Dear Math Alum,

What comes to mind when you think of celebrations in February?

One thing of course is symbolized by the combined graph of the equations (check it out):

$$y = \frac{3}{4}|x| + \sqrt{1-x^2} \text{ and } y = \frac{3}{4}|x| - \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

Something else about 2016 is that it is Leap Year, and so it has one more day than any of the past three or the next three years. One use for you to put some of this additional time to is this year's Alumni dinner, which will be on February 27 (about as close to Leap Day as we could get).

In addition to the usual festivities, the evening will also feature a talk related to the calendar, Indiana's Bicentennial. Professor Andrew Downs of the Political Science Department will speak on *When Math Mattered in Indiana.*

The dinner will again be held in the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse IPFW Alumni Center located across the St. Joe River from campus. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Please return the enclosed response form in the envelope provided by February 22 at the latest.

If you have questions, feel free to call Doug Townsend at 260-481-6114 or send an email message to townsend@ipfw.edu. You can also see updates regarding the alumni dinner on Facebook page at IPFW Math Alumni, or the department's Web page, ipfw.edu >> About >> Alumni.

**We hope to see you on February 27!**

Sincerely,

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Doug Townsend