

John Bores – Alumni / Community Memeber

John Bores is one of four brothers, Steve, Richard, and Mark, who all graduated from Monroeville Schools. John was a 1968 graduate. While at Monroeville, John was a member of the football, basketball and track teams. After high school, he attended Bowling Green State University.

In 1978 John, started a fledgling business with 8 employees. As owner, operator and President of Underground Utilities, he has seen this business grow and prosper. Now a company that employees over 90 people and works around the state, John employs many people within this community.

In his role at Underground, John has exemplified the principle of giving back to his community. In fact, John may be better known for his charitable contributions than his business. He has been involved in almost every building project for Monroeville Schools. From the Jason Charles Poths building, to the Jason Alexander Memorial Field House to the current Jason Sparks Memorial Field at Clark Park, John has donated equipment, man power, and funding to make those projects a reality. Additionally, John offered the donation of land to the district when the new school was proposed in the early 2000's.

John's charity doesn't end there. He has been a supporter or giver to Habitat for Humanity, the United Way, Toys for Tots, local churches and Individuals with Disabilities and Disease. He has been a Huron County Livestock buyer and supporter of 4-H. John continues to be a part of numerous other community oriented organizations like the Monroeville summer reading program, DARE, Hooked on Fishing, Relay for Life, Abigail Ministries, and local homeless shelters and food banks. He has given scholarships at Norwalk High School, St. Paul's, Bellevue as well as establishing the Underground Utilities Scholarship at Monroeville High School, of which 5 are given each year. One of his most recent donations, Light up Green Springs Park, honored an employees son, a Marine who died in Iraq in November 2006, Jeremy Shock.

John has been recognized with many awards and accolations in his career including the National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Graduate Award from Bellevue ICS in 1999. John is married to his wife Mary Lou and they have 3 children. Brian 25, with a degree in Journalism, who lives in SC. Michael, 24, who works with his father at UUI and Jennifer, 19, who is majoring in psychology at OSU.

John Herner - Alumni

John Herner was born March 2, 1936, the second of Arthur and Gynell Herner's four sons; James, John, Russell and Richard. John grew up on a farm south of Monroeville. He attended St. Peter Lutheran Church and Monroeville Schools, graduating in 1954.

In 1957 he returned to Monroeville Schools as the seventh grade teacher and later taught math and science to the seventh and eighth graders. He also coached junior high basketball. After leaving Monroeville, John worked seven years in Upper Arlington Schools as a sixth grade teacher, elementary science teacher-consultant, and principal of Tremont School.

John was the director of the Miami Valley Special Education Regional Resource Center for 18 years and the director of special education for the Ohio Department of Education for nine. He also served as a project director for the University of Dayton and interim assistant superintendent for special education for the Illinois Department of Education. He currently works part time as a State Support Team consultant for the Montgomery County Education Service Center.

He has held several leadership positions including president of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities, the Ohio Council of Administrators of Special Education, United Cerebral Palsy of Dayton , and the National Association of State Directors of Special Education heritage Award.

However, the invitation to his first class's 40th reunion remains the highlight of his career in education. John received a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree from The Ohio State University.

John and his wife Sue are proud of their large family: six children, 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren scattered around Ohio and across the country. In his free time, John enjoys playing with his grandkids, traveling, playing golf and his guitar (not so hot at either), and reading. He has maintained his ties with Monroeville through family, friends and a fifty-year membership in Roby Lodge #534 F & AM.

Miss Juanita Leiby – School Employee

Miss Juanita Leiby came to Monroeville from La Grange, Ohio in 1925 to teach commercial subjects. She received her educational training at Oberlin School of Commerce and Bliss College in Columbus. She also received additional education at Kent State University and then The Ohio State University.

During her 44 years at Monroeville Schools, Miss Leiby's impact was felt in almost every aspect of the district. She taught Shorthand, Bookkeeping, Typing, Office practice, Business, Family Relations, Personal Problems and Speech. In 1928 she began the first student yearbook staff and continued as advisor to the Quill until she passed away in 1969. Over that period of time the 1946, 1960 and 1967 Quills were dedicated to her. In the 1967 Quill, Miss Leiby was described as a Master Teacher and Humanitarian. The dedication speaks of her influence on all of the students who came through Monroeville Schools. Her great love and affection for all the students and members of this community inspired the dedication and her beloved status.

In 1943 Miss Leiby was named the principal of the High School, a position that she held for 23 years. When she retired in 1966, Miss Leiby was unwilling to walk away from the district. She continued to teach commercial subjects on a part time basis. In 1968, she was not only still teaching but served as secretary to the High School principal.

On August 27, 1969, nine days before the start of the school year, with plans to still be assistant to the High School principal, Juanita passed away. The Monroeville Spectator printed the 1967 dedication from the Quill along with her obituary as an example of the esteem with which she was held. The quote from the 1970 Quill may sum up Miss Leiby's influence the best. "The lives of hundreds of students, parents, and residents were touched by the patience and devotion of Miss Leiby and her dedicated service to the school and the community."

Steve Moore – Alumni

Quite simply one of the most successful basketball coaches in NCAA Division III history, Steve Moore has amassed a 28-year career record of 600-185, including an extraordinary mark of 513-120 the past 22 seasons at The College of Wooster, which puts him No. 6 in wins among active coaches in Div. III and eighth all-time.

The winningest coach at Wooster's tradition-rich program, Moore has directed the Fighting Scots to 17 NCAA Tournament berths and league-high 12 North Coast Athletic Conference championships, while compiling a winning percentage of .810.

Wooster's recent stretch has been most impressive, as they've won 25 or more games seven times over the last 11 seasons, highlighted by advancing to the Div. III "Final Four" in both 2002-03 and 2006-07, winning a school-record 30 games (30-3) in the former. The Scots are currently the NCAA's winningest team (all divisions) of the 2000s with a 255-45 record (.850), and also of note, reached the "Elite Eight" of the NCAA tourney in 2003-04 and the "Sweet 16" in 1998-99 and 1999-00.

Moore came to Wooster just prior to the 1987-88 season, and his presence resulted in an immediate and dramatic impact on the program. Despite inheriting a team that had finished 8-18 the year before, Moore quickly transformed the Scots back into a winner. Wooster improved to 14-11 the very next year – the first of 22 consecutive winning seasons – including an average of 23 wins per year during the 1990s.

For his efforts, Moore has been named NCAC Coach of the Year on seven occasions (1990-91, 1991-92, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2002-03, 2006-07) and the NABC District Coach of the Year for the Great Lakes four times (1990-91, 1999-00, 2002-03, 2006-07). Also following the 2002-03 season, he was voted the Ohio College Basketball Coach of the Year, an annual recognition coordinated and sponsored by the Columbus Dispatch, and in April 2008, the NABC presented him a prestigious "Guardian of the Game" award for education, an honor also once bestowed to the legendary John Wooden.

Moore, 57, has had the magic touch throughout his coaching career, as he owns a career win percentage of .764, ranking him No. 1 in that category among active coaches in Division III (No. 2 all-time, only behind current Univ. of Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan).

Prior to coming to Wooster, Moore guided Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., to successive Middle Atlantic Conference titles in the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons. Other highlights for Moore during his time with the Mules included leading Muhlenberg to its first 20-win season in 40 years in 1985-86 and being selected as the MAC Southern Division Coach of the Year in 1983.

From 1976-81, Moore served as an assistant coach at his alma mater – Wittenberg University. During that five-year period, he helped lead the Tigers to four regular season Ohio Athletic Conference championships, two OAC Tournament titles, and a national championship in 1977.

A native of Monroeville, Ohio, Moore was a standout on Wittenberg's basketball team in the early 1970s. The three-year letter winner was part of three-straight OAC championship teams, including 1974 when he was a team captain and the starting point guard.

Following graduation from Wittenberg in 1974, he earned a master's degree in physical education from Ohio University in 1976, while serving as a graduate assistant coach in basketball for the Bobcats.

Steve and his wife, Jane, reside in Wooster, and have two daughters. Beth, a 2003 Wooster graduate and four-year setter for the Scots' volleyball team, is employed as a school psychologist in the Bowling Green school district. Emily earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Wooster in 2005 while running on the Scots' cross country and track teams, and is now employed at the Akron City Hospital.

Thomas Wachtel, MD, MMM, CPE - Alumni

Tom Wachtel attended Monroeville schools from fourth to ninth grades and graduated from Monroeville High School in 1956. He played in the band and sang in the choir as well as solos for various events. Tom lettered in Basketball, Baseball and Track and had a lead role in the Senior play. Tom was an Eagle Scout and worked for Kaltenbach and Wachtel, Construction Company building homes and other projects in Huron and Erie Counties and for Cedar Point during the summers. His brothers, James, John and Edward also graduated from Monroeville High School.

He attended Western Reserve University in Cleveland where he was a member of the fraternity Phi Gamma Delta and lettered in football and track as well as playing in the marching band. While at Western Reserve, Tom was involved in numerous plays and musicals before graduating in 1960.

Dr. Wachtel attended St. Louis Medical School and graduated (M.D.) in 1964. While there, he was President of the Phi Rho of Phi Chi medical fraternity. Tom completed a surgical internship at the University of Kentucky and a surgical residency at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. Dr. Wachtel is board certified in Surgery with added qualification in Surgical Critical Care and in Medical Management (CPE). Tom also received a master's degree in Medical Management. (MMM) from Tulane University in 1998.

Tom is currently on the faculty of the University of Arizona as Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery and is a Medical Advisor for Stemion Incorporated working with Amnion – derived Multi-potent Progenitor (stem) cells for spinal cord injuries and head injuries, ready to use / off the shelf bio-skin, and the development of stronger fascia. He was previously Medical Director, Trauma and Disaster Medicine Departments for the Trauma Center at Scottsdale Healthcare from October 2000 to January 2007. Tom has been a Medical Director for trauma departments in Level I and Level II Trauma Centers for over 28 years. He was also a driving force in setting up the world famous San Diego Trauma System in the early 1980's, helped establish the statewide trauma system in Colorado in the 1990's and recently has worked to establish the designation process in Arizona and the Arizona Trauma and Acue Care Consortium. He is past president of the American Burn Association, a past Treasurer and National

Representative for the United States to the International Society for Burn Injuries, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine and a Diplomat of the American College of Physician Executives. He is a member of the prestigious, American Surgical Association. He is the author/co-author of nine books, 22 chapters in medical books and 164 reports and peer-reviewed papers/articles on trauma, wound healing, burns, nutrition, medical management, and surgical education. He has written two romance/adventure genre novels (under the pen-name, Tom Lee) *Melt My Wings* and *Vietnam, I Love You* and has nearly completed a third one, *I'm Your Patient*.

Captain (Retired) Wachtel served in the US Navy for 37 years including a year in Vietnam. Graduate of the Naval Flight School (designated a Naval Flight Surgeon). He was the Commanding Officer of 7 medical detachments and units including the largest, Program 32, in the US Navy Reserve. Captain Wachtel is a Past National Vice President for Health Affairs for the Naval Reserve Association. He was awarded 12 medals including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Secretary of the Navy, Unity Letter of Commendation.

Dr. Wachtel is the investigator / co-investigator of 27 grants for \$1,781,624 and continues to write grant proposals. He is listed in Outstanding Scientist of the 20th Century, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Who's Who in the World. He is a frequent speaker, locally, nationally and internationally with over 330 presentations.

Tom and his wife, Carolyn will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children and 10 grandchildren. Son John is an orthodontist, son David, a business man and co-owner of Game Truck and daughter Julianne is a chair woman of the Confidence Forum for BeautiControl and is on the board of two non-profit foundations.

On June 1, 2008 Tom was involved in a high speed automobile crash on the interstate while on his way to work resulting in multiple trauma including a severe head injury with coma and multiple spinal fractures with quadriplegia. Now he works hard on the abilities side of the equation with daily rehabilitation and high technology voice activated word processing.