

## MHSAA PRESIDENT REMARKS

When I was elected your President last November and leading up to the beginning of my term on January 1<sup>st</sup>, all I asked for was a NORMAL year. If this has been normal then someone changed the definition of the word!! It has been anything but normal with the likes of face masks, quarantining, limited occupancy at eating places, and many more restrictions that have become a way of life.

However, the year started out good as I was fortunate enough to travel to Phoenix, Arizona in January and successfully establish our sixth Spartan Social Club. On a personal note, I retired from “our home” in mid-February after 30+ years of service, which allowed me more time to devote to alumni business. We were in the planning stages for an exciting Alumni Senior Fellowship Weekend with a new event called Mike’s Madness. Not to be confused with me it was an event that was recognizing Mike Weller, Class of ’66 and serving as a fund raiser for the Cancer Care Fund. We had high expectations for the success of the weekend events. Then the bottom fell out with the arrival of COVID-19. Then all of our events fell victim to the pandemic. It was not what any of us was expecting to happen.

That does not mean that the work of the MHSAA Board stopped. We continued to meet by Zoom or phone, committee work continued: the wheels of our Association continued to turn. In spite of the “deck we were dealt” we have been

moving forward. Without stealing any thunder from any other reports later on in the business meeting of what we have been doing, what we have accomplished, and what we hope to do in the future, I will defer to those individuals to share that news.

Because of the nature of this meeting, and to keep it orderly due to the technology aspect, we have decided to not entertain questions virtually. If ANYONE has any concerns or questions they would like to address to any your Board members, or to either President Pete Gurt or Vice President Tanya Barton, I would ask that you e-mail them to me at:

[alumnimhsaa@comcast.net](mailto:alumnimhsaa@comcast.net). We will get back to you with an answer in a timely manner. Rest assured that we will provide an answer to questions submitted.

I would be remiss if I did not thank President Gurt for his leadership at our home and school. He continues to uphold the legacy of our founders Milton and Catherine Hershey in an outstanding way. I would also like to thank Ralph Carfagno for his help and guidance as I assumed this position. I would like to wish him well on his recent retirement from MHS. Thanks also to Lorraine Romberger, Catherine Skena and the staff of the MHS Alumni Programs office for all of their support to us. I would also like to say THANK YOU to Susan Motter, MHSAA Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper for providing much needed help in our office.

Lastly, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of your MHSAA Board of Directors. It has been my

pleasure and a privilege to work alongside this group of hard working individuals with great ideas. If I may use the theme OUR FUTURE IN FOCUS, which is the 2020-2021 school year theme, I am confident that your Milton Hershey School Alumni Association has OUR FUTURE IN FOCUS. Thank you.

Mike Mulderig '71

MHSAA President