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# UMW CONNECTION

UMW/SSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

April 2010

## All UMW/SSA Faculty, Staff, and Alumni

# REUNION

In conjunction with the  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual AgALA  
(Ag Alumni Leadership Awards)  
being held at Farmamerica

**Sunday, August 1, 2010**  
**10 AM to 4 PM**

### ALUMNI – FACULTY – STAFF – FAMILIES

The gathering will include:

- All you can eat Belgian Waffle Fund-raiser (9 AM to 1 PM)
- Time set aside for faculty, staff and alumni to visit informally
- Recognition of award and scholarship recipients
- Country church service
- An Open House at Farmamerica
- Trams running the one-mile Timeline Road continuously
- Displays of 15 decades (150 years) of agriculture development
- If adequate interest, a tour of FCI is available on Monday, August 2

It is still early, but a listing of the UMW/SSA faculty and staff that have made a commitment to attend is listed on page 4!

Call your friends and plan to attend the  
All UMW/SSA Reunion!

## 50th Class Reunion for Class of 1960

The SSA class of 1960 will celebrate their 50th reunion on May 21. We would like to invite any of our teachers or staff to the reunion. Also any friends from SSA are more than welcome to join us. The reunion will be held at the Izaak Walton cabin: 3.5 miles south of Owatonna on CR#45 or a mile south of the ol' Monterey Ballroom, turn right on CR #31, and west on the blacktop about a thousand feet. There will be lots to eat and drink from about 3 PM on, with supper about 6. There is a fire ring and picnic tables outside. If interested, please RSVP to Dick Thamert, 1150 Foxtail Lane, Owatonna, MN 55060 or to [thamert10@gmail.com](mailto:thamert10@gmail.com) We'd love to see ya!  
Cost is only \$15.

## A Daughter's Tribute

By Sherry Turner Oleson

My dad, Dr. Deane Turner, was a man of many talents and admirable qualities in my eyes. He and my mother have both passed away, but they will always have a special place in my heart! I reminisce frequently, recalling the many fond memories of our times together.

Last year, I participated in the SSA/UMW alumni event at Farmamerica on August 16<sup>th</sup>. I did so by giving two gifts in memory of my dad. What a pleasure it was to give these gifts to Boyd Fuller and Harlan Holmquist. I knew both of them during the three years I attended the Southern School of Agriculture.

For those of you who did not know my dad, I would like to share some thoughts and background about him. First of all, my dad was an energetic, hard-working, conscientious, outgoing, and civic-minded individual. I will always remember observing his leadership abilities, dedication, and continual pursuit of excellence throughout his life. He came from humble beginnings, growing up on a 240-acre farm in southeastern Minnesota with five siblings. Perhaps that is why he enjoyed helping and encouraging agricultural students in any way he could over the years. He generously shared his time and talents during his lifetime.

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## Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 1 .....  
**UMW/SSA Alumni Board Annual Meeting**  
11:00 a.m.  
Farmamerica  
Waseca, MN  
**UMW/SSA Reunion**  
**15th Annual AgALA**  
*Free admission*  
1:00 p.m.  
Award Recognition Program  
Waseca, MN

Thursday, August 19 .....  
**Ag for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Healthy Living**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Rosemount Research & Outreach Center  
Rosemount, MN

Thursday, September 16 .....  
**Ag for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Southern Research and Outreach Center  
Waseca, MN

## Scholarships Available

The Alumni Association of the Southern School of Agriculture and the University of Minnesota, Waseca will again offer three types of scholarships. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to any former graduate or former student that completed a minimum of 45 credits while at SSA or UMW and is pursuing a two-year, four-year, or graduate degree. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to any child or a grandchild of an alumnus with a GPA between 3.0 to 3.5.

Five \$100 scholarships will be awarded to any former UMW or SSA graduate to attend a seminar or short course. Scholarship applications will be available after October 1.

### **Deadline is January 1, 2011**

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

<http://sroc.cfans.umn.edu/UMWSSA/index.htm>

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.

## 1970 Class Reunion

The SSA class of 1970 will have their 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion on Saturday, July 31, 2010 starting at 3:00 pm. It will be at Michael Berge's home in Kasson, Minnesota. All SSA alumni and former faculty are invited to attend. For more information and to RSVP contact Michael at: Michael Berge, 15 4th Street NW, Kasson, MN 55944 507-634-7897, [mdberge@charter.net](mailto:mdberge@charter.net)

## 2010 MN Ag Award

Artist, and former UMW student, Bonnie Mohr of Silver Lake, MN is recipient of the 2010 MN Ag Award. Mohr, who grew up on a dairy farm, and is married to a dairy farmer today, is proud that people know her for her paintings. Mohr received a degree in dairy production and communications from the University of Minnesota-Waseca. She has a love for art, and found it to be natural to paint cows, since she learned so much about them growing up. She not only worked with them, milked and fed them, but she groomed and showed them at local and state fairs. Her business has grown, painting what she knows, rural scenes especially cows and barnyard animals. She markets her work to audiences in special ways.

## 2010 Personal Service Award

Peter Fog, coordinator of the POP (pre-occupational preparation – an internist program) program at UMW will be honored with the 2010 Personal Service Award. Pete arrived in Waseca in 1971 and helped organize the college. He served as the POP coordinator plus he taught soils and agronomy classes. Acting Provost, Tom Lindahl, requested he head a committee to "Save the College". He worked hard but his efforts were unsuccessful. Pete retired in 1991.

## 2010 Scholarship Recipients

### Former Student

Kay Pedretti (Goodview, MN)

### Child/Grandchild of Alum

Alex Donnay (Glencoe, MN)

Son of John & Connie (Sturm) Donnay

Kristin Schulz (Winnebago, MN)

Daughter of Kevin Schulz

Kiersten Schmidt (Mapleton, MN)

Daughter of Joel & Tracy (Kubat) Schmidt

## 2010 AgALA

Sunday, August 1

A reunion for everyone at Farmamerica. Come and support our award and scholarship recipients. The Federal Correctional Institution in Waseca no longer offers tours on Sunday. If an adequate number of former faculty, staff or students are interested in taking a tour on Monday, August 2, please contact Deanne Nelson by Tuesday, June 15. If there's enough interest, each individual wishing to tour the facility will need to complete and return a form by July 15 for prior authorization. Anyone wishing to be on the tour group must be at least 18 years old. Everyone must have a government-issued ID when entering the institution. Call or e-mail Deanne Nelson today to be placed on the list to tour the Waseca FCI. (507) 835-3620 or [nelso191@umn.edu](mailto:nelso191@umn.edu).

## MN Pork Board Announces 2010 Awards

Vicky Singlestad of Waseca, a 1978 graduate and employee of UMW, was named **Pork Promoter of the Year**.

**Swine Manager of the Year** was awarded to Brian Oeltjenbruns of Mountain Lake, MN. He graduated from UMW in 1990 and completed a degree in Animal & Plant Systems in 1993 from St. Paul.

### Did your Address Change?

*Remember to tell us your new contact information!*

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## A Daughter's Tribute

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My dad graduated from the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics in 1941 with a degree in Agricultural Education. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a B-17 bomber co-pilot stationed in England during World War II. He was proud to have served his country and he loved to talk about his experience. In 2003, my dad and I wrote an unpublished book entitled, "One Day to be Remembered" about his airplane being "shot down" by the Germans and how he miraculously survived a crash landing. After recuperating from his war injuries in England, he returned to Minnesota.

My dad's post-war employment included teaching veterans and establishing a Vocational Agricultural Program at the Red Wing High School from 1946-1953. While working on his master's and doctorate degrees at the University of Minnesota, he saw a need for additional management resource information so he co-authored and published a book entitled, "Records for Farm Management".

The ten years of administrative experience at the Waseca campus as the principal and then superintendent of the University's Southern School of Agriculture and Experiment Station was a very rewarding and important part of his life. He was proud to have met so many farmers and their families in the state of Minnesota during those years. In 1963, he accepted an appointment to the dean's staff at the University's St. Paul campus. In 1965, he was a member of the University's team that helped to increase higher education enrollment in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. My dad loved to travel, for work or pleasure.

Over the years, he visited three continents and all fifty states of the United States. After 31 years of service, he retired as professor emeritus in 1984.

My dad continued to stay involved in all kinds of activities. In 1991, he arranged to plant hybrid popcorn on 200 acres of land in Russia near Krasnodar. The Russians were pleased with their yield per acre. The experimental project was considered a success and additional popcorn was later planted in southern Russia.

My dad was honored with many awards during his lifetime. As his daughter, I was very proud of his accomplishments. One of his priorities was to help future generations achieve their potential. In 2000, he set up the Deane A. Turner Graduate Fellowship at the University of Minnesota so students could pursue further studies in the field of agricultural education.

On a personal note, my dad commented to me towards the end of his life that he had done everything he wanted to do during his lifetime. Knowing my dad well and observing all he had done, my comment was, "Wow, how inspiring! How many people would feel that way at the end of their life's journey?" However, most importantly, I will remember my dad and mother as wonderful, caring parents who helped me and many other people whenever they could along the way. I will be eternally grateful to them for their unselfish love and devotion. To add to these memories, I would enjoy hearing from you about your special times at SSA during 1953-1963. My email is [soleson@healtheast.org](mailto:soleson@healtheast.org). Best wishes to all the Aggies!  
Sherry Turner Oleson

## Look who's coming to Farmamerica August 1!

Pat Abbe  
Ron & Anita Beckman  
Duane & Pat Berglund  
Jane R. Bluhm  
Judy Conway  
Neal Diltz  
Jayne H. Dinse  
Kathleen Flitsch  
Pete Fog  
Ed & Shirley Frederick  
Jim Gibson  
Vicki Gleason  
Jolene Gundermann  
Dave Harmon  
Bob Hendricks  
Mardell Jacobson  
Roy Johnson  
Bob & Laura  
Krumwiede

Tom Lindahl  
Pam Mathiason  
Jonna Moen  
Anne M. Mrotz  
Jerry Nechville  
Julie & Quet Rath  
Tom & Kathryn  
Rynders  
Tony Seykora  
Vicky Singlestad  
Jackie Storby  
Jane Fitzsimmons-  
Thomez  
Roger Walker  
Al & Barb Ward  
Anita Wiemeri  
Mark Wilson  
Pat Yunker  
Tom Yuzer  
Ramona Zihlke  
(Flutter)

People who said they may be able to attend and were not sure at this time are as follows:

Bill Anderson  
Don Collins  
Carlos Contag  
Dale Drees  
Carola Fell  
Joe & Brenda  
Groskrenz  
Darrell & Suzanne  
Hartle  
Cindy Lewer  
Denise Manthe  
Clayton Oslund  
Nan Wilhelmson

Continue to look at the Web site for updated names of those planning to attend!

Contact Deanne at:  
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to get YOUR name listed here!

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# Obituaries

**Steven Jude Bernholtz**, 57, of Waltham, died on July 28, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

He was born on September 10, 1951 in Lake City, Iowa, son of Don and Bev (Schwartz) Bernholtz. Steve graduated from Lake City High School in 1969. As a young adult he worked for Dr. Mally as a veterinarian technician. After high school he attended college in Waseca, Minn. and then returned to work for Mally, Boettcher and Armbrecht in Lake City, Minn.

On June 9, 1973, Steve married Casey Budgett, and they made their first home in Waseca, later moving to Waltham. They were together for 35 loving years, until Casey lost her battle to cancer on Nov. 22, 2008.

More than anything, Steve loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, which was evident by the small park he had set up at his house for the grandchildren to enjoy. Steve had many hobbies. All of them included being outdoors. He enjoyed team roping, riding horses and he rarely missed a day of shooting his bow. Steve owned and operated Bernholtz Trucking.

Surviving are three daughters, Jill (Roy) Baker, Austin, Jenessa (Nic) Hill, Winona and Danielle Bernholtz (fiance, Russ Crabtree), Austin; five grandchildren: Terren, Kasey and Rylee Baker, Wyatt Crabtree and Cameron Hill; mother and father, Don and Bev Bernholtz, Lake City, Iowa; brother, Tom (Darel) Bernholtz, Denison; three sisters: Susie (Daryl) Reiling, Carroll, Iowa; Ann (Jeff) Wenck, Lidderdale and Kris (Scott) Bender, of Spencer, Iowa.

Steve was preceded in death by his loving wife, Casey.

**Theresa S. Roesler**, age 79 of Waseca, died on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at Immanuel-St. Joseph's Mayo Health System in Mankato.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca.

Theresa Stefany was born on October 29, 1930 in Ely, Minnesota to John and Katherine (Agnich) Kapsch. Theresa graduated from Ely High School in 1948, and went on to receive her bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Theresa's College in Winona. She was united in marriage to Francis Edward Roesler on February 14, 1953. Theresa worked briefly as an RN at the Waseca Medical Center. In the mid-70's she returned to school, and became one of the first licensed nurse practitioners through the Mayo Clinic. She had a long career as the head of health services at the Southern School of Agriculture (later became University of Minnesota-Waseca), retiring in 1992 after 33 years of service. She was a longtime member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca.

Theresa is survived by her husband Francis of Waseca; by her sons Edward C. (Barbara) Roesler of Waseca, John L. (Delores) Roesler of Flowery Branch,

GA, Jerome F. Roesler of Waseca, and Thomas S. Roesler of White Bear Lake; by her daughters Mary T. Roesler of Waseca, and Katherine L. (Joseph) Malatesta of Soldotna, AK; by her brother Stephan (Shirley) Kapsch of Lake Oswego, OR; by 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

**Vernon J. "Vern" Reiter**, age 68 of Cannon Falls, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2009 at the Delray Beach Medical Center in Delray Beach, Florida following a massive heart attack.

Vern was born in Wabasha, MN on July 28, 1941, the son of Vernon C. and Vera Reiter. He attended Elgin grade and middle schools and graduated high school from Waseca School of Agriculture. He then graduated from Austin Vo-Tech. Vern enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1964 and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in 1968, after a tour of duty in Vietnam.

Vern graduated from Control Data Institute and accepted a position with Mohawk Data Sciences (M.D.S.) in Herkimer, New York. He married Antonia J. "Toni" Aiello on July 19, 1970. He was employed at M.D.S. until he accepted a position with Control Data as a Computer Field Supervisor in Plymouth, MN. He then accepted a position with I.B.M. in St. Paul, retiring in 2001.

Vern enjoyed motorcycle riding, snowmobiling and classic cars.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Toni, of Cannon Falls; his father, Vernon C. of Elgin, MN; sisters and brothers, Judy (Dale) Donlinger of Eyota, Gene (Shirley) Reiter of Elgin, Linda (Fred) Meurer of Chatfield, Glenn (Diane) Reiter of Elgin, and Doug Reiter (Rose Montgomery) of St. Charles; mother-in-law and stepfather, Alice and John Vedovati of Herkimer, NY; nine nieces and nephews, and three step nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vera; father-in-law, Anthony Aiello; nephew Rob Harwood; and his grandparents.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls.

**Jack Oliver Boerigter**, age 83, died on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. He was born on March 31, 1926, in Holland, Michigan. His parents, Edward and Julia Boeve Boerigter, raised two sets of sons, of which Jack was the oldest. Jack was educated in the Holland Public Schools and immediately upon his high school graduation enlisted in the armed services. Jack had aspirations of becoming an Air Force pilot but circumstances did not allow for that, and he was assigned to the Army Air Forces as a light truck driver after World War II. Due to health issues he

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was honorably discharged in May 1946. Following his discharge he returned to Holland and enrolled at Hope College.

On June 6, 1947, he was united in marriage with Mildred Kaat and to that union three children were born: Robert Jack, Barbara Jo and Jan Louise. Jack dropped out of college after he started his family and was involved in a number of business endeavors including farming and appliance sales with his father. He eventually returned to college and graduated from Hope College in 1954 and Western Theological Seminary in Holland as a non-traditional seminary student in 1957. Rev. Boerigter faithfully served as the senior pastor in Reformed Church of America congregations in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Oostburg, Wisconsin, Sioux Center, Iowa, DeMotte, Indiana and Pella, Iowa. As part of his ministry for 40 years, he served for many years on the General Program Council of the Reformed Church of

America. In addition he was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern College at Orange City, Iowa and Central College in Pella, Iowa. Jack married Delores (Van Vark) Vande Noord on February 14, 1985. They made their residences in Waseca, Minnesota and Reddick, Florida and recently celebrated 25 happy years of married life together. Prior to his full-time retirement, Jack served some years as a professional fund-raiser including development work with the University of Minnesota-Waseca. He and Delores attended the First Congregational Church when residing at Waseca. While spending winters in Florida, Pastor Boerigter served for many years as the preaching pastor of the Deer Creek Camper's Church in Davenport, Florida where his weekly sermons and singing were an inspiration to many. Besides the ministry, he and Delores, had an avid interest in Belgian horses. Together they owned and showed Belgian horses beginning in 1986 and operated "A Touch of Country Class Boutique" on their farm near Waseca until the present time.

**A NOTE FROM DALE MILLER -**

I always enjoy the UMW Connection newsletter, but haven't had much "news" to contribute over the years. I do have some big news to share now, big in the U.S. pork industry anyway. I am sending some information on an award I received earlier this year. It's about the highest honor anyone can get in the U.S. pork industry and it's certainly one that I will always cherish. I was a 1967 graduate of the Southern School of Agriculture and in 1998 I was the recipient of the MN Ag Award presented by the UMW/SSA Alumni Association. Other background information is presented in the news release. Thanks for your good work on the newsletter. We old Aggies sure appreciate it.

Best regards, Dale

**INDUSTRY HONORS NATIONAL HOG FARMER EDITOR, DALE MILLER  
WITH DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**MINNEAPOLIS (March 8, 2010)** – Dale Miller, editor of *National Hog Farmer* magazine, was honored by the Pork Checkoff with the Distinguished Service Award during special ceremonies at the Pork Industry Forum held in Kansas City, Mo., March 4-6, 2010.

"Dale's passion for helping producers understand and adopt changing production practices have benefitted pork producers for the past 38 years," said Tim Bierman, a pork producer from Larrabee, Iowa, and National Pork Board president. "As an example, Dale was at the forefront of delivering vital information on artificial insemination technologies as they first offered promise to U.S. pork producers in the early 1970s, through the time when they became common practice."

"This recognition of Dale Miller is a reflection of the many years of work by Dale and other members of the staff at *National Hog Farmer*," said Roger Randall, general manager of the livestock publications at Penton Media. "Through good times and bad, Dale and his staff have been there to support the pork industry."

"Dale Miller has been one of the true champions of the U.S. pork industry," said Greg Frey, vice president of the agricultural group at Penton Media. "Dale has always gone the extra mile to make sure U.S. pork producers have information on the latest technological advances they need to continue to help feed the world."

Miller attended the University of Minnesota and received a bachelor of science degree in animal science in December 1972. On January 1, 1973, he joined the editorial staff of the *National Hog Farmer* magazine as an associate editor. Miller was promoted to managing editor at *National Hog Farmer* in 1977 and in 1993, was named the magazine's editor – a position he currently holds. During his tenure, Miller has traveled to most states in the United States and numerous foreign countries (Canada, Japan, The Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Italy, China, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland and Brazil), studying and reporting on pork production practices throughout the world. In addition, Miller is active in a small seedstock operation, raising purebred Chester Whites, F-1 replacement gilts and quality locker pigs.

*National Hog Farmer*, the monthly trade publication and its ancillary products, serve professional pork producers in the United States and Canada with in-depth news and production information needed to keep modern pork production systems competitive and profitable. Qualified subscribers include owners, managers and other production-based personnel, swine veterinarians, nutritionists, consultants and meat industry representatives. A wide variety of news and information is also provided through an electronic newsletter, *National Hog Farmer Weekly Preview*, and online at [www.nationalhogfarmer.com](http://www.nationalhogfarmer.com) <<http://www.nationalhogfarmer.com/>>. *National Hog Farmer* is part of Penton Media's extensive family of print and online agricultural brands, including *BEEF*®, *Hay & Forage Grower*®, *Corn & Soybean Digest*®, *Farm Industry News*®, and *Farm Press*® publications.

# THROUGH THE DECADES

## Wally Runck

I was a student at UMW 1973-75. My wife Iris (Foley) was a 1976 graduate of UMW and was on the 1976 state basketball champion team. We met the first week I attended UMW. We farmed crops and swine for 25 years. We both returned to school and Iris now has her business degree from MSU and I graduated from South Central College with a tool & die degree. Iris works at Southpoint Federal Credit Union in Sleepy Eye, and I work at Suttle Aparatus in Hector. We have two grown children. Carl is an architect and Sonya has her master's in English and works at St. Thomas U. They both graduated from the U of Minn. Mpls. Carl got his master's degree at the U. of Colorado.

I was in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia from 1973-75. I set up vegetable gardening programs in eight rural schools. With the exception of a military coup and much violence, my stay was very rewarding. The Peace Corps left Ethiopia in 1977 and finally returned in December 2007. They had a small presence in 1995-2000. During this period the country was traumatized by a military junta.

Finally after 34 years we made a 16-day trip back to visit. We left in January 2009 and also spent 4 days in Tanzania to see the wildlife. Iris

enjoyed the trip, but was shocked at the poverty. We only reconnected with one family- my former landlady. Many teachers and students were killed by the military during their reign and I couldn't find any former friends. We were fortunate to visit during "Timkat" or the Ethiopian Epiphany celebration. One of the highlights of our trip was donating two laptop computers we carried along to two schools in the area I worked. The students were very excited. My employer, Mr. Curt Sampson donated the computers. GET MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

## Nancy (Wolf) Cluff

I graduated from UMW in the spring of 1987 in Home and Family Services. I continued my education at St. Cloud State University and graduated with a B.S. degree in elementary education in 1989. I married my husband, Paul Cluff that same year. I was a substitute teacher for a couple of years. Our daughter Stephanie was born in 1991. One year later I began a full-time job as a teaching assistant at the Blake School in Wayzata, MN. April of 1997 we had a son, Nicholas. I am still working at the Blake School. I am currently co-teaching in Kindergarten. Blake is such a great community.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, walking, boating, traveling,

and dabbling in art projects. We have lived in Waconia, MN for 18 years. I have been thinking about UMW so much lately as our daughter has just begun her freshman year at UMD. I had such a great experience at UMW. It was a wonderful place to begin my college experience. I was so sad that it closed. Even though memories of it will last forever, it's too bad that such a special place will be just that...only memories. 1467 Mallard Place, Waconia, MN 55387.

## Mary (Meyer) Leach

I was a faculty member from 1955 to 1957. My husband, John, and I are now retired, former administrator at Western Illinois University – John Assoc. Director of Health, Phy Ed. Recreation and Mary, Dean of the College of Applied Sciences. Mary continued work as a grant coordinator at the Regional Office of Education (Macomb) for 15 additional years and is now planning this retirement. Our 37-year old daughter, Rachele, is married to Tom Farnsuirth, CPA. Rachele is an emergency medicine physician and dept. head in the Emergency Dept at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, Illinois. 36 Indian Trail, Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 837-9055.

## Help us Locate Missing Alums

Below are names of alums we have lost contact with. If you know where they are, please help by sending an updated mailing address to: [nelso191@umn.edu](mailto:nelso191@umn.edu) or Deanne Nelson 35838 120<sup>th</sup> St., Waseca, MN 56093.

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# UMW/SSA Alumni, Faculty, and Staff

## Where are you?!

In order to have your current name and address in our database, it is important that we hear from you. If you have already sent in your personal history, we appreciate it. We would also appreciate the names of any friends you know of that may not be on our mailing list. Please complete the form below so your update can be published in the next edition of *The Connection*, include your E-mail address, and send the form below to: [nels0191@umn.edu](mailto:nels0191@umn.edu), or **Alumni Association, Southern Research and Outreach Center, 35838 120<sup>th</sup> St., Waseca, MN 56093-4521.**

Name		Maiden
Address		City, State, Zip
Phone Number		Faculty/Staff/Student
E-mail Address	Major	Qtr/Yr of Graduation
Please provide a summary of your personal history, (achievements, family, community activities, hobbies, travels, etc).		
I am interested in serving on the Association board <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		

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