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McCulloch Family Memorial Bike Ride

Monona Grove's McCulloch family has scheduled a memorial bike ride on Saturday, June 6, 2015 in remembrance of three McCulloch Brothers - **Terry** (Class of '59), **Toby** (Class of '61) and **Bill/Rosco** (Class of '73). All three brothers passed away within the last three years after having battled cancer.

The family has chosen Gilda's Club of Madison as the recipient of donations to help fund the wonderful work they do in support of affected families who are waging battles with cancer. Any contributions will go to help area families. The link to the McCulloch's fundraiser page on Gilda's site is <http://gildasclubmadison2.gnosishosting.net/fr/View/Online/fundraiser/RoscosRoute>

Mike McCulloch, Class of 1976, says "The bike ride follows what we have chosen to call "Rosco's Route". It was always a good bet you could cross paths with Rosco sometime during the day on this loop. It originates in our old neighborhood at Schluter Beach and takes the loop around Lake Monona. The ride begins at noon and will wrap up around 3:00 on Saturday, June 6. You can ride the route or just bring a lawn chair and relax with old friends. There will be ice cold water and plenty of our sister Sharon's cookies to munch. Thanks to all, we hope to see many of you at "The Beach".



MG Boys Swim Team Wins State Title!!!!

The Monona Grove Boys Swim Team won their second state Division II title in three years at the UW Natatorium on February 20, 2015. With four freshmen, the Silver Eagles were one of the youngest teams in the competition. They were led by freshman Ben McDade who won the 200 yard freestyle (1:42.50) and the 500 yard freestyle (4:37.04). Monona Grove also won the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:26.09) and the 400 yard freestyle relay (3:12.05). With a large sophomore class as well, the MG team is looking to continue a winning tradition in the future.



Monona Mayor Bob Miller congratulates the MG Boys Swim team on their 2015 State Championship at the April 8 City Council meeting.



We would love to have more alumni on the board. If you live in the Monona/Madison area and are interested in joining us, please email mgtraditions@yahoo.com



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MG Choir Director Lori Nahirniak

2015 MGEF Gala Will Honor Lori Nahirniak

Mark your calendars now! MGEF Board member & MG Parent Jennifer Pickel recently announced that the 2015 MG Education Foundation Gala scheduled for November 14 will honor long-time Monona Grove Choir teacher Lori Nahirniak. Mrs. Nahirniak has built a reputation at MG for award-winning choirs, show choirs and musicals. In addition to a program honoring her, the event will feature a performance by the 2015-16 show choir and short presentations by the MGEF 2014-15 teacher grant winners. Last fall's Gala honoring MG football coach Mike Stassi raised \$7300 which will go to support MGEF teacher grants and future improvements at the MG athletic complex. Funds raised at this year's Gala will help pay for MGEF teacher grants and instruments for the Music Department. Mark your calendars for November 14, 2015 and look for more information on the MGEF Facebook page early this fall.

Class of Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1960, 55th Class Reunion, August 30, 2015

Monona Grove's Class of 1960 will hold their 55th reunion at the Dream Park Shelter in Winnequah Park on Sunday, August 30, 2015 beginning at noon. A light lunch will be served. Please bring your own comfy chair and beverages. The reunion will take place rain or shine. RSVP's are appreciated to Judy Helbling at John.judy7@yahoo.com or (309) 824-5905 or after May 15 at PO Box 590, Woodruff, WI 54568.

Class of 1965, 50th Class Reunion, July 17-18, 2015

The MG Class of 1965 will kick off its 50th class reunion with a joint evening get-together with the 1965 Classes of East and La Follette High Schools on Friday, July 17. The event will be held at the East Side Club Tiki Bar at 3735 Monona Drive, in Monona.

Saturday, July 18th there will be an evening gathering for just the Monona Grove Class of 1965 (and guests) beginning at 6:00 pm at the Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Road, Monona. A generous appetizer buffet featuring Wisconsin favorites will be served along with a variety of adult beverages. Conversation with old friends will be the featured entertainment.

For more information or to confirm that you'd like to attend, contact **Bev (Horne) Severance** and **Fran (Nelson) Johnson** at their reunion e-mail address: mononagrove1965@gmail.com.

Class of 1970, 45th Reunion – August 7-9, 2015

Barb (Zamzow) Franzen reports that the Class of 1970 is hoping for a fantastic turnout at their 45th reunion on Friday, August 7, at Tully's II and Saturday, August 8, at Bourbon Street Grille, both in Monona. Additional information will be emailed/mailed in June. If she doesn't have your current contact information, please send it ASAP to mononagrove-1970@hotmail.com.

Class of 1975, 40th Reunion – July 31, 2015

Monona Grove High School's Class of 1975 will hold their 40th class reunion on Friday, July 31. The event will take place from 7:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. at Village Lanes, 208 Owen Road in Monona. For more information contact **Margaret (Mitchell) McFarlane** (608) 643-6327 or look for MG Class of 1975 on Facebook.

Class of 1990, 25th Reunion, June 19, 2015

Please mark your calendars for Friday, June 19 and make your travel arrangements now because we want to see all of Monona Grove's Class of 1990 at this reunion!

The fun will begin at 7:00 p.m. at 5100 Club located at 5100 Erling Avenue, in McFarland. Cost - \$25.00/person until June 12. After the 12th, the cost goes up to \$30/person. Visit <http://mg1990.weebly.com/> to register and pay.

This is also Father's Day weekend and the weekend of Cottage Grove's annual Fireman's Festival. If Friday night is not enough time to spend with your fellow classmates, there will be more time on Saturday evening at the festival. Go to the "Old Timers" tent, next to the baseball diamond, on Saturday evening to keep the reunion going!

Look for us on Facebook - MG Class of 90 25 Year Reunion.

Class of 1995, 20th Class Reunion, July 25, 2015

The Class of 1995's 20th class reunion will be held on Saturday, July 25th beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Door Creek Golf Course Outdoor Tiki Bar at 4321 Vilas Road in Cottage Grove. For additional information, please contact **Sarah Weber-Hurley** at sarah@webermkt.com or visit the Class Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/MGClassof1995

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Alumni News

- **Morlynn (Parker) Frankey**, Class of 1959, passed away at her home in Madison on April 17, 2015. Morlynn spent 28 years with the Madison Police Department where she was the first woman promoted in the department's history and retired as 2nd in command of the department.
- **Richard G. "Rich" Gohre**, Class of 1959, DeForest, passed away on February 25, 2015 at Agrace Hospice Care in Fitchburg.
- **Judy (Dyson, Archer) Helbling**, Class of 1960, Dunedin, FL and Woodruff, WI, reports that "... eight women of the Class of 1960 have been enjoying once a year get-togethers. We've spent time in Florida, Door County and Erin WI. This summer we'll combine with our class reunion and have plans for Napa Valley in 2016! We have a blast!
- **Patrick D. Byrne**, Class of 1960, Blooming Grove, passed away on December 1, 2014 at Agrace Hospice Care in Fitchburg.
- **Larry E. Nale**, Class of 1960, DeForest, died peacefully at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veteran's Hospital in Madison on January 12, 2015.
- **Wilma (Johnson) Bernards**, Class of 1961, Waunakee, passed away on January 13, 2015 at Agrace Hospice Care in Fitchburg.
- **Zilmer V. Grinnell II**, Class of 1961, Oostburg, WI, died at his home on February 13, 2015 following a battle with cancer.
- **Patrick E. Dugan**, Class of 1962, McFarland, passed away on October 15, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.
- **Stephen J. Henning**, Class of 1962, Monona, passed away on December 28, 2014. He was a long time employee of the City of Monona and a past member of the Monona Volunteer Fire Department.
- **Clay Russell**, Class of 1962, Denton, TX led his age 70-74 3-on-3 basketball team in scoring on the way to their gold medal in the Florida Senior Games on December 13, 2014. **Dale Larsen** and **Bob Smith** also members of the Class of 1962 were spectators at the tournament. Clay's team has now qualified for the national tournament to be played in Minneapolis in July.
- **Mark Sorensen**, Class of 1966, McFarland, reports that he's doing well, having retired after 37 years driving bus for Madison Metro.
- **Kent Parks**, Class of 1968, Cottage Grove, retired after 40 years as Director of Advertising at Nasco in Fort Atkinson, WI. Kent and his wife of 42 years, Pat recently moved from Fort Atkinson to a house they built in the Township of Cottage Grove, WI. They are looking forward to traveling and spending time with family and friends including their three sons, daughter-in-law and two-year-old granddaughter. Kent will continue to paint watercolors in his spare time.
- **Richard A. "Rick" Anderson**, Class of 1970, Cottage Grove, passed away unexpectedly at home on December 7, 2014.
- **Gerald J. "Jerry" Wendt**, Class of 1970, passed away at his home in Monona on January 22, 2015.
- **Christine Cole**, Class of 1971, Doylestown, PA, was featured in Doug Moe's March 6, 2015 Wisconsin State Journal column regarding her efforts to develop The Oscar Hammerstein Museum and Theater Education Center at her Highland Farm Bed and Breakfast. Highland Farm was Hammerstein's principal residence beginning in 1941 until his death in 1960 and he wrote many of his most famous musicals including Oklahoma and The Sound of Music there. Cole, who has a Phd from UW-Madison, moved to the area in 1988 and is a former faculty member in the School Psychology program at Lehigh University .
- **Debra Dix**, Class of 1971, Madison, passed away on January 14, 2015.
- **Bette (Arndt) Paulson**, Class of 1975, reports that she and her husband Jeff celebrated 40 years of marriage on February 22, 2015! They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren (Dustyn is 13 and Morgan is 9) and still live in Cottage Grove, WI.
- **Steven R. Graffin**, Class of 1978, Monona, died peacefully at home on February 20, 2015.
- **Angel (Anderson) Skram**, Class of 1978, Trinity, FL, reports that she and her husband Mike recently retired and have moved to the Sunshine State.
- **Mark Derlein**, Class of 1981, Cottage Grove, passed away on January 18, 2015.
- **John D. Garoville**, Class of 1986, Cottage Grove, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2015 at UW Hospital.
- **Todd Michael Walker**, Class of 1988, New York, NY received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Trumpet on December 18, 2014 from Stony Brook University.
- **Kristen (Temby) Salewski**, Class of 1992, Sun Prairie, received her Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation in May of 2014. In addition, she received the 2014 Rising Star Award from the Meeting Professionals International (MPI) – Wisconsin Chapter at their Gala in Oshkosh in September 2014. The Rising Star award is presented to a newer member of MPI – Wisconsin who has become an active part of the MPI-WI organization. It recognizes an individual whose time and efforts put him/her on a path to becoming one of the organization's next leaders and is given for volunteer & committee involvement and professional contributions.
- **Ryan Russell**, Class of 2000 and **Rachel Peckham**, Class of 2011 both of Sun Prairie, recently announced their engagement. Ryan obtained his Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from UW-Whitewater and currently works as part of the Executive Management team of Pizza Hut of Southern Wisconsin. Rachel will be graduating this year with a Bachelor's in Nursing from UW-Oshkosh and is also working on her DONA Doula certification. They reside in Sun Prairie with their elderly cat and new puppy and will be married in June, 2015.
- **Alicia Hinz**, Class of 2005, Charleston, SC, received her Bachelor's in Nursing from the University of South Carolina in 2009. She spent 5 years working as an ICU nurse in cardiology and trauma and recently started a trauma program at a hospital in Charleston, SC. She currently lives in Charleston with her boyfriend and two dogs.

Staff News

- **Roy E. "Bud" Armbrrecht**, long time Monona crossing guard, died peacefully, surrounded by his family on April 18, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. Roy started his career as a crossing guard shortly after his retirement from Oscar Mayer in 1996 and was always on his corner at Nichols and Maywood Roads even after he was diagnosed with cancer.
- **Joyce R. Furchtenicht**, Madison, passed away at Agrace Hospice Care on March 20, 2015. A former 3rd grade teacher at Nichols School in the 1950's, she was 89.
- **George L. Harrell**, of Madison, passed away on January 4, 2015. He was a Special Education teacher at Monona Grove High School from 1969 until his retirement in 1996. For much of that time, Coach Harrell could also be seen on the sidelines during Monona Grove Football games serving as Defensive Coordinator. He helped coach the 1977 and 1984 state title teams and served as a role model for current MG coaches Dan Zweifel, Brian Storms, Mike Stassi and Dave Kinsler. Harrell was a two time winner of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association's award for the top assistant coach.
- **Frank Hlavac**, Monona, passed away on January 5, 2015 at Agrace Hospice Care in Fitchburg. Hlavac was hired as Monona Grove's first basketball coach in 1955 and continued to develop the program until his retirement in 1978. In 1970, he was named "Coach of the Year" by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association and was inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame in 1979. In addition to coaching,

he taught in the Industrial Arts Department at the High School. After retirement, he and his wife Mary Jean spent the next 30 years developing their award-winning Angus beef cattle herd. MGEF would like to thank those alumni and staff who have made memorial donations to the Education Foundation in Coach Hlavac's name.

- **Mary Beth Mayer**, of Monona, passed away on December 31, 2014 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. A former English teacher, she had retired from Monona Grove High School.

We've Recently Received *Greetings!* From:

Philip Friedlund, Class of 1961, St. Paul, MN

Michael L. Walker, Class of 1961 and **Jane (Dudley) Walker**, Class of 1964, Monona

Judy (Lund) Hoffman, Class of 1962, Stoughton, WI

Tom & Lynn (Hendrickson) Jorris, Class of 1970, Circle Pines, MN

Barbara (Davidson) Hyder, Class of 1971, St. Charles, MO

Betsy (Bormann) Zadra, Class of 1976, Madison

Laura Zeman-Mullen, Class of 1978, Phoenix, AZ

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