MONONA GROVE ALUMNI

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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 mononagrovetraditions@gmail.com



Dear MGEF,

Thank you for the funds that allowed us to purchase Foldscopes for use by the 7th graders at Glacial Drumlin School. The grant supplies were purchased for a total of \$1112. 66 which came in under the \$1200.00 that was requested.

We purchased foldscopes to enhance the outdoor experience of students as they explored the microscopic world. Since then, students have examined both prepared slides and live samples with the supplies purchased with the grant funds. Among other things, 7th grade students used the foldscopes during the 7th grade fall field trip to the Cottage Grove School Forest.

Anecdotal summaries from the day included: "That's so cool!" "What am I looking at?" "That's the leg of a butterfly? It's so hairy, it needs to shave." "That's awesome!" "I had no idea it looked like that!"

Overall, this addition to our science program allowed all 7th graders to access the tools of scientists in a mobile way. Thank you for supporting innovation by educators in the district,

The 7th grade science team -

Melissa Vervoort-Landsness, Tim Mortensen, & Tara Dahlberg

Staff & Alumni NEWS

Greg Quinn, Class of 1964, Overland Park, Kansas reports that "My wife Dori and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August 13, 2022. We were married in Madison and are the proud parents of four children and 17 grandchildren. We have resided in Overland Park, Kansas, since 1976. We are enjoying our retirement years visiting relatives and taking trips to various parts of the United States."

Lisa (Borchert) Kuwitzky, Class of 1979, Cottage Grove, reports that "I retired from UW Health in April 2022 after working there for about 20 years. This has allowed me to spend more time with my parents as well as my sister (who is retired) and having fun with her grandkids (my great nieces and nephews). I also look forward to being able to travel more with my husband, friends and family."

McKenna Warnock, Class of 2019, closed out her career as a member of the lowa Hawkeyes women's basketball team by playing in the Division I NCAA National Championship game. In her senior year, she started 36 games, averaging 10.9 points per game and made 212 rebounds. The 2018-2019 Miss Wisconsin Basketball award winner scored 1277 points, grabbed 755 rebounds and recorded 287 assists in her career at lowa. Warnock is one of just eight lowa women's players to score more than 1,000 points and 640 rebounds in a career. Her future plans include attending dental school.



Class of 1963, 60th Reunion

The Class of 1963 will hold their 60th reunion on Thursday, June 22, 2023 beginning at 4 PM. It will be held in the lower level banquet room at Buck & Honey's in Monona, 800 W. Broadway. Save-the-date cards have been sent to those class members the committee has been able to find. Please reach out to **Sharon (Larson) Hennings**, Chair of the 1963 MGHS Reunion Committee at hennings.sharon@gmail.com with any questions.

Class of 1970 Fifty + 3 Class Reunion

The Class of 1970 will hold their Fifty + 3 Class Reunion on Friday, June 16, 2023 beginning at 4:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Fireman's Festival beer tent.

Class of 1973, 50th Reunion

The Monona Grove Class of 1973 will hold their 50th year reunion on Saturday, July 8th, 2023 at the old Oregon High School, 200 N. Main St., Oregon, WI. The cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 pm. Additional registration information and sign up details can be found on the class website: mgclassof1973.com. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

If classmates have a question or suggestion, please contact **Karen Chisholm** at our dedicated class email address: mgclassof1973@gmail.com. Please enter - *Karen-Questions/Suggestions* in the subject line.

If you have updated contact information, please contact **Mike Marten** at the same email address and enter – *Mike-Contact info* in the subject line.







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Staff/Alumni Passages

Craig Gundermann, Madison, passed away on March 5, 2023. He was a former Social Studies teacher at Winnequah Middle School.

Patricia "Pat" (Braun) Frydenlund, Class of 1960, Madison, died peacefully in the early morning hours of December 3, 2022, after a short, unexpected illness.

Sharon (Reynolds) Witt, Class of 1960, Fort Atkinson, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2023.

Sharon R. (Torke) Kroetz, Class of 1961, Albany, passed away on March 13, 2023, at her home.

Kathryn Louise "Kathy" Denton, Class of 1962, Naples, Florida, passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on February 28, 2023.

Ronna Lou (Caves) Clausen, Class of 1963, Adams, Wisconsin, passed away on February 17, 2023 at her home with her husband Dennis and son, Tim by her side.

James I. Grann, III, Class of 1964, Madison, passed away on December 14, 2022, peacefully surrounded by his wife and children.

Donald C. Williams, Class of 1964, Waunakee, passed away on December 20, 2022.

Beverly Ann (Rodefeld) Kalish, Class of 1965, Cottage Grove, passed away on December 4, 2022, at her home. In addition to being an MG graduate, she was a long-time employee of the Monona Grove School District.

Eve (Hatzinger) Allar, Class of 1967, Appleton, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on March 4, 2023.

Robert "Bob" Noll, Class of 1967, Green Bay, passed away on February 15, 2023.

Sharon Kae (Bane) Taylor, Class of 1967, Owasso, Oklahoma, passed away on February 20, 2023.

Michael Jack "Bo" Phillips, Class of 1968, Monona, passed away on December 15, 2022, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Karen (Ross) Schwingle, Class of 1971, Madison, passed away on November 25, 2022.

Timothy James Streber, Class of 1972, Monona, passed away on November 25, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital, due to heart failure and complications from a stroke.

Joseph G. Lumina, Class of 1974, Madison, passed away on February 17, 2022.

Timothy Lee "Big Tim" Gasner, Class of 1976, McFarland, passed away unexpectedly on November 19, 2022, at Meriter Hospital in Madison.

Joanne K. (Knudson) Rupel, Class of 1977, Merrill, passed away on April 17, 2023, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Toni L. (Pahmeier) Wood, Class of 1977, Junction City, Arkansas, passed away on August 26, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Anne Elizabeth (Rowley) Leske, Class of 1978, Monona, passed away unexpectedly on February 25, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

James Edward (Wrenda) Renda, Class of 1979, Monona, passed away on December 3, 2022.

Brian Thomas Patrick, Class of 1980, Monona, passed away on February 15, 2023, at UW Hospital.

Thomas Joseph "Tom" Wardell, Class of 1980, Madison, passed away on December 30, 2022.

William Kenneth "Bill" Parker, Class of 1982, Oconomowoc, passed away suddenly on March 7, 2023.

James R. Breidung, Class of 1986, Cottage Grove, died unexpectedly at his home in Ocala, Florida, on January 28, 2023.

Stewart Ray "Stewie" Copus, Class of 1986, Madison, passed away in his sleep on February 5, 2023.

Charlotte Elizabeth Smith, Class of 2000, Monona, passed away on April 7, 2023, due to COVID pneumonia.

David John "Dave" Peiss, Class of 2009, Monona, passed away unexpectedly on February 5, 2023, at UW Hospital.

Samantha A. "Sammy" Schwartz, Monona, Class of 2010, passed away unexpectedly on March 17, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Ryan Alexander Stevenson, Class of 2020, Cottage Grove, passed away on April 22, 2023.



MGEF Board Member and Monona Alder Kathy Thomas Passes Away

MGEF Board member and long-time Monona Alderman **Kathy Thomas**, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2023. The mother of two MG graduates, **James**, Class of 1987 and **Elizabeth**, Class of 1989, Kathy had been a member of the MGEF Board since 2015. A prolific fundraiser, she was instrumental in many of the organization's fundraising efforts. More notably, the MGEF Pay it Forward program was developed at Kathy's suggestion. Pay it Forward is designed to provide extra support and financial assistance to Monona Grove students struggling with food instability or clothing; and those needing additional educational support outside of traditional school programs.

Alder Thomas was the longest-serving elected official in the history of the City of Monona, serving a total of almost 37 years on the City Council. She was first elected in 1979 and retired from service in 2016. However, she returned to a seat on the City Council again in 2019. Her final term in office was to end in April 2023. She had announced last December that she would not be seeking reelection for another term. Kathy was an institution in Monona. She will be missed.

Retirements

10 Monona Grove School District employees retired during the 2022-23 school year.

Carol Bratland, Educational Assistant, Winnequah School, 26 years

Lori P. Herkert, Student Services, District-wide, 24 years

Patrick Onsager, Special Education Teacher, Monona Grove High School, 27 years

Charlene Parks, Special Education Educational Assistant, Monona Grove High School, 23 years

Janice Stone, Band Teacher, Glacial Drumlin School, 30 years

Brian Storms, Physical Education Teacher, Monona Grove High School, 30 years

Karen Vial, Special Education Educational Assistant, Taylor Prairie School, 21 years

Renee Radlinger, English Teacher, Monona Grove high School, 22 years

Anita Ranum, Social Studies Teacher, Glacial Drumlin School, 30 years

William Behrens, Custodian, Glacial Drumlin School, 13 years

Greetings! we've recently received:

Sue Kanable, Janesville, WI

Ken Rhodes, Class of 1961, Verona, WI

Sharon (Larson) Hennings, Class of 1963, Cambridge, WI

Shirley (Stolen) Worl, Class of 1963, Madison, WI

Dr. John Kuehn, Class of 1964, Lucernemines, PA

Jacqueline "Jackie" (Bronson) Spors, Class of 1969, Janesville, WI

Barbara "Barb" (Zamzow) Franzen, Class of 1970, Hudson, WI

Penny (Heckendorn) Barman, Class of 1974, Cross Plains, WI

Bette (Arndt) Paulson, Class of 1975, Mercer, WI

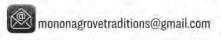
Mary Newton-Kellogg, Class of 1978, Cross Plains, WI

Stephani (George) Thompson, Class of 1980, DeForest, WI

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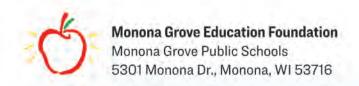


Claire Hacker, Class of 2014



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