

## Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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#### Scholarship Applications Due Soon—

If you have students attending private *Iowa* colleges for 2015-2016, information can be found at the following: www.iowacollegefoundation.org Click "For Students", then "Westmar Endowment Scholarship Application". Deadline is April 1, 2015.

Iowa United Methodist Foundation Westmar Scholarship can be found at www.iumf.org/westmar.html —deadline by March 15, 2015, for those attending United Methodist Colleges.

For students who have a Westmar "family" connection. These connections have broadened so read the information for the scholarship carefully.

NOTE: Make sure to send your application early and make sure your <u>transcripts</u> are received by the due date. With out the transcript your application will not be accepted.

## We welcome - Five New Members to the WAFA Board of Directors:



Barbara Wernli Collins '73—I was born and raised in LeMars, after graduating from Westmar, my husband, Steve Collins (also from LeMars), and I moved to the Boston area where he received a fellowship to MIT in Cambridge. Thanks to a fellow Westmar Alum, John Baack, I got a job working at Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company in Boston. I started out as an administrative assistant in the Reference Division and moved to the Editorial Division. After our son was born, I took

classes to become an Interior Designer. I worked on my own as well as working as a Decorating Consultant for Benjamin Moore Paints.

In 2010 I created a Facebook website called: I Grew Up in LeMars, IA (Memories). We currently have over 2,100 members. Last June we published a cookbook containing recipes from members of the group. The I Grew Up in LeMars cookbook is for sale at the Plymouth County Historical Museum. All the proceeds go to the museum.



Jeff Neary '81—I am a 1981 graduate of Westmar. My major was in German and International Business. I am married to Kathy Betsworth Neary who graduated in 1982 in Recreation and Elementary Education. I am a District Court Judge in the 3rd Judicial District of Iowa serving Sioux, Plymouth, Woodbury, Monona, Ida, and Crawford Counties. I have been a judge 12 years. Kathy teaches at Gehlen Catholic school in Le Mars and has been there since 1982. We have three children, Rebekah (30) who is married

and lives in Storm Lake where she and her husband Dijon DeLaPorte both work for Buena Vista University in Student affairs and housing respectively. Beck and Dijon have twin boys born July 21, 2014 (our first grandchildren) Our middle child is Andrew who lives in Knoxville, Iowa and works as an engineer for Vermeer Mfg. in Pella. He is married to Sarah who is a dietitian and they are expecting in April of 2015. Our youngest is Micah and he is a junior at Morningside and he plans to teach secondary biology and coach.

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# Reunions

Plans are already underway for the 2015 reunions to be held in LeMars. We have some committee volunteers but more are welcome. Planning is done online with Janice in the office to help with connections in LeMars.

**50th Anniversary of 1965** with classes of '63 thru '67 invited. <u>August</u> 28th & 29th

**60th Anniversary of 1955** and 55th Anniversary of 1960 with classes of '53 to '62 invited. <u>September 18th & 19th.</u>

Decade of the 70's is being planned for August 7th and 8th. Plans are to honor the coaches and athletes together with the Pacesetters in conjunction with the new Sports Room at the Plymouth County Museum. Also the former Choral members with Frank Summerside, director, will be gathering for a special performance everyone will enjoy.

Please mark your calendars!!! You can sign up at our website.

Don't forget to visit the website (www.WestmarCollege.org) for your membership needs. You can also register for the reunions online or print a form to mail. Keep us posted when you move or get a new email address also.

#### During the Last 100 Years —#4

#### By Wayne Marty

How do you get there from here? A success story of Kindness and Connections!



Jim Conley, W'67, was born in Waterloo, IA, and I can best describe his early life by quoting from the Keith J. Leenhouts book, "Father, Son, 3-Mile Run", p 91. Judge Leenhouts lived in Royal Oaks, MI, and had a son Bill with some physical limitations that presented some significant challenges for him during his elementary school years.

"After his first day of (Jr. Hi. Football) practice, Bill ran into the house, bubbling with excitement and told us about Mr. Conley, the young new coach from Iowa. 'Mr. Conley said I ought to be able to make some touchdowns for the school!' Bill exclaimed. I had never seen him so enthusiastic. When it came to motivating kids, Jim Conley proved to be brilliant.

Jim's intense enthusiasm affected the entire student body. Over a hundred boys tried out for his team. He cut no one from the squad and played every member in every game.

I sought out and began to get to know the remarkable young coach who was an inspiration to so many boys. I learned that Jim had led a rough life as a youngster. His father, an alcoholic, abandoned the family when Jim was a young child. Unable to care for him, his mother placed him in an orphanage. He never saw either parent again as a minor.

When he was 13, the police caught Jim joyriding in a stolen car. The owner, a Methodist minister, declined to prosecute. Instead he asked the court if Jim could live with him. The court agreed. Through the minister's positive influence, Jim became an outstanding athlete, student, and law-abiding citizen.

Hearing his amazing story, I asked Jim if he would consider working with ten difficult, hard-nosed young offenders—probationers of our court. Jim agreed and formed a group he called his 'physical education class.' ... As the group's one-year probation neared an end, I asked Jim how he was doing. 'Just great, Keith, he smiled, his square chin jutting forward. "These guys and I understand each other. You see, I was one of them when I was young."

The Methodist (actually EUB) minister was Rev. Russell Dunlop (York'42) who, with his wife Dorothy Riggs Dunlop (York '39), was serving Grace EUB church in Waterloo. With already two children of their own, Dolores (Westmar '66) and John (Westmar '68), they offered to take Jim into

their home to provide foster care and integrate him into the Dunlop family.

As a side note, some years earlier, in 1952, I (Wayne Marty, W'53) was a Junior at Westmar College, far removed from Waterloo, but Russ and Dorothy offered to take a group of Westmar students on an extended camping trip to the EUB National Youth Convention in St. Mary's, Ohio. So in July, 1952, Russ, Russell's mother, wife Dorothy, Ardith Faber (W '55) Lilly Dragoo (W '53), Myrt Thompson (W '53) and Wayne Marty (W'53) piled into the Dunlop's 1949 Chevy Suburban, with a trailer in tow, and drove to Ohio with some "tourist" stops along the way in the Chicago area. After the conference, we continued the camping, sometimes eating canned food for dinner that was heated on the manifold of the engine while we drove. We took a "back road" to visit our EUB Red Bird Mission in KY, and forded several streams with our van & trailer on the way. The Dunlops were active, adventurous people and Jim probably fit in well. But they did more than provide adventure. Jim claims the Dunlops as "his Life Saver".

Jim had little schooling while in the orphanage so could hardly read or write. Even with Dorothy's outstanding tutoring work, Jim failed 7th grade in Waterloo, so repeated the 7th grade when they moved to Minnesota in 1958, where Jim graduated from High school with successful athletic involvement. From that location, Dolores, John and Jim all came to Westmar. Jim played football and participated in track under the coaching of Jack Scott, and also was a DJ for the Le Mars radio station KLEM, for 3 years. After his graduation from Westmar in May of 1967, he was hired by Coach Scott to be a football coaching assistant in the fall of 1967. It is the recent death of Jack (Dec. 3, 2014) that prompts me to share Jim's story. Jim describes his next major move in response to inquiries by a popular Norwalk, IA "blogger", Don Paulin (W '61) as follows:

Thanks Don Paulin......fun Read.....also funny story to add......

As a Graduating Senior in LeMars, at Westmar College....(1967) I was awaken at 6:00am one morning by a loud knock on my dorm room door. A voice said "Hey Jimmy"....I sat up in bed and said, "Who is it?".....The voice said ', "It's Coach Scott....Get Up". I said ...."Yeah right....who is it really???....to which the voice said, "Dammit...Conley....get up, we are going for coffee". I did leap out of bed to the door....and the voice was right...Coach Jack Scott. As we sat drinking coffee....I thought Coach wanted me to go on a recruiting trip to get another football player....but not the case. Coach said...."You have to fly to Detroit at 10:00 this morning". I said...."Must be a good player...right Coach?" Coach said...Nope... You are going to interview for a coaching job at Royal Oak Kimball High School



.....100 Years.. Continued.

in Royal Oak, Michigan. I replied...but Coach...I have a job here, grad asst.... Coach looked right at me and told me it was time I had a job.....and here's the problem. A friend (Dave Gunther) called him last night ...and told him he needed help. Dave had signed on to another coaching job...and was leaving Royal Oak Kimball .....but Kimball did not have a replacement, and this was short notice.

(Today was Friday...and school started on Monday in Royal Oak). Soooooo I quickly got ready to drive to Sioux City...and flew to Detroit. The Asst. Supt. met me at the airport and we drove to Royal Oak.....I signed a contract for \$7,300.00 to teach and coach three sports...and I had to fly back to Iowa, pack, and be back in Detroit by 8:00am Monday morning. I did it!.....wow.

## Anyway After teaching 34 years....(Loved it!) I retired and am a very lucky guy.

While at Royal Oak, Jim tells that "Judge Leenhouts and I (Jim) owned a large camp north of Detroit for 25 years... and we had thousands of Inner-city Kids enjoy and learn." In 2002, Jim was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches' Association Hall of Fame with the following recognitions:

2001 NFCA National J. H. Coach of the Year 2000 NFCA Michigan & Sectional Coach of the Year

Football – 32 years. Record 164-28 Basketball – 31 years. Record 598-146 Track – 27 years. Record 221-22 Volleyball – 17 years. Record 157-13 Wrestling – 25 years. Intramurals Little Oak League Coordinator – 28 years Special Olympics Volunteer MHSAA Registered Official since 1985

His total coaching record for all sports was 1140-209 --- 82% wins. Jim retired in 2001 and spends time at their home up North in Harbor Springs, MI, with his wife Ardyce (Nebelsick) (ATTD W '67-68) and plays golf as much as he can.

Kindness and Connections can play a key role in the unfolding of a life.

By Marty

#### New Items for sale: Order on the website.

20 oz. insulated tumbler for hot or cold beverages with straw. Includes inst. \$10.00



Can or water bottle koozies to keep beverages cold. Features photo of Thoren. Folds flat—\$2.50 each

#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

Super Bowl tie to Westmar. '96 football passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach **Darrell Bevell** is currently the Seattle Seahawks offensive coordinator. He is waiting for a head-coaching shot after being with the Seahawks since Jan. 2011 and two super bowl games. More information at

www.azcentral.com/story/sports/nfl/super-bowl and www.seahawks.com/team/coaches

'54 York College—Jean Morton Stone writes "Just a note to tell you how much we (middle son and I) enjoyed attending the Reunion of 1954 York and Westmar Colleges last Sept. in LeMars. My late husband (Tom Stone) and I both attended York College—and he graduated in the last class there before merger with Westmar.

It was our good fortune to live in LeMars '58—'72, and during the 14 yrs. Tom was on the Adm. Staff at Westmar—all three of our sons (Chris/Kurt/Kyle) were born in LeMars!

I am so appreciative of the efforts of many, but especially Wayne Marty—a former colleague at WC—and now Richard Ziettlow, is doing a great job of promoting the history of the town of LeMars. The tour of "Alley Art' was a great part of our tour!

Also since they (sons) grew up thinking we bought milk from a rabbit (Wells' Blue Bunny) - seeing the expansion of that industry was fascinating, and the evening at the Ice Cream Parlor was a delicious delight!!

My appreciation and thanks to all who spend time and effort on behalf of those who cannot."

'63—Alan Streyffeler (spouse, Mavis Dreier '62) writes that they are living at Pilgrim Place Village in Claremont, CA. It is a residential community for retired clergy, missionaries, seminary faculty, NGO executives, etc. He has been involved with yard art and will send photos upon request. The latest hot item is a peacock with copper enameled feathers.



Check out the Website for lots of memorabilia!! Other than shirts and glasses you can find Choral CD's and other items. You can place your order at the website or contact us at the office. www.westmarcollege.org or call 712-546-8759 and leave message.

Like us on our Facebook Page!

#### **Alumni Deaths**

- '36 York— Margaret Pierce Spies, 105, of Merrill, IA, died Jan. 27, 2015. She taught in numerous one room schoolhouses in Nebraska and then Plymouth Co., IA. She loved teaching and taught Sunday School until age 99. She was a member of Daughters of the Am. Rev., Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation., Inc., and had been active in Ply. Co. 4-H, Ply. Co. Board of Ed. and Farm Bureau Women. www.carlsenfuneralhome.com
- '45 Western Union—**Bertha A. Adreon West**, 93, Estes Park, CO, died Dec. 20, 2014. She taught primary and secondary students in a one room schoolhouse in rural IA for 6 years before marriage and moving to Estes Park. She held several positions, retiring from Rocky Mountain National Park Service after 13 years. www.jurrenfuneralhome.com
- '46 Western Union **Etheleen "Peggy" Morey Bryant**, 91, Plymouth, MI, formerly of Akron, IA, died Nov 24, 2014. She taught school for 30 years primarily at Larrabee Consolidated Schools and Sutherland Comm. Schools in IA. <a href="https://www.boothbyfuneralhome.com">www.boothbyfuneralhome.com</a>
- '51 **Bertha Ver Wey Bakker**, 87, of Rock Valley, IA, died Jan 24, 2015. She was a teacher in two different one-room schoolhouses around the rural Rock Valley Area. She was remembered as the teacher who drove a Model A with yellow wheels. She was fluent in Dutch and could translate for friends. www.porterfuneralhomes.com
- '53 York—**Dr. Myron Fessler**, Santee, CA, died Dec. 24, 2014. He was cremated and buried at sea. He had been a member of Neptune Society and had served in the Navy. He is survived by his wife OraLee '54 and sisterin-law, Darlene Herrick '66.
- '54 **Jack Richard Parriott**, 82, Chandler, AZ, died July 27, 2014. He had been a minister of the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving in the south and central part of that state for 36 years. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Jean Weinert Parriott** '54 and other family. <a href="www.legacy.com/obituaries/">www.legacy.com/obituaries/</a> azcentral
- '54 **David L. Nelson**, 82, Marcus, IA, died Oct 25, 2014. He played football at Westmar and following college, he began farming with his father. He was active with the IA and National Cattleman's Assoc. and sat on the Supreme Beef Marketing Board. www.siouxcityjournal.com
- '54 **Bishop Rueben P. Job**, 86, Brentwood, TN, died Jan 3, 2015. Ordained in '57 he served in the ministry until '96. He served in EUB churches, as an Air Force chaplain, a denominational staff person in Dayton, OH, and in the UMC in Nashville, TN. He was World Editor of The Upper Room and a prolific author, well-known for his book, <u>Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living</u>, one of more than 20 that he wrote. His wife Beverly Nadine Ellerbeck '54 survives him. <u>www.legacy.com/</u>

#### obituaries/tennessean

- '55 Joyce Andersen Grauberger, 82, Loveland, Co. died Nov 5, 2014. Her teaching career spanned 40+ years. She also served as a pastor's wife to Bruce '55, who predeceased her. Together they served missionary experiences in Haiti and Malaysia. Survivors include 3 sons and in laws, Larry '59 and Marilyn Schindler '57 Grauberger. www.reporterherald.com
- '60 Clayton Eugene "Gene" Koth, 76, West Des Moines, IA, died Jan 8, 2015. Ordained in '64, he served UM churches In Iowa and as Superintendent of the Perry District. In '89 he was appointed as the founding pastor of Walnut Hills Church in Urbandale until his retirement in '02. He then mentored children at Capitol View Elementary in Des Moines. Two sisters are among survivors: Gwen Mead '64 and Joan Markley '69 (deceased) is also alumnus. www.hamiltonsfuneralhome.com
- '62 **Dwayne Westra**, 75, Fulda, MN, died Nov 28, 2014. He was a member of the MN Natl. Guard for 5 yrs. and was the elementary principal in Fulda from '66 to '95. He and his wife also owned several businesses. As a member of the First Reformed Church, he was an elder, deacon and SS teacher. www.siouxcityjournal.com
- '64 **Robert L. "Bob" Mahon**, 81, Sioux City, IA, died Jan 5, 2015. He was a teacher for many years in Sioux City where he taught 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and math and science. Bob served in the US Marine Corps. As a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Div. in the Korean War. Active is church and the American Legion, holding the post of Iowa State Commander.
- www.meyerbrothersfuneralhome.com
- '64 **Milton L. Haack**, 73, Remsen, IA, died Jan 26, 2015. www.lemarssentinel.com
- '67 **Velva Alexander Shea**, 91, Remsen, IA, died Nov 10, 2014. She was a member of Women's Army Air Corps during WWII where she met her husband. After his death she return to school to earn her degree and taught remedial reading and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Remsen, IA until retiring in 1988. <a href="www.siouxcityjournal.com">www.siouxcityjournal.com</a>
- '68 **John David Weiseman**, 71, Osage Beach, MO, died Oct 4, 2014. He was a teacher in Naperville, IL for over 30 years and was also a football and wrestling coach for many of those years. He loved water, boating, skiing and sharing time with family and friends. www.hedgesscottfuneralhomes.com
- '68 Pamela Brakhage, 68, Jacksonville, FL, died Dec 24, 2014 in St. Charles, MO, where she was visiting her son and his family for Christmas. She taught at Ft. Hays St. University in Hays, KS and then at SE MO State U where she taught Spanish from '86 to '93 and directed five summer workshop trips to Mexico. She received the Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Teaching in '91. She was an ordained elder and pastor of UM Churches, retiring in '08. <a href="https://www.baue.com">www.baue.com</a>

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#### Alumni Deaths—cont.

'70 – RoseMary Groetken Deegan, 97, Maurice, IA, died Dec 1, 2014. After her husband's death in '60 she became a single parent of 12 children. She was named "Queen for a Day" on national television, and went on to received her degree from Westmar. At 95, she co-authored a book sharing her life story titled, "The Good Life." Survivors include children: Dianne, Admin and att'd; Jerry '72, Colleen '75, Tom '77, Maureen '78 and Larry '80 deceased. www.mauerjohnsonfh.com

'73 – **Steven C. Brooks**, 63, Papillion, NE, died Dec 1, 2014. He worked in Information Technology services, and as a programmer and analyst. <a href="https://www.clarindaherald.com">www.clarindaherald.com</a>

'80 – Jane M. Langehough Holtzen, 73, Sioux City, IA, died Dec. 5, 2014. She was employed at St. Luke's Hospital for 43 years. Starting as a floor nurse for several years, she taught at St. Luke's School of Nursing and for the last 10 years worked in the call center. www.meyerbrothersfuneralhome.com

'82 – **Steven D. Scholten**, 54, Alton, IA, died Jan. 8, 2015 following a valiant battle with ALS. While at Westmar he toured with the college band. Steve worked at Wells Dairy for over 20 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, being with family and friends – making people laugh and cheering for the Chicago Cubs. Survivors include his parents: Colleen '55 and Rodney '55 Scholten. www.carlsenfuneralhome.com

Staff: Rev. Harold Edward Brady, 87, Sioux Falls, SD, died Jan 8, 2015. While at Westmar, Rev. Brady was Registrar and taught Education Classes. Of his survivors, two daughters, Barbara Stanley '72 and Carol Brady '75 are Westmar Alumnus. www.millerfh.com

Family: Evelyn "Evie" Surface, 83, Reinbeck, IA, died Dec 9, 2014. She was the mother of Lynette Surface Starek '73, Sandy Surface '75, Hope Surface Wily '86 and Robyn Surface Plocher '83. She was well known throughout Iowa for her work with Asian orphans for Holt International Children's Services, and had earned her license to preach in the Iowa Annual Conference UM Church. www.ilescares.com

#### IN MEMORY/IN HONOR

Making a donation as a memorial in someone's name that is deceased will place that person's information in a special section of our MEMORY book, on a stand, in the Westmar Room. The page will also include the donor's name. Donations may also be made in HONOR of someone living that is special to you with Westmar ties and a page will also be entered for that person in that section of the book.

A nice way to honor Westmar Alumni, friends, or family.

### **Alumni News**

'94—**Jeff Sanow** of Cherokee, IA, is currently semiretired, and married Rosalia Palma from Saltillo, Mexico in December 2012.

'68—**Pete Hansen** of Storm Lake, IA, writes 'I am semiretired—actually my sports officiating is my work. As an official in college Football/Basketball and as an assignor of sports officials in the CPAC Conference, and NAIA National Supervisor of Baseball.. My two daughters, Angie and Melanie live in Farmington, MN and Spencer, IA, respectively. Four grandkids from freshman in college to 8th grade. I think of Westmar College a lot and think what this (reunion) committee is doing is great! Very sorry to hear of Coach Scott's passing, I did attend Paul Knutson (B Coach) (funeral) approximately 5—6 years ago. I drive around the old campus on numerous occasions—its sad!'

'66 – Ronald Hines (and wife Lois Bistline Hines '67) retired from active appointment as a United Methodist Pastor in 2013 and are now living in Seattle WA.

'95 - **Lisa Langlitz Bringle**, who served the previous term on the WAFA Board of Directors, married Dan Bringle on Nov 8, 2014 in Aurelia. They are living in Everly.

'60—Stan Schmidt writes from Sioux Falls, SD, that he is in the 22nd year of doing his choral Radio Program on KVNO-ORG which airs each Sunday at Noon, Central Time. On Nov. 12, 2014, he received an official letter from the Director of Education and Communication of The American Choral Directors Association conferring an honor on his work.

"I am delighted to share with you that the American Choral Directors Association is proud to offer its enthusiastic endorsement of your choral music program, Going Beyond Words. While significant in-and—of itself, Going Beyond Words is just the latest accomplishment in a career that has been laden with successes. From decades of service as a music educator, through your long and distinguished association with Clarion Recores, Collegium USA with Composer John Rutter, to your work with the world's leading choral musicians, you have remained a faithful and diligent servant of the art. We are honored to know, and to have this association with you. Please know that this award comes with a hearty "Bravo" for your work, and a hope for many more years of great choral Music."

Dr. Scott W. Dorsey,

Westmar Blue Polo Shirts—\$25

Port Authority—65%Poly/35% cotton. Available online and at the WAFA office are perfect to wear to reunions or other travels. People will notice!



### Alumni News—ABOUT

#### Westmar Alumni and Friends Association

#### **Board of Directors**

The next WAFA quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 20, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Plymouth County Historical Museum's Welcome Room.

All WAFA members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to participate in whatever way they can.

#### **Current Board Members:**

January 2014 to January 2016 term

Cory Isebrand '88 (current President),

Jeff Kelly '87 and Amy Allen Kelly '85 as one seat.

Stuart Fischer has agreed to another term.

#### WAFA Dues Support These Activities:

- Work with the Iowa College Foundation to administer the Westmar Endowment Scholarship
- Help sponsor and organize Westmar reunions
- Publish WAFA newsletters
- Help maintain displays in the Westmar Room of the Plymouth County Historical Museum
- Maintain Westmar Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Administration database
- Help maintain the Westmar Memorial Park on the former campus
- Maintain the WAFA web-site www.westmarcollege.org



New Board Members continued from page 1.....



Steve Wick '78—I have been teaching elementary and middle school students since my graduation in 1978. All grades from 3rd-8th grades and various specialties in each grade. My schools have included CAL Community, Sibley-Oceyedan, Eldora-New Providence and my current position at LeMars Community School. I have been at Kluckhohn Elementary for 27 years and hoping to wrap up my teaching career soon

and embark in something new and exciting on that retirement. I have been a licensed official for the state of Iowa for basketball and football for 35 years and enjoy my involvement with athletes in both sports. I enjoy traveling with my wife, golfing, and being involved with my church. I have been married for 35 years to my childhood sweetheart Kim. She is a 2nd grade teacher at Gehlen Catholic and has been supportive and enthusiastic in our teaching careers.



Craig Hoffman '88—I have been teaching and coaching for the last 27 years. The first 24 were spent at Remsen St. Mary's and the last three at my current job at Hinton High School, where I teach industrial technology and coach both Junior High and high school boys and girls cross country. My wife (Connie Borchers '97 Westmar alum.) and I have been married 15 years. She teaches at Franklin Elementary here in LeMars. I have a daughter and my wife has

two boys and a girl. Hard to believe but we have six grandchildren and a 7th on the way. We enjoy spending time with our family, getting down to Lincoln for some Husker games and an array of outdoor activities.



Rosemary (Jeys) Radloff '93. I was hired as assistant in financial aid at Westmar College in January 1984. I was active in Staff Senate, and served as the staff representative to the Westmar Board of Trustees. While working full time I also attended classes part time and completed my BA in Human Services/psychology in 1993. I was named Director of Financial Aid in 1995. My husband Larry, our three children Christopher, Cory and Carrie and a daughter in law Dawn (Hanson) Radloff are all Westmar graduates. We are a

proud family of Westmar Eagles! I recently retired from employment at Floyd Valley Hospital as Patient Care Coordinator for the physical therapy department. Larry and I participate in the Sioux City Riverssance Renn Faire each year and enjoy traveling to Wisconsin to visit our grandchildren Hunter, Peyton and Madison. We live on a "Century Farm" est. 1896 and are members of St Paul's Lutheran Church near our home.

We thank them for being available to serve on the board and look forward to working with them. WAFA Office Staff

Do you have any Westmar items you would like to donate to the Archives or for room display?

Contact Westmar by mail or e-mail. Addresses are listed on the back of this newsletter.

2014 Donations



## Alumni News

#### \$249 to \$500

Andres, Dale – '69 Dunphy, Lawrence (Larry) – '57

#### \$100 to \$249

Becker, Lynn A – '83 Collins, David – '74 Dykstra, Marjorie Kreykes – '74 Engelke, Gregory – '77 Golliher, Warren – '59 Gorter, Darrell – '78 Petersen, Lloyd C - '65 Pierce, Rebecca – '68

#### \$25 to \$99

Bakley, Jolane - '62 Blanchard, Brian - '78 Carver, Dorothy Beeghly - '61 Chandler, Maggie Lou - '56 Coffin, Paul - '74 Dirks, Darwin - '70 Emerson, Keith - '84 Forsberg, Marilynn Kammlade- '59 Giesler, George - '71 Gunnink, Elwin - '53 Gunter, Donn - '62 Heimberger, Ann Gelhaus - '71 Hershberger, Robert - '63 Isebrand, Cory - '88 Johnson, Dennis - Friend Kienitz, Ladonna Trapp - '51 Kneip, Angela - '87 Kolbe, Robert - '64 Korlaske, Melody Legg - '79 Luetchens, Mel - '61 Martin, David V – '67 Moerer, Nancy - '68 Oehlerking, Ramona Kolbo - '61 Pals, Dallas - '58 Peshek, Mary Potter - '71 Schrader, Elaine Brant - '69 Schuler, G Phalen - '66 Spatz, Marilyn Brant – '67 Stahl, Devin - '71 Stone, Jean Morton - '72 Tindall, Mary – '72 Trometer, Ivan - '61 Westegard, Sheila King - '73 Withee, Roger - '56 Zobel, Walter - '58

#### \$1 to \$24

Angove, Arthur - '55
Armold, William - '55
Berry, Nancy Heitmann - '63
Birmingham, Marilyn Merchen - '63
Bottiger, Beverly - '80
Bryan, Wilma - '74
Buller, Bruce - '55
Ben, Bye - '69
Christmore, Lloyd - '67
Cook, G Clive - '53

Copenhaver, David – '86 Cressy, Lynn Scheierman – '65 Divelbiss, James – '55 Drew, John – '55 Duncklee, Joyce Fridley – '59 Ehler, Emily Duffield – '54 Evans, Kevin (Lynn) – '86 Featherstone, Donald – '75 Flanigan, Daniel – '88 Golliher, Donna Weidemier – '59 Halverson, Sandra – '66 Hantke, David – '67

Johnson, Dennis – '62 Johnson, Karen Thompson – '61 Kamm, Herbert – '52

Keehn, Marylan Brehm – '50 Kooiker, Dixie Dahl – '67 Lake, Joyce Thiele – '56 Lassen, Bonnie Larson – '71

Law, Les - '65 LeCount, Robert - '63 Link, Robert - '55 Martin, A John - '61

McCormick, Sharon Kay Smith – '60 McDougall, Mark – '68

Mead, Gwen Koth - '64 Miller, Phyllis Bechtle - '59 Mitchell, Judith Bahr - '70 Mohnsen, Rosalind - Fely Ohlendorf, Ray - '75 Oplinger, James - '68 Ormston, William - '59 Pals, Larry - '64

Pais, Larry – 64 Pickett, Leroy – '58 Radloff, Larry – '73 Ritz, James – '64 Rosenow, Larry – '60 Schluchter Aliene Ni

Schluchter, Aliene Nielsen – '53 Schneider, Dave – '51

Schneider, Norma – '68 Semke, Harriet D Mugler – '46 Sneller, Paul – '75 Stagg, David – Fcly Streyffeler, Laurice – '58 Trusheim, Wilbert (Willie) – '61 Van Devender, Beverly Boutelle-'60 Vermulm, Mary Elan Harr – '59 Vinson, Phyllis Berk – '64

Vogel, Joy Johnson - '61 Weber, Gaylia Feind - '61 West, Judith Potter - '70 Wiener, Paul C - '54 Wierda, Daniel - '74 Wiersma, Lee - '62 Willows, Sandra Schlarbaum - '69 Woolston, Evelyn Trost - '58

#### **Reunion Support**

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