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2010 Five-Year Alumni Reunion a Success

The five-year Marsh Foundation Alumni Reunion was held the weekend of August 7 and 8. It was a huge success!

There were 180 alumni, former staff, current staff and families in attendance on Saturday evening. On Sunday, attendance topped 400. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the weekend!

In 2005, Saturday evening's attendance was 130 and Sunday's events saw just over 200 people. The Marsh is thrilled that so many of you were able to visit the campus this year, see your old home and visit with those you lived with.

Many surveys were completed the weekend of the reunion. However, if you attended but did not fill out the survey, one is included on page 4 of this newsletter. Please fill it out and send it back at your convenience to Dawn Berryman, The Marsh Foundation, 1229 Lincoln Hwy., P.O. Box 150, Van Wert, Ohio 45891. We'd love your feedback.

One of the highlights at this year's reunion, was the video presentation. Two videos, one historical and one promotional, were produced in preparation for the 2010 Alumni Reunion. Several Marsh alumni and past employees were interviewed for the project.

Thank you to Ron Bagley, Donna (Parsons) Goodwin, Clarabelle (Furrell) Smith and Fred Smith, for appearing in the videos. Copies are available for purchase at a cost of \$10. See page 6 of this newsletter for ordering information.

This newsletter issue is full of photographs from the 2010 Alumni Reunion. Enjoy!



THE MARSH FOUNDATION Alumni 2010 Reunion



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From the executive's desk ...

The Five-Year Alumni Reunion was held on campus August 7 and 8. The weekend was typical August weather, warm and dry. The reunion was full of good food and fellowship. The number of attendees from the 2005 Reunion nearly doubled in attendance from 130 to 231 Saturday evening and 235 to 425 on Sunday afternoon. I would like to thank all the former alumni and staff for attending and making this a great weekend. The video of the history and current programming of The Marsh Foundation was shown both Saturday and Sunday to a group of very appreciative alumni.

I would like to thank the people responsible for pulling this reunion together. Chairperson: Dawn Berryman (marketing and public relations specialist) Committee: Donna Goodwin, Becky Edwards, Sue Bowersox, Bev Boroff, Lisa Miller, Sherry Grone, Tonya Branson and Michelle Bird. We also must give credit for her support and love for The Marsh Foundation Jeannie Snyder class of 1965 and Alumni President. All have given their time to make this a very successful reunion.

There is a great love and respect for what Mr. George, Mrs. Hilinda and daughter Katie Marsh left behind. There is a true sense of family, loyalty and appreciation for how The Marsh Foundation cared for the well being of each and every child. I want to thank former students and employees for their stories, memories and the love you have for The Marsh Foundation.



Jeff Grothouse

"I would like to thank all the former alumni and staff for attending and making this a great [reunion] weekend."

—Jeff Grothouse

The Trustees of The Marsh Foundation have created a flyer of information on Charitable Giving Options – Leaving a Legacy. There are ways you can make a difference in a child's life with a charitable gift to The Marsh Foundation. If anyone is interested in discussing a way to give to the Marsh Foundation, please contact me by e-mail jgrothouse@marshfoundation.org or phone 419.238.1695 extension 120.

Jeff Grothouse

The Marsh Foundation
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



On Sunday, the Alumni Association held their meeting in the auditorium. Above are Alumni Secretary Betty Miller and Alumni President Jeannie Snyder. It was followed by a presentation from the three current Marsh Foundation directors and the video. Below, Kim Mullins, the executive director of Child and Family Services speaks about The Marsh's current programming.



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SURVEY:

Please complete and return to
The Marsh Foundation!

Please rate the following statements from 1 - 4

{1} Not at all {2} Somewhat {3} Satisfied {4} Extremely

_____ Overall, how satisfied were you with the 2010 reunion?

_____ How satisfied were you with the food?

_____ How satisfied were you with the tent and its location?

_____ How satisfied were you with Sunday's program in the auditorium?

_____ Did you enjoy the video presentation?

_____ How satisfied were you with Sunday's Open House and its activities?

Feel free to include additional comments on a separate sheet of paper.

Do we need to update your current address information or add you to our mailing list?
Yes or No (circle one)

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Thank You! We hope you enjoyed the reunion!

Video Order Form: Please complete and send to The Marsh with payment.

Please complete this entire form. The DVD contains two, five minute videos. One details the history of The Marsh; the other is an overview of current programming. The cost is \$10 and payment is due at the time of ordering. Videos will be available for pick-up, or mailed at your request. Thank you!

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Thank you!

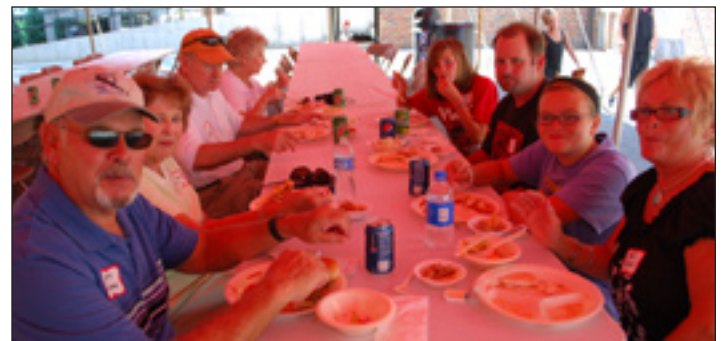
Surveys and Video Order Forms should be completed and returned to:

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A lot of preparation went into the 2010 Alumni Reunion. On page 4, you can see youth readying the campus for the weekend. Youth helped set up tables and chairs, place the old library books in the registration tent, prepare giveaways and much more. Committee members Donna (Parsons) Goodwin and Becky Edwards helped set up the old photographs in the library and also staffed the registration tent the weekend of the reunion. On Saturday and Sunday, attendees enjoyed excellent food prepared by Dick's Steak House in Kalida. Alumni enjoyed visiting with old friends under the tent and especially enjoyed looking through the old books from the library.



Deceased Alumni & Staff Since 2005 Marsh Alumni Reunion

Deceased Alumni:

- Harold F. "Sam" Derrow 03/28/2000
- Shirley Ann (Goodwin) Oglesbee 03/06/2001
- Betsy Ann Perry 2006
- Paul Hiles 01/28/1996
- Ray Lynn Dewitt 01/17/2006
- Loretta Klinger 08/28/2006
- James Buerkley 12/31/2006
- Donna Buerkley 02/23/2007
- Janet (Halverson) Horace 04/05/2007
- Michael D. Craden 07/19/2007
- Virgil "Abe" Salsburey 11/12/2007
- Dorothy June (Davis) Norton 12/06/2008
- Barbara (Aldrich) Parker 01/26/2009
- Zane Clare Stamford 03/06/2009
- Gary Dean Wendel 03/23/2009
- Edgar Leo Grimes 05/01/2009
- Robert E. Conley 7/25/2009
- Joanna (Beemer) Stoops 11/27/2009
- Arby Bennett Jr. 12/22/2009
- Lillie Anne James 01/30/2010

- Crystal V. (Roberts) Gwozdz 04/09/2010
 - Melissa "Missie" D. (Vandale) Cornell 05/12/2010
 - Ruth Priddy 01/19/2008
 - Donald "Whitey" Unterbrink 02/08/2008
 - Oscar Lynch 04/12/2008
 - Mabel Yoh 03/01/2009
 - James M. Pohlman 05/14/2009
 - Jane Gamble 02/25/2010
 - Max Kohn 06/05/2010
 - Kay George 06/07/2010
 - Mary L. Germann 07/08/2010
- * Some of these dates are prior to 2005, however The Marsh Foundation was just notified of the passing within the past five years.*

Deceased Former Employees:

- Robert W. Barnes - date unknown
- Helen Louise Censullo 12/13/2005
- Robert F. Hoffman 03/26/2006
- Mary Alice Thomas 08/05/2006
- Lupe A. Chavarria 03/21/2007
- Thelma F. Updegrove 09/07/2007



Group photos were taken on both Saturday evening outside and Sunday afternoon in the auditorium. These group photos are also available on The Marsh Foundation website, www.marshfoundation.org. The Open House on Sunday afternoon was the highlight of the weekend. Each group home worked hard to prepare an activity or theme for their guests, as did all other locations on campus. The rabbit barn, new greenhouse, garden, school and administration offices were all open for tour. Marsh, Vance, Senior and Clymer Halls all had many visitors taking tours. Clymer Hall offered face painting for children, Marsh Hall took family photographs, Vance Hall made and distributed popcorn and Senior Hall had music and refreshments during the Open House. Ron Bagley, former executive director, gave historic tours of The Homestead to dozens of interested attendees. Many alumni enjoyed visiting the library and reviewing old photographs and scrapbooks.



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Congratulations!

The winner of the \$50 gas card door prize at the reunion was Kathy Marquart of Van Wert. Congratulations Kathy! Thanks to everyone who completed the survey and entered the giveaway! We appreciate all of the responses and will be taken into consideration for 2015!

Traveling a Distance!

Some attendees of the 2010 Alumni Reunion traveled just down the road to attend, while others crossed the country! Travis Kouts attended from Seaford, Delaware and Iona (Brenneman) McGaughy made the trek from Sacramento, California. No matter how far you came, we're glad you did!



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*The mission of The Marsh Foundation is
to inspire hope, to teach and to care for
children and families.*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- The Marsh Foundation will be represented at the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections' annual conference in Columbus Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.
- The Marsh Foundation will be represented at the Public Children Services Association of Ohio's annual conference in Columbus on Oct. 6 and 7.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences for The Marsh School are Saturday, Nov. 6
- The Teaching Family Association's annual conference is in Columbus, Ohio this year, Nov. 18 - 20.
- The Marsh Foundation School will not be in session Nov. 24 - 26 or Dec. 23 - 31 for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks.



For more information about any event, visit www.marshfoundation.org.

Attention Marsh Foundation Alumni

Are you an alumni of The Marsh Foundation? Did you know that on our website, www.marshfoundation.org, we have a directory of alumni? To view the directory, or sign up yourself, visit the Alumni page online at www.marshfoundation.org.