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**John M. Bernd**, Stevens Point, has been retired since 1984. He was last employed as a faculty member of UW-Stevens Point, where he taught for 20 years. He turned 92 in August. Bernd says he enjoyed his years at La Crosse State and taught for 40 years. Bernd worked with the semester abroad program at UW-SP and took students to London several times, as well as Taiwan the year he retired. He also opened a campus exchange in Krakow, Poland, in 1975 while it was still behind the Iron Curtain. "That was an interesting semester," he recalls.

## 47

**Evelyn "Chick" (Dziedzic) Nirschl**, Appleton, celebrated 65 years of marriage with **Jim**, '50, on June 18, 2014, with family and friends. Both were physical education teachers. Jim spent 34 years at Kimberly, coaching baseball and football most of those years, as well as three years as athletic director. Chick taught after the last of six children entered kindergarten. She taught in Kimberly, Combined Locks, Freedom and 16 years at Kaukauna where she taught physical education, dance and coached track. Jim is 90; Chick is 88. Along with their six children, they have six grandchildren and two great-grand girls. "God is good," says Chick.

## 57

**Lois M. (Ruehlman) Daulman**, Orinda, California, is enjoying life after teaching for 31 years. She keeps busy with golf, gardening, theater and genealogy in the San Francisco Bay Area and Hawaii.

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**Gordon Gade**, Punta Gorda, Florida, served in the military after graduation. Upon returning from Germany he accepted a position with the Trane Co. He retired from Trane after 37 years and winters in Florida, and spends summers in La Crosse, "a great city."

## 65

**Myron "Mike" Miller**, Leavenworth, Kansas, is retired. He skates inline marathons in the 70-74 age group around the country on Team Max Muscle (Max Muscle Nutrition Stores) out of Minneapolis/St Paul. Also, he rides cycle and cyclocross competitively when he has the opportunity.

## 71

**Barbara M. Jacobs**, Johnston, Rhode Island, has been promoted to associate commissioner for women's basketball for the American Athletic Conference.

## 72

**Peter L. Rayome**, returned home to Rosenberg, Texas, a Houston suburb, after 20 years in Flower Mound, Texas, a Dallas, suburb, where there's "too many Cowboy fans!"

## 83

**Gary E. Johnson**, Bloomington, Minnesota, says it's taken 31 years, but the degree he received from UW-L has paid off in a big way. After spending 10 years with one company and another 16 years working in technology the position he held was eliminated. "I was 56 years old and was feeling pretty downtrodden as my financial future was looking pretty bleak," he explains. "I had heard of my peers and the trouble they were having with securing meaningful employment. After all, I am at an age that potential employers tend to steer away from." Johnson recently was hired as a financial administrative specialist with the Veterans Benefit Administration — a position he says he was qualified and hired for because of his UW-L degree with superior academic achievement. "One should never underestimate the value of education and how it can impact your life when you least expect it," he says. "I am grateful for my degree from UW-L and how today it truly made a difference in my life."

# 84

**Sue E. (Fickau) Sullivan**, Cuba City, reports that the third generation from her family is now attending UW-L. Her uncle, Alan Fickau, graduated in the mid-1960s, she graduated in 1984, and her sister, Sheryl (Fickau) Watkins, in 1986. Now her son, Taylor Sullivan, is in his junior year on campus. "We all have greatly enjoyed our time at La Crosse," she says. "Believe it or not, we all studied in the science departments."

# 86

**Thomas and Denise (LaPlante) Smith**, both, '86, Apple Valley, Minnesota, are proud that their youngest daughter, Kallie, is attending UW-L in fall 2014. "May she carry on where we left off," says Thomas.

# 89

**Timothy S. Tschumperlin** has moved to Dubai in Al Barsha, United Arab Emirates, to teach high school IB psychology at Dubai American Academy. This is his sixth international teaching position.

# 91

**Tami Carpenter-Olney**, Phoenix, is pursuing a doctorate in performance psychology at Grand Canyon University in Arizona, a newer field in psychology. She recently completed teaching 22 consecutive years in Arizona. "Unfortunately, there is such a

thing as burnout," she says. "This is why I am on a quest to discover new teaching and learning methodologies that are consistent, researched, efficient and effective." She hopes to change the outlook and outcome of public education in a long-lasting, optimistic manner.

**Diana Elena Moran** married Andrew Thundercloud in October 2012. They live in Merrillan. She is Native American Student Organization (NASA) co-adviser at UW-L and is teaching two classes for the UW-L Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department this fall. She's a proud American Association of University Women member.

# 97

**Catherine Corrao**, Glendale, has been appointed marketing manager supporting the transportation sector at DCI-Artform, Milwaukee, a global retail marketing firm.

# 11

**Karly Wallace**, Chippewa Falls, is a physician recruiter with Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire.

# 03

**Diane Walleser**, has been named Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services at Columbus State Community College in Ohio. She was previously Vice President of Marketing, Public Relations and Campus Administrator at Madison

Area Technical College in Wisconsin. Walleser has an Ed.D in higher education leadership from Edgewood College in Madison, an M.B.A. from UW-L, a bachelor of science in business administration from Viterbo University, and an Associate of Applied Science in Finance from Western Technical College in La Crosse.

# Class of ??

**Carla (Stai)**, '97, and Paul Meyer, Milwaukee, a son, Bennett Edward, Dec 16, 2013. He joined brothers, Tommy (11) and Tyler (8).

**Kari Fredrick**, '01, and Timothy Weaver, Chicago, a son, Evan Richard Weaver, July 25, 2014.

**Mandi**, '03, and **K. Noah**, '04, **Hinrichs**, Oshkosh, a son, Finn Patrick, May 29, 2014.

**Abigail (Foth)**, '14, and Ralph Holcomb, Evanston, Illinois, a daughter, Joy Katherine, May 4, 2014. She joins a sister, Eve.

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## ARTHUR BROWNELL



Arthur "Art" F. Brownell Jr., 82, of La Crosse died July 2, 2014, in La Crosse. He taught in the Mathematics Department from 1965-95. During those years, he was a statistician for football and

basketball, along with serving as a baseball coach. Brownell was an umpire and referee for many sporting events. Off the field he did lettering and calligraphy for award certificates for college athletes. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and six children. See a complete obituary at: [goo.gl/ToqT9y](http://goo.gl/ToqT9y)

## THOMAS "TOM" REINERT

Tom Reinert, 72, died Aug. 4, 2014, in La Crosse. He was a senior lecturer in the Communication Studies Department from 2000-2011.



His wife, June, is retired from UW-L's Disability Resource Services. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. See a complete obituary at: [goo.gl/Xs0x7A](http://goo.gl/Xs0x7A)

## *Alumni remembered*

- 1942:** Meryle L. Ehlert, Beaver Dam
- 1943:** Janice Franzen, Carol Stream, Illinois
- 1948:** Betty Raatz Blystad, La Crosse
- 1952:** Phillip Brieske, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1952:** Howard M. Eilks, Sarasota, Florida
- 1954:** Earl J. "Joe" Bakalars, Cedarburg
- 1954:** Richard J. Schild, Sun City, Arizona
- 1959:** Russell Sprain, West Salem
- 1961:** John Doty, Iron River
- 1963:** Anthony Buechel, Kalispell, Montana
- 1979:** Keith Kreps, Madison
- 2007:** Tammy St. Peter, Fredonia

## *Mass Comm alums reunite*



A group of alumni who met while taking mass communications classes on campus met at Lawsonia Golf Course in Green Lake for its 17th annual reunion. They included, from sitting left, clockwise, Brad Heinkel, '83; Greg Anderson, '82; Jim Schroeder, '82; Greg Sroka, '82; Jay Novak, '82; Mark Thorn, '83; Tom Highum, '83; and non-alumni guests, Bill La Rue and Bob Masewicz.

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