

# MHS CLASS OF '63 PROJECT

## BIG FIVE OH!

### CLASSMATES:

Middletown needs our help!

Through the Class of '63 Reunion Committee and MHS Class of '63 Project Big Five Oh Committee, we are beginning a yearlong fundraiser to try and help the Middletown Community regain its strength. By "paying forward" we can create an investment in the future of Middletown.

You may ask, why should I do that? I think the answer is simple in that, one cannot pay back what Middletown gave and meant to us through our formative years through our 1963 graduation. So, we must "pay forward" with an investment, which will have an impact.

Our initial self-appointed committee of 3, Jim Ginter, John Sawyer (adopted classmate), and I, met with city leaders, Greg Rasmussen, School Superintendent, Judy Gilleland, City Manager, and Duane Gordon Middletown Community Foundation Executive Director. After conferring with our 50<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion Committee, we came away with a strong conviction that a stronger school system performance is a necessary 1<sup>st</sup> step in improving the city's general condition. Such improvement would lead to improvements in housing, real estate sales, business investments, jobs, and other components of community health. There is no better place to start than in making pre-school opportunity available to all at little or NO cost. Middletown Community Foundation will handle all funding aspects. Classmates will advise the Foundation.

There is much more to tell you! I'm not going to do it here. We hope that every living classmate will participate to some extent. We hope that each of us who can will include part of his/her donation for one or more of our deceased classmates. We hope to have a physical memorial for all our classmates, such as a paver garden in an appropriate location, with all who have participated or were named with a donation.

All of the above, and more, depend on the amount we can raise.

We are currently trying to obtain matching funds to give our classmates a chance to have each donation doubled by a matching gift.

We will be attempting to contact every single classmate about this project. If you have an interest or no interest in being contacted, please advise me by letter, e-mail, or phone at my below contact information.

Our goal is 100% participation. All donation amounts will be confidential. I hope we will have additional information to you within the next 90 days. Feel free to contact me about anything, anytime!

Thanks much,

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