



## Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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### Scholarship Time!

It is that time again to check the information on the scholarships and plan to get your applications in early.

Please encourage your children, grandchildren, gr.- grandchildren, nieces and nephews to apply for these scholarships. Last year over \$34,000 was given to 30 students including two students who received \$5,000 each in the Presidential Scholarships. 7 fewer scholarships were given out last year but at higher amounts than the year before.

Applications are online for 2017 - 2018 at [www.iowacollegefoundation.org](http://www.iowacollegefoundation.org) Click on 'For Students', then click on 'Westmar Endowment Scholarship Application' which takes you directly into the application and description of the scholarship program. Please note that **application materials and official transcripts must be received by the Iowa College Foundation no later than April 1, 2017, for those attending private colleges in Iowa.** Iowa Methodist Foundation Westmar Scholarship can be found at [www.iumf.org/westmar.html](http://www.iumf.org/westmar.html) - download application. **Applications and transcripts must be postmarked by March 15, 2017, for those attending United Methodist Colleges in Iowa.**

Send applications early and make sure your Official Transcript arrives BEFORE the due date. Some miss out because their application is there early but the transcript is not. Good luck, the money will go to someone and it might as well be YOU!

### Contest Announcement

Class Year With The Most Wafa Members will be featured in display space in the Westmar Memorial Room for the Dedication of the Eagle Sculpture June 10th!

Since all class sizes are not equal the class with the largest percentage of members will win. Gift memberships will count for the class of the recipient. Couple memberships count as 2 members. New or renewals will count.

Get your memberships in soon as contest will end on May 1st to allow time to get a display in place by June 10th.

With your generous support of the Eagle, our general fund was down this year so we need your help to keep our doors open. Thank you so much. Form is on back page or online at [www.westmarcollege.org/Membership.html](http://www.westmarcollege.org/Membership.html)

### The Eagle is coming.....

We are so excited to announce that work on the plaza will begin soon, so the Eagle can fly over the Westmar memorial park.

Terry Utesch, the artist is seen working on the last stages of the sculpture.



*Please plan to be present for the dedication of this sculpture on June 10, 2017 at 4 PM.*



*The dedication in the park will be followed by a reception in the lower level of the Le Mars Convention Center, formally the Westmar Commons. You'll be glad you did - Everyone is invited! Make your plans now.*

Check the city site [www.lemarsiowa.com/Calendar.aspx](http://www.lemarsiowa.com/Calendar.aspx) For other activities and information.

**During the Last 100 Years**

**Blow That Horn –**

*By Wayne Marty*

In 1940, 1941 and 1942 there was a “truly distinctive trumpet quartet at Western Union College that added life to many programs. The group has been well received in approximately twenty-five appearances . . . It was featured on the a cappella’s annual spring tour.” (Eagle, 1941) My interest in this quartet was sparked when I learned that Lawrence Kurth W ‘41 and his wife Ethelda of Paola, KS celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in December 2016. 75 years is a significant marriage accomplishment and Lawrence was a member of the 1940 & ‘41 Quartet. I was also aware that Jim W ‘42 and Kay W ‘42 (Becker) Bogenrief of Merrill, IA were also approaching their 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in Sept. of 2017. Jim was also a member of that same 1940 Quartet and the only trumpeter that played with the group for all three years. Two out of a group of four at or near the 75 year marriage marker could suggest that it is beneficial to “Blow That Horn”.



**Kurth’s in Dec. 2016**



**Bogenriefs 2010**

I knew little or nothing about the other quartet members and was interested in how the paths of this harmonious group diverged into their life’s vocations. Kurth, now age 98, taught at Dow City High School for one year, married his wife Ethelda and was then drafted into the WWII effort. He served in the Medical Corp in the North African campaign including activity in Tunisia, Italy, and France. He became the company bugler and had his personal York & Sons coronet shipped to him in North Africa. The horn (now over 100 years old) was bought as a used instrument by his father in 1929 for \$15 and has been his major instrument for his entire long life. After his military service he enrolled at Evangelical Theological Seminary and was an EUB and United Methodist pastor in the Kansas Conference until his retirement in 1984. His horn was a continuing part of his ministry

Bogenrief, a hometown boy from the Le Mars area likewise was drafted into the military. There was a request for musicians during his basic training. He auditioned, was selected and became a member of a Military band attached to an anti-aircraft unit in Texas. Jim and Kay married and lived in Texas until 1945 when he was ordered overseas. Kay returned to her home in Scotland, SD for one year but after Jim’s discharge from the military in 1946 they rejoined on the farm near Merrill, IA. ( a Bogenrief family farm since 1882) where they have spent their life together and still reside. But that farm grew more than Iowa oats, and corn and cattle. The farm grew trumpet players. Jim’s father, Art (1890-1973) was a trumpet player. Jim’s son, Richard was a U. S. Army career trumpeter in the U.S. Military Band (“Pershing’s Own”) in Washington, D.C. Jim’s son, David, uses his trumpet as a major tool in his Christian Mission work in Israel. Their daughter, Kathy, chose a “straighter musical path” by playing the flute -an instrument with no bends and crooks & curves like the trumpet. Jim finally retired from the Le Mars Community Band after 62 continuous years of playing, except for his few years in the military band.

And what about the other members of the 1940 quartet? Belden Hamm, came to Western Union as a freshman in 1937 from St. Joseph, MO. and was a member of the quartet during two years of the quartet prominence. Belden’s son Gregory tells that his father came from a poor home and their living quarters were in the back of the gas station that the family operated. He remembers his father telling of their frequent rides to school with the more prominent Walter Cronkite family who would provide the ride in their car. (Cronkite’s father was a dentist in St. Joseph.) Following his graduation from Western Union in 1942, Belden didn’t leave his horn far behind.

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.



### During the Last 100 Years cont....

Much of his life was spent in Denver, CO where he was a “salesman” for the Business School in Denver . Belden was only 50 years old when he lost his job in Denver. He picked up the horn, and started the Belden Forte Dixieland band where he served as horn player and manager. He was active with the band until near his death in 1996 at age 77.

James Becker, was a member of the Quartet for only one year in 1939-40. He graduated from Le Mars Central High School but the family history was in eastern Iowa and they moved to Le Mars in the early 1930's with his father's job as a Hardware Salesmen. His grandfather, Paul Becker was “a great musician and organized the Cascade, Iowa Coronet Band and owned the Cascade Opera House.” Becker was the Quartet “horn blower” that became “the academic” but I have no information about his continuing horn experience, if any. He continued at Western Union as a student through his junior year. He served in the WW II Military for three years (1943-45) and then returned to school and received his BA (1947) and MA (1949) at the University of Iowa. He taught Journalism and Economics at the U. of Iowa and at Iowa state Teacher's College (now UNI) from 1947 to 1950 and then began his teaching at New York University in 1953. Becker received his PhD. From Columbia University in 1953 and was a Danforth Fellow at Harvard in 1959. Dr. Becker was known as a Marxist scholar and educator. He died in 1996 at age 74. In 1977 Dr. Becker wrote a book entitled, “Marxian Political Economy” and in the opening pages he tells of his personal struggles with the weaknesses of Capitalism and the class structures that it seems to foster. Following his death, one of his students writes – “NYU had a reputation for recruiting “Big Names” in the Economics department and the “Big Names” attracted most of the students so Dr. Becker was often intellectually and professionally isolated in the department. Dr. Becker was not an “Orthodox Marxist” (nor orthodox anything, for that matter). The sections of his book on the productive and unproductive consumption of capital within the context of Marxian reproduction schemes and his class analysis of the

“managerial phase” are particularly noteworthy and original.” Another student writes, “He was a profoundly kind and decent man.”

So recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries of two of the four members of the 1940 Western Union Trumpet Quartet enables us to express appreciation for the Western Union and Westmar years and the diversity of experiences and learning opportunities that were ours as we interacted with and learned from students and faculty members and followed their lives beyond the college years. In the case of this quartet – Preacher, Farmer, Salesman and Band Leader, and Marxist Economy Professor. KEEP ENJOYING MUSIC AND KEEP THINKING!

Thanks to Jan Kooiker for assistance in gathering information.

– Marty



The Trumpet quartet from the 1940 yearbook.

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.

**Show your Westmar spirit!**  
Do you know classmates or other Westmar alums who are not yet WAFAs members? Ask them to send information and yearly dues to the office in Le Mars to be included in future mailings. Form and information can be found on back page.



## Alumni Deaths

'47 Western Union – **Phyllis J. Ludwig**, 92, of Davenport, IA died Sept 8, 2016. She was a teacher in one room schools in Johnson Co. for 3 yrs., 7 yrs. at Redbird Mission School in KY, 3 yrs. in Nigeria Africa, 1 yr. in Chicago, 2 yrs. in Waverly, IA and 22 yrs. in Bettendorf, IA school. She stayed active in Church, CASI band, traveling, and feeding birds. Preceding her in death was her father, **George M Ludwig** '21 and sister **Genevieve Ludwig Merck** '49. [www.rungemortuary.com](http://www.rungemortuary.com)

'48 Western Union – **Kathryn Rens Santema**, 89, of Sheldon, IA died Oct 28, 2016. She began teaching in a rural one-room school. She had 12 students and taught all eight grades. After marriage and raising a family she worked at the grocery store for 21 years; the last 15 as head bookkeeper. She retired in '85. Among survivors are a son **Randy Santema** '76. [www.vanderploegfunerals.com](http://www.vanderploegfunerals.com)

'51 – **Donald G. Wolbers**, 87, of Bettendorf, IA died Nov 3, 2016. He served in the Korean War with the US Army and was stationed in Germany. He worked most of his career as a claims manager for Crocker Claims and AAA Motor Club of IA. He was active in church, bridge, golf and bowling. He enjoyed his family. [www.weerts-fh.com](http://www.weerts-fh.com)

'52 – **Kenneth Bonthuis**, 88, of Sioux City, IA, died Jan 16, 2017. After college graduation, he played minor league baseball with the Duluth MN Dukes in the New York Giants farm system. Later he played for several area teams and finished his baseball career playing for the Rock Valley team and was manager for the team for many years. He taught math and science at Sanborn, IA HS, where he also coached boys' basketball and varsity baseball at Westmar. He later sold athletic equipment to area schools and colleges before going into insurance sales. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'53 – **Don Reisch**, 87, Chesapeake, VA, died Oct 7, 2016. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict and retired from Grumman Aerospace at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA. He was involved in missions to the moon to airplanes breaking the sound barrier. He was a volunteer and active in church and community. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'53 – **Rev. Dr. C. Orville Kool**, 89, Rochester, MN, died Nov 30, 2016. He served churches in Illinois, Iowa and finally in MN. In '97 he authored Christian Baptism and in 2000 he was recognized as the Outstanding Pastor of the Year by the Baptist Convention of IA. [www.oelman.com](http://www.oelman.com)

'60 – **Gerald "Jerry" Chapman**, 78, of LeMars, IA, died Jan 22, 2017. He worked for Le Mars Mutual Insurance until '62 and then worked for Le Mars Saving Bank as a loan officer until retiring in 2001. He was active in community affairs and his church. He was proud to hold a pilot's license and attended many flight breakfasts. He also restored a 1934 Desoto Air-flow that was a great accomplishment. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'66 – **Joyce Kool Hulley**, 80, of Sanborn, IA, died Oct 22, 2016. She taught school for 37 years before receiving her BA from Westmar and taught in the Sanborn elementary school system for nearly 50 years. She loved golf, dance and her

flower beds. She was active at church and she and her husband Ray both belonged to a church quartet. She was active in activities that gave back to her community. [www.funeralplan.com/sanborn](http://www.funeralplan.com/sanborn)

'67 – **Richard Wiltgen**, 73, of Spirit Lake, IA, died Dec 30, 2016. He played football one year at Westmar. He became a master mechanic and owned/operated the Mobil Service Station in LeMars for 20 years. He was a pilot and enjoyed riding motorcycles, snowmobiling and waterskiing. He also managed World on Wheels roller rink in LeMars. Among survivors are brothers **Tom Wiltgen** '63 and **Ron Wiltgen** '67. [www.turnerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.turnerfuneralhomes.com)

'70 – **Edith Goodchild**, 85, of Le Mars died Dec. 25, 2016. She was married to Freddie Goodchild, Buildings and Grounds Engineer for several years at Westmar. She was an elementary teacher and later took a position at Westmar in the business office. She also worked as an Activities Director at Life Skills Training Center. She was active in church activities at the First Baptist Church and loved to sew, travel, and spend time with family. Among survivors are: **Jill** '77 and **Loren** '78 **Johnson**, **June** '78 and **David** '77 **Walker**, and **Joanne** '79 and **John** '86 **Cave**. [www.mauerjohnsonfh.com](http://www.mauerjohnsonfh.com)

'77 – **Luella Mae Watson Buell**, 85, of Holstein died Dec 29, 2016. She was a nurse and after receiving her degree from Westmar became an Ida County Head Start nurse until retirement. She and her husband lived on a farm by Holstein. [www.nicklasdjensenfh.com](http://www.nicklasdjensenfh.com)

'80 – **Janet Rae Mills Grieve**, 83, of Correctionville, IA died Nov 5, 2016. She worked as a nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for 15 yrs. And then as a nursing instructor at Western IA Tech Comm. College for 25 yrs. She enjoyed reading and writing poetry and was active in her church and Eagles Club. She loved family and being together. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

'86 – **Terry Lee Wessels**, 52, of Palmer, IA died Jan 15, 2017. He was president of Wessels Oil Co., a business that had been in his family. Terry was the mayor of Palmer from 2005 until his death and served on the city council for 7 yrs. before that. He was a member of the IA Central Board of Trustees, an asst. fire chief, church council member and on the organizing committee for the Palmer Centennial. He also kept a side job digging graves for most of his adult life. He was a stand out basketball player at high school and played two seasons for Westmar. A man who appears to have loved life and was liked by all. [www.powersfh.net](http://www.powersfh.net)

'89 – **Jordan B. "Bud" Paulin**, 56, of Sioux City, IA. He attended Westmar before joining the Navy as an electrician and then joining the 185<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard at Sioux City, serving for 28 years and retiring as a Master Sergeant. His last tour was in Afghanistan. He owned Paulin Construction and was a master finish carpenter. He is survived by his father **Don Paulin** '61 and a sister **Tamara Golden** '82. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

### Faculty/Staff

Dr. Ben F. Wade, 81, of Bridgewater, VA, died Aug 2, 2016. He spent most of his career as a college administrator. He



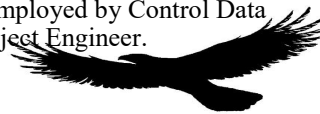
## Alumni Deaths continued

served as president of Westmar from '77 to '79. He was an ordained minister. [www.dnronline.com/obituaries](http://www.dnronline.com/obituaries)

Faculty '67 and '68 – **Howard Owen Wickler**, 94, Mankato, MN, died Nov. 24, 2016. He was in the US Navy during WWII and his unit stayed in Tacloban until the surrender of Japan. He was impressed by the Christian faith which sustained the Filipinos through the war years and expressed his desire to return to the Philippines to Missions Board of the former E. U. B. Church. No teachers were needed there and they were commissioned to serve at the Red Bird Mission for three years. In 1955 they were accepted to serve at the Silliman University where they had an opening for an Industrial Education Teacher. He served there until 1971 except for two years – 1967 and 1968 when he came to teach at Westmar and Eldon Danne exchanged places with him and taught at the Silliman University for those years. Howard served other places as a missionary as well. [www.mankatomortuary.com](http://www.mankatomortuary.com)  
A very interesting tribute to Howard and his family from Silliman University can be found at [www.sdsuaf.com](http://www.sdsuaf.com)

### Family

Fred W. Forsberg 81, husband of **Marilynn Kammlade Forsberg '59**, of Springlake Park, MN, died Sept 26, 2016. He served in the U. S. Army Signal Corp for 3 years mostly in Wiesbaden, Germany. He was employed by Control Data Corporation for 29 years as a Project Engineer. [www.startribune.com](http://www.startribune.com)



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Donations made in honor or in memory of someone give them a page in our book in the Westmar Memorial Room with picture and biographical information. Visitors look through the book and remember those on the pages. Any size donation works. A good way to memorialize someone special.

Donations can be sent to the Wafa office or made online at our Wafa website. Information on back page of this newsletter.

**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.

## Alumni News

**Edie Baird Slifka '91**, is trying to find out who wrestled for Milt Martin and Westmar AND is still actively coaching wrestling. The Wafa office has some information but not all is up to date. Certainly we don't know who is still actively coaching wrestling. Your help would be appreciated and the information could be included in the sports room possibly.

**Larry '73 and Rosemary '93 Radloff** of LeMars, observed their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Jan 21, 2017. Their children are **Christopher '93** and Dagmar Radloff, **Cory '96** and Dawn Radloff, and **Carrie '96** and Chad Heath. Larry Radloff and Rosemary Jeys were united in marriage on Jan. 21, 1967, at St. Paul's Lutheran church in rural Merrill.

Rosemary served as financial aid director at Westmar University and later worked at Floyd Valley Hospital's Physical Therapy Department. Larry farmed and worked at Dubuque Packing Plant before becoming a jailer at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

Both were involved in local Boy Scouts for many years, are active with the Westmar Alumni and Friends Association, and enjoyed assisting with Riverssance.

**Dr. Wayne '52 and Ruth Marie Faber** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Jan 27, 2017. Wayne completed his pre-vet studies at Westmar and received his veterinary medicine degree from Iowa State University in 1954. Wayne served two years in the US Army Medical Corp in Japan and practiced veterinary medicine in Le Mars for 30 years. [www.siouxcityjournal.com](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com)

**Joan Elsheimer Darby '68** writes from Coffeyville, KS, that she and husband Dale are retired now and are full-time on call as grandparents. 8 year old Caitlyn and 2yr old Kaleb are the light of their lives. No stone is left unturned when they visit, Joan reports. They are in the process of selling some of their acreage so they can have more time with family, church, etc. They are involved with their United Methodist church – Dave with the PA System and Joan in choir. They both are involved with fundraisers. Dave had his gall bladder removed and Joan is planning to have both knees replaced. They would welcome e-mail sent to [joandarby251@gmail.com](mailto:joandarby251@gmail.com)

**David Verrill Martin '67** was presented with the inaugural David V. Martin Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent Annual Conference of the National Association of Economic Educators/Council for Economic Education. While there was only one economics professor on staff at the time, Dr. Cheul Kang, Westmar produced three economic educators—Leland Gustafson, De Von Yoho and David Martin.

David is currently the Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Economic Education. He began there in 1979 and will retire 38 years later on June 30, 2017.

**Lori (Steele) '84 and Deen '84 Hubin** write from Crystal, MN that Lori's parents both passed in the last few years. Their daughter Catherine is in Spokane, WA, and son Ian graduated from HS in 2016 and is choose community college. Deen is playing bass (electric and is busy leading the Praise Band at church. Both play periodically with the Minnetonka Comm. Band.

**2016 Donations to General Fund**  
(This fund is use to maintain the office together with dues)

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ject...**

Jean Morton Stone - \$80  
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In Westmar Memorial Park

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City of LeMars - **\$6,000**

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Your generosity has made a beautiful me-  
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 people that made it great!

## ALUMNI NEWS—Cont



Thanks to **Steve and Barbara Wernli Collins and Janice Kooiker** for making it possible to show the Westmar Spirit at the Festival of Trees at the Pioneer Christmas in the Plymouth County Fairgrounds again this year!!

**Sports Room**

We will be adding more sports items and we have inventoried over 250 films from sports, mostly football. Range is 1959 to 1994 so far. Goal is to digitalize some of them so they may be available. If there are films out there and we could get a copy we would appreciate it.



Artists rendering of how the plaza may look. Final plans are currently underway. Ground work will begin as soon as possible. We are so excited for Westmar!!



## ALUMNI NEWS—Cont..



These three Minnesota natives and Westmar College grads spent several enjoyable days together in August 2016 fishing near Kodiak, Alaska. Un-

derstandably, reminiscing about our time at Westmar was a big part of the fun. In addition, a boatload of salmon, halibut and cod accompanied them home.

**Harlan Paetznick** ('64), **Wendell McKenzie** ('64) and **Chuck Mathison** ('65), left to right. Harlan currently lives in MN, Wendell in NC and Chuck in CA

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### SAVE the DATE!

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Another Colorado Westmar Reunion is being planned. To be held at Northglenn CO United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

A Highlight: DonnaKay Pantzer Lee '61 will be here from Cape town, So. Africa.

An invitation will be coming closer to the August date. Hope to see you there.

*(they had a great turnout last year coming from a distance)*

The WAFA office will assist in your plans with addresses, labels and emails. We can help to get the word out and send emails to class members. Contact the WAFA office for more information.

**Needed—**  
**Volunteers to help with Westmar Memorial Park. Planting season will soon be here, we could use you and your ideas!**





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

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See you on June 10, 2017 when the Eagle is flying. Mark your calendar and join us. More information inside....

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 WAFSA member.

**What's Happening with You? Tell Us!**

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