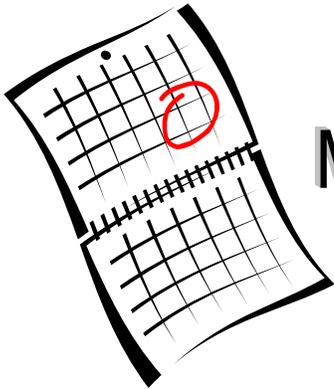


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UMW CONNECTION

UMW/SSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

April 2011



Mark Your Calendars!

UMW/SSA Alumni, Staff, and Faculty

A reunion will be held on

Saturday, August 13, 2011

**at Indian Island Winery near Janesville, MN.
Please join us for a time to relax, have a glass
of wine, enjoy the atmosphere, and rekindle
acquaintances of former days. Everyone is
welcome to attend the UMW/SSA Alumni
Association board of directors meeting at 3
p.m. We will have an "Open House" 4-6:00
p.m.**

There will be live music 6-8:30 p.m.

**For more information on Indian Island Winery
or details on location, please refer to their**

We need YOU!

We currently have openings on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The commitment is minimal, we meet three to four times per year. This is your opportunity to have an input towards our future. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Deanne at 507-835-3620, or by email: nelso191@umn.edu.

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!**

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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
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Calendar of Events

Saturday, August 13
UMW/SSA Alumni Board Annual Meeting
3:00 p.m.

Indian Island Winery
Janesville, MN

**UMW/SSA Reunion
16th Annual AgALA**

Free admission

OPEN HOUSE

4-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 18.....

Ag for the 21st Century:

The Future is Here and Now

OPEN HOUSE

Rosemount Research & Outreach Center

Rosemount, MN

Thursday, September 15

Ag for the 21st Century:

The Future is Here and Now

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 above 3.0.

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 10, 2012

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.

SROC's Gyles Randall Retires

By Janet Kubat Willette, *Agri News*

Come Jan. 3, 2011, Gyles Randall is an emeritus professor.

Randall, who has been the face of the Southern Research and Outreach Center in many areas, ended his phased retirement on Dec. 31. His last day in the office was Dec. 30.

Randall came to the Southern Experiment Station as a soil scientist and professor in February 1972. There was a fair amount of snow on the ground, he remembers, but the staff had his driveway cleared so he could pull his U-Haul right in. It was a good welcome.

The station didn't look much like today's Southern Research and Outreach Center, as the station was later named. Their offices were in a two-story wood-frame house where the SROC parking lot is today.

It was during his first 20 years that the station really became a station, Randall said. Dick Anderson, station superintendent, provided outstanding leadership as buildings were built, land was acquired and land was tilled, he said.

Randall built his program during Anderson's tenure. He was given the opportunity to travel the state with Pioneer agronomist Bill Steffen, who lassoed him into sharing his programs. It was great exposure as he would speak to 400 to 500 people at each meeting. He traveled with Steffen from 1974 until about 1978.

He was also on Channel 12 out of Mankato three or four times a year during a noon-time program. He was involved in programs in the southwest part of the state. He presented at Winter Crops Day, which started in 1972. His job was to present. Others worked to attract an audience, he said.

At events, producers often approached Randall afterward with questions. They looked forward to his presentations.

"I've been blessed with the ability to communicate in a language they understand," he said. The ability to communicate is a gift that God gives, he said.

Randall said he was fortunate that few people fell asleep during his presentations. They stayed awake and listened to what he had to say.

"He's simply good at what he's done, what he's been doing," said Forrest Izuno, SROC director.

When Izuno came to SROC in 2001, he quickly learned that Randall was a distinguished faculty member.

"Gyles had a very mature program ... very well respected program," Izuno said.

Izuno said Randall has been a great asset and someone he's come to rely upon.

"He's always kept me grounded," Izuno said.

His challenge has been to remind Randall that he's retiring. Randall has been on a four-year phased retirement. The first two years he took 75 percent pay, the third year, 50 percent and the fourth year, 25 percent.

He was working about 65 percent time in 2010.

"I like being back here at the office," Randall said.

His office window offers a view of Loon Lake and he has wonderful support people in the office. It's the people he'll miss most as he retires.

As he's gotten older, he said it's easier to step away from the science, but he can't turn over the relationships. He's developed relationships with producers from across southern Minnesota during his 38 years with SROC.

Winter Crops Day began in Waseca in 1972 and then branched out to other parts in southern Minnesota. Their southeast Minnesota research effort began in 1986.

The changes he's seen in agriculture over the last 40 years have been unbelievable, Randall said.

In 2001, he wrote a paper questioning the sustainability of the corn-soybean production system. The paper generated a lot of attention and is still brought up from time to time.

There are some stations that haven't interviewed him since that time, Randall said, and some grower groups cut his research funding.

"I'm still glad I did it," he said. He wrote the paper with conviction, saying sometimes it's important to look long-term and to look at society, erosion loss and farm size.

Randall's position won't be filled, Izuno said.

He hopes he will be able to call on Randall for help and that he continues to be part of the center as he retires to the status of professor emeritus.

Randall said he'll be around after January, when he's having back surgery.

He wasn't cleaning out his office in December because he hopes to use it as his emeritus office. He has reports to write on 2010 activities that are due Feb. 1 and March 1. After that, he hopes to focus on compiling weather records and writing, gesturing to two big boxes filled with paper.

An open house was held Friday, April 8 at the Southern Research and Outreach Center in Waseca in honor of his retirement.

1971 Class Reunion

The SSA class of 1971 will have their 40th class reunion on Saturday, July 23, 2011 starting at 2:00 pm. It will be at Delores Dennis' home, 43070 Reeds Lake Road, Janesville, Minnesota. For more information contact call Mavis 507-254-8272 or Delores 507-267-4246.



2011 Scholarship Recipients Announced

Each year we receive numerous scholarship applications from outstanding students. We are pleased to announce the recipients of \$500 scholarship to continue their post-secondary education.

Jaclyn Dingels of Redwood Falls, MN
 Daughter of Stephen Dingels
 Katarina Donkers of Faribault, MN
 Daughter of Scott Donkers
 Andrew Thies of Arlington, MN
 Son of Kevin Thies
 Emily Rihih of New Richland, MN
 Daughter of Wes & Joy (Kiewet) Rihih

Obituaries

Lori Ann Schumann, age 50, of Kiester, MN, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 at her home in Kiester, MN, surrounded by her family, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Funeral Services were held Sunday, November 28, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Kiester, MN. The family encouraged everyone to wear pink in her honor. Visitation was Saturday, November 27, 2010 from 2-6 PM at Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home in Wells and one hour prior to the services at the church on Sunday. Pastor Dick Steffen officiated and burial was in Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery in Kiester. Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home in Wells is in charge of arrangements. Lori Ann Schumann was born January 8, 1960, the daughter of Leon and Diane (Thorson) Larson in Blue Earth, Minnesota. Lori was a graduate of Kiester High School in 1978. She earned her Early Childhood Education Degree from the University of Minnesota, Waseca. On October 25, 1980 she married Lee John Schumann in Kiester, MN. She was a well-known advocate for breast cancer awareness, and is one of the originating founders of Bowl for a Cure. In the fall of 1994 until recently, she worked at USC School as a paraprofessional/secretary of transportation, activities director and with

community education. Lori loved shopping and spending time with friends and family. She loved being at Uncle Wayne's lake. Lori was very passionate about athletics and was an avid fan of USC sports, the Twins and the Vikings. She is survived by her husband, Lee Schumann, of Kiester, MN; 1 son: Anthony (Melissa) Schumann of Rosemount, MN, 1 daughter: Lacy Schumann of New Smyrna Beach, FL; her granddaughter Layla Schumann; 1 sister: Jodi (Jeff) Willaby of Kiester, MN, 1 brother: Scott (Christy) Larson of Cottage Grove, MN; brothers and sisters-in-law: Jay (Roz) of Lakefield, MN, Todd and Mary of Lakefield, MN, Chris (Cheri) of Kiester, MN, Mike (Carrie) of Hutchinson, MN; mother-in-law: Marie Schumann of Lakefield, MN. She is also survived by nieces: Amanda, Ava, Abby, Josie, Kelsey, Audrey and Julia; and nephews: Jake, Kyle, Nathan, C.J., Markael, and Jared, as well as several cousins and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents and her father-in-law Clarence Schumann.

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Clara G. 'Pat' Pogalz

Clara Gene "Pat" Pogalz, 70, died on Nov. 20, 2010, at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center.

Clara Gene "Pat" Cook was born on Sept. 19, 1940, the daughter of Geary and Clara (Haley) Cook in Crockett, Texas. Pat was united in marriage to Herbert Pogalz on July 20, 1958, at Grace Lutheran Church in Dodge Center. Pat and her husband moved to Dodge Center in 1969, and farmed until 1982.

Pat was the Dodge County 4-H Youth Agent for the U of M Extension Service. Later Pat was a social worker for Fairview Care Center until her retirement. Pat was active in church activities and enjoyed camping and traveling. She and her husband were snowbirds in Texas.

Pat is survived by her husband, Herbert Pogalz, Dodge Center; son, Paul Pogalz, Dodge Center; daughter, Pam (John Buss) Kober, Milton, Wis.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and one brother, Tom (Janet) Cook, Mobile, Ala. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Geary.

Blessed be her memory. (Pat attended UMW and graduated with a degree in Services for Rural Elderly in 1991.)

Elaine M. Kramer, age 42, of Otisco, died on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Colony Court in Waseca, surrounded by her family and friends.

Elaine Mary was born on September 18, 1968, in New Ulm, Minnesota to Theodore and Marion (Liebl) LeGare. Elaine graduated from Hector High School in 1987, and went on to earn her Associate of Arts Business Management Degree from the University of Minnesota-Waseca in 1989. She was united in marriage to Jason Kramer on June 5, 1993, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Over the years Elaine worked as a para-professional at Sacred Heart Parochial School in Waseca, and more recently at Hartley Elementary School in Waseca. For the last 15 years Elaine and Jason and their family have resided in Otisco. She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. She had also been active in the Waseca Garden Club, and the Waseca Women of Today. She enjoyed gardening, walking and biking. She most enjoyed her family, and was a wonderful mother.

She is survived by her husband Jason, and her children Jacob, Krista, Emily, and Eric all of Otisco; by her father Theodore LeGare of Hutchinson, and her siblings Tony (Brenda) LeGare of Hector, Andy (Helen) LeGare of Rapid City, SD, David (Sue) LeGare of Dilworth, Cecilia Kurtz of Danube, Barb Billing of New Richland, and Annette (Wayne) Olson of Campbell; by her mother-in-law Jackie (Jurgen) Peters of Waseca,

and her father-in-law Duane (Yvonne) Kramer of Effie; by her brother-in-law Jarrod (Deb Nygaard) Kramer of Waseca, and her sisters-in-law, Angie (Jess) Brandt of Janesville, and Allyz (Bart) Polacsek of Duluth; by many nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother in February of 2010; by her paternal and maternal grandparents.

Harley LeRoy Janke, 68, died Sunday, March 6, 2011, at his home, following an extended (but bravely fought) illness. He had been under Hospice care since February 1.

Harley was born on October 29, 1942, in Glendale, California, while his dad was employed in an aircraft factory during World War II. He was baptized in the chapel at Forest Lawn Cemetery near Glendale (because his mother thought it was a pretty little chapel). Harley and his parents Myrtle (Hansen) and Lester Janke moved back to Minnesota when Harley was about ten months old. They settled near Blooming Prairie, where they farmed for many years. Harley attended "country school" through eighth grade and then attended high school at the Southern School of Agriculture near Waseca, graduating in 1960. He then attended Mankato Commercial College for one year, attaining a certificate in accounting. He was drafted into the U. S. Army and served as a company clerk in a M.A.S.H. unit in Germany.

Following his honorable discharge, Harley was employed as an accountant at Owatonna Manufacturing Company for 19 years until it closed in 1986. He worked for Steele County Human Services as fiscal supervisor for 19 years before retiring in 2007.

Harley was united in marriage to Nancy Brick in Owatonna on June 20, 1970. They had three children. Son, Ricky died at the age of 15. Daughter, Elin, her husband Joe Mamer, and their two daughters -- Libby and Frannie -- live in Shakopee, Minnesota. Daughter, Becky, her husband Justin Lukes, and their two sons -- Jaymes Harley and Elliott -- live in Rochester, MN. Harley learned to play the accordion at a very young age and enjoyed more than 15 years as a member of the North Stars Show (aka the Country North Stars). Many lifelong friendships were formed during those years -- they all knew how to have fun!

He was diagnosed with Alpha One Antitrypsin Deficiency in 1998. The genetic disease affected his lungs and he was eventually diagnosed with emphysema/COPD. He had used oxygen 24/7 since 2006. He attempted to get on a lung transplant list in 2010, but was disappointed when he was told that would not happen.

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Harley Janke *(continued)*

Harley taught himself the art of matting and framing and enjoyed that hobby for a number of years. He was a fan of NASCAR and really enjoyed riding his motorcycle -- which he traded for a Gold Wing trike when he went on oxygen. He was a 39-year member of the Eagles and also belonged to the Elks, the American Legion, and AmVets. He liked working in his yard and loved a good party. He and Nancy especially enjoyed traveling with friends.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, his daughters, sons-in-law, and his four grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by his brother Dale Janke of Owatonna, his wife Margaret, and their three children. He was a much-loved member of Nancy's family for more than 40 years -- Tom and Anna Marie Brick, Sue and Larry Martin, and Peggy and Gary Lair. He was Uncle Harley to his nieces and nephews. He is also survived by an aunt, a number of cousins, and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, his parents and grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

"Have as much fun as you can -- as often as you can."

John H. Zimmermann, 49, of Zumbrota, died on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

John Henry Zimmermann was born on Dec. 4, 1961, in Zumbrota, to Myron and Mary (nee Kalass) Zimmermann. He grew up in rural Zumbrota, attended Zumbrota schools and graduated from Zumbrota High School in 1980. John graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo in 1986. In 1987 he started teaching Agriculture at Wanamingo High School, which became Kenyon-Wanamingo High School. He also taught at Lake City High School.

John enjoyed running and ran in many marathons, both at the local level and also in larger marathons. He also enjoyed coaching basketball and track. John helped a group of Lake City high school students operate a truck gardening business.

John is survived by his mother, Mary Zimmermann of Lakeville; sister, Stacey (Jason) Rudoy of Burnsville; brother, Bill (Leana) Zimmermann of Red Wing; special friends, Bruce and Cherie Heydmann and their children, Philip, Molly and Nikki; aunts, uncles and many cousins. John was preceded in death by his father, Myron Zimmermann.

(John graduated from UMW in 1983 with a degree in ag mechanics.)

THROUGH THE DECADES

Trudy Kerns-Mathison

I am a 1962 graduate of SSA and have been grateful for my schooling at SSA all my life.

I grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota and my husband, Milo and I farmed for 35 years before selling the farm and moving to Rochester, MN. I have been working full time for all of those years in either Spring Valley Hospital or for the Mayo Clinic. I have been at Mayo now almost 26 years, working in surgery with the cardiac services and transplant surgery for the last 20 of those years. I have seen many changes and new techniques in the last 10 years and it is great to be able to keep learning and keeping my mind

active as I enjoy that a lot and plan to keep at it a little while longer.

We are now downsizing our home and moving to a smaller house on one level and hope to be able to spend our retirement years there if we ever retire. We both enjoy working and that is not easy to give up if you like it.

Our kids are all grown and have their own kids and we will have our second great grandchild on December 16th of this year.

Many times I think of the time I spent as SSA and wonder at how I ever ended up there but it was a great experience and I am glad my folks saw the advantage in sending my brothers and me there for our education.

I enjoy reading the newsletter each time although I don't know a lot of the names anymore but it is nice to keep up with what is going on there when I can. Keep up the good work and I hope that this year I will be able to make it to one of the events. 4801 Scenic Oaks Dr. SW, Rochester, MN 55902

Brian Mathiowetz 1985

I am a dairy/livestock nutrition advisor for Big Gain, Inc. I work with the good farms in western Wisconsin. There continues to be struggles in the dairy and livestock sectors of agriculture for obvious reasons...it is just not right! My son is a senior and

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Brian Mathiowetz 1985

I am a dairy/livestock nutrition advisor for Big Gain, Inc. I work with the good farms in western Wisconsin. There continues to be struggles in the dairy and livestock sectors of agriculture for obvious reasons...it is just not right! My son is a senior and daughter is a freshman. Both are very active and are great citizens of our community. Archery, fishing, and hangin outdoors is still in my blood! My wife Lauren is an ultrasonographer and pays all the bills! Proud to be an American...God Bless You! Anyone that is interested in some support...just email mail me blmath@centurylink.net, E5935 County Rd V, Eleva, WI 54738.

Melanie Bruce 1986

I moved a couple years ago to Mauston, Wi and living on a dude ranch. I am working part-time at Festival Foods in the bakery right now but looking at going back to school next year. My son, Levi, is now 14 and a freshman at Mauston High School tried his first sport in cross country and did very well. Lexi, my daughter, is 10 and in 5th grade she attends Grayside Elementary and loves school and is a cheerleader. W4017 State Rd 82E, Mauston, WI 53748.

We miss you!

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 or Deanne Nelson 35838 120th St., Waseca, MN 56093.

Faculty

Mary (Meyer) Leach

Retired in 1995 from administrative position at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Then retired recently, June 31, 2010 from a grant coordinator position at our Macomb Regional Office of Education. Husband, John, has been retired from WIU administrative since 1993. Our daughter Rachelle has been in her emergency medicine medical director position approximately eight years and lives in Shiloh, IL with her husband, Tom. 36 Indian Trail, Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 837-9055.

Correction

Faculty member, Nancy (Harms) Thorson, provided an update in the November edition of the *Connection*. It indicated that she was a librarian and worked at the State Library in St. Cloud. The correct location of the State Library where she worked is South Carolina State Library in Columbia, South Carolina.

Name	Last Known Town	Name	Last Known Town
Reginald Anderson	Brainerd, MN	Richard Helm	Nevis, MN
Jennifer Ball	Kenosha, WI	Ed Hoban	Mindoro, WI
Elizabeth Bauleke	LeSueur, MN	Randy Holz	Owatonna, MN
Jennifer Bergene	Chatfield, MN	Jessica Howe	St. James, MN
Stacy Bjornson	Hastings, MN	Kristine Ingvalson	Caledonia, MN
Julie Broin	Kenyon, MN	Kathryn Isakson	Duncombe, IA
Julie Buckley	Spicer, MN	Harlan Johnson	Winnebago, MN
Nancy Carlson	Lindstrom, MN	Julie Johnson	Prior Lake, MN
James Dick	Mountain Lake, MN	Susan Johnson	Dexter, MN
Kathy Dorn	Adrian, MN	William Johnson	Cedar Rapids, IA
Mark Dostal	St. Paul, MN	Jennifer Kanten	Milan, MN
Martha Evans	Waseca, MN	Debra Kettelkamp	Spencer, IA
Todd Flatness	Amboy, MN	Robert Knutson	Lakeville, MN
Ranne Freese	Tomball, TX	Russell Kruse	New Albin, IA
Leeann Frerck	St. Paul, MN	Lyndon Kunkel	Mankato, MN
Theresa Fursa	Marcell, MN	Nancy Liffriig	Mazeppa, MN
Larry Gaffaney	Glenwood, MN	Joan Lindblom	Blooming Prairie, MN
Raymond Gustafson	Madelia, MN	Lori Massey	St. James, MN
Sandy Hargan	Sioux Falls, SD	Ricky McCabe	Harmony, MN
Deanna Harvey	Royalton, MN	Mark Meany	Rose Creek, MN