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Ecology Club Plans 30th Anniversary Reunion



The UW-Waukesha Ecology Club is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this summer with a Reunion Party at the UW-Waukesha Field Station. Biologists, **Marlin Johnson** and **David Skryja**, founded the Club in 1978. Johnson has served as the group's Advisor for all those 30 years and continues to do so even after retiring from teaching 10 years ago. He is seeking contact information for past members.

If you were a member, or know someone who was, please notify Marlin at 262-965-2227 or e-mail him at marlin.johnson@uwc.edu.

Foundation Board

UW-Waukesha Foundation announces the 2008 Board of Directors: **Kristi Nelson Foy**, Waukesha, President; **Laraine O'Brien**, Waukesha, Vice-President; **E.A. "Dub" Brown**, Brookfield, Treasurer; **Bonnie Birk**, Waukesha, Friends & Alumni Representative; **Ron Gulotta**, Franklin, Campus Representative; **Mike Robinson**, Waukesha, Student Government Representative; **Patrick Schmitt**, Waukesha, Campus Executive Officer/Dean. Other members include: **Ken Cooley**, **Richard Mundell**, **Rebecca Richardson**, **Jeri Sass** and **Jack Tans** all of Waukesha and **Russ Launder**, Oconomowoc.

What's Happening at UW-Waukesha - FREE

March

25 – Visions & Expressions – "Country Music Goes to War" by Bill Malone, Tulane University professor emeritus of history, author, and country musician. Commons 101, noon.

26 – Film Festival – Sponsored by the United Nations Association, Plowshare Center and UW-Waukesha. Northview 133. Schedule:

- 2:00 Introduction/Welcome
- 2:10 *Abstaining from Reality*, 9 min
- 2:30 *Baghdad ER*, 64 min
- 3:50 *American Soldier*, 3 min
- 4:00 *Mr. Dial has Something to Say*, 60 min
- 5:15 *Like a Ship in the Night*, 30 min
- 6:00 *Rights on the Line: Vigilantes on the Border*, 25 min
- 6:40 *Toxic Bust: Chemicals and Breast Cancer*, 41 min
- 7:30 *Interview with an Executioner*, 13 min
- 8:00 *America's Brutal Prisons*, 48 min

April

3 – 50 Minutes Lecture – "Bend-Over-Backwards Customer Service— A Reference Model" by **Cheryl Schoenhaar**, UW-Waukesha media manager. Commons 101, noon.

8 – 50 Minutes Lecture – "Grandpa Was a War Hero: The Combat Soldier in Pictures and Verse" by **Peter Whalen**, UW-Waukesha lecturer in English. Commons 101, noon.

11 – Jazz & Poetry Jam – Commons, 7:30 p.m.

16 – 50 Minutes Lecture – "What's Troubling Our Youth Today?" by **Deb Stec** and **Tricia Wessel-Blaski**, UW-Waukesha assistant professors of psychology. Commons 101, 7 p.m.

21 – Art Exhibit – Show of UW-Waukesha student art. Fine Arts Center Gallery. Through May 22.

23 – 50 Minutes Lecture – "20th Century American Folk Music and the Popularization of Protest" by **Craig Hurst**, UW-Waukesha professor of music. Southview 123, noon.

25 – Visions & Expressions – Internationally known ceramics sculptor

Dan Anderson. Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, noon.

26 – Instrumental Concert – Symphonic band and ensembles, directed by **Craig Hurst**, professor of music; hand bell choir directed by **Nancy Van Brunt**, senior lecturer in music. Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

May

2 – Choral Concert – Directed by **Brian McLinden**, associate lecturer in music. Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

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Alumni Updates

Scott Allen (85-86) lives in Waukesha. He received a BA from UW-Milwaukee in 1989 and a master's degree in planning and public administration from the University of Southern California in 1992. In addition to selling homes and managing the First Realty/GMAC Real Estate Waukesha office, Scott owns and operates his own home building company, CedarMill Homes. He's has been married for 16 years and is the father of two. He is an active member of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Waukesha. When not working, he enjoys traveling, playing pool, and kayaking. He also currently serves as the president of the Waukesha Civic Theatre. The theatre is currently seeking board and committee members to assist with organizational growth and development. Interested parties can e-mail Scott at sallen@firstrealty.com.

Kelly Banach (00-03) lives in New Berlin. She graduated from UW-Milwaukee in August with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in French. She's plans to marry Eric Olson in July 2008. He's an alum of UW-Whitewater.

Nicole M. Else-Quest (96-97) lives in Washington, DC and added her e-mail to the alumni web page. She earned her BA in 1999, her MS in 2002 and PhD in 2006, all in psychology from UW-Madison. She is an Assistant Professor at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Her husband works for the federal government and they have a baby daughter.

Dawn Garthee (91-94, 96-98) lives in Germantown and listed her e-mail on the alumni website.

Rob Graetz (91-93) is now the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Greenfield High School. He also heads up the girls' track program. In 2001, he was inducted into UW-Waukesha's Athletic Hall of Fame. While at UW-Waukesha, he was named an NCAA Division III All-American. At UW-Whitewater, he helped the school win the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. He coached boys JV basketball and then moved to Arizona to become a high-school head coach. He then came back to Greenfield where again he coached boys JV and was varsity assis-

tant coach.

Sam Guldán (02-05) lives in Brookfield. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa when he was on campus. He received a BA in Organizational Administration in May 2007 from UW-Milwaukee with a minor in communication. He went to Gateway Technical College and received an associate of applied science in aeronautic pilot training in May 2007. He's a pilot for Mesaba Airlines, a division of Northwest.

Jeffrey Jaworski (98-00) recently did a guitar recital on campus. He lives in Eau Claire. He received a BA in applied music from UW-Green Bay. He gives guitar lessons and is a freelance writer.

Jeffrey Kuglitsch (-72) is now Assistant Professor of Earth Science at North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Jackie Larson (04-06) is engaged to alum, **Greg Winn** (04-07). They met on campus and are planning a wedding in August of 2008. She's attending school part-time and is also a nanny. He is a full-time student at UW-Milwaukee seeking his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He also bartends at the Trysting Place and Uncle Johnny's.

Kailey Lewandowski (04-07) is pursuing her degree in sociology at UW-Milwaukee.

Lisa Merkel (85, 06-07) lives in Menomonee Falls. She received her BA in history from UW-Milwaukee in 1993, returned to UW-Waukesha to fulfill prerequisites to pursue her Master's of Nursing degree at UW-Milwaukee. She's married to Dave and has a son, Jacob. She's recently added her e-mail to the alumni directory.

Robert Olkowski (78-86) lives in Sussex and added his e-mail to the alumni web page.

Ryan Persitza (-99) received an associates degree while here and recently listed his e-mail on the alumni web page. He lives in Menomonee Falls. He received a BBA in Finance and a BBA in real estate and urban development from UW-Milwaukee in 2001. In 2002, he got a master's of science in accounting from UW-Milwaukee. He's Vice-President of NAI MLG Commercial in Brookfield working as a broker in commercial real estate.

He owns a retreat and spa in Jamaica. It's web site is: www.thehiddenjamaica.com.

Sandra (Byrnes, Balzer) Potter (72-89) lives in Gilbert, Arizona. Sandra received an Associates Degree in 1989. She graduated in May of 2006 summa cum laude from Mount Mary College and was a member of the Honors Program. She is a financial analyst in public finance with Robert W. Baird and was recently transferred to their Scottsdale, Arizona location.

Ed Price (91-94) lives in Milwaukee and recently listed his e-mail on the alumni web page. He attended Marquette University and received a BA in education and speech communications and has a master's degree from UWM in administrative leadership. He currently teaches math and is the math chair in Wauwatosa for 7th grade.

Anatasia Renshaw (05-07) lives in Mount Gravatt, Queensland, Australia. She works for Queensland University of Technology, Kangaroo Point Technical and Further Education College in the Deputy Vice Chancellor's Technology, Information and Learning Support Office. The campus is located in Brisbane. She is also pursuing a bachelor's degree at Queensland University of Technology with a double major in business and information management systems. She welcomes e-mails with questions about her country and culture and has listed her e-mail on the alumni directory.

Chris Washebek (01-02) lives in Cincinnati and just completed his thesis and graduated from Western Michigan University where he had been a graduate teaching assistant in the geography department. He is now working at Macy's as a Site Location Research Analyst where he uses demographics, statistics, on-site analysis and store comparisons to determine Macy's locations and renovations.

Correction

Jeff Hopper (81-83) was listed as being a coach at Waukesha West, but it was for Waukesha North High School.

Nichole Merckes (02-04) will graduate from UW-Green Bay in May 2008.

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Lococo Leaves

Mark Lococo, who had been with UW-Waukesha in the Communication and Theatre Arts Department since 1999, has been named director of the theater program at Loyola University in Chicago.

In addition to teaching on the Waukesha campus, Lococo directed student theater productions.

Lococo attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and has maintained ties to Chicago-area theater since.

Retired Staff Member Dies

Robert Jozwiak 1930-2007 taught journalism and was an administrator for the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha, where he retired in 1994. He served as advisor for the student newspaper, *Aspects*. He passed away on November 18th and leaves behind his wife and three daughters, one of them **Elizabeth Jozwiak**, a former outstanding alumna. A scholarship has been established in Jozwiak's name.

Kaplan Awards

Four faculty/staff members have been named Arthur M. Kaplan Fellows for 2007-08. The program recognizes outstanding contributions to education made by University of Wisconsin Colleges faculty and academic staff.

The award is given to individuals who make "significant and innovative improvement of instruction or of service to students." The four nominees selected by the campus Steering Committee this year are: **Greg Ahrenhoerster**, English; **Dean Kowalski**, philosophy; **Tony Landowski**, Fort Atkinson, director of the Study Center; and **Nancy Van Brunt**, Music.

Alumni Continued

Death

Rich Suleski (02-06) had attended UW-Waukesha and was working on completing his degree in journalism at Carroll College while also working as a security guard for the school. Suleski was 35 and died suddenly in June of a heart attack while bike riding.

Dean's Column

by Patrick Schmitt



I was talking with a group of County residents recently, when one asked me a question: "Isn't it true," he asked, "that UW-Waukesha was created to educate farm kids?"

I was taken aback--not only by the question, but by the tone, so dismissive of both our school and our students. I was saved by another member of the group, who said, "Not at all! The mission of UW-Waukesha is access."

He was spot on, of course. Our chancellor, David Wilson, calls our mission "maximum access." We open our doors wide to help transform the lives of the students who come to us. Our mission isn't any particular degree. Our mission is being the local UW, the UW next door, that, through a combination of affordability and intense academic work, opens opportunities to Waukesha

County residents who otherwise would be shut out. As we tell incoming students, "This is your university. This is your future."

As we build the future, we need your help. We need you to speak well of us in your community. We need your generosity, both in terms of your energy as a volunteer and your donations to our Foundation for our students and our programs. Most of all, we need your spirit.

We're building the future at UW-Waukesha and educating the next generation of leaders. We've been doing it for over forty years. Come join us. The mission continues!

Guldan Remembered

Alumnus, **Dale Guldan**, who died in 2005, was *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* most award-winning photographer. UW-Waukesha honored him in February exhibiting his photos in the Fine Arts Center Gallery.

Guldan attended UW-Waukesha from 1973-75 and received the school's first Outstanding Alum award in 1983, following two years of being named Wisconsin News Photographer of the Year. That honor came to him the next two years as well and again in 1999. The organization now offers a scholarship in his name. He accumulated many other awards, including the 2000 Pictures of the Year- International Public's Best Picture of the Year Award. His work hangs in the permanent collections of AP, UPI, Milwaukee Art Museum, EPCOT's Kodak Center, and others. In fall 2007, he was inducted in the Milwaukee Press Club Hall of Fame.

Born in Milwaukee and raised in New Berlin, Guldan toured Europe with the Milwaukee Symphony, traveled to Russia following the breakup of the Soviet Union, went to Nicaragua with a medical mission and to Israel to photograph Reggie White's pilgrimage. Through his travels, he rode an elephant in India with tigers nipping at his toes – and got the shot of the lunging

tiger. His last out-of-country travel was to Sri Lanka to take photos of tsunami victims. He wrote and narrated that story for JSonline.

For more than 25 years he worked at *The Milwaukee Journal* (and its successor *Journal Sentinel*). Earlier he had been with the *Waukesha Freeman* as well as taking photos for smaller papers, events at UW-Waukesha, and other occasions. He earned a BFA with High Honors from UW-Milwaukee. With his death from a heart attack at age 51, he left a widow, Joyce and their children **Sam**, now 24, also an alumnus and Sarah, now 20.

Outstanding Alumni Nominations Sought

Each spring, the Friends & Alumni chooses an outstanding UW-Waukesha alumna or alumnus. To be eligible for this award, one must show outstanding academic, civic or professional accomplishments, have attended more than ten years ago, have been active on campus while here and maintained some contact with the campus.

Please consider nominating someone. To do so or for further information, contact Lynn Knight at lynn.knight@uwc.edu

Stay connected

The UW-Waukesha wants to maintain connections with campus alumni. The new Friends & Alumni Association will do just that. Membership is open to all alumni, to all campus students, faculty and staff, and to everyone who has an interest in UW-Waukesha.

Janet Brown, Mary Winze and Bonnie Birk are planning a math/English tutor reunion providing a chance to visit with other tutors and former and current faculty and staff. The Ecology Club reunion this summer and past Madrigal Reunion and Athletic Hall of Fame events have been directed at campus alumni. We want to do more events like this. Let us know what interests you.

The Friends & Alumni Association mission is to foster, promote, and advance the interests and welfare of UW-Waukesha by encouraging and facilitating strong relationships between the campus and its alumni as well as the community as a whole.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Lynn Knight at lynn.knight@uwc.edu

Golf Outing Date Set



We're thinking spring!
The Annual UW-Waukesha Foundation Golf Outing is set for Monday, June 9 at the Broadlands Golf Course in North Prairie. Foundation Board member **Russ Launder** is chair of the event.

Register before April 25th for early-bird special price of \$100 per golfer by contacting **Linda Vincent** by phoning 262-446-3328 or e-mailing linda.vincent@uwc.edu.

The price after April 25th is \$125 per golfer.

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