



Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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We give thanks this season for so many blessings....

Our WAFA members

Donations

Volunteers

Our Board of Directors..... and so much more. We are please to be able to continue supporting Westmar and being able to keep Westmar alive with an office, the Westmar Memorial Room, The Westmar Memorial Park, and providing research for those requesting it. We also have a web page, Facebook Page, we can provide help with reunions and other connections. And, we have plans, lot of plans.....

Although you only have two part time people in the office...they also volunteer to try to take care of business.

With the Eagle Sculpture in the Westmar Memorial Park, the park is now on the Tour Bus Route through Le Mars. A little more may need to be done with the park this next year. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated!!

*So much to do so little time—
Looking forward to more good things in 2018....*

Thanks to all of you!!!



'53—Janet Nafe Lindsay, 88, spends a day with her granddaughter at college!! See story on page 3.

Reunions

To Westmar Alums, Class of 1968,
as well as Classmates in '67 and '69:

The 50th year reunion for the Westmar class of '68 will be held in Le Mars the weekend of June 22-24, 2018.

Those of you who haven't returned in a while will be surprised at how Le Mars has grown and thrived in the past 50 years! Activities are being planned for the weekend. Mr. Summerside is planning a "musical reunion" for those interested. More information will be sent out next spring. For now, please put this weekend on your calendar—you won't want to miss it! Hope to see you in Le Mars in June.

Note: if you have email addresses of classmates who might not be receiving information from WAFA, please let them know about this reunion.

We received Thanks —

"Thank you so much for awarding me with a Westmar Scholarship so that I can help pay for the continuing of my education. I am very excited to be attending Wartburg College this fall and look forward to studying business and accounting. This scholarship has helped me feel very confident in all of my future plans and aspirations!



I know how important Westmar was to my uncle **Scott Plendl**, who still talks about the amazing experiences that he had while attending Westmar many years ago. I would love to extend my gratefulness for the \$5,000 scholarship to everyone in the Association and can assure you that you have made a great decision. Thank you so much! "

Amanda Hamil



"Thank you very much for the scholarship money I was awarded through the Iowa College Foundation. I will use this money wisely as I pursue my education at Dordt College."

Joshua Vanden Berg

During the Last 100 Years

Editors note: Wayne Marty has been working hard with editor JoAnn Schleis and another member of the Sports Room committee at the Ply. Co. Museum. The grand opening was held in October and you will want to be sure to stop and see it if you are in Le Mars. I won't go into detail but we are pretty proud of our accomplishment and there are additions to it that will be put in place soon. We have had a lot of interest and of course it started with Westmar's display which keeps growing.

Wayne went to the Westmar Archive Room and found some interesting articles in the Gleams from 100 years ago. With the anniversary of World War I we reflect through some articles here.

Kenoyer's Dairy Market Phone 708

"THE BABY WILL NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE"

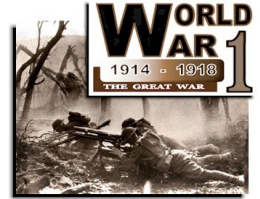
On Thursday afternoon, November 1, Miss Knowles, of Ames, Iowa, leader of home demonstration in this state, spoke in the chapel on "Food Conservation as a Patriotic Service." The three factors in winning the war, she said, are men, money and food. There must be an immediate readjustment of America's mode of living. Our nation has the name of being very wasteful but now we cannot waste and be patriotic. The people — especially the women — have been organized to distribute information concerning the shortage of food and methods of economy. There must be a saving of meat, wheat, fats, and sugar. We must send these supplies to our allies and use substitutes for ourselves because some articles, such as corn are not good for shipping and are not suited for their needs. ***Preach the gospel of the 'Clean Plate,' for "Bread and bullets must win the war."*** The war is a struggle for the right but it cannot be won unless the American people appreciate the situation and act as patriotic citizens.

There is no desire on the part of the government to curtail the amount of food that anyone shall eat. But it is necessary that we should change our ordinary diet so as to conserve certain foodstuffs. The most important of these are wheat, meat and sugar.

There are only three great wheat producing areas for the allies. Of these Russia alone has had a considerable surplus this year. But her situation with reference to her enemies is such that the transportation of this crop to the allies is impossible. For this reason it will either remain in her granaries or fall into the hands of the enemy. Argentine has had practically a failure in her wheat crop and has put an embargo on what there is. So no relief can come from that quarter. Canada and the United States are estimated to be 200,000,000 bushels short of a normal crop. The allies are looking to us for 550,000,000 bushels. If we use our ordinary amount

there will be 250,000,000 bushels to spare them. Where will they get the other 300,000,000 bushels? This means that we must change our diet or the soldier boys who are fighting our battles must go without wheat. It is our patriotic duty to eat at least one wheat less meal a day.

We must spare meat in order that our soldier boys may have a balanced ration. We must get along with two meatless days a week. Corn is a better foodstuff than wheat and on account of the large amount of oil which it contains it makes it possible for substitution for wheat.



(When the United States fought the World Wars, the whole country was involved in the fight.....)

Student Friendship War Fund

Our responsibility in this crisis is tremendous. We have within our power to determine whether or not the lives of thousands of the men who represent us on the battlefield shall be preserved. At the present time 250,000 Soldiers are in France. Temptations and vice are rife about the camps and to save the men from the ensnaring influence is our duty.

The situation needs immediate attention. We ask you to show your patriotism not by a 'sensational display,' but by giving, by personal sacrifice. Jesus said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." And Marshall M. Bartholomew says, "He dare not speak of loving who can bear that his brothers suffer and die, if by any sacrifice, no matter how great, he may be the means of saving them."

Let us show our interest by helping our soldiers and the suffering ones of Europe: let them know that we are back of them and that they are not fighting alone. And thus we shall conserve a force essential for the reconstruction period following the war.

A new member has been added to the efficient dormitory force. Her name is Pauline Agnes Pedro, dormitory cat, and she has the looking after of all the rats and mice that have taken up their abode in Union hall.

No one can doubt that the football team had the support of the student body in their game with Wayne. The "pep meeting" which was held Thursday evening was full proof of that. So much pep had never before been shown before any of our athletic contests. We were inspired also by the determination of the members of the team and especially by the resolution of each that, whatever the result of the game, he would play it clean. We are proud that that resolution was so faithfully carried out and that not only an athletic but also a moral victory was won. Yes, they won!!!

Earl Walter suggests that the football team have a new formation called the 'ole-omargarine formation,' and the quarterback instead of calling signal has but to say, "Smear it."



During the Last 100 Years cont....

These are from Wayne Martys mailbox. We thank him for sharing:



88 year old grandmother — college student for a day

She's the grandmother often seen with a purple streak in her hair. She's the grandmother who isn't afraid to wear tattoos — the temporary ones, of course. On Friday, **Janet Nafe Lindsay '53** was the grandmother shadowing her granddaughter for a day at the University of Kentucky.

Lindsay, 88, who lives Pontiac, IL, was in Lexington for the week, visiting with her family, including her son **Grant Lindsey '84**. While in town, she spent a full day at classes with her granddaughter, Naomi Lindsay. Janet Lindsay has shown plenty of interest in UK since visiting Naomi for the first time over the summer. Last week, a plan was devised.

From 9 a.m. to nearly 1 p.m. Friday, Janet shadowed her freshman granddaughter at her four classes. Naomi said it meant a lot to her to have her grandmother there with her.

"My initial thought was that this is going to be awesome," said Naomi, a Bates Creek High School graduate. "I love my grandma and I'd love for her to see where I am every day. Right after that I thought, 'Oh no, she is 88. How is she going to be able to get to all of my classes? What will my professors think? Will they be OK with it?' But I have been in contact with a bunch of different people and they have all been tickled by the idea."

Janet is perfectly able to get from class to class — "I can do all the exercises the students can," she said — but her family thought it would be a good idea to provide her with a better way to get from class to class quickly. They secured a free scooter for the day from Grogan's Healthcare Supply.

She was thrilled by the experience, of course, but she couldn't help but be overwhelmed by the size of UK's campus and some of its classes. One of their classes Friday, psychology 100, had more than 500 students. "We didn't even have that many in the college I went to (Westmar University in Le Mars, Iowa)." Ever since Naomi was a baby, her grandmother helped out financially with the intention of sending her to college. It turned

out Naomi didn't need the full extent of her help: She received a scholarship to UK after completing the Governor's Scholars Program.

But Naomi wanted to show her gratitude; thus the offer to be with her for a day at college. "She is such a strong, independent woman. She's the most determined woman I have ever met," Naomi said. "She wears what she wants, she's friendly and talks to everyone. I've never heard anything negative come out of her mouth. I recently wrote a card to her because she loves to get mail. I told her how I want to be just like her when I grow up, because she is so true to herself and doesn't let anyone or anything get in the way."

Our thanks to Mike Stunson who wrote the original article and gave permission for us to use it and to Charles Betram for the photos. The article and more photos can be found at <http://www.kentucky.com/news/local/counties/fayette-county/article179996806.html>



Ruth Courter writes that she is having "memory joys", activated by a church bulletin note from her former minister in Des Moines, IA, FUMC.

Thanksgiving Ingathering

"There is still time to make your contribution to this year's Thanksgiving Ingathering to help the Iowa Conference meet its goal of \$1,000,000 in kits and cash to celebrate 38 years of sharing. A list of contents for the health and school kits and school bags can be found at the display in the narthex. Completed kits need to be turned in at the display by next Sunday, October 29. Cash donations to help assemble cleaning kits and cover shipping costs can be made by a check made payable to First Church and designated for the Ingathering. We encourage cash gifts to be made today to purchase these supplies?"

Really? \$1,000,000? 38 years of sharing" I'm off on a "memory trip"...so I looked up the history of Iowa's Thanksgiving Ingathering, and there it is..."November 1, 1980, the campus at Westmar College in Le Mars, Iowa was alive with people bringing blankets, kits, animals, and corn. The people were excited, curious, expectant, joyful and full of questions! What is a Bishop's Ingathering?Credit is due June Goldman, one of the first members of the planning committee. **Art Richardson** and **Bill Appelgate** are mentionedArt must have been our Chaplain. **John (Courter)** was President of Westmar College, and I remember it well! In fact, no one thought about lodging for the Bishop and his wife, and they stayed at our home! (I think that was the occasion.)





Alumni Deaths

'42 Western Union – **Kathleen “Kay” Becker Bogenrief**, 97 of rural Merrill died Aug 22, 2017. She taught school while finishing her degree and then taught music, history and English retiring in 1980. She met her husband **James Bogenrief** '42 at Westmar and they were married nearly 75 years. Among survivors is a daughter **Kathy Moore** '71. www.mauer-johnsonfh.com

'44 Western Union – **Naomi Dahmes Lippke**, 95 of Merrill, IA died Sept 28, 2017. While at Westmar, “she was the drafts-person for the Mars Skycoupe, the aircraft that was built by the college”. After marriage they lived on a farm. Among survivors are: sons, **John** '72 and **James** '77; sister in law **Carolyn Lippke** '46. Preceding her in death were her mother **Frieda Dahmes**, staff, her husband **Elvin** '47, and sister, **Sylvia** '42 www.rexwinkelfh.com

'45 Western Union – **Mary Cronin Mai**, 91, of Remsen, IA died Oct 19, 2017. After receiving her teaching certificate, she taught school in a one-room school house eight miles north of Remsen until her marriage. She was then a substitute school teacher. She later worked as a nurse's aide and then at a dress shop where she was honored as Le Mars Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Month. www.siouxcityjournal.com

'46 Western Union – **Gladys E. Velgersdyk Edmunds**, 97, of Hawarden, IA died Oct 28, 2017. She was a rural school teacher in the Hawarden Area for 9 years. They lived in Hawarden and she worked for the J. C. Penney store and then Peterson Family shoe Store until retirement. www.siouxcityjournal.com

'55 – **Sally Ann Blumer Enck**, 82 of Pueblo, Co died Oct 11, 2017. She was an elementary teacher and was active in church, choir, small singing groups and led the children's choir for many years. She is survived by her husband the **Rev. Robert Enck** '54 after 62 years of marriage. Her mother had been a housemother at Wernli Hall, **Mae Blumer**. www.MontgomerySteward.comMary

'56 – **Mary Lee Thompson Black**, 81 of Danube, MN died Oct 13, 2017. At Westmar she took part in Chorus/Chorale and music continued to be important in her life. She was a teacher and taught all grades, as well as Art and Special Education. Mary Lee owned and operated clothing businesses and home décor and a specialty store. In '86 she was named Minnesota State Mother of the Year. She is survived by her husband **E. Rod Black** '56, having been married 60 years; son **Jay Black** '88, brother **Terry Thompson** '63. She was preceded by her father **Walter “Ray” Thompson** who was a Westmar Board Member '60 – '67. www.dirksblem.com

'61 – **Orval “Orv” Sohl**, 84, of Sioux City, IA died Nov 6, 2017. He served and was honorably discharged from the US Army in '55. He worked in independent sales. Orval played on the church softball team and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. www.waterburyfunerals.com

'61 – **Marilyn Joan Schlaphoff Mertens**, 77, formerly of Hot Springs Village, AR died Oct 7, 2017 in Bellevue, WA. She

taught Political Science and Administration at the U. of Nebraska, Nebraska Wesleyan Univ. and Midwestern State University. She also owned gourmet kitchen shops in New Orleans. Among survivors is her brother **Paul Schlaphoff** '68. www.flintofts.com

'62 – **Dorothea Zenk De Boer**, 95, of Le Mars, IA died Sept 13, 2017. She earned her teaching certificate and returned to obtain her degree. She began her teaching in a two-room school in Seney, IA and after 3 years, she transferred to Le Mars Community Schools where she taught for the next 25 years. She is survived by her husband **Bernie** '60 having been married for nearly 76 years and a sister in law, **Lenyce Zenk** '48. She was preceded in death by a son **Jerry** '78, a brother **Arnold Zenk** '46 and a sister, **Elma Jewett** '43. www.mauer-johnsonfh.com

'62 – **Dr. Thomas J. Kass**, 80, Pocahontas, IA died Sept 12, 2017. After attending Westmar he later became a “Doctor of Chiropractic” and practiced in Pocahontas from '72 until his retirement in 2005. He also served in the U. S. Navy from '54 to '57. He was active in church and community. www.powersfh.net

'64 – **Regina Anne Canning Starzl**, 91, of Chicago, IL, died Aug 19, 2017. She emigrated to Le Mars from St. John's Newfoundland after the war to marry American serviceman John F. Starzl in 1947. She was a teacher in Le Mars and counselor to the students of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools for 34 years. Regina was a prolific writer, an adventurous traveler, and a lifelong dancer. Among survivors is a daughter **Deborah** '73. www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

'74 – **Paul Stephen Gorrell**, 64 of Dubuque, IA died Apr 16, 2017. While at Westmar he was a wrestler. He was a teacher, then worked for Coca Cola for 35 years. He also returned to substitute teaching. He was active in the Iowa Special Olympics, served on the board and was president of the board for several years. He was preceded in death by a sister **Carol Schwarz** '76. www.leonardfuneralhome.com

'81 – **Julie Marlene Poore**, 59, Osceola, IA died Nov 7, 2017. She was ordained a minister in the United Methodist Church in '84 serving churches in Colorado and Iowa. She was very active in organizations within church, including mission trips, dance, yoga and other activities. She was a mother and grandmother. <http://iowafuneralplanning.com>

'82 – **Mary E. “Liz” Brown**, 57 of Waterloo, IA formerly of Sioux City, IA, died Oct 28, 2017. She had administrative positions at MCI, Gateway Computers, Jolly Time Popcorn and Hy-Vee Foods. She also was employed by Sioux City Community Schools. She was a member of the Iowa Conservatory of Music, member of the Lunch Bunch musical ensemble, soloist for the three professional sports franchises, starred in several productions with the Sioux City Lamb Theater as well as other performances in the area. www.siouxcityjournal.com





Alumni Deaths continued

'84 attended – **Olga Rodriguez Langel**, 87 of Le Mars, IA died Aug 25, 2017. She was married to Richard (Dick) Langel in New York City in 1953. **Dick** attended in the class of '51. Together they raised nine children.

www.lemarssentinel.com

'89— **Robin Miles Hedges** 50, of Creswell, OR died Oct 7, 2017. While at Westmar he played football, and received a degree in Natural Sciences. He later played semi-pro football with the Eugene Dragons. He was an avid football fan. He worked as a sales rep for Columbia Distributing.

www.musgroves.com

Faculty/Staff

Dennis J. Neubrand 72, of Le Mars, IA died Aug 6, 2017. In '76, Dennis coached the first organized season of the women's track team. He was their coach through the '78 season. He also coached the men's basketball team from '76 through '78. A brother **Chuck** '69 preceded him in death.

www.mauer-johnsonfh.com

Linda J. Baker Vogel, 77, of Claremont, CA, died Nov 8, 2017. She was an Associate Professor and Director of Continuing Education at Westmar for 20 years. She has held several positions since that time including minister of Education at St. Lukes UMC and Professor of Christian Education at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for 16 years. She is survived by her husband **Dwight W. Vogel** '59.

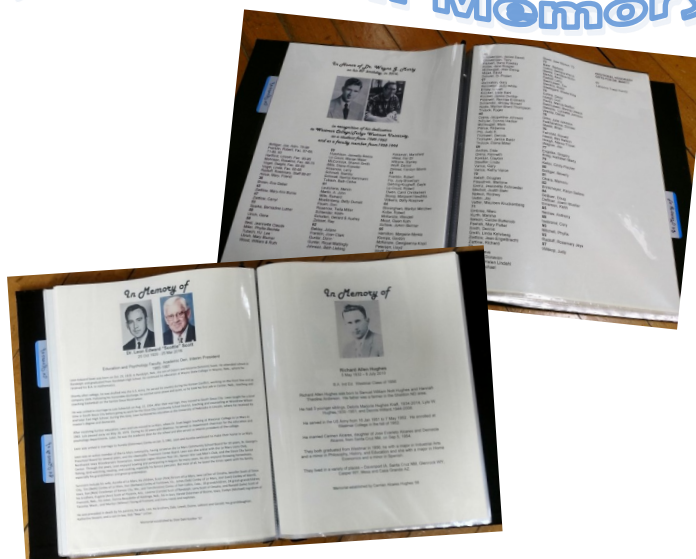
www.garrett.edu/events/service-remembrance-dr-linda-j-vogel

New WAFA Facebook Page from the WAFA office with news and announcements to keep you in touch, and up to date. Please join us at facebook.com Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association—please “LIKE” us.

Do you have any Westmar items you would like to donate to the Archives or for room display? We are also looking for Sports Memorabilia as well as items from other groups for display. Good copies of photos or certificates are also welcome.

Still receiving your newsletter by mail? If you have an email address, please consider helping us cut costs by allowing us to send a link to the newsletter file on the internet. We will email the link to you and you will be able to read the newsletter as long as you have the free Adobe Reader program. You will also be able to print a copy if you choose.

In Honor/In Memory



Donations In Memory this quarter:

'75 **Mike C. Ruehle** from Kerry Ruehle

Maurine Smith, wife of former Westmar President, Larry Smith from Rosalind E. Mohnsen, Faculty

Dean and Mrs. G. O. (Helen) Thompson from Bruce Buller '55. Bruce writes, when E. Stanley Jones was a Westmar guest speaker, the philosophy class and the Seminar in which Mrs. Thompson was a member were invited to dinner at the Thompson home. I had the opportunity to ask a question.

At that family table, children were not to say “I don’t think so”, they were asked to say “I think not”. Thinking was important human activity.

We read Edgar Sheffield Brightman, “Introduction to Philosophy”, so we learned the concepts by which philosophers work: ontology, epistemology, axiology, and ethics. Most classes just start to “philosophize”.

Dean Thompson would pound his fist into the palm of his hand, stand in front of you, and ask “What do you think? And then wait while you thought. He asked for 15 minutes wait if he were not coming to a class—or his secretary would arrive to tell us that the Dean was busy. He asked us always to read the next chapter. Once, when none of us did that, he lectured on the next chapter for the whole period—and the final test asked a question about that chapter’s ideas.

For me, the most difficult and valuable moment came when we were laughing at an author in the Philosophy Seminar. Dean Thompson had one comment. “YOU HAVE NOT LISTENED LONG ENOUGH TO LAUGH”. Thanks Dean, for changing the course of my life. **Bruce Buller** '55

Alumni News

The Colorado "Westmar" Reunion was held August 26, 2017 with a little smaller attendance than last year.

Wanda Powell Schneider '60 reports the following were present and had a great time as always: **Lorado & Arllys Alison Adelmann, Byron Bowsher, Don & Audrey Wenzel Carey, Lynn Scheierman Cressy, Larry Grauberger, Margene Merkle Hamilton, Virginia Huppe & John Beck, DonnaKay Pantzer Lee, Tom & Sharon K Smith Mc Cormick, Betty Durrett Moellenberg, Amy Parkinson, Wanda Powell Schneider, Lee & Beth Cerka Tuback, Gay Feind Weber and Wayne Ashmore.**

On Sunday afternoon, Aug 27, 2017, a Koth House reunion was held in Lakewood, Co at the home of Donna Houser with **Arllys Allison Adelmann, Donna Houser, DonnaKay Pantzer Lee, Betty Durrett Moellenberg, Wanda Powell Schneider and Gay Feind Weber** attending.



Brenda and Glenn Jagodzinske sent us this photo of some of the group that have been gathering over 25 years. This year they were in Galena, IL. Pictured are: Linda & Rich Gaumer, Milo & Jan Sprout, Keith & Jan Brandt, Bruce and Mary Rudolph, Glenn & Brenda Jagodzinske. **Linda, Rich, Milo, Keith, Bruce and Glenn graduated in 1969.**

'63—**Chuck Pffaffle** who lives in Texas, let us know that his granddaughter Alexandra, Krista's daughter, is a Senior at MIT this fall.

Don't forget to visit the website (www.WestmarCollege.org) for your membership needs. **Please keep us posted when you move or get a new email address or phone number. We no longer get updates unless you let us know. Thank you!**

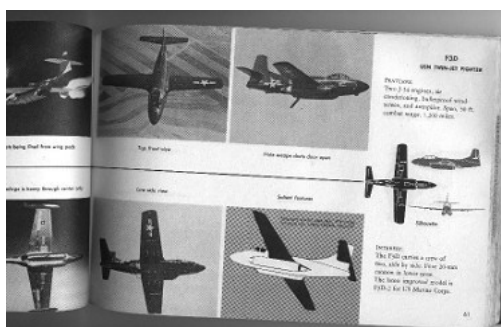
'67—'75 Faculty—**Rosalind Mohnsen** is in her 35th year as Director of Music—Organist at Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, MA, in the greater Boston area. She continues to concertize on the organ having recently performed at Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Trinity Church Boston, and for the 23rd time, for the national convention of the Organ Historical Society, this year in St. Paul, MN. She plays piano in the Symphony Café of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Both organ and choir selections may be heard on her You-Tube channel.

'55—**Arthur E. Angove D O** Gen Surgeon, writes that in 1953 he was appointed Chief of Post JN54B of the



United States Air Force, Air Defense command, Ground Observer corp. Our 'office' was in the Thoren Hall tower. We had a Red Phone connected directly to the Offutt Air Force Base outside Omaha, NE. We reported aircraft number, identification, altitude and direction of flight. Each month we had a drill. On one of the drills a B-29 Flying Fortress flew very low over us. We could feel the vibrations before we spotted it (I remember my knees were shaking when I called it in to Offutt). Carmen Fosberg was my assistant and future bride. **Bill Arnold '55** was on our team. Wishing I could remember the names of the others. So many events in college and beyond put that out of mind until the American Legion

contacted me. Now I'm Chaplain and Bugler for the New Berlin American Legion post 488. (Other 's memories?)



This year 2017, the Des Moines University elected **Arthur E. Angove** to Trustee Emeritus. Dr. Sally Mason, past President of the University of Iowa has been honored with the position of member of the Des Moines University Board of Trustees. Past President of DMU, Gov. Terry Branstad, has been made Ambassador to China. Proud to be a 1955 graduate of Westmar College.





Alumni News

Time for Christmas Shopping!!



Check out the memorabilia on the Westmar Web-page (www.westmarcollege.com) for special gifts. Shirts, jackets or maybe Choral Christmas Music CDs—a mug for morning coffee

and lots of other ideas. *Or....*

Ordering from Amazon this year? Remember to use

Amazon Smile—When you order from Amazon and are signed up for AmazonSmile, you are asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When you click on our unique link, you are asked if you would like to support Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association Inc. This costs you nothing but Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to us.

Click on this link

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1489883>

Say Merry Christmas to Westmar too!!!



NEW PROJECT

In an effort to make information on line for future research, we have tested that possibility of scanning the yearbooks that we have and placing them on the Westmar web-site. We are excited to be able to provide this information to alumni and family members looking for family information.



Research is an area that we try to provide although it takes someone time to do it. If anyone likes to do research and has some time to volunteer, we would welcome them.

Scanning the year books will be time consuming and you could help!!

If you would be interested in scanning your yearbook for us, please let us know and we will be putting together guidelines for the procedure.

We are excited that this is a possibility for making Westmar information available. We hope this is something that you or your family might utilize. It's a big project but with your help—we can do it!!!!

Reunion Support Guidelines

Guidelines adopted by the board at the Oct. 2015 meeting:

- Publish reunion information provided by 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. Committee would provide copy of message to send.
- Provide information on a personal PayPal account to accept registrations. Alternative to accepting 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.

ALUMNI NEWS—Cont.

Iowa couple celebrates 50 years together with epic ice cream adventure



Robert “Bob” Shaw ‘69, and his wife Kate celebrated their 50th anniversary with an unusual trip. In June, shortly after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, Kate turned to her husband and mentioned one quirky thing still on her bucket list.

“I told him something I’ve always wanted to do is drive across Iowa and give away ice cream,” she said. They already had a perfect vehicle. Thirty-two years ago, the couple, of Spirit Lake, IA, bought an old-fashioned open-air truck. Kate had spent every summer driving it around the Iowa Great Lakes, offering treats to anyone who heard the sound of the truck’s horn.

“We wanted to take our ice cream outside of that,” Kate said. “It’s a way to see all of Iowa and meet all kinds of people. So, Bob and Kate, who are 72 and 71 respectively, set out in their truck on an epic tour of Iowa, dubbed “Shaw’s Ice Cream Adventure 2017.”

Antique Archaeology in LeClaire was one of 13 planned stops on their two-week trip, which wrapped up in Algona. They had already stopped in places such as Storm Lake, Oskaloosa and Kalona, giving away around 4,000 treats along the way.

In their world, Bob who retired in 2010 to “become the ice cream man,” said, “Ice cream is considered a vegetable. And a balanced diet is an ice cream treat in each hand.” It made sense to incorporate this favorite into their “yearlong celebration which has so far included a cruise in New Zealand and trips to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Australia.



For their “Tour de Iowa,” Wells Enterprises, the manufacturer of Blue Bunny, supplied the ice cream. The Shaw’s arranged to pick up their Blue Bunny ice cream at Fareway grocery stores across Iowa and hand out treats in Fareway parking lots, as well as at Central Bank and Pizza Ranch locations, and at three Diamond Vogel plants in Orange City.

When people asked how they manage to make it to 50 years, Kate says “Bob says ice cream,” but she says “Our faith in God and love for one another. We just have fun together.”

They don’t agree on everything but when they disagree, “We just have an ice cream treat and get over it,” Kate said. “That’s why I say, there’s no problem so big that God and a little ice cream can’t fix.



Our thanks to Amanda Hancock at the Quad-City Times for allowing us to use her article and pictures. The complete article and additional pictures can be found at www.qctimes.com/news

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

ALUMNI NEWS—Cont..

February issue will include all donations made this year to Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association.

Notice Please add WAFA to your address book.

Don't miss a newsletter or important email message. Some emails always come back **to** us as being blocked when the group email is sent.

Don't forget to let us know when you change your information. We don't want to lose you!!!

Great Christmas gift ideas.....

In conjunction with the Eagle Dedication, Steve Collins has put together a video of the building and sculpting of the Eagle with additional photos of the dedication. Background music is from the Westmar Music departments. It is a wonderful video and can be viewed free of charge



@www.vimeo.com/srcollins and purchased through the Westmar Office for \$20 plus shipping. This is a very special video you won't want to miss and a very special keepsake. Many of you made this possible and every day there are people stopping to see it and take pictures—such a special tribute to Westmar

A new t-shirt was also made for the dedication and can be purchased through the office or the website. Most sizes are just \$15 plus shipping.

Board of Directors News:

Current Board Members of the Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association met October 16, 2017 at the Welcome Room in the Plymouth County Museum, Le Mars, IA.

The next board meeting will be January 15, 2018 at the Welcome Room at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Current Board Members are: Amy Allen Kelly, Steve Collins, Cory Isebrand, Jeff Neary, Steve Wick, Stuart Fischer and Craig Hoffman. Barbara Wernli Collins who's term expired has chosen not to stay on the board and a new board member Kellie Bork '93 has been elected to a term of 2018—2020.

Committees:

Scholarship—(Chair: Kaylyn Busch Pick, Mary Hartman, Dave Copenhaver, Mary Potter Peshek and Cory Isebrand).

Nominating—(Chair: Cory Isebrand)

Westmar Park—(Chair Jan Kooiker, Roxie Anderson, Dixie Kooiker, Wayne Marty, Clayton Hodgson, Jean McDougall)

Archives —(Chair: Jan Kooiker with volunteers Dave Copenhaver and Mary Potter Peshek.)

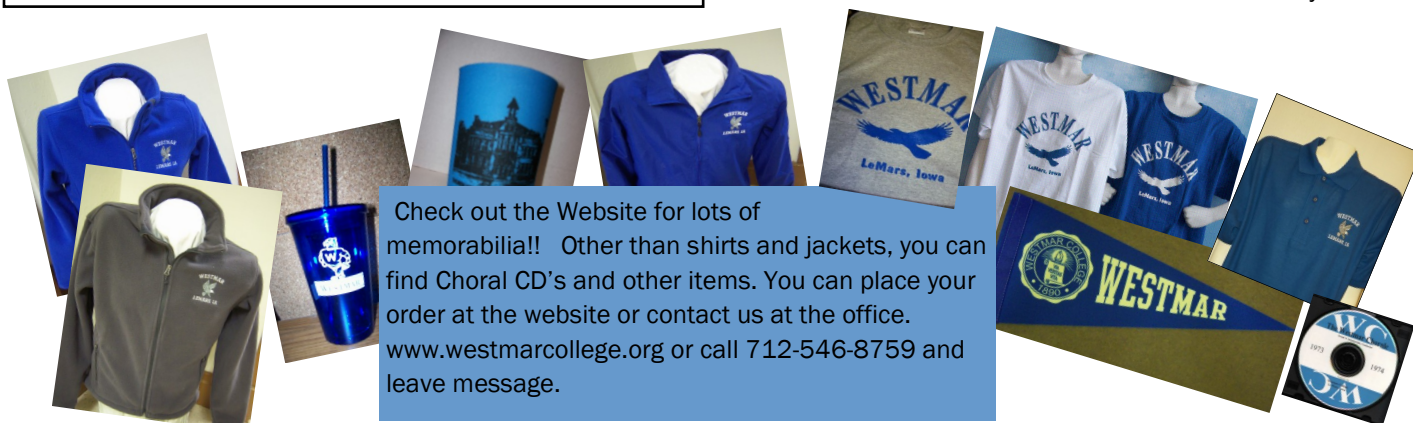
Display—(Chair: JoAnn Schleis)

Reunion—(Chair: Jan Kooiker)

Please direct any questions or comments to the Westmar office—contact information on the back page of the newsletter.

We welcome your articles for inclusion in the newsletter and also the notification of deaths or milestones. It helps to make the newsletter interesting to everyone.

Thank you



Check out the Website for lots of memorabilia!! Other than shirts and jackets, 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.

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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!!

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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!

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Merry Christmas

Be sure to check out our ever-changing website at:

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Can we e-mail your newsletter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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