

# FRIENDS & ALUMNI

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### Dean's Column - "Forward"

by Patrick Schmitt

UW-Waukesha and the UW Colleges are moving forward. Our campus is finalizing agreements with other local schools, most notably Carroll College. Carroll recognizes that our graduates are of superior quality, and is looking to meld them with their programs—the Carroll nursing program, for example, has openings for third-year students, and we have a number of students who'd like to get into a nursing program. So here and with other Carroll programs, it's a good match between the two institutions.

The campus is also taking a look at expanding engineering education in the area. We've been in discussion with Carroll, UW-Platteville, and UW-

Stout about bringing UW degrees in engineering and advanced technology manufacturing into the county. The first step is to conduct a needs assessment to determine the higher education wishes of Waukesha County employers and students. We're in fund-raising mode for this study, seeking about \$10,000 from foundations, corporations, and individuals in order to make this dream a reality. If you'd like to be part of our movement "Forward," please feel free to contact me directly.

Our local efforts are part of the larger efforts of the UW Colleges as a whole. Recently, our new Chancellor, David Wilson, gave an important address, entitled

"Maximum Access: Building on Excellence." In this speech, he set forth a shared vision for the UW Colleges and UW Extension, emphasizing the unique characteristics of these two institutions for the state of Wisconsin.

We'd like you to be part of this invigorated movement "Forward." We're looking to make the alumni an integral part of the life of the campus. We'd like you to be a part of the continuing vital energy that is UW-Waukesha. You'll be hearing from us in the future about how the campus wants to welcome you back; we hope that you'll want to support the institution that gave you your start.



Don Stimpert directs an Alumni Madrigal Performance for UW-Waukesha's Festival of Trees.

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# Alumni Updates

**Joshua Abbey** (96, 03-04) lives in Saukville. He's a machinery and equipment appraiser and has a 9-month old daughter, Olivia.

**Benjamin (Ben) E. Bourdo** (1991) lives in East Troy. He attended Madison Area Technical School. He's a self-employed service engineer for injection molding machines. He recently ran as an independent candidate for the 31st assembly district which covers parts of Walworth, Jefferson and Waukesha counties.

**Marsha Kinzer** (77-78) lives in Waunakee.

**Beth Jozwiak** (-95) had an article entitled "Bottoms Up" printed in the Winter edition 06-07 of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. It has to do with Wisconsin's past drinking culture.

**Kelley McCormick** (81-83) lives in Orlando, Florida. She's listed her e-mail on the alumni Web page. She graduated with a BA in speech communications from the University of Florida in 1987. She received a master's in human resource management from Keller Graduate School in 2003. She worked for Walt Disney World from 1996-2006. She then found her passion in ballroom dancing about five years ago and decided to make it her career. She's currently the human resource administrator and instructor for Arthur Murray Dance Studios and is happily divorced.

**Amanda Pine** (93-96) lives in Phoenix.

**Anthony Pine** (97-98) lives in West Allis and received a master's degree from UW-Milwaukee in

Counseling. He's working at the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

**Carmen Pine** (86-90) lives in Muskego. She received a BA in political science from UW-Whitewater and an MA from UW-Milwaukee. She is a donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross. Her husband is Paul John Pine. She has three children: Cassie, Amanda and Anthony.

**Karen Richards** (81-82) lives in Waukesha. She received a BA in Journalism in 1986 from UW-Madison. She is the Executive Director for the Waukesha Business Improvement District. She has three children: Daniel (16), Ryan (13) and Michaela (9).

**Kris Radish** (71-73) had her latest novel released in January and is called *The Sunday List of Dreams*.

**Amanda (Medina) Roddy** (01-03) lives in Waukesha. She received her associate degree from UW-Waukesha, and plans to graduate next spring with a BA in adult education. She is a manager for a 116-unit property called The Landing Condominiums of Waukesha. She celebrated her first wedding anniversary in August.

**Lisa Seiser** (91-93) lives in Lake Geneva. She obtained an associate degree at UW-Waukesha and played tennis and basketball here. She received a BS in print journalism with a coaching minor in December 1995 from UW-Whitewater. She is the editor of the *Lake Geneva Regional*

*News*, a weekly newspaper with a 4,500 circulation.

**Grover Scanlan, Jr.** (-05) is attending UW-Whitewater. He is on the Executive Board for the Social Work Student Organization, on the Homecoming Steering Committee, conducting undergraduate research on rural youth gangs and traveled to Ghana this past Winterim to compare and contrast the educational system there.

**Angela Stevermer** (92-94) moved to Belmont, California.

**Todd Weiler** (72-77) lives in Milwaukee. He's listed his e-mail on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, he was general manager for the WUCW-FM student radio station, president of the ski club, a student government representative and a reporter/photographer for *Aspects* campus newspaper. He went on to earn a BA in Mass Communication Radio and TV from UW-Milwaukee. For five years, he worked as a broadcast TV reporter. He's now the Public Information and Training Coordinator with the City of Milwaukee's Department of Building Inspection. He has numerous certifications from the State of Wisconsin to help answer questions from the public about code issues. He's also an FAA licensed private pilot. He's married to **Jan-Marie Saeger Weiler**.

**Aaron Zimmermann** (04-06) lives in Eagle. He listed his e-mail on the alumni Web page. He's studying criminal justice at UW-Whitewater and working in management at Culver's in Mukwonago.

## Founding Faculty Member Dies



English Professor **Betty Murnan-Smith**, 85, died October 31, 2006 of injuries suffered when struck by a car in a pedestrian crosswalk. A memorial service was held at UW-Waukesha on December 17. Betty was hired in 1966 as one of the original faculty at UW-Waukesha. She retired from teaching in 1992. Throughout her career and in her retirement she was active in many local organizations and received many awards for her work. However, she was most proud of the two scholarships she established for single parents through the UW-Waukesha Foundation and at Butler University in Indianapolis. Twenty-seven scholarships have been awarded to single parents through the UW-Waukesha Foundation. She is survived by her husband, Richard Smith, daughter Allegra and twin sons, Timothy and Michael.

# Thoughts on Madrigals

by Don Stimpert, Former Associate Professor Music and Choral Director

For me, Christmastide is already a time that evokes a very active and fond nostalgia: heartwarming memories of traditions created and shared with parents, family and other loved ones; that specific, fresh cut tree that filled a bay window to the ceiling and was adorned with lights and ornaments to near perfection; the cookies of endless varieties -- each with their unique flavor and decorated beauty; the early Christmas morning breakfast with homemade pecan rolls that my mother baked which, now I realize, were the best in the world.

It was with memories like these that I approached each year of Christmas Madrigal Dinners at UW-Waukesha. With the help of many people, it became a tradition that grew in attendance over time and even vied for a place as one of the special events of the Waukesha Christmas season.

So, finally, the point of this reminiscing, leads me to yet another happenstance of Christmas celebration. I was asked to share a Madrigal Singer's Reunion concurrently with a program at UW-Waukesha called "The Festival of Trees." We kept the affair rather simplistic -- a concert version of the beautiful music, with a few processions and trumpet fanfares. **Dean Marek** even returned to add a highlight from the past with his gifted narration for each piece of music. The enthusiasm and warm sincerity of the returning students overwhelmed me. It was one of those highs that will be held dear to my heart. The hugs when greeting these singers as well as the heartfelt goodbyes will sustain me for many months to come and will reward me with new Christmas memories.

## Updates on Madrigals Singers

**Lynn (Copsey) Casarez** (89-91) lives in Brookfield. She is now a housewife and married to Carl.

**Sharon (Schwartz) Casey** (81-83) lives in Cornell, Wisconsin. She listed her e-mail on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, she was involved in chorus, Madrigals and theatre and received an Associate Degree. She then received a BS in communications from Carroll College in 1986 and an MS in occupational therapy from Tufts University in 1997. She is an occupational therapist specializing in industrial rehab at St. Joe's Hospital in Chippewa Falls. She's married to Mike Casey.

**Karen S. Drescher** (86-94) lives in Muskego. While at UW-Waukesha, she was a member of the Madrigal Singers, handbells and recorder ensembles. She transferred to Alverno College where she earned a bachelor's degree in music in education and a certification in piano pedagogy in 1998. Currently, she teaches general music and handbells at St. Martin of Tours Parish School in Franklin. She and her husband, Paul, enjoy camping and traveling. They've traveled extensively in the U.S. and Canada. With help from her sister, she has done extensive genealogical research and has gone back 11 generations. She enjoys contacting shirt-tail relatives in the U.S.

**Sharon (Oleinik) Gagnon** (88-90) lives in Waterford. She's listed her e-mail address on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, she was involved in band, chorus and Madrigal Singers. She received a BA in communications from UW-Milwaukee in 1993. She's self-employed as a real estate investor. Also, she's currently a member of the Milwaukee Showcase Chorus and a local chapter of Sweet Adeline's International. She's married to Matthew and they have two sons: Cole (2003) and Morgan (2006).

**Wendy M. (Powell) Galbraith** (80-82) lives in Aniwa, Wisconsin. She's listed her e-mail on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, she participated in band, chorus and Madrigals. She also received an

Associate's Degree. She received a BS from UW-Madison in dairy science in 1984. She and her husband, Greg Galbraith (also an alum) have a rotationally grazed dairy farm. They milk 80 cows and joined with six other grazers to start "Grass Point Dairy" Milk products from mostly grass-fed cows. Their products are at five natural food stores.

**Jean (Kappel) Harley** (81-82) lives in Hartford. She studied secretarial science at WCTC and is employed by Chris Greene, Inc., a general construction company, as a human resource manager. She's married to Bob. Their children are: Mandy (17) and Dana (14).

**Eric Henry** (85-87) lives in South Milwaukee. Participated in Madrigal



Photo by Todd Weiler. Don Stimpert directing.

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Singers. He listed his e-mail on the alumni Web page.

**Carrie (Schneider) Franzene** (75-77) lives in East Troy. While she was at UW-Waukesha, she was in band, chorus, Madrigals and obtained an associate degree. She received a BS in special education - mental retardation in 1980 and a master's in special education - learning disabilities in 1984 both from UW-Whitewater. She is a special education teacher at East Troy Elementary School. She is married to Don and has two children: Carl, 22, who is at UW-Milwaukee and Anne, 19, at Ripon College. She listed her e-mail on the alumni Web page.

**Peter J. Klebenow** (84-88) lives in Baltimore. He's listed his e-mail on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, he earned an associate degree, was an employee in the Deans Office and also involved in student activities, theatre and Madrigals. He manages and sells real estate for Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc.

**Jackie Landers** (88-90) lives in Waukesha. She was in the chorus and Madrigals while at UW-Waukesha. She received a bachelor's degree in 1994 and a master's degree in 1997 both in social work from UW-Milwaukee. She is employed by the Lakefront Wellness Center as a psychotherapist. She's married to Scott Nelson.

**Ellen McDonald** (78-80) lives in Nashotah. While at UW-Waukesha, she received her associate degree. She is president of Hartland Music and The Waukesha County Conservatory of Music and is a professional pianist in the Milwaukee area. She was the UW-Waukesha Outstanding Alumna in 2000. She married **Larry McDonald** in 1981. They met in Madrigals. They have a daughter, Jenni, who is 6. She listed her e-mail on the alumni Web page.

**Larry McDonald** (76-79) is still playing and composing music. Like his wife, his e-mail is listed on the alumni Web page. He has a website: [LarryMcDonaldGuitar.com](http://LarryMcDonaldGuitar.com)

**Allen B. Olson** (81-83) and **Ellen M. (Brown) Olson** (82-83) live in Sussex. Both were involved in Madrigals and chorus while at UW-

Waukesha. Allen received his BS in music performance from Carroll College in 1986 and his MA in education from UW-Whitewater in 1991. He's a elementary music teacher at New Berlin Schools and the head driver's education teacher. Ellen received a RN diploma from the Milwaukee County General Hospital School of Nursing in 1985. She's a hospice nurse at Cedar Community Hospice and AngelsGrace Hospice. Together, they have six children.

**Patricia "Pat" R. (Schneider) Porter** (75-79) lives in East Troy. She sang in chorus as well as Madrigals and did costume design and construction for Madrigals until 1995. She attended Ripon College from 1948-1950 majoring in English. She does property management and maintenance.

**Joan Radtke** (81-85) lives in Airville, Pennsylvania. She received a BS in Adult Education in 1995 from UW-Milwaukee. She now grows organic vegetables, farms and does in-home tutoring. She enjoyed her Madrigal experience and the liberal arts education she received at UW-Waukesha.

**Lisa (Pfeifer) Rimmel** (82-84) lives in Richfield. She's listed her e-mail on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, she was an employee of the Student Activities Office, also involved on the Activities Committee, in chorus and in Madrigals. She earned a BS in Art (Interior Design) from UW-Stout in 1987. She's employed doing home design and AutoCAD for Demlang Builders, Inc. She's married to Dale.

**Cheryl (Nelson) Richardson** (82-84) lives in Springboro, Ohio. She was in Madrigals and Swing Choir at UW-Waukesha. She received a BS in elementary education in 1986 from UW-Madison. She taught school for 14 years. She's employed as a Kindermusik Teacher at That Piano Place and is a chorus member at the Dayton Opera. She is married to **Robert Richardson**, also an alum. They have a 9-year-old daughter. Cheryl has lived in Georgia and Michigan and has enjoyed singing and theater with a variety of groups.

**Eric Rice** (88-93) lives in Waukesha. He was in band, chorus and Madrigals. He is now a custodian at UW-Waukesha and is married to Tonia.

**Joan E. Rogers** (84-88) lives in Waukesha. She was on the Activities Committee, in chorus, Madrigals and theatre while at UW-Waukesha, as well as earned an associate degree. She also was employed by the bookstore. She received a BA in music from UW-Parkside in 1994. She's employed as a cashier and does customer service at Menards in Pewaukee.

**Jan-Marie Saeger Weiler** (72-74) lives in Milwaukee. She was in chorus and the Madrigal Singers. She received a BS in elementary education from UW-Milwaukee in 1975 and an MS in professional development from Cardinal Stritch University. She has been an elementary school teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools for 30 years and currently teaches 3rd grade at Golda Meir School. She is married to **Todd Weiler** (72-77) who she met at UW-Waukesha. They will be married 31 years this December.

**Jennifer R. (Borenz) Schwager** (91-93) lives in Waukesha. Besides Madrigals, she sang in the chorus and worked in the Student Services Office. She received her associate degree in business from Waukesha County Technical College in 1995. She is the office manager for Veolia ES Emerald Park Landfill. She's married to David.

**Brian Sinotte** (77-83) lives in Wauwatosa. He received his associate degree while at UW-Waukesha and was involved in many plays, musicals, as well as Madrigals. His last role was Frederick in *Pirates of Penzance*. Currently, he is self-employed doing stock portfolio management and real estate development. He and his wife recently adopted a little girl from China.

**Todd E. Tornow** (79-82) lives in Tallahassee, Florida. He has listed his e-mail on the alumni Web page. While at UW-Waukesha, he earned an associate degree, was involved in band, radio, theatre and Madrigals. He received a BS in management of computer systems in 1987 from UW-

# March On, Milwaukee to Premier this April on Campus

Urged by UW-Waukesha's theater director, **Mark Lococo**, Professor of English **Margaret Rozga** began the difficult task of writing memoirs from the open housing marches in Milwaukee, now 40 years past. With some coaching from him, she is making it into a play, *March On Milwaukee: A Memoir of the Open Housing Protests*, which will be staged on campus this spring and directed by Lococo.

Rozga, who participated in the protests, married Father James Groppi, a central figure in the local marches who died in 1985. Milwaukee's 16th Street bridge now bears his name. Rozga wants her work to help build a new bridge of understanding in a continuing march for civil rights for all citizens.

The play incorporates archived transcripts, audio and video footage and the words of those who participated. All the actors are UW-Waukesha students, and there will be a talk-back after each performance.

Performances are set for Fridays and Saturdays, April 13, 14, 20, and 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre. Available an hour before each performance or by calling (262) 521-5212, tickets are \$8 for adults; \$7 for students and senior citizens (62+), and free for UW-Waukesha students with ID. All seating is general admission.

## Madrigal Updates Continued

Whitewater. He's married to Julie Joy.

**Robert Watson** (91-93) lives in Waukesha. He married **Michelle Rolli** (92-94) whom he met in Madrigals. They have two sons, Robbie (13) and Ricky (5).

## Day Trips

UW-Extension has planned:

**Chicago Museum Tour**, Sat. March 31, 2007. Fee \$55 for transportation only. Meals and museum entrance fees not included.

**Chicago Play *The Color Purple*** Sat. May, 12. Fee \$185 includes theatre ticket, transportation and evening meal.

**Chicago Play *The Jersey Boys* Sat., November 10** at LaSalle Bank Theatre. Fee: \$125 (2:00 Matinee performance with mezzanine seating) includes motor coach transportation to and from UW-Waukesha with parking on campus.

For a registration form, contact: [kathy.eckhardt@uwc.edu](mailto:kathy.eckhardt@uwc.edu)

The Extension Schedule is at: [www.waukesha.uws.edu/ce](http://www.waukesha.uws.edu/ce)

## Four from Campus Named Kaplan Fellows

Three faculty members and one academic staff have been named Arthur M. Kaplan Fellows for 2006-07. The faculty and staff enhancement program recognizes outstanding contributions to education made by UW 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 to be honored this year are: **Robert Bermant** (Psychology), **Ronald Gulotta** (Sociology), **Ellyn Lem** (English), and **Scott Silet** (Library).



Sixteen people were inducted to the **Athletic Hall of Fame** on Saturday, February 11. Inductees included (Standing Left to Right): Angie Gorenc Hacker, Coach Neal Nelson who joined the group, but was not inducted, Stacy Schoonover Beals, Tracy Stubinsky, Chris Prince, Marty Wojtal, Chris Becker, Shannon Herman, Rick Kolinske, Ed Kolinske and Coach Dick Luther. Seated left to right are: Sarah Kuenzli, Angie Rohde, Lisa Seiser, Nicole (Cira) Kolinske and Ann Casamassa. Paul Lardie was inducted, but unable to attend.

## Mark Your Calendar

### March

5 – Art Exhibit – “Rural Solitaire,” work of Letha Kelsey, lecturer in art, UW-Baraboo. Fine Arts Center Gallery. Through April 13.

8 – Distinguished Lecturer – John Dau, one of the “lost boys of Sudan,” interviewed for the book and appearing in the movie, *God Grew Tired of Us*. Admission \$6; \$2 with UW-Waukesha student ID. Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 7:00 p.m.

15 – Video Series – “The Iraq War and Its Consequences in the Middle East,” by Dan Senor, former spokesperson for the US-led coalition in Iraq. Commons 101, noon

28-29 – Film Festival – United Nations Association Film Festival site. Discussion follows showing of films. 1:45-9:00 p.m., Commons 101. For more info, call 521-5445.

### April

3 – Visions & Expressions – Ned Blackhawk, associate professor of history and American Indian studies, UW-Madison, to speak on Violence over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West. Commons 101, noon.

5 – Video Series – “Money Talks: Lobbyists and the Power of Money in Washington,” by Jeffrey Birnbaum, columnist for *The Washington Post*, Commons 101, noon.

10 – 50 Minutes Lecture – “Seven Daughters of Eve,” by **Kathy Bubinas**, anthropology, and **Paul Zillgitt**, biological sciences. Commons 101, noon.

13 – Jazz & Poetry Jam – Commons dining room, 7:30 p.m.

18 – Video Series “Lessons Learned from My Grandfather,” by Arun Gandhi. Commons 101, noon.

23 – Art Exhibit – UW-Waukesha student art. Fine Arts Center Gallery til May 18.

24 – Visions & Expressions – Poetic Dialogue 2007, featuring visual artist Beth Shadur and poet Lois Roma-Deeley and 2007 campus literary publication, the *Windy Hill Review*, will be unveiled. Exhibit opens April 10 and will run through May 6. Library, noon.

26 – Visions & Expressions – “What’s Math Good For?” discussion. Commons 101, noon.

27—Instrumental Concert – Band and ensembles directed by **Craig Hurst**, music; hand bell choir conducted by **Nancy Van Brunt**, lecturer in music. Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

### May

1 – 50 Minutes Lecture – “Skryja on the Gringo Trail in Southern Peru,” by **David Skryja**, biological sciences, Commons 101, noon.

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

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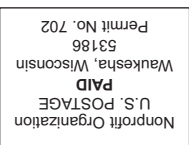
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