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November 2018

Scholarships Available Deadline to Apply - January 7, 2019

The Alumni Association of the Southern School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, Waseca will offer scholarships to be distributed in 2019.

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to any child, grandchild or great grandchild of an alumnus with a GPA above 3.0.

Must be a 2019 high school graduate or college freshman.

Deadline is Monday, January 7, 2019

Criteria and information on how to apply, is available on the Web at:

<https://sroc.cfans.umn.edu/about/alumni>

or write to Alumni Scholarship Committee
Southern Research and Outreach Center

35838 120th St.,

Waseca, MN 56093-4521.

Questions can be directed to: Deanne Nelson at (507) 835-3620.

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We are looking for individuals willing to serve on the UMW / SSA Alumni Association board of directors. The commitment is small, we meet three to four times per year. The opportunity to join the meetings via conference call /Google Hangout is also an option (high speed internet service is necessary). If interested please contact Deanne Nelson (507) 835-3620 / nelso191@umn.edu. You can also contact David Weinand at: dweinand@yahoo.com.

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Calendar of Events

Monday, January 7, 2019
Scholarship Applications Due
Southern Research and Outreach Center
Waseca, MN

Monday, January 21
Board Meeting
Southern Research and Outreach Center
6:30 p.m.
Waseca, MN

Saturday, February 9
69th Annual Sleigh and Cutter Parade
Waseca, MN

Monday, April 22
Board Meeting
Southern Research and Outreach Center
6:30 p.m.
Waseca, MN



January 26 - February 24, 2019

Waseca's annual winter festival gets bigger and better each year with over 30 activities taking place on 14-15 days over 5-6 weekends. This festival was created in 1950 in Waseca and continues to entertain young and old. Miss Waseca County Sleigh & Cutter reigns over all events including the Saturday parade. Horse owners from around the state bring magnificent horses of every type imaginable to Waseca for the parade down State Street. Only animal powered units and riders are allowed. Sleighs, cutters, bobsleds and many types of wagons and buggies can be seen on Feb 9, 2019.

The festival also includes a dinner and dance on Feb 8th, card games, children's art project, hockey tournament, the search for a hidden Medallion, the unveiling of the winner of the Identify Frosty the Snowman Contest, M S D R S sanctioned snowmobile drag races, live entertainment, ice-tundra golf, ice curling, family movie night, fat tire bike ride, cross county skiing and more!

Most of the events are free! Many restaurants and clubs offer special meals and entertainment.

Group photo at the 44th Annual UMW Fishing Trip Voyageurs National Park, Ash River and Lake Kabetogama



L to R Front Row: Bob Pickert, Don Collins, Roy Johnson.
Back Row: Bruce McKee, Bob Krumwiede, Mark Pickart, Randy Campbell, Tom Fider

Class Members of 1975 and '76 Gather



Left to right: Dennis Schultz, David Ziegler,
Wayne Murphy, Doug Prantner, Jeff Koehler,
and Mike Hagen

Alum Update

Harry R. Nevling 1964 ('67?)

After a very rewarding and highly successful career in Health Care Human Resources I retired due to medical conditions in 2000. We moved back to Minnesota from Colorado to be near family and better supports for our son who was disabled in 1993.

Our welcome back was the second coldest and snowiest December on record. Welcome home! Shortly after our relocation I became quite involved with the disabled community. As our son suffered a brain injury due to anoxia from a stab wound in the heart I was especially involved with the brain injury community.

I have served as Chief Funds Raiser, Secretary, and President of the Rochester Area Brain Injury Community Committee as well as on the Brain Injury Advisory Committee for the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). I also served on the Olmsted County Community Services Advisory Board. I was on the Steering Committee for the Region 10 Grassroots Committee and the Region 10 Quality Assurance Commission (Funded by the State). That has recently changed to the Region 10 Quality Council which I also serve on. Both of these organizations conduct personal quality reviews of disabled citizens. I have done numerous reviews and continue with this effort. I have also been involved with the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance.

Last year I had published a book of memoirs from my second tour in Vietnam when I was a helicopter pilot. "Pachyderm and the Rat" was a very enjoyable experience in recalling my buddies and the things we did to support our troops in the field. I had wanted to do this for many years and finally got it done.

All is fairly well with us. My wife and I are doing okay for 70+, although I have a hip that is going out. Our son lives with us and is also doing well.

PS: The '67? Is due to the fact that although my diploma is dated 1964 it was not issued until 1967. This was due to a faculty member that did his best to see that I did not graduate. He was almost successful. 3203 Coral Ln. NE, Rochester, MN 55906, 507/289-8989, hrnevling@hotmail.com

Becky Heck, Spr. '88

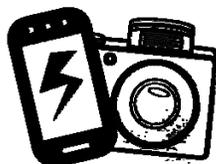
After graduating, I worked as a vet tech in NW Wisconsin for 2 years, then, I attended UW-Platteville and received a degree in soil and crop science. I've worked in the agronomy industry for over 25 years. I'm currently the WI territory sales manager for Calcium Products. I have a 22 year old son and enjoy gardening, hiking, and bird-watching. 208 W Main St, Barneveld, WI 53507 Heck.becky@yahoo.com

Faculty

Giles Zimmer

I taught at UMW 1971-1973 and then moved to Arkansas to get my Ph.D. where I taught at Lyon College for 12 years. Later I studied for the Lutheran ministry and served at St. John's, Claremont, MN. At retirement, my wife Peggy and I decided to come back to Waseca. 601 10th Ave SE Waseca, MN 56093 (507) 838-5619

*Please share your photo's, writing talent, and ideas
for the next newsletter edition!*



Obituaries



Mark D. Bauer, age 62, of Sylmar, CA, passed away July 12, 2018 at the Olive View UCLA Medical Center in Sylmar, CA.

Mark David, son of Harlan and Gloria (Bloomer) Bauer was born on January 10, 1956 in Faribault. He graduated from Faribault High School with the class of 1973. He graduated from University of Minnesota Waseca and continued his education at Southwest State University Marshall. He worked at JC Penney in Faribault Mark moved to California in 1982 and married Denise (Bruecker) Bauer in the same year. Mark worked for the Walt Disney Company as a credit analyst from May 1989 until his retirement in January 2017.

Mark was an avid sports fan – particularly the Minnesota Gophers; Twins; Vikings, and the Los Angeles Lakers. He was a very active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Winnetka, California and played the trumpet there on special occasions. Although he lived in California for 36 years he still always considered Minnesota “home”.

He is survived by his spouse, Denise Bauer of Sylmar, CA; daughter, Victoria Bauer of Sylmar, CA; siblings, Randy (Kathy) Bauer, Darwyn Bauer, and Connie Bauer all of Faribault, MN; nephews, Joshua (Jennifer) Bauer of Baxter, TN and Glen Bauer of Faribault, MN; nieces, Melisa (Kevin) Klingsporn (baby on the way) of Pine Island, MN; and great nieces, Kaitlyn and Taylor Bauer of Baxter, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harlan and Gloria Bauer.

Carlos H. Contag, DVM, age 87, of New Ulm, MN died on April 29, 2018 surrounded by his family.

Carlos was born Karl Heinz Contag on July 25, 1930 in Quito, Ecuador, and was the son of Ernesto and Elisabeth (Dreier) Contag. He grew up on the Guagua Pichincha and attended the German-Ecuadorian school in Quito. When he was eleven, his family was sent to Germany for four years where he went to school in Kassel and Korbach. His family's saga is chronicled in *Where the Clouds Meet the Water*, 2004. After returning to Ecuador, Carlos graduated from the Colegio Mejia in 1948 and completed a degree in veterinary medicine at the Universidad Central, Quito (1954). In 1956, he received a scholarship to study for his masters degree in veterinary hygiene and bacteriology at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he met his wife, Ann Schwermann. Carlos and Ann were married in New Ulm on September 1, 1956. After their marriage, Carlos returned to his home country and Ann then emigrated to Ecuador two months later. They lived in Ecuador for a year, and then returned to Iowa State University where Carlos taught and pursued his Ph.D. in veterinary bacteriology. In 1959 they returned

to New Ulm where Dr. Contag joined his father-in-law, Dr. Henry Schwermann, in the Schwermann and Contag Veterinary practice in New Ulm where he took care of both large and small animals for 38 years. From 1981-1986 Dr. Contag also taught in the veterinary technicians program at the University of Minnesota, Waseca, and mentored 15 veterinary technicians. He served as the Federal Veterinarian at the Butterfield and Madelia turkey processing plants. Carlos was active in the community with Boy Scouts, served as president of the New Ulm Lions Club, taught Community Education at the New Ulm High School, was a member of the Farm-City Hub Club, served as Master of Charity Lodge #98 of the Masonic Fraternity and Worthy Patron of Orient Chapter #60 of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Zuhrah Temple of the Shriners for 44 years. He was a member of the American Veterinary Association for 46 years, a life member of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Contag was a Melvin Jones Fellow – awarded for dedicated humanitarian services from the Lions Club International Foundation, and earned the Agricultural Award from the Farm City Hub Club in 2004.

Carlos and his wife, Ann, believed offering an international experience made our world a better place. They hosted 23 international students in their home while their children were growing up. These students were from Germany, Ecuador, Mexico, and Venezuela. Carlos will be remembered as a loving and caring son, father, brother, husband and friend. He has been described as an educator who enjoyed teaching. He taught clients and their children about medicine and how to care for their animals, and taught students of all ages Spanish and German in the Community Education program. He is remembered by many for his gentle way of teaching. In everything he did, Carlos sought to not just “do” but also to teach. He will be missed by all who knew him and all who learned from him.

Dr. Carlos Contag is survived by his wife Ann, his children and grandchildren — David (Laurie) Contag, JaNae & Jonathan of Overland Park, KS; Kimberly Contag (Jim Grabowska) Alexander, Andrew & Benjamin of St. Clair, MN; Christopher (Pamela) Contag, Caitlin, Ashlyn & Greyson of San Jose, CA; Deborah Contag Al-Aidy (Mohammad Al-Aidy), Jazzy, Zak & Sam of Asheville, NC Theodore (Karen) Contag, Max & Charlie of Edina, MN; sister Irmgard (Juris) Jaunzems; sister-in-law Myriam Contag; brother-in-law, Dean Nelson; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews in the U.S. and around the world.

Carlos was preceded in death by his grandparents Oskar and Gertrude (Ziehe) Contag, parents Ernesto and Elisabeth (Dreier), brothers Werner and Ernst, sisters-in-law Rosellen Nelson, and Mucki L. Contag.

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Dwain D. Dinse Owatonna, age 57 of Owatonna died on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Born on September 5, 1960 in Waseca, Minnesota, he was the son of Dennis and Darlene (Hagen) Dinse. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Meriden where he was baptized and confirmed. He graduated from Owatonna High School in 1979 and received his degree in Farm Business Management from South Central College. Dwain married Jayne Hamilton on June 9, 1984 in Tracy, Minnesota.

Dwain spent over 38 years working in the dairy industry. He was currently working for Alta Genetics as an elite account manager working with large dairies in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. He loved to share his knowledge with them to improve the genetic advancements of their herds. His clients were more than customers, they were his friends. Dwain was often recognized with numerous sales achievement awards throughout his career.

Dwain and Jayne also operated NuDimension Dairy, an all registered high genomic Holstein herd. For many years, they have been recognized by the county and state DHIA and Bongard's Creamery for their low somatic cell/high milk quality. They hosted fifteen international agricultural trainees from Central and South America, who became a part of their family.

He is survived by his wife, Jayne of Owatonna; daughter, Juliana (Paul) Sammon of Owatonna; and granddaughters, Georgia Ann and Pauliana Rae. He is also survived by his father, Dennis Dinse of Owatonna; siblings, Dawn (Ted) Stadler of Medford, DeAnn (Jim) Larson of Waseca, and Darel (Kim) Dinse of Ellendale; brother-in-law, Steve Wigham of Austin; nieces, Dominique, Chelsey and Taylor; and nephews, Tyler, Garrett, Dylan, Brandon, and Nathan. He was preceded in death by his mother, Darlene; sister, Denise Wigham; and his grandparents. Dwain will be deeply missed by his family, many friends, clients, and colleagues. Blessed be his memory.

If you would like to reach out to Jayne at this sad time: jayne.dinse@southcentral.edu or [5877 SW 18th St. Owatonna, MN 55060](tel:5877)



Gordon "Gordy" Foels age 94 of Waseca died peacefully at home on Monday, September 24, 2018. Born on October 17, 1923 in New Richland, Minnesota, he was the son of Walter and Alpha (Roesler) Foels. He grew up on a farm in New Richland, attended New Richland Country School and graduated from New Richland High School. Gordy married Lois Bathke on October 24, 1956 at the Evangelical Church in Waseca and they raised their family in rural Waseca. He worked for John Deere in Waseca, EF Johnson Co., and retired from the University of Minnesota in Waseca. Gordy was also a local seed corn dealer for many years. He devoted his life to faith and family. He enjoyed traveling and camping. His passion in life was fulfilling each family members interest from wood working to planting trees, fishing, farming, and family gatherings. He enjoyed spending time with his Wednesday morning coffee gang and volunteering at Farmamerica. Gordy especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Over the years he served as a church youth leader and Sunday School treasurer at Salem Evangelical Church and was currently a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. He will be remembered for his kind smile, helpful hands, and sense of humor.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Lois; two sons, Ron and his wife Kim, Bruce and his wife Tammy; one daughter, Marla and her husband Craig Watje; 11 grandchildren, Stacy, Heather (Aaron), Heidi (Matt), Matt (Michelle), Nick (Sonja), Blaine (Nikki), Jay (Amy), Mitch (Amanda), Kelly Jo, Megan (Ryan), Michael; great grandchildren, Nora, Beckett, Blair, Brooks, Theo, Tenley, Berklee, and Baby Bryndol arriving soon; one sister, Betty Kormann; sister-in-law, Arlene Foels, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Kenneth; and one sister Valera Born.



Obituaries *continued*



Peter Andreas Fog
(July 22, 1924 - June 24, 2018)

Peter Fog, long time resident of Waseca, MN and recently of Emmetsburg, IA, died peacefully on Saturday evening, June 23, 2018 at his Emmetsburg Care Center residence at the age of 94.

Peter Andreas Fog was born on July 22, 1924 to Danish immigrants Peter and Karen (Bredkjaer) Fog. The family of seven children lived on a farm near Fort Ransom, North Dakota until Peter was seven years old, and later relocated to Lisbon, ND. in the early years of the Great Depression. Peter graduated from Lisbon High School and went on to attend North Dakota State University in Fargo. He graduated in 1949 with a double major in agricultural education and agricultural economics and began his teaching career as a vocational agriculture instructor in Ulen, Minnesota. In 1951, he was united in marriage to Verna Eissinger of Wishek, North Dakota, also a graduate of NDSU. In 1952 they moved to Halstad, MN, where they established home and a family of three children – David (1955), Kristi (1956), Kathy (1955). In this small community, he was able to build an outstanding ag program for both high school students and adults. In addition to teaching, Peter was engaged in his church, community and worked towards his master's degree, which he achieved in 1967.

After 18 years in Halsted, Peter signed on with the University of Minnesota Technical College of Agriculture in Crookston, MN and taught there for three years. In 1971, the family moved from Crookston to Waseca, where he was offered the opportunity to help start a similar college in Waseca. He served as an Associate Professor in Soils and Agronomy and supervised the POP (internship program). Peter was awarded a grant to study 2-year technical colleges of Agriculture in Denmark and England, where he spent 4 months visiting 10 colleges and gathering ideas. He retired in 1990 and the college closed shortly after.

Throughout his high school teaching years, Peter coached the local FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter, competing successfully at both state and national levels. He was always engaged and active in his church and many community organizations, as well his political party. He had great interest in national and world affairs, was a "history buff" and not only read a lot but visited historical sites in his travels. Gregarious and enthusiastic, he enjoyed

friends and activities, e.g. golfing, bowling, toastmasters, weekly coffee discussion groups, or simply good conversation. He was a willing volunteer in the community, and a helpful neighbor and friend. His interests included touring the United States, enjoying his motor home and many winters in Texas. With a Danish heritage he visited Denmark several times, getting acquainted with his many relatives there. He had an active mind and was interested in many things.

In the fall of 2017, Peter's wife Verna, the love of his life, passed away after sharing 66 years of marriage. Shortly after, Peter moved to Emmetsburg, IA to be closer to family.

He is survived by his three children: David (Kelley) Fog of Emmetsburg, IA, Kristi (Adler) Brennan of Issaquah, WA, and Kathryn Meisel of Winona; eight grandchildren: Dan Fog, Becky Fog, Laura (Brandon) Grimm, Joshua Fog, Sarah Adler, Robbie Adler, Matthew (Jill) Meisel, and Mark Meisel; three great grandchildren: Tyler, Dakota and Scarlet; two brothers: Gunnar (Ruth) Fog of Sawyer, MI, Jorgen (Patsy) Fog of Shoreview; one sister, Anna Isakson of Lamoure, ND; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were both his parents, two brothers: Asger and Holger and one sister, Marie (Hans) Jensen.



Dr. Wilbur A. Leibbrand, DVM, age 94, of Hastings, passed away on July 24, 2018.

Wilbur graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1953 as a Doctor of Veterinary

Medicine. Over the course of his career, he worked in private practice (Little Falls and Hastings, MN), for the USDA (Minneapolis and Kearney, NE), and as a college Professor at the U of M Waseca. He loved fishing, hunting (grouse were his favorite) and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Elsie Leibbrand; grandson, Keenan McAlees.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eleanor; children, Douglas (Launa) Leibbrand, Richard (Dana) Leibbrand, Kathy (Terry) Swanson, David (Sindy) Leibbrand; grandchildren, Andrew, Corey, Samuel, Willem, Michael and Mathew Leibbrand, Jay and Jaclynn Swanson; step-grandchildren, Pat, Pete and Paul Swanson, and Whitney Petrie; and 12 great grandchildren; sisters, Faye Leibbrand and Amy Juni; many other loving relatives and friends.

Alumni, Faculty, and Staff Where are you?

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