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2013 MG Reunion Cruise.



(Sue (Garey) Chenier, Shelly (Sargent) Swartz, Linda (Garey) Rothberger, Bev (Rodefelt) Kalish, Jane (Rodefelt) Rudie, Lynn (Blackman) Rodefelt receiving the check from Rothberger Travel for the Monona Grove Education Foundation. Photo submitted by Rothberger Travel)

We boarded our ship, the Victory, in San Juan, on January 20th, 2013 for the 3rd Monona Grove Reunion Cruise.

The seven-day cruise was full of fun, sun, and laughter. Every person in our group had such wonderful adventures to share. We even had a lucky MG alumni win a **free cruise** playing Bingo. Congratulations Shelly Schwartz!

The weather was fabulous along with the people in our group. Several members of our group have been on all three Monona Grove Reunion Cruises along with new cruisers who joined the group. We hope to organize another cruise in the future.

We certainly hope that you can join us on our next adventure at sea. Remember, all alumni that cruise benefit the Monona Grove Education Foundation. Hope to see you in 2015. Watch Traditions for cruise information.

2013-14 MGEF Teacher Grants

MGEF recently announced the selection of eight teacher grant proposals which will be funded for the 2013-14 school year. Grant awardees and their schools include the following -

Monona Grove High School

Jeff Otto - \$1,000 to purchase equipment necessary for students to participate in the State and National SkillsUSA competitions.

Denise Meyer - \$900 for a document camera for SmartBoard enhancement. It will provide a valuable tool for the accurate visual display of concepts for Advanced Algebra and Geometry classes.

Juan Botella - \$1,000 to cover half the cost of creating an exhibit to display student art at the Overture Center for the Arts in Madison. The exhibit proposal has been accepted, the funding will help prepare and complete the exhibit.

Scott Groff & Sheila Hibner - \$1,000 to support activities designed to address academic, physical, social/emotional and career awareness barriers that prevent success for African American students.

Taylor Prairie Elementary

Emily Foster & Jessica Parkos - \$999 to purchase a Smart Response System for use with SmartBoards.

Emily Foster, Deb Hoffman, Kelly Frydenlund, Jessica Parkos - \$945 for the purchase of five Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing for each of the kindergarten classes at Taylor Prairie.

Winnequah Elementary

Sarah Hughes & Elizabeth Hartung - \$980 for the purchase of materials to enhance the professional development of staff in the areas of equity and cultural competence.

Each grant winner will be required to report back to MGEF with an accounting of how they used the award.

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supports creative, innovative and nurturing pilot programs and projects that benefit students of all levels, teachers, and the educational environment as a whole. Our assistance is ongoing – on projects large and

Class of 1970 Ladies Meet



(Front row (L-R): Marcia Taubert Hochstetter, Kathy Sandee Schmidt, Pam King Gallegos, Barb Zamzow Franzen, Christine Steele (Back row (L-R): Lynn Hendrickson Jorris, Kathy McCarthy, Linda Brewer Gannon, Jane Egan Stoikes, Ellen Olson Wagner, Jill Hynum, Pamela Meicher, Cindy Schmalowski Simatic)

Thirteen ladies from the Class of 1970 met for their Annual Spring Lunch on April 13, 2013 at Trappers Turn in the Dells. They hope to keep this twice yearly reunion going with a Fall lunch. If anyone from the Class of 1970 is interested in getting more information about the next lunch, please contact Barb Zamzow Franzen at mononagrove-1970@hotmail.com.



Dine Out for Education

MGEF held its first “Dine Out for Education” fundraiser in November, 2012. Each Tuesday in November members of the community, school district, alumni and students were encouraged to go out to dinner at select restaurants. The restaurants donated a portion of their sales on that day to MGEF. It was a fun way to get out and enjoy great food, and visit with friends and neighbors while helping MGEF.

We would like to thank Fat Jack’s, Pizza Oven, Las Islas del mar and Elie’s Family Restaurant & Banquet for contributing 10% of the proceeds from sales on their designated Tuesday to the Monona Grove Education Foundation. MGEF uses those funds to support teacher grants, arts and other special programs that are not available through the district budget.

If you did not have a chance to participate and live in the Monona area, keep it in mind for next fall. This is a way to give to MGEF while supporting local restaurants and enjoying a great meal. Walking into the featured restaurant and seeing friends and supporters of MG at all the tables is a great feeling!

MG Teachers Botella & Trapp Awarded Kohl Fellowships



Winnequah Elementary 2nd grade teacher Barb Trapp and MGHS Science Teacher Juan Botella were recognized with fellowship grants by the Herb Kohl Foundation in a ceremony at the High School on April 6. They were among 100 Wisconsin teachers recognized for their ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, their ability to motivate others and for their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Each fellow receives a \$1,000 grant and their school also receives a \$1,000 grant.

Monona Grove Boys Win 2013 Division 2 State Swim Championship

The Monona Grove Boys Swim Team swam to their first state Division 2 championship at the UW Natatorium on February 15, 2013. The team won three event titles - the 200 yard individual medley, (Tyler Roehr), the 200 medley relay (Mitchell Paull, Tyler Roehr, Andrew Sackett and Alex Kimmell) and the 200 free-style relay (Lars Doll, Andrew Sackett, Alex Kimmell and Tyler Roehr). MG won the championship with 258 points, taking a decisive lead over 2nd place Edgewood (209 points) and 3rd place Milton (198).

Traditions Changes

In an attempt to include more information with each issue and control publication costs, MG Traditions moves to semi-annual publication with this issue. Look for new issues in April and October of each year. Deadlines for each edition will be April 1 and October 1 respectively. We want to publicize your reunion plans, so please send us the details as soon as you have a date. We'll include it in every issue until the date of the event. We can also provide you with what contact information we have for your classmates. We'd also be happy to include any news about yourself or classmates. Please send all news and information, updated mail and email addresses, etc. to us at mgtraditions@yahoo.com.

MG Forward Update

The MG Forward High School endowment has reached its initial funding goal of \$10,000 thanks to generous contributions of \$3,000 from Jane (Meicher, '82) and David Beebe, \$2,100 from the Monona Grove Graduating Class of 2012 and \$2,700 from the Graduating Class of 2011. An additional \$2,500 capstone grant from an anonymous donor provided the necessary funds to establish the endowment. All Monona Grove Schools (High School, Glacial Drumlin, Cottage Grove School, Taylor Prairie, Winnequah and MG 21) are eligible to participate in the endowments. Each has an initial funding goal of \$10,000. Winnequah reached its goal in January, 2012. Endowment funds are invested with and managed by the Madison Community Foundation. Principal in the endowments will generate annual earnings to assist funding for special projects and programs which benefit students but are not funded through the regular school district budgets.

If you wish to contribute to the MG Forward Endowments, please send your donation to: Monona Grove Education Foundation, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716. Please note on your check the name of the school your contribution is intended for.

MGEF Board Members

Current Monona Grove Education Foundation Board members include - John Weinberger, President; Bill Rameker, Vice-President, Class of 1960; Mary O'Connor, Secretary; Ed Young, Treasurer; Carol Appleton (Emeritus); Jane (Meicher) Beebe, Class of 1982; Dean Bowles (School Board Representative); Sue Carr; Craig Gerlach (MG School Superintendent); Teri Groves; Jay Kiefer; John Klement (Emeritus); Gordy McChesney (Emeritus); Jennifer Pickel; Larry Schmitt (Emeritus); Keith Sorenson, Class of 1959.

If you live in the Monona/Madison area and are interested in serving on the board please contact us at mgtraditions@yahoo.com

Alumni Notes —

Laurel Huibregtse, Director of Food Service for the Monona Grove School District from 1969-1989, passed away unexpectedly on November 27, 2012, hours before her husband Donald died after a long battle with cancer.

Regina "Gena" Nelson, former longtime secretary at Nichols and Winnequah Schools passed away on January 15, 2013.

John "Jack" Kunish, former longtime strings teacher passed away March 8, 2013. Mr. Kunish introduced the string music experience to many Monona Grove students.

Tom Petersen, Class of 1957, Deerfield/Springstead, passed away on January 8, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer.

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Alumni Notes (Cont'd)—

John Myhre, Class of 1958, Sun Prairie, passed away December 29, 2012.

Alice (Marble) Robley, Class of 1958, Clintonville, WI, passed away on September 4, 2012. She was married for 36 years to Elroy Robley before his death in 2003. For years they ran a very popular ski resort in Bonduel, WI. She is survived by a daughter Jera and seven grandchildren.

Terrance “Terry” McCulloch, Class of 1959, Baraboo, WI passed away on February 24, 2013.

Nancy (Sheldon) Vick, Class of 1960, McFarland, WI reports that **Jacki (Larson) Brophy**, Class of 1960, Appleton, WI passed away on Sept. 1, 2012 after a short battle with cancer. She was married to **Jim Brophy**, Class of 1959 for 43 years prior to his death.

Sharon Kleven-Nikolaisen, Class of 1961, reports that “A few of us decided that getting together every 5 years wasn't enough. So we decided to have a mini reunion, every year. We had our first mini reunion last Spring and seven of us attended. We had lunch in Madison & found a place very close by for dessert. It was lots of fun with a lot of visiting. If you would like to join us for 2013, let me know (ladies only).608-534-5323 or email to: biker43babe@gmail.com”

Larry Hammond, Class of 1962, of Madison, passed away on December 22, 2012.

Duane Johnson, Class of 1962, of Shady Valley, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly on March 23, 2013.

Jackie (Klahn) Bunnell, Class of 1964, Madison, WI passed away on November 30, 2012 after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Davida (Wichern) Foley, Class of 1964 is retired in Greensboro, NC. She has two daughters & two grandchildren in the Chicago area. She gave a moments thought to relocating there, but it was too hard to give up the NC weather and the lure of the mountains and the ocean. She would enjoy hearing from '64 alumni at foleydal@yahoo.com.

Jim Neese, Class of 1964 is still working as an electronics technician for Rayovac (Spectrum Brands) located in Madison. He and his wife of 42 years, Marilyn live in Cottage Grove. She enjoys her horses and after all these years (since 1963) Jim continues to spend much of his spare time with Ham Radio. He's still searching for his classmate Mike Hernan.

Michael Bridge, Class of 1965, passed away on February 13, 2013 in Mesa, AZ.

Thomas Welsh, Class of 1966 and his wife recently sold their home of 25 years and moved into a condo in Portage, MI. They enjoyed the holidays with their two daughters, sons-in-law and two granddaughters. He's wondering if the Class of 1966 will have a reunion.

Daniel Bridge, Class of 1968, of Portage passed away on March 10, 2013 at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Steve DuBois, Class of 1968 and his wife Jane have moved to La Feria, TX, where they are Assistant Managers of a large RV Park. They enjoy their jobs as Office Manager and Maintenance Supervisor and invite anyone to spend winters or summers in the park. They are located only 8 miles from the Mexican border and say that Mexico is safe to travel to.

Michael Derr, Class of 1969, passed away Jan. 24, 2013 in Rockville, MD.

Stan Hovey, Class of 1970, Monona, passed away on March 2, 2013.

Lori (Sorum) Redepening, Class of 1972, Stoughton, WI, lost her courageous battle with leukemia on January 4, 2013. She is survived by her husband **Bill Redepening**, '72, two children and a grandson.

Dave Bedner, Class of 1973, currently resides in the Seattle area and recently retired after 28 years with the Boeing Co.

Rick “Rapid” Coats, Class of 1973, of Monona, passed away due to cancer on December 1, 2012.

Bill “Roscoe” McCulloch, Class of 1973, passed away on April 17, 2013 after a brief, courageous battle with cancer.

Sharon (Longfield) Lutterman, Class of 1974, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2013 at her home in Fitchburg, WI.

Laura Wolf, Class of 1976 retired in November 2012, from the Department of the Air Force with over 35 years of honorable service. She snowbirds now to Florida and lives in Monona the rest of the year.

Miles Mittelstadt, Class of 1979, Appleton, WI passed away unexpectedly of an embolism on February 8, 2013.

Jessica (Burr, Knott) Showers, , Class of 1984, Madison, passed away on March 3, 2013.

Kerry (White) Horton, Class of 1989, was remarried to Eddie Horton in April 2011. They live in Reeseville, WI with their own “Brady Bunch” – Ashley (17), Jake (16), Austin (15), Amber (14), Hannah (12) and Allie (12).

Lisa Wenger, Class of 1989, Cottage Grove, passed away on March 12, 2013.

Brian Winge and Amanda Olson, both Class of 1996, Madison, WI became engaged on December 16th and have a tentative wedding date of October 12, 2013!

Aaron Schneider, Class of 1998, Monona, passed away on Feb. 5, 2013 as a result of an automobile accident.

Steve Handel Jr., Class of 2000, graduated from Dental School at Temple University in Philadelphia in 2012 and is stationed with the army in Augusta, GA continuing his education in the field of Prostho-dontics. He and his wife **Andrea (Lefebvre) Handel**, Class of 1999, reside in Martinez, GA.

Kevin DeBaal, Class of 2008, of Monona, passed away unexpectedly on December 21, 2012.



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We Are Delighted to Receive Greetings From --

Barbara (Braun) Niemann, Class of 1958, Madison, WI. **Jan (Myhre) Ogden**, Class of 1963, Madison, WI. **Beverly (Harless) Falk**, Class of 1964, Reno, NV. **Jim Matson**, Class of 1967, Madison, WI. **Charles Gifford**, Class of 1968, Winter, WI. **Jan Edmunds**, Class of 1972, Neenah, WI. **Cheryl (Schram) Cook**, Class of 1973, Monona, WI. **Steve & Bobette (Harris) Handel**, Class of 1978, Mineral Point, WI. **Ellen Hay**, Class of 1979, Exira, IA. **Kate (Dowdle) Taylor**, Class of 1979, New Sharon, IA. **Jennifer Meek**, Class of 1979, De Forest, WI. **Katie (Prestigiacomo) Jeffery**, Class of 1982, Cambridge, WI. **Crissman Loomis**, Class of 1988, Japan. **Grant Langlois**, Class of 1993, Tampa, FL. **Elizabeth First Villalobos**, Class of 1997.

Heidi (Siferd) Compuesto, Class of 2002, Verona, WI

Reunion News

Class of 1972

We are planning a summer Barbeque/Pig Roast Saturday July 13th 2013 at Brandt Park McFarland. Details will be posted on face book and to all email addresses we have on file. Feel free to email Debbie Brewer Behnke for more details! debbie71123@gmail.com

Class of 1973—40th Reunion

The Class of 1973 40th reunion will be held June 28-29, 2013 at the Bourbon Street Grille, 6308 Metropolitan Lane, Monona beginning at 7 p.m. both evenings. Friday evening will be a causal rooftop get together, Saturday night, light appetizers will be included for \$20 per person. For questions or to RSVP, contact Cheryl (Schram) Cook keebz@sbcglobal.net/(608-223-9052).

Attention MG Class of 1974:

A Summer 2014 ~ "40th Class Reunion" is in the early stages of

Planning. Please spread the word!

There is a Facebook page to connect with our class called MGHS Class of 1974 and a Facebook group called Monona Grove Class of 1974. Main contacts for questions are: Syd (aka Lisa) Campbell at syd.campbell@hotmail.com, Kathy Coppens at klcoppens@gmail.com and Vicky (Whitmyer) Elleray at velleray@yahoo.com. Please send your addresses, phone numbers and emails (or any class mates you might have information for) to velleray@yahoo.com. It has been a long time, so we hope to hear from everyone and see you there!

Planning a reunion? Be sure to send us your reunion information so we can include it in upcoming issues. Send the details to - mgtraditions@yahoo.com Please send information for the next issue of *Traditions* by October 1, 2013

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