



Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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Reunions



The 72 members of the reunion Chorale under the direction of Mr. Frank Summer rehearse for their concert during the Decade of the 70's Reunion on Sat. Aug. 8, 2015. Chorale members came from both coasts, and all regions of the United States. Mr. Summerside was the director from 1963 to 1993 and classes of 1964 through 1990 were represented. A You Tube video of the concert may be enjoyed at <https://youtu.be/6XtLJf7H7Hg> This video was taken and shared by Bill Dickey '71. The above photo is used with permission of Susan Lynelle Cunningham '86.

130 alumni attended the reunion but not all were able to attend all events.

50th Anniversary of 1964 and 1965 with classes of '63 thru '67 invited. **August 28th & 29th**

(Deadline for above was Aug. 17, 2015)

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

Please mark your calendars!!!

You can sign up at our website.
www.westmarcollege.org

NOTICE: The Wafa Board Of Directors has voted that effective January 1, 2016, the Wafa office personnel will no longer organize reunions from the Wafa office. Office staff will provide contact information and assistance to aid in alumni taking charge of their own reunions. Assistance is provided by Wafa office staff to those planning Westmar Alumni reunions whether in LeMars or elsewhere.

More specific information will be coming this fall after the currently planned reunions have been held.



Dr. Wayne Marty (In gold shirt) takes alumni on a campus tour. After the campus, they boarded a bus to tour the town and the 'Alley Art' that is drawing a lot of attention. Photos by Susan Lynelle Cunningham '86.

During the Last 100 Years —#6

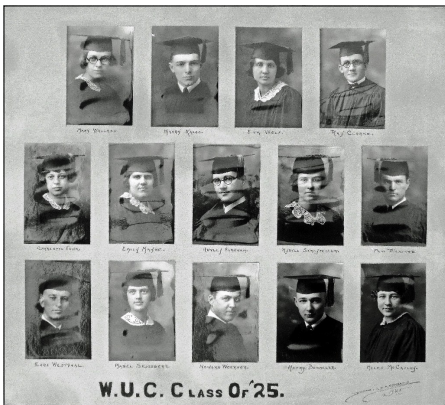
Wayne Marty didn't have time for an article for this newsletter, (he's been busy working on the windows at the museum, involved in LeMars Community Theatre, and his family) so I'm updating you on the project of the Composite Pictures that we started a few years ago—time goes so fast! This is a project for documenting the last 100 years so it may be fitting.



Visitors to the Westmar Room often asked “ **Where are the Class Pictures** ” ? The composites, in their original frames, glass, cardboard and masking tape, are kept in the office and are difficult to access for viewing.

We have been able to have them reproduced in a smaller size and displayed in a table top poster display for easy viewing by visiting alumni, non-graduating classmates, families and historians. This display has received great attention! Not only by family but by friends who knew someone who graduated from Westmar.

We still need your help. Original donations have covered the process of printing the poster size prints to date. The years of '21, '25 and '53 to '90 have been printed and are on display. They are the only years that have composite pictures in the archives. We have started scanning the senior pictures from the year books and will fabricate composite pictures from them for the years that we have year books. Of course we are not finished with the pages we have photos for....we will be adding the donor names and information from that class below the picture. (A few of the photos in the frames will be retaken for clarity.)



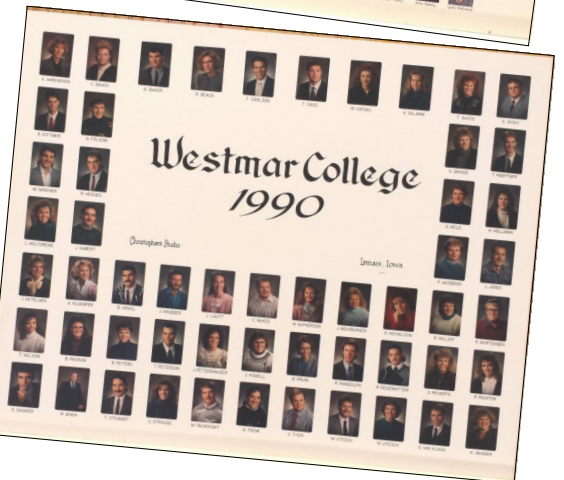
All donations will be acknowledged on the display.

DONATIONS may be sent to Westmar Alumni and Friends Assoc., 335 1st Ave SW, LeMars, IA 51031

Questions? Phone 712-546-8759 (leave message) or email wafa@westmarcollege.org



A special thank you to all of you that have supported this project. Every time someone looks at the display, we are grateful to those who have made it possible.





Alumni News

'65—**Gary and Carol (Durrett '66) Grote** of Marshall, MO, celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on July 3rd 2015. They are both retired and have children and grandchildren in Arkansas and Colorado.

'79—**Henrietta (Vander Kolk) Klarenbeek** writes from Ames, IA, that she is celebrating 31 years of ordained ministry in the IAUMC. Daughters both college graduates, married, living in NC., and working full-time. She finally remarried in 2010. Now married to Michael Coveyou who is enjoying learning about children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, not to mention meeting relatives on her huge family tree, as his tree is rather small! She is back in the parish part-time after 15 years as a board certified chaplain serving in both hospital and hospice settings.

'84—**Dwight Hunter** of Chattanooga, TN, was promoted to Assistant Librarian 1 at Chattanooga State Community College, in January 2013. He was accepted to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Graduate School, August 2013 and hopes to receive his 2nd master's degree by the Summer of 2016. He was awarded the H. W. Wilson Fellowship by UTK on May 8, 2015.

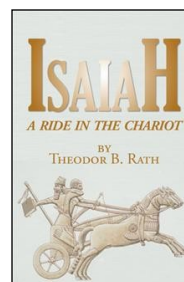
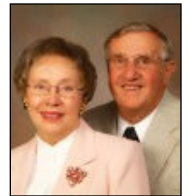
'71—**Rochelle (Haddock) Wilson** (spouse **Roger Wilson '70**), Merville, IA, writes they are both retired and enjoying being with their four grandchildren.

'88—**Carlos Alcove Kientzler** writes from Coburg, D, Germany, that he is divorced, has two daughters and is Global Account Manager in the Automotive Industry. He is looking to contact John Josephson, Dan Flanagan or others who studied with him. He sends his best regards.

'60—**Beverly Boutelle Van Devender**, of Oskaloosa, IA, writes that she was born to Harold and Elsie Boutelle and had two brothers, Richard who married **Peg Hansen '56**, and **Gerald '66** and his wife, **Judith Miller '66**. Beverly married **William Van Devender '59**. Beverly worked full time as secretary for Dean G. O. Thompson before completing her degree. She then taught English at L-M High School in Letts, IA. Bill returned from the military and began work on a master's degree in music at the Univ. of IA. They moved to Swea City for five years and then to Oskaloosa, IA, in '66 where Bill taught Jr. High and elementary band. Beverly did substitute teaching for many years and eventually worked 20 years at the Oskaloosa Public Library. Both were involved in church music wherever they lived and usually one of the two would direct choirs. Currently, Beverly sings in Central United Methodist Church choir and co-directs a women's bell choir there. The family did a lot of traveling and camping when the children were growing up. Four foreign exchange students stayed in our home over the years. After son Jeff and daughter Pamela finished college, and began their families, Bill and Beverly followed her hobby of locating genealogical roots in America and England. We also did some travel in other foreign lands. Currently this summer she has been on two European river cruises as well as visiting Pamela's

family in Olathe, KS and Jeff's family in CO where he teaches music, plays for two churches and does piano concerts in the summer. Bill passed away April 11, 2008. It has been a rich and rewarding life and I credit Westmar College for providing a Christian education as well as motivation toward a rewarding and fruitful life.

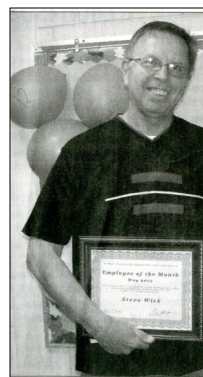
'52—**Ken and Margaret Hayden '53 Bonthuis**, of Sioux City, IA, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 12, 2015. Ken is a retired investment broker and Margaret is a former kindergarten teacher.



'57—**Rev. Dr. Theodor (Ted) Rath** (see Alumni Deaths) spent the last 7 years writing this book. Unfortunately, he passed away before he had a chance to hold the finished book in his hands. The book is laid out as a study resource for the book of Isaiah. More information can be found at www.bookstore.authorhouse.com Search for Isaiah and when the information comes up, you can click on the title and it will take you to more information, reviews, about the author etc.

'42—Western Union—**Lorraine Bartel Davis** writes that she is retired and volunteers at the Hospital Auxiliary Store. She is now 94 years young!

'78—**Steve Wick**, LeMars, IA, and a Wafa Board Member, was honored as a LeMars Community School Employee for the month of May. He taught fifth grade and was described as supportive to his coworkers, a team player and committed to community betterment and involvement. "In the classroom, Mr. Wick challenges his students to be the best they can be by establishing goals, providing hands-on opportunities, and utilizing technology". He also coaches golf and refs for football and basketball. He retired at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Used with permission of LeMars Daily Sentinel with photo by Beverly Van Buskirk '78.



**Now Available
T-shirts in GREY.**

(also in white or blue)

Great for summer and the reunions. Prices are: Small, Medium, Large and X-large are \$15.00 each and XXL & XXXL are \$18.00 each. (Note: not all sizes may be available in all colors.)





Alumni Deaths

'36 – Western Union - **Wilma G Babcock Crabb**, 93, of Kingsley, IA, died Jan 16, 2015. At age 2 she won a beautiful baby contest. She taught in rural schools for two years and then worked as a farmer's wife and raised a family. She returned to school at age 50 and was active in church and Order of the Eastern Star. They wintered in Texas for 30 years before moving near Lawton, IA in '09.

www.siouxcityjournal.com

'38 – York – **Floy May Riggs Petersen**, 95 of Richfield, MN, died June 9, 2015. Floy worked many years in the Richfield School system as a cook. She was active in her church, teaching Sunday school, kitchen supervisor, and singing in choir. Survivors that were also alumni include her children, Lloyd '65, (wife Rennae Erdman '67), Loretta Petersen '67, Lyle '69 (wife Donna Powelson '70) Lynn '71, granddaughter Diann '93 and her sister Faith Johnson '40.

www.morrisnilsen.com

'43 – Western Union – **Vernette R. 'Squeak' Gesaman Parker**, 93, of Climbing Hill, IA, died May 14, 2015. She taught at several schools including, Climbing Hill, Hornick, Holly Springs and Mapleton in Iowa. She and her husband farmed for many years. She was active in church, several organizations and volunteered at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City.

www.siouxcityjournal.com

'48 – Western Union – **Deloris Oltmanns Milbrodt**, 88, Akron, IA, died June 14, 2015. She taught country school for three years. She was married to Glen Milbrodt '50 (deceased) and raised two sons before working in several retail stores. She was a bus driver for the Akron School for 15 years. She was active in the Lutheran Church and was a member of American Legion Aux. for over 69 yrs. Her sons, Ken '70 and Arlin '75 survivor her.

www.carlsenfuneralhome.com

'51 – **Roger Lang**, 85, of Seattle, WA, died Dec. 10, 2015. After graduating, he joined the US Navy and became an officer. In 1955 he taught biology and coached girl's basketball for three years before reenlisting in the Navy. He served in the Navy for 20 years, retiring in 1974.

www.fischfh.com

'55 – **Marion 'Sonny' Athens**, 84, LeMars, IA, died July 25, 2015. He enlisted in the US Army in '52 and served in the Korean Conflict, after his discharge in '54 he attended Westmar. His employment included American Airlines, owning Athens Standard Station in LeMars, and working for Wells Dairy. He was involved in many church and civic organizations.

www.lemarssentinel.com

'57 – **Rev. Dr. Theodor 'Ted' Rath**, 85, Sun Lakes, AZ, died July 7, 2015. Before completing his education at Westmar he served in the Korean War. Ted was ordained by the Dakotas Conf. of the EUB Church in '60. He served in N. Dakota for 35 yrs. retiring in 1995. Survivors include his wife Bernice Huber Rath '55, son Nolan '85, son Mylen '88 daughter LoAnn '91 and daughter Corleen. He has authored a book and that information is found under Alumni

News. www.grandforksherald.com

'58 – **Marjorie M. Franke**, 87, LeMars, IA, died July 17, 2015. She taught at a couple of schools before returning to LeMars where she taught kindergarten and Head Start retiring in 1989. She served on the school board from '91 to 2008 while volunteering her time by reading stories to area kindergarten classes, often dressing up as the characters.

www.lemarssentinel.com

'58 – **Norman G. Bonnema**, 80, of Storm Lake, IA, died April 17, 2015. He was a retired Naval Reserve commander and worked his entire career for Buena Vista University as a professor, teaching and impacting students in the business program. In later years, he served as the director for some of BV's satellite campuses. He and his wife traveled to Mesa for the winters for the last 17 years.

www.siouxcityjournal.com

'59 – **Elaine Ann Lamb Budke**, 77, of Edina, MN, died May 17, 2015. Her husband Rev. Melvyn R. Budke '59 (deceased 2004) was assigned to churches in MN. Elaine was a teacher and after retiring, continued as a substitute teacher in Edina. Enjoyed her grandchildren, reading, book club, chocolate, family, Twins baseball, paying cards and baking cookies.

www.startribune.com

'61 – **Kenwood 'Ken' Prunty** – 75, of Clear Lake, IA, died June 15, 2015. He taught math at Royal HS in '62 and at Hawarden HS '62 – '65. In the fall of '66 he started teaching Industrial Arts in Clear Lake until retirement in '98.

He worked at Andrews Prestressed Concrete as a part-time draftsman and had owned and operated Ken's Small Engine for over 45 yrs. Active in church and music and had many hobbies. Alumni among survivors include his wife Dorothy Arends '61, and 2 of 3 daughters; Lori '87 and Jill '90.

www.globegazette.com

'62 – **Lila L. Nagel Derby**, 75, Sioux City, IA, died May 26, 2015. Lila later continued her education in Library science and nurse's aid training. She was an avid Hawkeye fan and loved to spend time with her family.

www.siouxcityjournal.com

'63 – **Mildred M. Pritchett**, 94, of Merville, IA, died July 5, 2015. Mildred taught in Woodbury Co., rural schools for 10 yrs., Kingsley, IA, for 4 yrs., and in Merville for 25 yrs.

www.siouxcityjournal.com

'63 – **Lorrene 'Lori' L Hays Feddersen**, 73, of Audubon, IA, died Dec. 8, 2014. After college and marriage to Donald Ernest Feddersen '63, they accepted a call to EUB Red Bird Mission. Moving to Audubon, IA in '69, Lorrene was a substitute teacher for many years. She was active in tole painting and sold in 16 states. She also served on many committees in the Methodist Church. Alumni among survivors include son Craig '88 and his wife Loretta '90 and her brother Doran '65 and his wife Louise '65.

www.hockenberryfamilycare.com



Alumni Deaths— cont.

'63 – **Arvin Kitchenmaster**, 74, Hawarden, IA, died May 8, 2015. He began his career in teaching as a 4th grade teacher in Hawarden and became the elementary school principal at West Sioux, retiring in 2002 after 39 years in education. Active in church and community his passion was his granddaughters and attending their events. www.porterfuneralhomes.com

'66 – **Owen A. Riddle Jr.**, 70, Anthon, IA, died unexpectedly June 15, 2015. After Westmar, where he participated in wrestling and cross country, he joined the US Air Force and served in Vietnam from '67 to '68. He began working with Farmers National Co. and in '74 he began working for Security National Bank. He returned to Anthon and livestock and farming. Active in the White Horse Patrol he also served as an adjunct professor at Morningside College. www.armstrongfuneral.com

'68 – **Helen K. Kallsen Kenaley**, 89 of Iowa City, IA, died April 2, 2015. She began teaching at 16. During the war, she worked at the Boeing aircraft plant, returning to LeMars and teaching in several rural schools. She loved teaching literature and received her teaching certificate. She taught 8th grade English at Gehlen Catholic. She and her husband Donald J. Kenaley '47 (deceased) spent winters in Mesa, AZ before moving to Iowa City to be near a daughter. www.siouxcityjournal.com

'70 – **Arnold Lloyd Baier**, 67, of Victor, IA, died Aug 7, 2015. Arnolds teaching career included several Iowa schools where he taught math and coached girls basketball and softball. He went to work at Sabine Shipping Co. in Cedar Rapids, IA, traveling to New York and New Orleans ports where he was in charge of putting shipping crews together. He returned to teaching and retired from BGM schools in Brooklyn, IA in June '15. Alumni surviving him are brother Steve Baier '72 and his wife Barbara '73, and sister Kristin Keast '83. www.duhnfuneral.com

'81 – **Rev. Marvin Neubauer**, 57, Norfolk, NE, died May 14, 2015 unexpectedly. He served churches in Kansas but much of his ministry was in Nebraska and included serving as director of Camping & Youth Ministries in the Dakotas Conference. In 2014 he was called to become superintendent of the Elkhorn Valley District in northeast Nebraska where he had served 1 year. www.greatplainsumc.org

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!

Great for reunions!!



Alumni News

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 donor's names. 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.

Since January 1, 2015 the following Memorials have been established or added to:

Carmen Fosberg Angove '55 wife of Arthur Angove '55

Marilyn Angove Yenger '55 sister of Arthur Angove '55

Jack Scott football coach thru the Athletic Room fund

William R. Van Devender '59 husband of Beverly Boutelle Van Devender '60

Dr. Warren J. Hartman '45 Western Union by family friend, Jean Morton Stone '54

J. J. Vollmecke, att'd '89/'90 son of Joseph '93 and Marilyn, staff '86—'97, Vollmecke

Neoma Garrington '70 and husband **Dwight James Garrington** English faculty '67-'68 by son and daughter in law, LTC Stephen Garrington '71 and Linda Pretzer Garrington '70

Reuben P. Job '54 husband of Beverly Ellerbeck Job '54

Carl Hartman '76 son of Mary Hartman '63

In Honor:

Thru the Athletic Room Fund:

Wanda Chittenden and Milt Martin



Judy (Merchan) Cambier,
Kay (Bass) Powell, Helen
(Leusink) Dorenkamp, Lyn-
ette (Johnson) Stevens,
Jeralyn (Dunn) Volkert

The Pacesetters of
the '70's.....and they
can still 'kick' !!



Alumni News—ABOUT

Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

Board of Directors

The next WAFA quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 19, 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 – January 2016 term

Cory Isebrand '88
Amy Allen Kelly '85
Stuart Fischer '84
Rosemary Jeys Radloff '93 + Staff

January 2015—January 2017 term

Barbara Wernli Collins '73
Craig Hoffman '88
Jeff Neary '81
Steve Wick '78

Business addressed at July 2015 meeting includes:

New guidelines were put in place regarding alumni reunions. They will no longer be hosted and organized by WAFA staff. WAFA staff will be available to provide contact lists and alumni information to those persons or committees planning reunions in LeMars or other parts of the country as is the current practice.

Gazebo in Westmar Memorial Park has been removed by the City of LeMars. The wood was deteriorating and becoming dangerous. If replaced it could not be a wooden structure.

WAFA Dues Support These Activities:

- Work with the Iowa College Foundation to administer the Westmar Endowment Scholarship
- Provide Alumni & contact assistance for 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

More Reunion Photos



'80s FR: Kathy (Betsworth) Neary '82, Susan (Oehlerking) Smith '86, Carol (Nichols) Childress '80, Linda (Biederman) Hink '81, Karyn (Sellers) Brinkmeyer '82, Holly (Hammer) Fipphen '80, Kim 'Bez' Combes '80, David Sickelka '82
Middle Row: Jeff Neary '81, Glenda (Ludwig) Mueller 78-80, Kathy (Gillespie) Sautter '81, Sara (Poston) Eckhoff '82, Mary (Mediauw) Brown '82, Ruth (Parmer) Phelps '80, Connie (Fields) Smets '81, Christy (Curry) Hoyland '81, Tim Hoffman '81, Patrick McClintock '80 **Back Row:** Mike Mueller '82, Rob Poseley '76



'60s FR: Virginia (Foster) McGregor '69, Mary (Hefty) Groyon '67, Pam (Ollman) Wright '69, Vera Louise (Robinson) Tippe '68, Rebecca Pierce '68
BR: Janice (Dunbar) Kooiker '67, Ann (Hefty) Krone '68, Gary Koelling '69, Lee Vander Hamm '68, Lloyd Petersen '65, Rennae (Erdmann) Petersen '67



'70s Girls Basketball:
Jane (Hansen) Brown,
Lynette (Johnson) Stevens,
Jeralyn (Dunn) Volkert





The 70's Reunion

and the Chorale '63 to '93 with Frank Summerside



'70-'71 FR: Merrilyn (Atwood) Down, David Sampson, Kent Brown, Carol Feuerhelm, Don Herman **BR**: Rich Zietlow, Karol (Brunkhorst) Holton, Rochelle (Haddock) Wilson, Philip Pfaltzgraft, Bill Dickey



'73 Robin Stevens, Barbara (Wernli) Collins, Scott Humphrey



'74 FR: Marcia (Clark) Lantto, Judy (Merchen) Cambier, Helen (Leusink) Dorenkamp, Lynette (Johnson) Stevens, Carol (Haywood) Humphrey, Daneen J. Stahl **BR**: Paul Coffin, Dave Dorenkamp, David Collins, Tom Moore, Angelo Catanese



'75 FR: Carolyn (Yackel) Miller, Denice K. Kolker, Gladys (Ellenberg) Jones, Jane (Hansen) Brown, Jeralyn (Dunn) Volkert, Kay (Bass) Powell, Julie (Johnson) Dirks, Beth (Elliott) Peterson **BR**: Carla Sue (Wilde) Jenness, Jerry Wendt, Scott S. Kent, Paul Sneller, Don Featherstone, Terry (Wilson) Trigg, Lou Ann Richard-



'76 FR: Cynthia (Sampson) Eisenmann, Cathy (Ronsiek) Olson, Kathleen (Muth) Hawkins, Kathleen (Johnson) Coffin **BR**: Kurt Eisenmann, Steve Powell, Ron Negus, Roger Luehring, Ronnie Lewis



'77 Terri (Hyndmann) Luehring, Lex (VanWyhe) DeWit, Cynthia Woods



'78 FR: Sally (Rigter) Greenfield, Kathleen (Innis) Negus, Patty (Adams) Sneller, Kim (Stangel) Sether Coehn, Beverly Van Buskirk **BR**: Jane (Bricker) Lindell, Chris Lindell, Darrell Gorter, Fred Shultz, Rokk Ridout



'79 FR: Lynn Jeffers, Roger Hoyne, Ann (Lokker) Murray **BR**: LuAnn (Rensink) Ridout,



Faculty: David Stagg, Frank Summerside, Wayne Marty



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Most newsletters are now sent by email to reduce of-
fice costs of printing and postage. We send to a few
who do not have email or who have a special request.
Get it on line and get it in color-make the print as
large as you like. Get it where ever you get your email
whether at home or on vacation. It's the best way!! If
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stop your email copy so you'll get it both ways.

Be sure to check out our ever-changing website at:
http://www.WestmarCollege.org/. We offer online shopping, member-
ship, and reunion registration. Suggestions are always welcome.

Current Members: You will receive only one reminder postcard when it is
time to renew your membership. Please pass the form below on to other
Westmar Alum and encourage them to be a WAFA member.

What's Happening with You? Tell Us!

We are interested in knowing what has recently (or not so recently)
happened in your life. Promotions? Marriage? Births or deaths? Hon-
ors or awards? Graduate degree? Semi- or full retirement? Pass on
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