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UMW CONNECTION

UMW/SSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

April 2009

2nd Annual Reunion for Everyone! Sunday, August 16, 2009

The day will include an opportunity
to tour the Federal Correctional Institution.

The tour will be held at 11 AM and is
limited to the first 40 people that sign up.

If you are interested in touring FCI, you will need to complete an authorization form and return it by July 15. Anyone wishing to tour must be at least 18 years old and have a government issued ID to enter the institution. If more than 40 people sign up, they will be placed on a list to tour next year.

Call or email Deanne Nelson today to be placed
on the list to tour the Waseca FCI.
(507) 835-3620 or nelso191@umn.edu

People not touring FCI are invited to gather at Farmamerica
to join other classmates & friends of UMW & SSA!

50-Year Class Reunion

By Dale Huelsnitz

SSA class of 1958 held its 50-year class reunion on September 20, 2008 at the Olde Towne Eatery in Waseca. We had a wonderful attendance with over 30 classmates and three faculty attending. Saturday evening was enjoyed with a buffet dinner and a great program. There was much reminiscing and many memories of things that happened while attending SSA. A special cake was made to commemorate the 50-year reunion.

On Sunday morning a brunch was held at the Dale & Shirley Huelsnitz farm. There was lots of good food and fellowship.

The 50th class reunion brought good food, fellowship, and many lasting memories of past and present.

Your Help is Needed

The class of 1959 is looking for a few lost alum in preparation for their upcoming class reunion. If you can assist in locating the following individuals, please email Norm Thompson at: jan62nor@bev.comm.net or call him at (507) 332-2361.

Lyle Bartsch
Wendell W. Coulson
Alan Halstead
Marvin Huss
Larry Schomberg

Accepting Nominations

On August 16 we will recognize two deserving individuals who will receive the MN Ag Award and the Personal Service Award. Criteria listed on page 2. Please take time and consider nominating

"Facebook" Fun

If you have access to a computer, look up the two following Web sites to begin looking for friends, co-workers or acquaintances of UMW or SSA. Jane Boots has created a "Facebook" site to connect friends of UMW/SSA.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=45221186196>
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=59300070069>

UMW/SSA Alumni Association Board of Directors

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To Receive a Copy of Your Transcript

If you would like to obtain a copy of your transcript from UMW, send your full name, (and maiden name), address, and social security number, along with \$5.00 to:

University of Minnesota
Admissions and Records
130 Coffey Hall
1420 Eckles Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108
(612) 624-3731

For RUSH REQUESTS, the charge is \$10.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 16

UMW/SSA Alumni Board Annual Meeting

Time - TBA

UMW/SSA Reunion

11 a.m. FCI Tour

1 p.m. Program

Farmamerica

Waseca, MN

Thursday, August 20

OPEN HOUSE

Rosemount Research and Outreach Center

Rosemount, MN

Thursday, September 10

OPEN HOUSE

Southern Research and Outreach Center

Waseca, MN

Recognize Outstanding Leaders

Nominations are being requested for individuals deserving of the MN Ag Award or the Personal Service Award. On a separate piece of paper, list the name of nominee, address, and phone number. Indicate why you feel this person is deserving of the award.

The **Personal Service Award** is presented to a SSA/UMW alumnus who has served the college and/or alumni in an exemplary manner. Nominations for this award will be accepted from anyone who had an interest in the college or is an alumnus of the college.

The **MN Ag Award** is presented to a SSA/UMW alumnus or non-alumnus who has served the agricultural industry to its fullest. Describe achievements in the agricultural industry, type of business nominee is involved with, and support of the industry, in general. Nominations for this award will be accepted from anyone with knowledge of an individual worthy of the award.

All nominations should be sent to Deanne at nelso191@umn.edu or mailing address: 35838 120th St., Waseca, MN 56093.

Please take time and nominate someone today!

**UMW/SSA Alumni Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 5, 2009**

Cindy Glamm called the quarterly meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Members present: Diane Deling, David Schlauderaff, Lanae Feser, Colleen Carlson, Dennis Gartner, Wayne Gottschalk, Dale Huelsnitz, Ed Frederick, Patrick Bowen, Cindy Glamm, David Weinand, and Deanne Nelson.

Secretary's Report was approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report was not given. An updated report will be given at the next meeting.

Updates

Deanne reported on more stringent postal regulations that will affect the cost of sending the UMW/SSA alumni newsletters. A fee of 42 cents will be assessed for each undeliverable newsletter. The newsletter will be returned with an updated address if available or indicated undeliverable.

Committee Reports

Communications

1. Thank you was received from MN Ag in the Classroom for the donation received.
2. The City of Waseca invited the UMW/SSA to participate in 2009 Sleigh and Cutter celebration. Information about the Sleigh and Cutter celebration will be included in the November alumni newsletter.
3. Jane Boots has created a UMW/SSA Alumni group on Facebook. The information will be added to the newsletter.
4. Board members are to encourage other alumni to write in with "Alumni Notes".

Legislative

Ed presented a flyer on the Dairy Expo. Reported that funding is being watched closely.

New Technology

It was decided to add scholarship recipients to the web page. It was also approved to add updated information on the Center for Ag. Information & Technology Sesquicentennial. A link to the Waseca Sleigh and Cutter parade was suggested to be added to our Web site, if possible. Information on dairy milk labeling was discussed from the 2008 meeting. More information will be brought to our next meeting.

Continuing Education

1. The high school scholarship received seven applications. The former alumni scholarship received one completed application. Application numbers were down from last year.

Membership

1. The board has openings for three new members.

Events

Survey results and much discussion were compiled for the annual alumni event. It was decided to call the event "Reunion for All", and it would be held this year at Farmamerica on Aug. 16. Added measures will be taken to invite former staff in hopes of getting more former students to the event.

Unfinished Business

1. Diane Deling circulated an outline from the donation committee of guidelines for requested donations. Contents were discussed and suggestions were made on some terms and spelling. Form will be updated and returned for final approval at the next meeting.

No New Business

Next meeting: April 6, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Diane Deling (Board Member)

Did your Address Change?

*Remember to notify us of your new
contact information!*

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Obituaries

Kathleen Marie (Rehn) Reps, 38, was born September 4, 1970 in Willmar, MN to Gordon and Gayle (Gjelhaug) Rehn. She was baptized November 11, 1970 and confirmed May 18, 1986 at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake. She was a 1989 graduate of Willmar Senior High and 1991 graduate of the University of Minnesota-Waseca, obtaining an A.A. degree in floraculture.

Kathy was united in marriage to the love of her life, Tom Reps, on September 19, 1992, at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake. Following their marriage they lived in Lewiston, Clara City and currently made their home in rural Belgrade. Her love of flowers brought her to be employed as a floral designer at Sally's Flower House, Willmar; Special Touch Floral, Clara City, and Lake Floral, Spicer.

Surpassing Kathy's love of flowers was the love of being a mom to their two children, Erin and Andrew. She enjoyed spending family time with them at the lake, vacationing, church youth group, various other church activities and never missed an opportunity to take pictures along the way!

Her family recalls Kathy's creative abilities, patience, kindness and amazing organizing skills. She loved to laugh and was always smiling.

Kathy had a great sense of humor and never missed the chance to tease Tom and her brother Tim. Packing for trips was one of Kathy's special talents...her family thought she seemed to pack everything but the kitchen sink!

Kathy is survived by her husband, Tom; two children, Erin and Andrew, at home; mother, Gayle Rehn of Willmar; brother, Tim (Pam) Rehn, Madelaine, Devyn, and Grace, East Grand Forks, MN; several beloved aunts, uncles, brothers- & sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father, Gordon Rehn; father-in-law, Elmer Reps; grandparents, Johnny & Clara Gjelhaug and Emil & Ruth Rehn.

Paul Bishman, 63, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Chaska on Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters and sons-in-law, Tanya Bishman Gertz and husband, William Faust, of Decorah, Iowa, Andrea "Andi" Bishman Egbert and husband, Darin, of Minneapolis; son and daughter-in-law, Joshua Paul Bishman and wife Emily, of Rochester; granddaughter, Morgan Grace Egbert; brothers, Allen and wife, Kate, Mark and wife, JoAnn, Myron and wife, Jeanette, and Edward; sisters, Betty, Evelyn, and Marlys; godsons, Arnie Elsenpeter, Randy Zimmerman, and Lee Bishman. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Angeline (Bottema) Bishman.

Visitation was held at the Bertas Funeral Home in Chaska, with funeral service Saturday, October 4, at Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Chaska. Paul was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Chaska.

Paul was born March 6, 1945 in Hutchinson, MN. He was raised on a family farm between Hutchinson and Dassel, MN, along

with his seven brothers and sisters. He attended high school at Waseca Southern School of Agriculture and college at Mankato State University. He served in the Army Reserve. In his earlier years, Paul had his private pilot's license and flew with the Aerobatic Flying Club in Eden Prairie.

Paul worked for several construction companies and built bridges, pole barns, and homes throughout the state, most recently with Carpentry Contractors Corporation. He had just begun his third year as a school bus driver in Chaska, and he enjoyed the friendship of many children on his Parrot route. Paul was a gifted carpenter who built many things in his lifetime, including the two homes in Chaska where he and his beloved wife, Judy, raised their three children. He helped design, assemble, and finish the wooden cross that hangs in the sanctuary of Crown of Glory Lutheran Church, where he was a long-time member. He was a man of integrity and faith. Paul loved to fix and modify engines. He and his son, Josh, raced go-kart #48 for eight years, and in recent years, they drag-raced Josh's red 1978 Camaro. His garage was home to countless projects over the years and a gathering place for many friends. Paul also loved fishing, dancing, telling jokes, and collecting sticks and rocks with his 17-month-old granddaughter, Morgan. He enjoyed dogs, Elvis' music, and dreaming up new projects.

Paul was soft-spoken, mischievous, humble, and hard-working. He always showed compassion for the needs of others and loved his family deeply. He will be missed.

Philip A. Wendt, 63, died Sunday, October 19 at Fairview Ridges Hospital.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 25 at the Balam Lutheran church, rural Amery, WI.

Philip Armond Wendt was born May 2, 1945, in Faribault, MN, the son of Armond and Rosella (Dierking) Wendt. He grew up in Janesville, MN, and graduated from Waseca's Southern School of Agriculture. He moved to Montgomery, MN and worked for Green Giant.

On December 3, 1966, he married Arleen Marie Meyer at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Mankato, MN, and two children were born. They made their home in North Mankato until 1984 when they moved to Balsam Lake.

He worked for the Brandtjen & Kluge Company in St. Croix Falls as a welder for over 20 years. They were active members of the Friendly Twirlers Square Dance Club, and for the past 10 years, he has given square dance lessons.

His parents preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Arleen; daughter, Brenda McCann; son, Mike (Annette) Wendt; sister, Jan (Sam) Madonna; and five grandchildren.

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Richard "Dick" Fitzner, 66, of Ridgeway on German in New Ulm and formerly of Courtland, died Friday, October 24, 2008, at his home.

Richard is survived by his parents, Wilbur and Doris Fitzner of New Ulm; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald "Jerry" and Gloria Fitzner, and Mark and Kathy Fitzner all of Courtland; five nephews; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Ida Fitzner and Henry and Tillie Graunke.

Richard Waldemar Fitzner was born September 16, 1942, in New Ulm to Wilbur and Doris (Graunke) Fitzner. He graduated from the Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca. Richard was a very caring person and had a strong faith. He enjoyed helping his brothers farm and since 1996 was employed at MRCI in New Ulm. Richard enjoyed watching the Twins, visiting with people, listening to music, and attending concerts. He was a lifetime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and was a member of the Men's Club at church.

James E. Kaufman, 88, died Thursday, December 11, 2008, at Luther Manor, Mt. Carroll, Iowa.

James Evan Kaufman was born December 26, 1919, near Stockton, Illinois, to Glen McKinley and Essie Marie Logan Kaufman. He was married to Jean Lois Messing of Dubuque, Iowa on October 27, 1946. She passed away November 4, 1990. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1946. He and his father operated a country elevator, feed, fertilizer and chemical business from 1946 to 1969 in Stanley, Iowa. He was an instructor in agribusiness at the Northeast Iowa Vo-Tech School, Calmar, Iowa from 1969 to 1978. He served as a professor of marketing at Blackhawk Community College, Moline, Illinois from 1978 to 1979. From November 1979 to December 1986, he served as professor of ag marketing at the University of Minnesota-Waseca, Waseca, Minnesota. He and his wife, Jean retired and moved to Dubuque, Iowa in 1986. Jim was a member of the First Congregational Church, Highland, Illinois and, currently, of the First Congregation UCC Church, Dubuque, Iowa.

Surviving are a son, Bruce Evan Kaufman, his wife, Diane Moore and his children, Andrew Evan Kaufman and Lauren Nicole Kaufman of Atlanta, Georgia; his daughters, Julie Kay Kaufmann - Hansen, her husband, Franz-Peter Hansen, Berlin, Germany; Elise Susan Kaufman, her husband, Walter Theil of Gelsenkirchen, Germany, several cousins and close friend, Ruth Bethurem of Highland, Illinois. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Jean.

Rodney L. TerBeest, age 60 of Madison Lake passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2008, at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato. A gathering of family and friends was held at his residence in Madison Lake.

Rodney was born on June 21, 1948, in Wykoff, MN to Russell and Helen (Plumber) TerBeest. He graduated from Harmony High School in 1966 and from Minnesota State University in Mankato. He married Shirley Brakke and later married Donna Brinker. In his earlier years, he was employed at KEYC in Mankato and since the

1980s was owner of Rod TerBeest Productions. Rodney was a member of the Lake City Yacht Club, the president of Holder 20 One Design sailing class, and the Mankato Chamber of Commerce. He enjoyed woodworking, movies and especially sailing. Grateful for having shared his life are his children: Elizabeth (Christopher) Luehder of Bozeman, MT and Benjamin (Tammi) TerBeest of Pemberton; step-children: Melissa Seitzer of Mankato and Nathaniel Seitzer of Minneapolis; grandchildren: Olivia and Rowen Luehder, and Vanessa and Zander TerBeest; siblings: Charlene Kudla TerBeest, David TerBeest, Theodore TerBeest, Mariella Schladweiler and Jennifer TerBeest; mother-in-law Mary Lue Brinker and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Donna, and father-in-law Charles Brinker.

Timothy Edward Kornder, Age 49 of Belle Plaine, passed away on January 17, 2009. A private family service was held.

Tim was born in Bloomington, Minnesota on June 27, 1959 to Eugene and Elizabeth (Kuduk) Kornder. On November 14, 1981 he married Lori Kahle at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine. He earned a degree in horticulture from the University of Minnesota-Waseca in 1979 and started the thriving garden shop just off Hwy. 169. Tim enjoyed growing heirloom vegetables and hybridizing peonies. His passion for discovering new peppers and tomatoes took him to Costa Rica and Oaxaca, Mexico. He enjoyed traveling all around the United States with his family. Tim also enjoyed exploring languages, especially his latest adventures with the Spanish language.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene, in January of 2003.

Tim is survived by his loving daughters, Alison (Dustin) Burstein of Lakeville, Andrea (special friend, Alex) Kornder of Denver, CO, Ashli (special friend, Erik) Kornder of Belle Plaine; their mother, Lori (special friend, Jamie Scott) Kornder; mother, Elizabeth; sister, Nancy (Cmdr. USN Richard Adams Ret.) Adams; brothers, nieces, nephews, friends, colleagues & his loyal companion C.C.

Robert "Bob" Gleason, age 59 of Waterville, died Saturday, February 7, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

Born in Waseca, Minnesota on March 9, 1949, he was the son of James Sr. and Rosella "Roe" (Munson) Gleason. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1967 and from Mankato State University with a B.A. degree. He married Vicki Drews on September 5, 1970 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Bob worked in customer service at Brown Printing Co. in Waseca a few years. He then worked in the construction business focusing primarily on custom cabinetry work the last fifteen years. He enjoyed snowmobiling, boating, watching the Minnesota Twins and Gophers, playing softball and tennis in his younger years as well as entertaining his nieces and nephews at Bullhead Days in Waterville. He was a member of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce and Sakatah Trails Sno-Cruisers.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki of Waterville; his mother, Rosella "Roe" Gleason of Waseca; two brothers, Jim (Jane) Gleason of Waseca and John Gleason of Waseca; and 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and one sister in infancy.

Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca with Father Marty Schaefer officiating.