



# Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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## Local Band Honored Smokin' Clams Inducted in Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association Hall of Fame

“It didn’t seem quite real until we were all standing on stage together again,” said Smokin’ Clams bassist **Chris Radloff ‘93**. “The whole weekend was so magical, then to get on stage with friends I thought I might never see again and play to a crowd of



Chris Radloff

Iowa’s top musicians - it was overwhelmingly cool.” In January 2015 the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association (IRRMA) notified members of the Smokin’ Clams that they had been selected to be inducted into their Hall of Fame. “I just kept

staring at the letter,” said Radloff. The induction would happen on Labor Day weekend.

Founded in 1995 by rhythm guitarist Tim Schenzel and bassist/vocalist Dan Barnes, the Smokin’ Clams quickly pieced together a group of musicians dedicated to the idea of playing fun music, starting with core member Rick Swanson on drums. Through the years, as the group expanded and occasionally lost members to career moves and life circumstances. The band has included Schenzel (Hill City, SD), Barnes (Sloan, IA), Swanson (South Sioux City, SD), Radloff (Akron, IA), John Unterseher (Moberg, SD; guitar, vocals), Amy Linder (Akron, IA; keyboards, vocals), Monte Erickson (Craig, IA; guitar, vocals), Randy Paddock (Poulsbo, WA; saxophone, vocals), Russ Howard (Alton, IA; guitar, vocals), and Curt Gothier (Sioux City, IA; bass). The band also included sound engineer Robert Nelson (Pender, NE) and Frank Thompson (Sergeant Bluff, IA) on lights.

For fifteen years the band played nearly every weekend in venues and street dances throughout western Iowa and eastern Nebraska. Though the group wrote and performed original music they were best known as a cover band. “The original songs we played felt so immediately comfortable to our audiences that people often thought they had grown up listening to them,” commented Radloff.

As Labor Day approached, the Clams began to make plans to attend the Hall of Fame induction in Arnold’s Park, IA. Those who still lived in the area got together for an hour’s rehearsal while those from out-of-town made travel and flight arrangements to return for the weekend.

The three-day IRRMA Induction Weekend began with a Friday night kick-off concert, continued on Saturday with an opening ceremony and parade, car show, inductee orientation, battle of the bands (for young musicians), and a meet and greet session. Sunday’s activities included a breakfast, the induction ceremony itself, an autograph party, and ended with the induction concert. All five

bands in the Class of 2015, along with the winner of the battle of the bands and headliner Dean Torrence of Jan & Dean, were given a chance to perform in a six-hour show.

“The whole weekend was a whirlwind,” said Radloff. “We were given the chance to meet fantastic musicians, the ceremony was held in a world-class venue, everyone treated us like, well, like rock stars the whole weekend. The concert was quite an experience. It was an honor to follow so many good bands and to play to so many people who truly love music! But the best part was seeing all the Clams again.”

In addition to administrating the Hall of Fame, the non-profit Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association also maintains a museum in Arnold’s Park, IA, and is dedicated to retaining and honoring the legacy of rock music in Iowa.



Chris Radloff

Editors note: Chris graduated with the class of ‘93 as did his mother Rosemary Jeys Radloff . Rosemary also served as staff and is currently serving on the Westmar University and Friends Board of Directors.

## Alumni News

‘63 - **Sharon Moline Smith** writes that she and husband **Lester Smith ‘63**, have just moved from Des Moines, IA, to Urbandale, IA. This gives Sharon more space for her jewelry studio where she will be holding various classes in metal and wire work.

‘60—**Ronald J. Williams** writes that he received his Masters at United Seminary in Dayton, OH, with Post Grad work at St. Charles Catholic Seminary in OH, and Phillips University Seminary in OK. He and Vera Bott of Alexander, KS, were married 52 years ago. Having served in the United Methodist Ministry in 5 states, almost exclusively in rural/small town churches from ‘59 to 2000, they have retired in Manhattan, KS. Their son, Eric received his Masters from Kansas State, and is CFO of Purple Wave Auction. Their daughter Rhonna Hargett, received her Masters from U of Alabama, and is librarian at Manhattan City Library. They have 5 grandchildren. Ronald has enjoyed Kiwanis and other civic clubs, Boy Scouts of America, and now volunteers as Executive Director of the Great Plains Area United Methodist Rural Advocates.



## During the Last 100 Years —#7

*Editors Note: Wayne Marty is writing a wonderful article on The Importance of Westmar Alumni and "The Little Blue Trailer". I want to thank everyone who has sent in articles and news or obituaries. I do need a source on obituaries—either a mortuary or newspaper. You are what makes this newsletter interesting.*

**In the beginning:**  
By Frank Summerside -  
Westmar Chorale '63-'93

The Alumni Office requested that I share some Chorale memories.

When you come to a new position, previous protocol is followed.

1. Where to tour? In 1963-64, my first year on campus, we still had semester tests in Jan. after Christmas break. Tour started between semesters.

2. Transportation? Bus company out of Ft. Dodge.

3. Where to? What direction was last? Is there a revolving pattern? Get input from Church Relations and Admissions.

4. Send request to host letters to pastor of student or students in the choir.

That first tour, we started out early one morning for Marshall, MN, as **Judy Olson Anderson's** ('65), dad was the principal of the high school. We would sing for an assembly, have lunch in their cafeteria, and head out for Eureka, SD, **Emil Eberhardt's** ('64) home church. Our route was highway #19 west to #81 in SD. About to the border, the driver pulled over and stopped. Now what! He "thought" he was out of gas. Sometime later, this was before cell phones remember, he recalled a switch to use an auxiliary tank. Off we went. Yes, we were late to Eureka but we quickly downed a fine fried chicken supper, changed and sang a good concert for the Dakotans. Next, was Bismarck and **Rennae Erdman Petersen's** ('67) dad's church. Back to SD, with a rest stop in an Aberdeen café. The one women's rest room was so busy that a "going in girl" shut the door too quickly on a "going out" **Avis Boehmann Thrash's** ('64) hand! Not fun for a pianist preparing a Spring recital. Fortunately, I had a sister visiting with me in the café, and she took Avis to St. Luke's to get checked out. Milbank was next as we had many fine singers from that EUB congregation over the years. I believe there were 47 in that group. Home concert was in the Gym.

Choir met from 4:30-5:30 Mon.-Fri. When **Larry Day** decided not to return, I was assigned the choir as part of my load. It was now named for the college, Westmar Chorale, not Collegiate Chorale. We were representing the campus at



Photo taken at Expo '67 in Montreal at the Iranian Pavilion (blue and white)

all times during my leadership. Sectionals were instituted as part of rehearsal times. Twice a week, each section rehearsed the music I designated for 30 minutes before the full rehearsal upstairs in Thoren. This mostly eliminated 3 sections sitting while the one "woodshedded" some measures. It enabled us to really get into the depth of interpretation, blending and precise diction that made our performances more interesting to the listener. They were hearing the scriptural messages in which all of our concerts were based.

Departmental budgets were never "anything you want." I still chuckle remembering Division Chairman, **Miss Kruse** calling me into her Dubs office one afternoon. When I sat down she pulled out my folder and exclaimed, "Mr. Summerside, the music budget has never been \$800 before!" So in those early years I included a membership in the Drinker Choral Library of Philadelphia at a modest fee. We could borrow any number of titles for just the return postage.

In the summer of 1966, their catalog included an announcement. The gist of it was, that the Dept. of State was accepting applications for choirs to sing at EXPO '67 in Montreal the next summer. I wrote the address given and received the paperwork. We needed to include a 15 min. tape from the previous year's repertoire. **Al Opland**, music director for years up in Pipestone, MN, made recordings for many groups on his weekends. '64's was done in Thoren Aud. and the next two years from the balcony in Calvary church. I told Al which pieces from '65-'66 to use, he sent me the tape and off our application went to D.C. One day, sometime in Nov., the

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



## Alumni News

In the beginning—Frank Summerside, cont.

phone rang outside Betty Lou Larson's studio, and she interrupted my voice lesson student because it was long distance. When I identified myself, the caller said, "I am calling from the Dept. of State." Our committee has selected the Westmar Chorale as one group to represent the United States at EXPO '67. Our committee said in their evaluation, "this choir sings in the best St. Olaf tradition." Do you accept? In today's vernacular I would have said, "are you kidding me, of course." But I thanked them very much and went trembling back to the voice lesson and later to the administration to give them the news and get an approval to do it.

We were already scheduled to tour Kansas after the semester and funds would be needed. The Chorale was no longer in the 40's but membership was in the 60's, two buses full. When I told the Chorale at rehearsal that day, **Dave Stengel '69**, president, I can still feel the emotion of that group as I write this. It is a treasured moment for all of us. Success is a group achievement. The '65-'66 Chorale made the recording. Their work was a continuation of the work of '63-64 and '64-'65 Chorales. Now the '66-'67 Chorale would have the opportunity of showing their own hard work on an International venue.

I'm sure former Chorale women can remember the sessions in room 109 cutting out their dress fabric each fall. The men went down to Bowers to get grey flannel slacks, a blue tie and navy blazer all on their own dime. This did not seem just. No group representing the college had this expense. So with **Dr. Kalas'** okay, I investigated robe companies and decided on Ireland Needlecraft in CA, as the most reasonable. They submitted fabrics and we chose the blue and white colors of the college and ordered a sample. Then, I was told there wasn't enough money in the budget, but, the robe was in the mail. I took it over to Dr. Kalas' office. His secretary took one look at the robe, winked at me, and said. "Dr. Kalas is out. But I'm going to hang this in his office and with the afternoon sun coming in on this Royal Blue robe, I think he may change his mind."

I went back to Thoren to get ready for rehearsal. Yes, later, another happy ending phone call with a go ahead from Dr. Kalas. So when the Chorale went on tour, those robes sold Westmar before the group sang a note.

Next time Europe?

'60—**David and Velma Krebs Bradley** write that they are both retired; Velma in 2002 from the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. She served for 33 years in Human Resources, the last several years, as the Executive Director of that department. David retired in 2003 after serving as an editor with the Board of Publication for the EUB church and with our church union, the Methodist Church. In 1968 he became editor for resources for children, youth and adults. In 1980, he was hired by The Upper Room as editor of Family Life Resources and a Marriage Enrichment program entitled "Celebrating Marriage: Growing in Love." David left the Upper Room in 1985 and was hired as a Spiritual Director for REBOUND, a program for persons with head injuries. In 1990, he left his home conference in Montana and joined the Tennessee Annual Conference as a full-time pastor, retiring in 2003. He was retired for two weeks, but has been pasturing ever since as a retired clergy. He is presently the Pastor of Congregational Care for an 1100 member congregation.

David and Velma have three children (2 daughters and a son) and nine grandchildren. Velma teaches Bible study classes, Companions in Christ classes, sings in the Chancel Choir, and serves as an Andrew Minister (Counselor).

On many occasions, several or all of our grandchildren come and spend the night or the weekend at our house, cooking, playing games, playing musical instruments—and just having a good time. They bless our hearts. Our son built our lovely retirement home in the lush rolling hills of Tennessee, 20 miles south of Nashville. God has blessed and continues to bless us each and every day.

## Scholarships

It will soon be time to complete scholarship forms for students who have connections to Westmar College/University. Here are some thank-yous we have receive this past year:

**Aaron Britt** - Thank you for choosing me to receive your scholarship. I truly appreciate it, and it will be put to good use in college, I assure you. I work as a Page in Des Moines and when I meet people and tell them I'm from LeMars, you'd be surprised by the number of people who mention something about Westmar.

**Molly McInnis**—Thank you so much for allowing me to apply and receive one of the scholarships that you gave out this year. Westmar holds a very important role in my dad's life and many of my family members as well. Thank you again.

**Beau Ohm**—Thank you so much for your generous scholarship. As you know every bit helps! Thank you very much.

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](http://www.westmarcollege.org) or call 712-546-8759 and leave message.

Christmas CD's are back in Stock—order now.

*From your Wafa Staff,  
Wishing you a very...*

*Merry  
Christmas*





## Alumni Deaths

'43 – Western Union – **Rev. Paul R. Hett**, 96, Parsons, KS, died Sept 10, 2015. He was ordained in '47 and served Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist churches in Kansas until retirement in '83. He then served as visitation pastor at Wesley in Parsons and supply pastor at Erie Federated and St. Paul United Methodist Church. He was one of the longest serving members of the former Kansas Conference. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Catherine Stull** '46, and is survived by daughters, **Susan** '70 (**Roger** '69) **Moller**, LeMars, and **Nancy Rehmert** '74, Parsons, KS. [www.wallfuneralservices.com](http://www.wallfuneralservices.com)

'44 – York – **Lorena Wygle Hunt**, 92, of Newport, AR, died Jan. 2, 2015. She was an ordained Methodist minister having served as a missionary in Sierra Leone, Africa, and later pastored several Methodist churches many years in Kansas. She was also an artist. She was preceded in death by her husband **Robert Gordon Hunt** '42. [www.emporiagazette.com](http://www.emporiagazette.com)

'45 – Western Union – **Lois Riemersma Roghair**, 91, Spirit Lake, IA, died Sept. 14, 2015. She taught English and helped with Drama for 37 years in the Boyden, Hartley, Sanborn and Sheldon Public HS. She was very active in her church. She loved to read and did a lot of sewing, much of which was donated to those in need especially to the Indians on a reservation on Montana. [www.turnerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.turnerfuneralhomes.com)

'48 – **William "Bill" Wendlandt**, 88, Spencer, IA, died Sept. 7, 2015. After HS he served with the US Air Force until '45. While at Westmar he played football and basketball while receiving awards for basketball. He began his teaching in the Greenville-Rossie, IA area and then in '51 he began at Spencer, IA, where he remained for 38 years. He was head basketball coach and assistant football coach for many of those years, retiring in '88. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Anita Wendland** '48. [www.warnerfuneralhome.com](http://www.warnerfuneralhome.com)

'52 – York – **Laura Jane Taylor Koontz**, Lincoln, NE, died Aug 25, 2015. She graduated from HS with a 'Normal Certificate' and began teaching in a one-room school for 4 years while taking courses during the summer until enrolling full time. She played violin and traveled with the college choir. She was one of the first teachers in the federal Head Start summer program and moving to Kearney in '66, she taught at Bryant Elementary School there until retiring in '90. She was also active in church, Red Cross and many other civic groups, gardening and traveled to Europe, China, Russia and Canada. Among survivors, are her husband **George Frederick "Fred" Koontz** '50, a sister-in-law **Margaret Koontz** '44, and predeceased by her brother-in-law **James Koontz** '42. [www.memorialsolutions.com](http://www.memorialsolutions.com)

'53 – **George Keizer**, 87, Inwood, IA, died Oct. 10, 2015. After college he served in the US Army during WWII, and was stationed in Japan as an office clerk for Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He worked as a manager at Farmer Mutual Ins. in Hull, IA, and was a stockbroker at Shearson, Leahman and Hutton. He was also active in community and youth events. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'55 – **Dr. Thomas Kiernan** – 85, Alton, IA, died June 19, 2015. After attending Westmar, he served in the US Air Force and then received his Medical Doctor degree from U of Iowa in '60. He practiced in Sioux Center until 1967 and then returned to the U of Iowa to complete a residency in Radiology, practicing in Newton, with satellite services in Knoxville and Pella, until his retirement in 1990. He was active in community and had a love of vintage cars.

He enjoyed piloting out-back fishing trips.

[www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'58 – **Ray Nacke**, 79, Sioux City, IA, died Sept. 16, 2015. He lettered in basketball and baseball and as a junior at Westmar, he was offered a job at St. Joseph HS in Granville, IA, where he coached basketball and baseball while attending Westmar. Ray became a teacher and coach at Heelan HS in Sioux City in '59. In '71, he became basketball coach and athletic director at Briar Cliff College where he coached for 26 yrs. retiring in '97. He had received Hall of Fame honors of St. Mary's HS, Remsen, Westmar College, Briar Cliff, Siouxland Athletics Association and the NAIA. He was the NAIA District 15 Coach of the Year for 10 years and the Panama National Team he coached won the Central America Pan Am Games. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'60 – **Robert L. Andersen**, 80, Sioux City, IA, died Oct. 12, 2015. After high school he enlisted in the US Army and served on a surface to air missile launching crew prior to earning his honorable discharge. He returned to attend Westmar College. He worked for the Social Security Administration and with his family, lived throughout the US. In '75, they moved to Sioux City where he served as the district manager until his retirement in 2004. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'63 – **Paul David "Dave" Urban**, 75 of Sioux City, IA, died August 27, 2015. He attended Westmar and then entered the US Army, and served until he retired in 1980. He served three tours in Vietnam and one tour each in Korea and Germany, also serving at various bases in the US. He then worked for Siouxland Mental Health for over 10 years. a brother **Don Urban**, Westmar '63, survives him in addition to other family members. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'65- **David William Hunter**, 73, LeMars, IA, died Oct. 15, 2015. He served during the Vietnam War and earned his honorable discharge in '72. He taught Social Studies at Linn-Grove HS as well as coaching girls' basketball. He later moved to LeMars and worked at Lampert Lumber Co. Among his survivors are his brother, **Ronald Hunter** '86, and **Susan Miller** '69. [www.mauerjohnsonfh.com](http://www.mauerjohnsonfh.com)

'68—**Carla J. Musselman Pals**, Clinton, IA, died July 8, 2015. Her greatest love and interest was her family. She loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren. She was also a substitute teacher in the East Central School District. She is survived by her husband, **Gary Pals** '68. [www.papefh.com](http://www.papefh.com)

'68 – **Marna Jean Van Oort Hakeman**, 87, Sanborn, IA, died Sept. 20, 2015. She began her teaching career in '47 and in '51 she attended Westmar to receive her Lifetime Teaching Certificate and continued interim classes. When she no longer taught full time, she remained a substitute teacher for many years. She was active in church as a SS teacher and organist as well as other organizations. [www.funeralplan.com/sanborn/obits](http://www.funeralplan.com/sanborn/obits)

'69 – **Lois Jean Harris Dawson**, 89, Hawarden, IA, died Aug 10, 2015. After high school she attained her teaching certificate and began her family before resuming her teaching and receiving her BA from Westmar. She was a beloved 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher until she retired in 1988. She was active in church, community and family history. In 2010, she was honored with the President's Award for volunteerism by the Chamber of Commerce. She traveled



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throughout the US, Europe, and Mexico. A brother, **David Reese Harris '89**, is one of her survivors. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'86 – **Mark “Bump” Raymond Nielsen**, 51 of Fremont, NE, died Sept. 29, 2015. After graduating from Westmar with honors, he was working as a paralegal at National Account Systems of Omaha. He was an avid sports fan, music aficionado, comic book enthusiast, humorous expert on trivia of all kinds, and good friend to many. [www.mosermemorialchapels.com](http://www.mosermemorialchapels.com)

**Correction: Floy May Riggs Petersen '38** York, died Feb. 15, 2011 not June 9, 2015 as listed last month.

### IN MEMORY/IN HONOR

Making a donation in someone's name that is deceased places 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, 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

**Theodore Rath '57** husband of Bernice Rath '55

**William Wendlandt '48** by Pearl Heitke

**In Honor:**

Thru the Athletic Room Fund:

**Wanda Chittenden and Milt Martin**

## Alumni News



Westmar Quartet—**Ray Boyer '61**, **Harlan Winter '59**, **Dave Brice '61** and **Paul Miller '59** at Sutton, NE, July 1958. Sent to us by **Marcia Savage Koelling '61** who tells us it was taken in front of the parsonage where her father, **Guy Savage**, WU 1929 was pastor.

'80—**Ruth (Parmer) Phelps** writes from Amana, IA, that she works at the University of Iowa Housing and Dining Department. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

'83 to '92, President **Arthur Richardson** writes from Rosenberg, TX, that his wife Charlene is now a Certified Nursing Ass't (CNA) and providing 24 hour home care with 2 different companies. Arthur completed his MBA in 1996 with High Honors in International Business Finance. Since 1998, he left administration and entered full-time, then adjunct teaching in Finance, Economics and Management (Now at University of Houston). Son Scott manages a 6,000 member health club in Washington, D. C., and manages his 3 children: Abigail, Annie and Evian. Daughter Amber lives in Houston with her husband Ben (PH. Div. New Testament) Director for Dallas Theological Seminary's campers in Houston. Amber is homeschooling Madison 9 yrs. and Eli 7 yrs. You can find us on Facebook.



'68 - **Ruth Pennington Borchers**, of LeMars, turned 103 on Oct. 21. She continues her hobbies of china painting and reading and holds a Christmas ornament, which she is painting for a family member. She thought she wanted to be a secretary but soon came home and began teaching in a country school. She currently lives in an apartment and enjoys playing cards at the nearby senior center. The complete article can be found at [www.lemarssentinel.com](http://www.lemarssentinel.com) The photo is by Beverly Van Buskirk, reprinted with permission.

Westmar Blue Polo Shirts—\$25

Port Authority—65%Poly/35% cotton. Available online and at the Wafa office are perfect for Christmas Gifts. Check the website for lots of gift ideas including Westmar music CD's.



## Alumni News—ABOUT

### Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

#### Board of Directors

The next WAFA quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held on February 15, 2016, 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 2016 – January 2018 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

### Reunion Support Guidelines

These guidelines were adopted by the board at the Oct. meeting:

- Publish reunion information provided by Reunion Committee on Facebook, WAFA Web Site and in WAFA Newsletter.
- Provide mailing labels or mailing list for sending invitations. (USPS only or USPS plus e-mail)
- Provide use of group e-mail for invitation and updates. Reunion Committee would provide copy of message to send.
- Provide information on setting up a personal PayPal account to accept registrations. (Or committee may decide to accept checks only.)
- Provide contact lists of LeMars area hotels, caterers/ restaurants, and meeting rooms.
- Make room reservation at LeMars Convention Center, if needed, to get 40% non-profit discount. Pay for room, to be reimbursed by Reunion Committee. (Reunion Committee would have to set up and take down the room. Reunion Committee would make alternative room arrangements (i.e. church, restaurant).
- Make Westmar Memorabilia available for purchase in the Westmar Room and the Museum sales area.
- Publish reunion pictures in WAFA newsletter if pictures are provided with names and reunion identification.

Many reunions are being planned around the country and we are excited to hear about them. Please let us print announcements and photos in the newsletter. We can also put it on our Facebook Page!

## More Reunion Photos .....



At the '55 & '60 reunion we had wedding party reunion. The wedding party of Diane and Dick Mills. **Beverly Krueger Pitkin '61, Marlys Ruff Nickisch '60, Diane Kranzler Mills '60, Dick Mills '61, Ken Krippner '61, and Tony Pitkin '62.** Congratulations!



Brenda Jagodzinske sent a photo from Door County, WI, of a group of Westmar alumni that has been getting together for almost 16–17 years. Not everyone can make it every year but the stories do not miss a beat. All the guys were '69 graduates and Linda Bonner Gaumer is also class of '69. They are **Keith Brandt** and Janet, **Milo Sprout** and Jan, **Richard and Linda Gaumer** and **Glenn Jagodzinske** and Brenda. Thanks for sharing.

### 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](http://www.westmarcollege.org)



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Classes of '53, '54, '56, '57: FR—Myrt Thompson Divelbiss '53, Beth Liebing Johnson '57 & '62, lola Wendland Mullins '57. BR—Keith Megill, York '54, Eldon Nolte '56, Loren Mullins '56.



Class of '55: FR Ardella Miller Hodgson, Clayton Hodgson, Art Angove. BR—Jim Divelbiss, Bill Arnold, Bruce Buller.



Class of '58: FR Shirley Paulsen Longnecker, Shirley Walkup Arnold, Vi Grass Megill, Marge Cleveland Kehrberg. BR—Chuck Kehrberg and Fred Shickell.



Class of '59: FR—Eunice Oehlerking Higgins, Charlyn Frahm Shickell '58, June Machmer Erdmann. BR—Earl Higgins, Bill Ormston, and Roger Erdmann.



Class of '60: FR—Cindy Trost Ormston, Beverly Boutelle Van Devender, Wanda Powell Schneider, Norma Kammann Schmidt. BR—Diane Kranzler Mills, Lois Mukomela Nolte, Stanley Schmidt, Marlys Ruff Nickisch, and Mary Ann Scheiding Moline.



Classes of '61 & '62: FR—Beverly Krueger Pitkin '61, Royal Mattingly Gunter '62, Ramona Kolbo Oehlerking '61. BR— Tony Pitkin '62, Donn Gunter '62 and Dick Mills '61.

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Most newsletters are now sent by email to reduce office 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!!

**Be sure to check out our ever-changing website at:**  
<http://www.WestmarCollege.org/>. We offer online shopping and membership. 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? Honors or awards? Graduate degree? Semi- or full retirement? Pass on the information so we can print it and spread the good news!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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