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# CLASS NOTES

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**Larry Jorgenson**, Wisconsin Rapids, is retired after teaching for 40 years. He served as a city alderman for 22 years. Jorgenson has traveled to Norway seven times and collects old cars from the '30s and '40s, along with trucks and tractors from the '50s, and stores them in Blair. He has two daughters, one a tenured college professor, the other works for National Conference of Bar Exams.

## 65

**Beverly Warner**, Dunwoody, Georgia, has lived in the Atlanta area since 1970. She married a man from Georgia Tech in 1973. She had two daughters with her first husband, a '67 UW-L grad. They moved to Minneapolis for his graduate work and Atlanta for a job. They added a third daughter in 1977. She is now guardian of a 14-year-old grandson in boarding school. Life has been interesting, she says, with several trips abroad, as well as a second home in Highlands,

North Carolina. Warner has been fortunate to be in good health and to stay very busy socially. "Thank You, La Crosse for giving me the foundation and degree to prepare me for the life I have been blessed to enjoy," she says.

## 67

**Mary Rohrer**, La Crosse, has joined Western Technical College Foundation as a philanthropy adviser advocating the Pathways Scholarships opportunities program, major gifts and planned giving. Rohrer had been a major gifts officer with Winona State University and is an administrative faculty retiree at WSU. She currently serves on the faculty retiree travel committee.

## 72

**Scott Chovanec**, Highland Park, Illinois, plans to retire in June 2015 after 42 years of service to both high school and health care. He will continue as president of Scott Chovanec & Associates Inc., a strategic planning practice

providing thought leadership and decision support for the recreation, fitness and wellness industry. He has just completed his 1,100th facility audit and his 950th conference presentation. Recently, Chovanec was named Administrator of the Year by the Illinois Association of Health Physical Education Recreation & Dance and a top presenter at the Athletic Business Conference in Orlando, Florida. Chovanec will be honored as a Park Ridge, Illinois, Community Star for his service as a president and board member, along with his leadership on several committees for Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, as well as his partnering skills in bringing over 20 programs from Lutheran General Hospital to Maine Township High School District 207.

## 75

**Lawrence E. Hodel**, Hayden, Idaho, has retired after 30 years as a pilot for Southwest Airlines.

# 77

**Daniel Heinritz**, Appleton, and wife, Jill, are enjoying their fourth year of retirement from education in Appleton. They are enjoying their children and their families and traveling to be with them. They are expecting their eighth grandchild in the fall and know it will be their second grandson. They are staying busy working part-time jobs in Appleton and sub teaching and facilitating for the District High Ropes Course. Daniel says one of their upcoming trips will be a two or three day visit to La Crosse to re-unite with Bill and Marge Terry and talk baseball and “the good old days” at UW-L.

# 88



**Michael R. Moline**, Saint Paul, Minnesota, of the law firm Lommen, Abdo P.A., has successfully

achieved recertification as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Moline was first certified in 2005.

# 85



**Shelmina (Kassam) Abji**, Bellevue, has been named to the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. In the role, Abji will participate in the six-member board whose duties include setting the college’s strategic direction, establishing policy for the college and approving budgets.

# 91

**Nancy McLean-Cooper**, '91 & '00, Rockville, Maryland, is an occupational health and safety specialist in Bethesda. She and her husband, Darren Cooper, have a son, Raynell Cooper, who

will graduate from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in May. He plans to attend graduate school at the University of Maryland to pursue a degree in urban planning.

# 00

**David McHenry**, Wimbledon, United Kingdom, recently relocated to London with his wife, Lisa Goggin, after accepting the role of Head of Global Treasury & FX Sales for Silicon Valley Bank, United Kingdom.

# 06

**David J. Jacobson**, Lake Zurich, Illinois, is a social studies teacher and English Language Learners Coordinator at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, where he also coaches football.

# 07

**Scott M. Butler**, Onalaska, received the “Sixth Annual Outstanding Young Lawyer Award,” given to one lawyer a year who is

either under age 36 or in practice for less than five years. The honor from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Wisconsin, recognizes service to clients, the bar and the community.

## 11

**Lauren V. Roszkowski**, Milwaukee, wants to thank Psychology Department faculty for preparing her well for graduate school — a master's in community counseling at UW-Milwaukee. She gradu-

ated December 2014 and is looking forward to entering the work world. "I have had nothing but positive experiences while at UW-L and strongly respect the pursuit of academic excellence it continually strives for," she says. "I am a very proud alum."

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**Anna Christensen**, Apple Valley, Minnesota, is attending graduate school for a master's in counseling psychology and additional studies.



**Katlyn Saley**, Poynette, has been accepted into the Peace

Corps and departed for Malawi March 2 to begin training as an environmental education volunteer. Saley will live and work at the community level to raise awareness about a variety of health issues, including nutrition, sanitation, malaria, community health, water, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS.

## Walk For Freedom



Carrying history, memories, protein bars, apples, water and, of course, cameras while singing freedom songs most of the way, 2014 UW-La Crosse Parker Multicultural Alumni Award Recipient, Susie Jans-Thomas, '86, far left,

accompanied by doctoral students from University of West Florida walked for freedom. They walked 54 miles from Selma, Georgia, to Montgomery, Georgia, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic march that led to the Voters' Rights Act of 1965. From March 21-25, 2015, they participated in the "Walking Classroom" sponsored by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Park Service with 300 people representing 29 states and three different countries. The West Florida Freedom Marchers met several origi-

nal marchers who stopped along the highway to cheer them on and say, "Thank you for remembering not to forget." Jans-Thomas says when making history, it is difficult to choose highlights, "but, singing along with the Freedom Singers in Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church in the evening after completing the march, with an intimate crowd of 75 people, energized the group to continue walking with minds set on freedom."

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## *Faculty & Staff remembered*

### **GARY DICKINSON**

Gary L. Dickinson, 70, Cashton, died Jan. 27, 2015. He earned a bachelor's in 1968 and master's in 1971 from UW-L. He spent his entire teaching career in Cashton, from 1968-2004. Upon retiring, he became an instructional academic staff member in the UW-L Mathematics Department from 2004-14. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

### **BILL HYDE**

William "Bill" J. Hyde, 90, La Crosse, died Jan. 23, 2015, at Gundersen Health System. He earned a bachelor's at Milwaukee State Teachers College and a master's and doctorate from UW-Madison. He taught at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1946-47; Washington State College, Pullman, from 1947-50; and Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, from 1953-56 before coming to UW-L in 1956 where he taught English until retiring in 1992. Teaching English was his favorite occupation; 19th century English literature and history were his specialties. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne.

### **BILL MACKEY**

William "Bill" J. Mackey, La Crosse, 90, died March 3, 2015. He served in the U.S. Marines from 1943-46

and received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana. He received a doctorate from Loyola University, Chicago, in 1971. He taught in the Sociology/ Archaeology Department from 1968 until retiring as professor emeritus in 1994. He was a faithful member of the La Crosse and District Pipes and Drums. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and their children.

### **BILL POLLMAN**

Adolph William "Bill" Pollman, 75, of La Crosse, died Dec. 24, 2014. He received a bachelor's and a master's in business administration from UW-Milwaukee, and a doctorate from UW-Madison. He was a professor in the UW-L College of Business Administration from 1969-2005. He is survived by cousins and friends.

### **MARY SCHMITT**

Mary Robertson Schmitt, 76, La Crosse, died Feb. 22, 2015, in La Crosse. After graduating from Logan High School and Western Technical College, she worked as a secretary in various places including Gundersen Clinic, several law firms and for 20 years at UW-L until retiring.

## *Alumni remembered*

**1933:** Alida Hovde Schlicht, La Crosse

**1942:** Edith (Wiederhott) Thompson, Mukwanago

**1948:** Hannora Belle (Creeden) Parr, La Farge

**1952:** Marie Emoline (Gartner) Lehmeier, Winona, Minnesota

**1954:** Beatrice Mills Small, Viroqua

**1955:** Jerry Frederick Lehmeier, Winona, Minnesota

**1961:** Audrey (Holter) Weber, New Glarus

**1962:** Joseph Brittelli, Kenosha

**1963:** Carol Jean Kaus, Tomah

**1965:** David Lee Kampschroer, La Crosse

**1968 & '71:** Gary L. Dickinson, Cashton

**1968:** Carol Hagen, Westby

**1968:** Robert "Bob" Meronk, Oshkosh

**1970:** James Houghton Wiley, La Crosse

**1971:** Bruce Wooden, Scottsdale, Arizona

**1972:** Ann Idelia Erlandson, La Farge

**1972:** Barbara J. (Koeller) Kroner, La Crosse

**1984:** Christina M. 'Tina' Turek, Appleton

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