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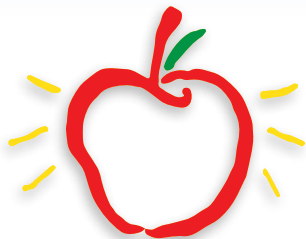
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Monona Grove Hosts Model UN



The Monona Grove High School Model UN team hosted the Madison Model UN Conference in November, with MG winning more awards than any other school. An MGEF Grant funds some of the team's activities. Award winners are front row, from left, Liam O'Connor, Jessica Peter, and Katie Wallner (best position papers). Second row, from left, are Roswell Sponem, best position paper; Wesley Weasler, honorable mention; and Alyssa Stewart, honorable mention. Third row, from left, are Chris Tavarez, best position paper; Kylie Hollenstein, outstanding delegate; and Rojaan Koupaie, best delegate. Back row, from left, are Carter Foust, honorable mention, and Leo Curatola, best delegate. Not pictured is Shae Donelan, best position paper.

2018-19 Teacher Grants

MGEF approved nine grants totaling \$12,390 for the 2018-19 school year. Grant winners and their projects include:

1. **Karin Duren** - \$2700 to bring in author Jim Aylesworth who will interact with K-2 students showing how to use reading and writing in their everyday life.
2. **Emily Keuler** & Taylor Prairie kindergarten staff - \$1,840 to purchase Ozobots and Osmos to give students an opportunity to learn and practice coding skills.
3. **Will Nimmow and Melissa Smith** - \$1950 to purchase a teleprompter to be used by AV Club at MGHS for morning announcements and other productions.
4. Monona Grove K-2 New Teacher Project mentors **Sonja Boehm & Dawn May** - \$1500 to defray costs of attending the three day New Teacher Center Symposium in 2019.
5. **Janet Heinemann** and other Glacial Drumlin music staff - \$1050 for the purchase of instruments to be used in teaching Mariachi style music to all grade 5-8 orchestras.
6. **Michelle Lammers**, Library Media Specialist Cottage Grove School - \$600 to purchase materials for use in the library's Makerspace/Brain Lab Area.
7. **Sharon Fritz & Amanda Mertes** - \$500 to create a "Listen. Speak Up. Act. Lead." summit to provide MG female student-athletes an opportunity to connect with one another and women in the Madison community to recognize the life skills developed through sports.
8. **Peter Kuzma & Jennifer Goodnough** - \$1200 for iPad devices and accompanying software and hardware to be used for portable lighted photo stands at Winnequah
9. **Charles Pyng** (Ed Young Grant) - \$1,050 to purchase four drawing tablets to enhance and complement the current art curriculum at MGHS.

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What we are doing with support from our generous donors

2018

Your gifts to Monona Grove Education Foundation provided over \$20,000 of support to Monona Grove students through innovation grants, student scholarships, program enhancements and community outreach not included in regular school spending budgets.



A place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover, using a variety of tools and materials.



Students working in Makers Space at Glacial Drumlin School, a hands on creative space for students to learn and be successful.



MG21 Senior Class wilderness trip. Our students hiked 21 + miles on the Ice Age Trail over 3 days. They learned basic wilderness skills and a lot about themselves and each other. They not only had a chance to "know their path" but actually "walked their path." Thank you, MG21 Seniors and Staff



District wide Kindergarten classes attending hands on outdoor nature classes at Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona



Characteristics to Help You Lead with Confidence

Female Athlete Summit 2015

Female students attending the summit said:

- "It was helpful to understand that there are different types of leadership and you can lead in different ways."
- "It was nice to talk about how these leadership skills can apply to real life scenarios."
- "allowed us to see how much easier it is with teamwork."



Female Athlete Summit at Monona Grove High School

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Reunions

Class of 1958 Annual Reunion

The first yearly reunion of the Class of 1958 will be held on July 20, 2019 at the Breakwater Restaurant in Monona. The class will gather at 4 pm for cocktails and dinner will be served at 5:30. There will be an open bar and dinner will be ordered off the menu. Please contact davidbinus@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Class of 1959 60th Reunion

The MG Class of 1959's 60th reunion will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019. A buffet lunch will be served at noon at the Breakwater (Old Four Lakes Yacht Club) 6308 Metropolitan Lane, Monona. Come join your classmates to reconnect and reminisce at our 60th reunion! A follow-up letter will be sent at a later date. For more information, contact: Deanna (Mahoney) Gervasi, 608-838-3837 or email dgervasi2@frontier.com with email or address changes.

Class of 1961 Reunion

The Class of 1961 will gather on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019 at Rex's Innkeeper, 301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee. Cocktails will begin at 5, with dinner at 6:30 and dance music starting at 8.

The dinner will include family style baked chicken, deep fried or broiled fish and sides. Cost is \$20 per person including tax/tip. Please send checks payable to Monona Grove Class of 1961, to Sharon Nikolaisen, N13456 Wil-drose Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661 *before* Sept. 1, 2019.

Call or text Sharon at (608) 445-1996 with questions. No invitations will be sent, all notifications will be by email. She doesn't have emails for everyone, so be sure to tell your friends.

Class of 1964

The MG Class of 1964 has scheduled their 55th reunion for **Saturday, July 27th, 2019**, at 1855 Saloon and Grill in Cottage Grove. The group will gather at 11 AM with a buffet lunch to be served at 1 PM. Lunch is \$20 per person (includes tax and tip) and can be paid at the door. Please RSVP to Darlene Smail Woldt by July 15th at 608/222-2125 or dwoldt@charter.net.

Class of 1974

The Class of 1974's "45th Class Reunion" will be held on September 13 and 14, 2019. On Friday there will be a gathering at Village Lanes Bowling Alley, 208 Owen Rd., Monona and Saturday, at The Door Creek Golf Course, 4321 Vilas Rd, Cottage Grove. Anyone planning to golf on the 14th should schedule tee times one week in advance by calling (608) 839-5656.

Please look for an invitation with event times and RSVP information in the future. The planning committee has been working hard to locate classmates and keep you up-to-date. There is a Facebook page to connect with the class called "Monona Grove Class of 1974." Main contacts for questions are: Kathy Coppens at klcoppens@gmail.com and Kris Coppens at kriscoppes@gmail.com. Please send your addresses, phone numbers and emails (or for any classmates you might have information for) to Kris Coppens at kriscoppes@gmail.com or Gail Malven at gmalven@tds.net. They hope to hear from everyone and see you soon!

Class of 1979

The MG Class of 1979 40th reunion will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 beginning at 5:00 pm at Breakwater, 6308 Metropolitan Lane (off Bridge Rd.), Monona. Join us for food, beverages & laughs. Shake the Lake Festival with fireworks will also take place that Saturday plus the Dane County Farmers Market. Contact: Jeff Machut (608) 513-9334 or at Mononagrove1979@gmail.com with questions. Facebook: Monona Grove

Class of 1989

Come and reminisce with your classmates at the Class of 1989 30th reunion. It will be held on July 20, 2019 beginning at 7 p.m. at Door Creek Golf Course, 4321 Vilas Road, Cottage Grove, WI. A cash bar will be available with no upfront fee required. Contact Kris@doorcreekgolfcourse.com for more information.

Class of 1999

The Class of 1999's 20th reunion will be held at Robinia Courtyard on East Washington Ave in Madison on Saturday July 6th from 6pm-10pm. There is no fee or registration required. See Monona Grove Class of 1999 20th Class Reunion Facebook page for more information. Please contact Jon Feuling with any questions at: 608-712-6634 or jfeuling@perkinsoil.net.

Alumni News

- **Kenneth R. Gehrke**, Class of 1957, Poyette, passed away at Meriter Hospital in Madison on February 28, 2019.
- **Mary (Entwistle) Shaw**, Class of 1957 reports that she is “Living on Madison’s far East side just a hop and a skip away from Monona. I want to make note that our class has decided to meet every June, not waiting for those typical 5 or 10 year anniversaries. Since most or all of us have reached that 80 year mark. Oh, my, did I just write that? I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for the Traditions newsletter. I personally have so enjoyed receiving it and know the other alumni do, also.”
- **John Clifford Johnson**, Class of 1959, Byron Center, Michigan, passed away on January 17, 2019.
- **John A. Williams**, Class of 1960, Sun Prairie, passed away unexpectedly on January 22, 2018.
- **Robert “Bob” Rindfliesch**, Class of 1961, Fox Lake, WI passed away suddenly due to a stroke on December 1, 2018.
- **Terence J. “Terry” Strand**, Class of 1961, Cottage Grove, passed away peacefully at home on February 12, 2019.
- **William “Bruce” Turnbull**, Class of 1961, Portage, WI passed away at home on December 1, 2018.
- **Barbara (Paulson) Barger**, Class of 1962, Ashburn, VA passed away peacefully on February 25, 2019 at Physicians Regional Hospital in Naples, Florida, where she was being treated for complications after suffering a ruptured brain aneurysm.
- **Dennis Harbort**, Class of 1962, Madison, passed away on March 25, 2019.
- **Sonja (Johnson) Briggs**, Class of 1963, reports that “I’m living a quiet life here in Bradenton Florida. Still going to the gym, socializing with friends and family, playing cards, enjoying my home and loving the current beautiful weather here in Florida. Hope you all are doing well, and I wish you a very Happy New Year!”
- **Mary Ann (Hatzinger) Britt**, Class of 1963, Monona, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on February 22, 2019.
- **Leslie A. “Les” Wright**, Class of 1969, New Berlin, WI passed away on March 13, 2019.
- **William Nolan “Bill” Carter**, Class of 1970 of the Town of Dunn, passed away on March 16, 2019.
- **Steven Lee Chisholm**, Class of 1971, Glen Burnie, MD, passed away on April 4, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer.
- **Linda (Vircks) DeRungs**, Class of 1971, moved to Seal Beach, CA with her husband William Thompson after retiring from their teaching positions at New Albany (Indiana) High School where Linda was Director of Choral Arts and Fine Arts Chair, and her husband was a professor at University of Louisville. Linda is currently supervising vocal music education student teachers at California State University Long Beach.
- **David Lee Lunder**, Class of 1976, Belleville, MI, passed away on February 5, 2019. David was an all-conference center on Monona Grove’s championship football team.
- **Stephen Mark “Steve” Trummer**, Class of 1976, Monona, passed away on February 4, 2019 at UW Hospital.
- **Cheryl Noltner**, Class of 1977, Williston, Florida passed away on March 21, 2019.
- **Christopher Ren Anderson**, Class of 1981, Sioux Falls, South Dakota passed away unexpectedly at his home on November 25, 2018.
- **Jon “Frenchy” French**, Class of 1981, Madison, passed away on January 20, 2019 at Villa at Middleton Village.
- **Joseph Paul Kunz**, Class of 1983, Madison, passed away on March 6, 2019 at St. Mary’s Hospital.
- **Paul Michael Bullis**, Class of 1986, Janesville, passed away on February 16, 2019 after a long and courageous battle with muscular dystrophy.
- **Richard T. “Rick” Schaefer**, Class of 1987, Fort Lauderdale, FL, passed away on February 7, 2019.
- **Chandra (Miller) Fienen**, Class of 1989, Madison, is the Director of Operations and Programs at StartingBlock Madison, an entrepreneurial non-profit whose focus is providing a single location with the critical components that local entrepreneurs need to start and grow businesses, create jobs and stimulate the regional economy.
- **Michael John Murray**, Class of 1999, Madison, passed away on March 4, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.
- **Brett Richard Helgeland**, Class of 2001, Monona, passed away on December 19, 2018 in Rockford, IL.

Celebration 2019!

Mark your calendars for this year’s Monona Grove Education Foundation Celebration to be held on Saturday, November 2 at the East Side Club in Monona. Each year the Foundation awards grants to teachers who apply for funding for innovative, creative and out-of-the box plans for their MG students. This year’s Celebration will honor our 2018-19 teacher grant winners.

Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets will be available starting in early Fall. Check our website (<http://www.mononagrove.org/welcome/education-foundation.cfm>) later this summer to see the official announcement and learn how you can buy tickets to the event.

Faculty/Staff News

- **John Miller**, Madison, passed away at the VA Hospital in Madison on January 13, 2019. He was a long-time Monona Grove custodian at Maywood, Winnequah and Monona Grove High School and also was a bus driver for the district. John was a well-known member of area barbershop quartets.
- **Edith (Brunsell) Schueler**, former longtime Nichols teacher from the 50's – 70's, passed away at her home in Madison on January 23, 2019 at the age of 98.
- **Hat (Hatley) Stevens**, remembered for her 12 years of holiday cooking demonstrations at Monona Grove High School, passed away at her home in Madison on February 28, 2019.
- **Diane (Dell) Wilcox**, died peacefully at her home in Madison on December 16, 2018. Diane lived with cancer and numerous surgeries and chemotherapy treatments for 27 years. She taught in the Monona Grove School District from 1988 until her retirement in 2001.

Retirements

Five Monona Grove School District employees are planning to retire at the end of the 2018-19 school year. They include:

- **Brian Henry**, 8th grade teacher at Glacial Drumlin School and Winnequah Middle School (30 years).
- **Michelle Lammers**, Library Media Specialist at Cottage Grove School (2 years).
- **Peter Landry**, 2ND grade teacher at Maywood and Winnequah Schools (19 years).
- **Denise Meyer**, MGHS Math Teacher (19 years).
- **Linda Wilson**, Art Teacher at Cottage Grove School (30 years).

We've Recently Received

Greetings! From:

David Binius, Class of 1958, Edina, MN

Deanna (Mahoney) Gervasi, Class of 1959, McFarland, WI

Darlene (Smail) Woldt, Class of 1964, Madison, WI

Candace (Elder) Williams, Class of 1967, Sahuarita, AZ

Steve Bates, Class of 1971, Cottage Grove, WI

Deb (Scheer) Skubal, Class of 1971, Monona, WI

Kris Coppens, Class of 1974, Dane, WI

Jeff Machut, Class of 1979, Monona, WI

Tina Rogers, Class of 1980, Scottsdale, AZ

Tom Quesnell, Class of 1984, Bettendorf, Iowa

Todd Warczak, Class of 1984, Lodi, WI

David Gaustad, Class of 1985, DeForest, WI

Tim Young, Class of 1987, San Diego, CA

Kristin (Zweifel) Frederickson, Class of 1989, Cottage Grove, WI

John Feuling, Class of 1999, Madison, WI

Karalee (Knutson) Leatherberry, Class of 1999, Baraboo, WI

Stacy Blang, Class of 2003, Fort Atkinson, WI

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