drei-

man, Paula (Nahler) Jarvis,

Daryl Johnson, Terry Johnson,

Connie (McCuan) Kirsch, Jac-

quelyn Reed, David Siders,

Kathy (Harris) Smith

Class of 1973: David Fisher,

Cindy Wright, David Wright,

Steve Wright

Class of 1974: Mike Barney,

Brian Landrum, James Luttrull

Jr., Julie (Collins) Sherman

Class of 1975: Robert Acord,

Patty Barney, Michael Flynn

Class of 1976: Robbin Smith

Class of 1977: Robert Butch

Thomas

Class of 1978: Cindy Futrell,

David Kiley, William Wilds

Class of 1979: Kathy

Landrum, CJ McAbee-Reher,

Reggie Nevells

Class of 1980: Mark Bilger,

Cathy Moritz

Class of 1981: Todd Nukes,

Kelly Snyder

Class of 1982: Gigi Harris,

Jeff Harris, Wayne Seybold

Class of 1983: Jeff Hutchens,

Stacy Sample, Sabrina Wilds

Class of 1984: Kim (Seybold)

Catron, Melissa (Bennet)

Pogue, Kellie Street

Class of 1987: Jennifer

Moore, Kari Persinger

Class of 1988: Matt Bennet,

Collin Bowen, Angela Dale,

Kara Morley, Greg Taylor,

Tracy Vonderbrink

Class of 1989: Lori Eltzroth,

Leslie (Achor) Hendricks, Ivo-

ry "Von" Jackson, Greg Kitts,

Heather Kitts, Tade Powell,

Aaron Vermilion

Class of 1992: Diane

Janowicz, Ann Vermilion

Class of 1993: Bobby

Browder, Angela Dalrymple

Class of 1994: Kyle Kirby

Class of 1997: T.J. Dailey,

Troy Jones, Meredith

(Earnest) Miller

Class of 1998: Josh

Matchette

Class of 1999: David Culley,

Trent Dailey, Ryan Earnest,

Teneal Gardner

Class of 2000: Zach

Randolph

Class of 2001: Brandon

Barrett, Ashley Braun,

Kristin Marcuccilli, Brittany

Pelz

Class of 2003: Bradley Norris

Class of 2005: Kyle Booher,

Julie (Cline) Harmon, Shane

Nevers

Class of 2006: Rachel

Polsley

Class of 2007: Regan Reese

Class of 2009: Hilary Harris

Class of 2011: Luke Harris,

Katie Landrum

Class of 2016: Austin

Hendricks

Class of 2017: Truman

Bennet

No Year Noted: Shari Ashkar,

Bradley Banks, Carl Bleke,

William Campbell, William

Carson, Thomas Cornell,

Clayton Edwards, Sara

Edwards, Paul Esler, Todd

Graham, Marcia Guenin,

Michelle Harris, Tim Harris,

Roger Michael Hurst, Kylie

Jackson, Kathleen Keller,

Marc Lobdell, Themosticles

Michos, Rebecca Moses,

Susan Natoli, Jonathan

Perez, Sarah Poehler, Rory

Shivers-Brimm, Rhonda

Stewart, Christopher Wagner,

Tim Wentz, Lucinda Witt,

Olivia Wright

Scenes from the 2017 Marion-Florida reunion

By Dr. Pierre J. Fisher

Class of 1949

President/emcee for 2017

Marion-Florida reunion

Seventy-five Marionites gathered for a reunion at Duff's Original Buffet restaurant in Bradenton, Fla., on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

The first reunion was held at Stacey's Buffet in Largo, Fla., on Thursday in March 1, 1984. It was organized by Charlie Kilgore (retired Marion Postmaster) and Laverne Bradford (the first MHS Easter Queen - 1934).

It was promoted, for many years, by Bill Fowler of WBAT who was widely known for many years as the "Voice of the Giants."

The event was moved to Duff's in Bradenton in March 2011, when the Largo buffet was closed over a rent increase disagreement and failure for the building owner to upgrade the facility. The event has been held annually on the first Thursday in March.

The 33rd reunion opened with a pledge of allegiance of the flag of the United States of America.

To get everyone in the proper mood, our very talented song leader, Carmen Ramsey, using her pitch pipe to get everyone started on tune, led the group in singing the chorus of *Back Home Again in Indiana*. Wow! What enthusiasm erupted.

She then led the group singing the Marion High School Fight Song. The sound would have raised the rafters of the old Marion Coliseum.

Carmen then led the group in *God Bless America*, which was used as the invocation.

An intermission for a buffet lunch was followed by a formal program.

John Earnest, Class of 1962, led off the program explain-



ing the history and purpose of the Marion High School Alumni Association's Giant Dreams Endowment Funds. Money donated is held by the Community Foundation of Grant County and funds are used to support academics, arts, and athletics in Marion Community Schools. The goal is to raise \$1 million for each of the three Dreams Endowment Funds. John handed out a recent newsletter, gift cards and envelopes and other promotional materials. He encouraged everybody to become a lifetime member of the Alumni Association for a one-time \$25 membership fee.

Next was a very informative talk about orthopedics in Indiana by Dr. David A. Fisher. David is a 1973 graduate of Marion High School, a member of the MHS Hall of Distinction, and an orthopedic surgeon from Indianapolis who is internationally known for his hip and knee replacement surgery.

He has been a major player in improving life and durability of prosthetic joint components through his research and development efforts for Dupuy (now a division of Johnson and Johnson).

The world capitol for orthopedic appliance research

development and manufacturing is Warsaw, Ind. Strides have been made in component development and surgical innovation that has decreased the time necessary to replace an arthritic hip or knee joint from a grueling 4- to 6-hour procedure in the 1970s to a 30- to 45-minute procedure in 2017. Patients today are up and walking a few hours after surgery and are released to go home within one or two days, some the same day. Complications today are much more rare, and durability of the prostheses is greatly prolonged. Patient satisfaction with hip replacement is at 98% and knee replacement is about 96%.

New methods of trying to treat arthritis are constantly being touted, including drugs for pain relief, stem cell injections, platelet rich plasma injections, hyaluronic injections, growth hormone injections, cartilage transplants, etc., none of which have been successful. The "gold standard" has been and still is joint replacement, which allows patients to enjoy an active and quality life.

The mic was then passed from one person to another for the purpose of telling about themselves, their families, and personal life experiences, which were usually interesting and, sometimes, fantastic. Group pictures were taken.

The meeting was adjourned until March 1, 2018.

— All alumni and friends are welcome at this annual reunion, organized by Dr. P.J. Fisher. The next reunion is set for March 1, 2018, at Duff's Original Buffet in Bradenton, Fla. Email pjfish71@aol.com for more information. —