



# Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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Peonies with a touch of history to the former Westmar University campus, have been planted in the Westmar Memorial Park, thanks to the efforts of graduate Barbara Wernli Collins. These peonies originally came from the home of Jacob Wernli's grandson (Allen Wernli) in LeMars. They traveled to and thrived in Lexington, MA., at the home of Jacob's gr. granddaughter, Barbara Wernli Collins. She brought several Wernli peony roots back to LeMars to be planted in the Westmar Memorial Park. Barbara was the last Wernli to graduate from Westmar. She is married to Steve Collins, also from Le Mars. The planting crew: (from left) Dixie Kooiker, Frank Summerside, Jan Kooiker and Barbara Wernli Collins, gathered by the gazebo June 14, 2013. Summerside was a vocal music professor at the college for many years and the three women are alumni. In 1887, Jacob Wernli established the Northwestern Normal School and Business College in LeMars, which eventually became Westmar University.

## Reunions

**August 23—24, 2013**

Class of '58—55-year reunion. Including the classes of '56 to '60

**Sept. 13—14, 2013**

Class of '63—50th reunion and Class of '53—60th reunion, with invitations to the classes of 1940 to 1965 (except those who will be included in the Class of 58 reunion.)

**For more information on these reunions visit the web page at [www.westmarcollege.org](http://www.westmarcollege.org), email us at [wafa@westmarcollege.org](mailto:wafa@westmarcollege.org) or leave a message at 712-546-8759.**

**Just In .Sept. 28, 2013—Colorado "Westmar" Reunion...** All Alumni & Friends Welcome. 11:30 Salad Luncheon at Northglenn United Methodist Church, 1605 W. 106th Ave. Please bring salad and /or dessert. All else provided. RSVP number attending to '61—Gay Feind Weber at 303-452-1723, '60 Wanda Powell Schneider at 303-674-4957 or email Wanda Schneider at [wandasch13@gmail.com](mailto:wandasch13@gmail.com)



## NEW ITEMS TO SHOW YOUR ALMA MATER

Just in time for summer fun! New polo shirts, can koozies and insulated tumblers. These items can be ordered from the webpage at [www.westmarcollege.org](http://www.westmarcollege.org)

Polo shirts made by Port Authority of 65% Polyester/35% cotton. \$25.00 in sizes of Sm. Med. Large and X-L. (available online, at reunions and though the Wafa office only.)



Collapsible Can Koozies and insulated tumblers with lid & straw, will be coming soon. Each with a different Westmar logo.

Great for reunions and gifts for your Westmar friends. A great way to help support Wafa and show off your college!

Dear Westmar Endowment Scholarship Committee,

As I am preparing for my fall semester at Briar Cliff University I would like to extend a formal thank you for the scholarship I received.

Great Thanks,

Shelby L. Puhl, LeMars (\$500)



Check out the Website for Memorabilia. More items to be added shortly. [www.westmarcollege.org](http://www.westmarcollege.org)

## A Focus on Dr. Kime

### Dr. D. O. Kime – Longest serving Western Union – Westmar President.

By Wayne Marty

Seventeen Presidents guided Western Union-Westmar College during the 97 years from 1900 to 1997 and only three served the college for more than a decade. These three were sequential for a period of 57 years with Dr. Mock serving 19 years from 1911 to 1930, Dr. Kime 26 years from 1930 to 1956 and Dr. Kalas 12 years from 1956 to 1968. (York College, which merged with Westmar in 1954, was guided by 11 Presidents during the 64 years from 1890 to 1954 with only two (Dr. Schell and Dr. Overmiller) serving a decade or more. One could say that Dr. Kime was the “Center Support” for the college with 30 years (1900-1930) of pre-Kime college years and 41 years (1956-1997) of post-Kime college years.

David O. Kime came to Western Union College in 1919 after he was discharged from WW I military service where he had served as a head electrical engineer in France. Prior to his military service he had served as principle and coach at two different Illinois high schools where he had coached a baseball team and a football team to Illinois State Championships.

Western Union College hired Mr. Kime as Professor of Mathematics and Physics and Athletic coach. The versatility of the new professor was quickly recognized. The 1922 yearbook, *The Pilot*, was dedicated “to David Orion Kime who is one of us in spirit, a strong booster of W. U. C. , a close friend of every person on the campus and all others who know him – we the staff of 1922 in appreciation of the service he has rendered to our Alma Mater respectfully dedicate this volume of *The Pilot*” In that 1923

*Pilot*, Kime is pictured as a member of the Science Seminar and for his program gave a presentation on “The Fourth Dimension and Relativity”. He is pictured as the coach for football, basketball, baseball, and track. The yearbook also describes Kime’s involvement with the “Wireless at Western Union”- “through the work of Professor Kime and interest of others, we have developed the most up-to-date set in this section of the country. Further comments about the “wireless” on campus describes reception from the Western Union station 9YAE as far away as Maui, Hawaii and numerous relay transmissions of messages that included “seven distinguished ones to President Harding from the Governors of Texas, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota, Utah, Nevada, and Washington.

By 1925, Dr. Kime had led the move to the public broadcasting station KWCU, claimed to be “the best 50-watt station on the

air” with studios located on the top floor of Dubs. In this same year he established the Industrial Arts Department but Physics remained his passion. He became head of the Physics department and continued to teach physics for many years even after he became President of the college. The April 25, 1941 *Glean* has a page four headline that reads “Western Union Had First Television Station In Iowa – One of the First Three In the U.S.” As an enthusiastic Physics professor this seems possible but I have not been able to find any verification. If this claim has merit, it is significant because my search indicated that WOC-TV in Davenport made the first TV broadcast in Iowa in 1949 followed by WOI-TV in Ames in 1950. The first TV broadcast from nearby Sioux City was from KUTV on March 29, 1953. This



prompts memories of that year. As President of the Westmar Student Government in my senior 1952-53 year I spent many hours with Dr. Kime as we worked to get satisfactory reception on the first campus TV located in the Student Union basement of the old original 1908 gym. Even reasonable reception was a challenge. All pictures were snowy because the closest broadcasting station at that time was Omaha.

Apparently when Dr. Mock retired in 1930 the college functioned without a president for one year. Leadership was provided by a Managing Committee. Kime was the chairman. One year later he was appointed acting president and in 1933 was appointed President and served that role through 1956. The beginning of Kime’s presidency was during tough times. Although the 1929 economic depression occurred during the last year of Dr. Mock’s leadership some of the major corrective efforts occurred following the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. Dr. Kemper’s writing on page 98 and 99 of his 1965 “A History of Westmar College” describes the freezing of local bank assets – “The operating funds of the college had been deposited immediately before the banks were affected by the Presidential order.” With no operating funds, Kime sought the emergency support of faculty and community to help through these tough times. He guided the college, with only 160 students at that time, through the depression years, when faculty often could not be paid, by housing some faculty in Wernli hall and feeding them along with the students in the Dining Hall. As Acting President, Kime received \$50 extra pay for his leadership role. From 1931 to 1935, Kime’s average salary was \$1,348.34. He personally sacrificed along with all of the Western Union community.

Kime was a vibrant, creative leader and also a serious philosopher and educator. In his first report to the Board of Trustees as Acting President he emphasized the importance of the small colleges by noting that they, collectively, carried 50% of our nation’s education load while state universities carried 25% and the well-endowed private universities carried the remaining 25%. As a new president he pushed for curriculum revision with more integrated studies and more





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freedom of study for outstanding students. He suggested that there be no grades given to students for the first two years and that with appropriate examinations and assessment the faculty determine if a student is “fit” to continue for the next two years. Kempers reports further from Kime’s 1931 report to the Board, “Intense specialization has strangled the life out of the arts in too many centers of research. The real scholar is a person who possesses not only an inquiring mind, but who at the same time can see facts in their true relationship. The education world must lay more emphases upon the education of the whole man. Whatever else it might be called, piecemeal information and un-coordinated particles of knowledge cannot be considered an education. What is needed in the education world is synthesis of all human science after the fashion of the various instruments of an orchestra. Knowledge broken up into a thousand fragments does not generate wisdom.”

Kime was awarded the Honorary Dr. of Laws degree at the 1935 commencement and thereafter was appropriately addressed as Dr. Kime. While the 1930’s were tough years, the 1940’s were years of opportunity. By 1942 the college enrollment was up to 244 students. Kime led the college into the aviation era by beginning a flight training program and acquiring land for a college airport. This led to the WWII Naval cadet flight training program but regular college enrollment suffered. By the fall of 1943 only 129 students registered for classes and of this group only 34 were men.

fied military barracks buildings served as the Science Hall for many years and was named in his honor. In his latter years he saw the completion of the Charles A. Mock Library and Administration building. From his 2<sup>nd</sup> story office, with windows overlooking the campus, he could appropriately feel proud of his accomplishments. It must have provided some pride for him to see the college attain North Central Accreditation in 1953. Attainment of this long sought goal was followed one year later by the need to manage the merger with York College with many of their students and faculty joining the Westmar community in the Fall of 1954. Dr. Kime had guided the college through the tough years of the depression and the WWII years in the 1940’s. As a former WWI soldier he probably had personal reasons for his post war statement of, “The Atomic Bomb is a potent weapon against immediate war, but it is a poor hope for permanent peace.” Perhaps he had some sense of personal peace when he retired at age 65 following his 37 years of service to Western Union-Westmar College and the community of Le Mars. The January 28, 1956 Gleam reports Kime’s re-



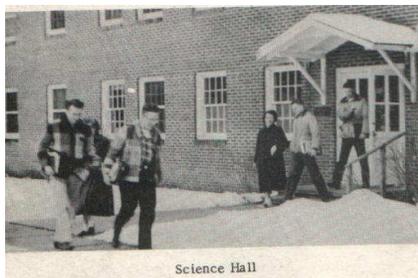
sponse when asked about the future, “With the increase in student enrollment throughout the country, Westmar College should grow to an enrollment of close to 750 students within 10 years. It is my opinion that we should stop there and do the best job that we know how to do in training that number of students.” That number was exceeded and the college is closed. That was not Dr. Kime’s only failed prediction. There were others but with vision, intellect, and good management, Dr. Kime served the college well.



Schlesselman, N. McFate, Hassebrock, E. Lippke, Gill, Wackerbarth, Budde, Mattison, I. Ebinger, Evans, Roseberry, Draheim, Reep, Jacobson.

The end of WWII in 1945 provided a continuation of the building boom on campus. Several Airport hangars were built during the war years. The return of GI’s with GI Bill financial support produced a need for more housing. Student dormitories were built and Dr. Kime acquired excess WWII military barracks from the Sioux City Airbase for additional married student housing and classroom space. Only 6 buildings existed on the Western

Union campus when Dr. Kime became president. 21 additional buildings were constructed or acquired by the time he retired in 1956 at the mandatory administrative retirement age of 65. One of these modi-



**Kime Science Hall—scheduled for demolition this fall—2013.**





## Alumni Deaths

Western Union '38—**Rev. Alferd Wilken**, 96, of Fairmont, MN formerly of Des Moines, IA, died June 1, 2013. He graduated from seminary in 1942 and served churches in IA. He served as District Superintendent and on various councils for the UMC. He was also on the Board of Trustees of Westmar College. Of his three children, John '71 and Keith '67 are also alumni. [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

Western Union '39—**Leona E. (Mugler) Musser**, 95, of Waterloo, IA, died April 21, 2013. She taught music and English in public schools in Kansas and Iowa. A daughter, Ardeth '65 as well as a brother Warren Mugler '49 are among survivors as well as her sister, Harriet Semke '46 and Staff. [www.richardson.funeralplan2.com](http://www.richardson.funeralplan2.com)

Western Union '47—**Annetta G. (Buckley) Bjorholm**, 91, of Danbury, IA, died July 4th, 2013. She taught schools until her marriage in '50 and then resume teaching after her husband passed away in '85. She retired in 1992. She was active in many organizations and volunteer work. <http://siouxcityjournal.com>

'48—**Richard P. Hatz**, 86, of Remsen, IA, died June 23, 2013. He was owner/operator of Hatz Locker for 28 yrs, taught part-time at St. Mary's HS for 17 yrs and was then employed with Prudential Ins. for 25 yrs. He was very involved with community events. A son Steve '73, is also an alumni of Westmar. <http://siouxcityjournal.com>

York '51—**Rev. J. Richard Shapland**, 87, of Holdrege, NE, died Feb 25, 2013. He served in the Navy during WWII. Ordained in 1955, he served as pastor for the Nebr. Conference until 1992. [www.nelsonbauerfh.com](http://www.nelsonbauerfh.com)

'52—**Edward C. Downing**, 85, of LeMars, died May 28, 2013. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC, from '46 to '48. He taught and coached for 32 years retiring in 1990. One of his survivors is son Doug '81, and his wife Sandy '79. [www.mauerjohnsonfh.com](http://www.mauerjohnsonfh.com)

'52 and Staff—**Walter Turke, MD**, 84, of Traverse City, MI, died June 22, 2013. He attended Westmar before going on to U of Iowa. He was a champion for civil rights for the mentally ill and specialized in the humane treatment of schizophrenics, veterans with severe post traumatic stress disorder and the homeless mentally ill. <http://obits.mlive.com>

'54—**Robert Whitaker**, 80, of Lafayette, CO, died June 3, 2013 of complications of Parkinson's disease. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was married to Ellen (Hoppe) '53, for 59 years. Other survivors include his brother Cliff '59. [www.theboulderdailycamera.com](http://www.theboulderdailycamera.com)

57—**Robert L Miller**, 86, of Lincoln, NE, died Jan. 30, 2013. His daughter Joy writes, "Dad spoke fondly of his days at Westmar and we older children remember living there in a Quonset hut. post WWII housing for married students. For years, the family bookcases were made with leftovers from some church which had laminated wood beams which Dad helped build, so the story goes. He had cut the leftovers into blocks for classic brick/block and board bookshelves. Some of the friendships he made there were lifelong." [www.umcneb.org](http://www.umcneb.org)

60—**Dennis Ray Kanago**, 80, of Cambridge City, IN, died June 15, 2013. He served in the Air Force in Korea. He worked with his father in business in LeMars, then in Decorah and Waterloo. He then had his own landscaping company in Houston, TX and moved to IN after retirement. [www.marshallanderleweinfuneralhome.com](http://www.marshallanderleweinfuneralhome.com)

'60—**Carol Rose (Gehring) Williams**, 75, of Wichita, KS, died July 9, 2013. She was married to Walter Williams '60 (now deceased) who was a staff member in the Business Office. She is survived by 3 children and 7 grandchildren. [www.watsonfuneral.com](http://www.watsonfuneral.com)

'60—**Myron W. Meyer**, 80, of Archer, IA, died June 28, 2013. His teaching career began in country school and ended in his home town middle school in Sheldon where he retired in '89. He served 20 years on the fire department, 22 years as the Archer City Clerk and sang bass in the Archer Gospel Quartet. [www.vanderploegfunerals.com](http://www.vanderploegfunerals.com)

'61—**Phyllis Nelle (Stolpe) Welander**, 96, of Olathe, KS, died July 18, 2013. She was a home economics teacher for many years in IA before retiring to Sun City, AZ. She was preceded in death by brothers Myron Nelle '83, and Kenneth Nelle '64. [www.lemarssentinel.com](http://www.lemarssentinel.com)

'65—**Susan Kay (Hacker) Flitsch**, 69, of Gold Canyon, AZ, died June 16, 2013. She taught Home Economics, Child Growth and Development and Family Relations at Appleton West HS for 28 yrs. She and her husband retired to Gold Canyon in 1999. One of her survivors is her sister Connie (Hacker) Schuler '68, and she was predeceased by her husband Dave Flitsch '64. The Arizona Republic

'67—**Keith Wilken**, 68, of Fairmont, MN, died July 24, 2013, in an accidental drowning on Hook Lake, MN. His father, Alferd Wilken '38 died June 11, 2013, and is also listed here. Keith was a Minister and Farmer. Among his survivors, wife Sue (Vogel) '67, brother John Wilken '71 and brother-in-law, Larry Vogel '66 were Westmar Alumni. [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

'71—**Frances B. (French) Juelfs**, 93, of Merrill, IA, died July 27, 2013. She began her studies at Western Union in 1936 earning a teaching certificate and taught in rural schools for several years. After returning for her BA she taught fourth grade at Hinton, IA for 22 years. Interests included gardening, sewing and church. <http://siouxcityjournal.com>

Don't forget to visit the website ([www.WestmarCollege.org](http://www.WestmarCollege.org)) for your memorabilia and membership needs. You can also register for the reunions online or print a form to mail. Keep us posted when you move or get a new email address also.

**New Wafa Facebook Page** from the Wafa office with news and announcements to keep you in touch, and up to date. Please join us at [facebook.com Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association](https://www.facebook.com/WestmarUniversityAlumniandFriendsAssociation)—please "LIKE" us.



## Alumni Deaths

'72—**Donald M. Kunkel**, 79, of LeMars, IA, died June 13, 2013. He operated Don's Bookkeeping for several years and was ordained a permanent Deacon in 1981 for the Catholic Church. [www.mauerjohnsonfh.com](http://www.mauerjohnsonfh.com)

'88—**Todd Hansel**, 47, of Sioux City, IA, died May 17, 2013. He attended Westmar for two years and graduated from Morningside College with a teaching degree. He worked at MCI and Gateway. <http://siouxcityjournal.com>

### Staff/Other:

Board of Directors—**Robert Regnor Rydell**, 83, of Des Moines, IA, died July 7, 2013. Robert was an attorney and partner with the Reimenschneider, Rydell & Smalley Law Firm. He was a member of the Staves UMC and served on the United Methodist Foundation. [www.hamiltonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.hamiltonsfuneralhome.com)

Staff '69-'78—**Loris Gronemeyer Gabel Heeren**, 95, of LeMars, IA, died May 10, 2013. She had enjoyed working as the men's dorm housekeeper for nine years after her husband Gene Gabel passed away. <http://siouxcityjournal.com>

Family—**Mark Semke**, 58, of Fridley, MN died June 19, 2013 after an extended illness. **Harriet Semke**, his mother and **Kathleen Semke** his sister, wish to extend a "thank you to all of you, our dear friends, for your expressions of sympathy at the death of Mark. It is such a comfort to know that you are thinking of us and praying for us!"



Do you have any Westmar items you would like to

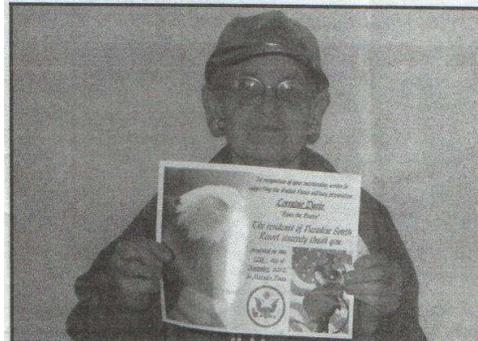
donate to the Archives or for room display?

Contact Westmar by mail or e-mail. Addresses are listed on the back of this newsletter.

## Alumni News

The Onawa Democrat, Wednesday, May 8, 2013

### Lorraine Davis Presented "Rosie the Riveter" Award



Lorraine Davis of Onawa recently stopped by to show off a certificate

Western Union '42 – **Lorraine (Bartel) Davis** of Onawa, IA, was presented a "Rosie the Riveter" Award from the residents at her winter home in Mercedes, Texas. The certificate was presented in recognition of her outstanding service in support of the United States

military's preparation in WWII. Lorraine also presented a generous gift to the Monona County Veterans Memorial Museum in memory of her husband, Leonard L. Davis, '44, and his service to his country aboard the USS Bunker Hill. (Our thanks to The Onawa Democrat for permission to use the photo and information.)

'62—**DarEll T. Weist** writes that he retired in 2006 after 45 years in the EUB/UM Ministry. Last year, 2012, DarEll was elected Chair of the California Pacific United Methodist Commission on Archives and History. Cal-Pac has a medium sized archives in the basement of the Claremont School of Theology Library in Claremont, CA. The Commission employs a part time Archivist to process all the material. Presently they are working on a project to digitalize as much of the archival holdings as they can. DarEll and his wife Diane Kenney, have just moved to Pilgrim Place in Claremont, CA where they joined two other Westmar Couples, Alan and Mavis Streyffeler and Dwight and Linda Vogel.

An airplane built in the factory at the Western Union Airport is on display in a room adjoining the Westmar Memorial Room in the Plymouth County Museum in LeMars.



### Wafa Dues Support These Activities:

- Work with the Iowa College Foundation to administer the Westmar Endowment Scholarship
- Help sponsor and organize Westmar reunions
- Publish Wafa newsletters
- Help maintain displays in the Westmar Room of the Plymouth County Historical Museum
- Maintain Westmar Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Administration database
- Help maintain the Westmar Memorial Park on the former campus
- Maintain the Wafa web-site [www.westmarcollege.org](http://www.westmarcollege.org)

Don't forget to visit the website

## Alumni News—ABOUT

### Westmar Alumni and Friends Association

#### Board of Directors

The next Wafa quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held on Oct. 21, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Plymouth County Historical Museum's Welcome Room. All Wafa members all welcome to attend and are encouraged to participate in whatever way they can.

2013—Co-Chairmen are:

Cory Isebrand '88

Phyllis (Luken-Jacobson) Mitchell '90

Returning Members are:

Jan Wagner '76

Stuart Fischer '84

New Members are:

Lisa Langlitz '95

Angela (Webb) Kneip '87

Mary Mediauw Brown '82

**IMPORTANT: Ask yourself and your relatives that attended Westmar or one of the colleges associated with Westmar if it is time to clean out the bookshelf and the storage space by donating year books and other memorabilia to Wafa. We are missing copies of '29, '42, '45, '58 '59, '60, '61, '65, and '75. A number of these have been requested. Your donations will be appreciated by many and your children will not have to deal with them later.**

**Thank you for considering Westmar (Wafa) in your future plans.**

Now Available  
T-shirts in GREY.

(also in white or blue) Great for summer and the reunions. Prices are: Small, Medium, Large and X-large are \$15.00 each and XXL & XXXL are \$18.00 each. (Note: not all sizes may be available in all colors.)



Notes from the July 15, 2013 meeting of the Wafa Board of Directors included:

**Financial Directors report:** Membership at 516—an increase of 8 from last quarter. \$54.00 in memorabilia sales this quarter and \$25.00 general donations.

**Executive Director's report:** (Raisers Edge is a database that was used by Westmar College and passed on to Wafa. It includes most of the faculty, and students with addresses, credit hours, and fund raising information. It has been used by Wafa as its working database until this year. To update the software would be \$15,000 which is not feasible. Therefore, it was decided earlier this year to maintain only the Online Alumni Research Directory. It is updated by Alumni Research, Inc. which will be working on a new directory next year for Westmar. Raisers Edge is still utilized because of the historical information it contains. This information may be transferred to a different format when we update the computer.)

Specific data to be transferred from Raisers Edge to Alumni Research has been determined. Jan is working on updating faculty obituaries and bios for the reunions coming up. There is a great need for volunteers to help file things in the Archives.

**Communications Director's report:** Beginning a new project of having the class composite pictures available for viewing. A poster stand has been purchased and the composites are being digitalized so that they can be displayed and may also be available for purchase. Most years will be available as the project proceeds.

November Newsletter Issue: Reunion photos

February Newsletter Issue: List of Donors, Composite Picture Project

*Dear Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association:*

*I would like to thank you for selecting me to receive an award of \$1,000 through the Westmar Endowment Scholarship Program. I am honored to receive your support for my educational endeavors.*

*My engineering education continues to make me grow at Dordt College. This summer, I plan on participating in the Back to the Future REU at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, where I plan to research the joining of polymer materials with Dr. Cassandra Kingsbury. Upon graduation from college, I intend to pursue a degree in Architecture by attending a larger university to receive a Master's Degree in Architecture. Because of your financial support, my path to this career is easier.*

*By awarding me this scholarship, my financial burden is lighter and I can focus more on my primary task, learning. Your generosity has deeply encouraged me.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kimberly De Boer*

*(grandchild of John W. Vis '51)*





## Alumni News...continued

'74—**Nancy Allen Hendry** of Isle, MN, has been honored by the Battle Creek (IA) Alumni Assoc. for making a lasting difference in the lives of the students and the community of Battle Creek. The Alumni Association also congratulates Nancy on her many years as a vocal music teacher. She began her music teaching career at Battle Creek teaching K-12, vocal and general music. During her 5 years there she coached swing choir, directed variety shows and two musicals—"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and Oklahoma". In 1979 the HS Swing Choir won 1st Place in a show choir contest. After BC, she spent 15 yrs. subbing and teaching in eight different school districts. She is married to Larry, has two daughters and has been at Ogilvie Public School for the past 17 years. (Photo and information used with permission of the Ida County Courier—we thank them.)



Nancy Allen Hendry

'84—**Tim Pick** is "leaving" LeMars on August 23rd, to begin residence at St. Meinrad School of Theology and Seminary for priestly formation. He was accepted by Bishop R. Walker Nickless as a seminarian of the Diocese of Sioux City and assigned to St. Meinrad, IN. We wish him well. He has been active in St. James Catholic Church and has been Director of Music there. He has also been involved with LeMars Community Theater. Additional information can be found in an article and photo at [www.lemarsdailysentinel.com](http://www.lemarsdailysentinel.com)



'62—**Rev. Richard (Dick) Mark**, of Burnsville, MN, is enjoying his retirement from being a church pastor and school administrator, but is keeping very busy with many activities. Dick has been singing with a barbershop quartet "4 P's in a Pod",. Composed of four clergymen, their "pod" is that they were all pastors of United Church of Christ congregations.

He also sings with Singing Friends Chorus, a singing ensemble from central MN. He maintains memberships in the Retired Clergymen and Retired Public School Administrator organizations. His hobbies are writing for newspapers and as a Paul Bunyan tall tale storyteller.

'65—**Dr. Grace (Buehrens) Ziem, M.D., Dr. P.H.**, left Westmar in '63 for Medical school and has been practicing medicine for 36 years, with a major focus on public health and prevention as well as medical care. She received her M.D. in '67 from the U. of Kansas and spent two years of volunteer work in South Vietnam as a physician to civilians (1968 - 1970). She began her public health training, with a Master of Public Health at Johns Hopkins '71, and a Master of Science and then Doctor of Public Health at Harvard '75. She returned to join the Johns Hopkins faculty and has been active in worker educa-



tion, teaching occupational medicine to medical students at the U of Maryland School of Medicine, and occupational health policy at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She has been a consultant for Maryland OSHA, the NJ Dept. of Health (writing fact sheets on about 1,000 chemicals) Maryland Dept. of the Environment, WHO, US Congress, Walter Reed, National Academy of Sciences, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, US Dept. of Agriculture, California Dept. of Health Services, American Lung Assoc. and other agencies. Documenting treatable biochemical and pathophysiological changes resulting from chemical injury remains an ongoing and vitally important interest. Grace tells us she still has a busy medical practice specializing in care of chemically injured patients. She has a non-profit website at [www.chemicalinjury.net/biosketch.htm](http://www.chemicalinjury.net/biosketch.htm)

'58—**Bob Darrah**, Urbandale, IA, writes that he has been teaching and coaching for 51 years, with numerous honors in wrestling and women's golf. Actually, in 2012-13 he had been the head coach of Simpson College Women's Golf for 23 seasons, guiding the Storm to 93 wins in 234 attempts and has been named Iowa Conference Women's Golf Coach of the year 11 times and has led the Storm to nine league titles. He also served Simpson as head wrestling coach for 1989-95 where he compiled an 86-25-1 record and one IIAC title in '91. Five of his wrestlers were named All-American and one was a 2-time National Champion. He was voted Coach of the Year in '91 by the IIAC. Darrah also served as the Simpson's men's golf coach from '94-'98 where his teams finished in the upper division of the conference every year and one player earned All-Conference honors. Before serving as a college wrestling coach, Coach Darrah coached high school teams. In 27 years, his teams went undefeated 17 times and did not have a losing record. In 11 years at Dowling, the Maroons went 161-1 and won the first three state dual meet championships. Dowling won four state championships and were second five times. Dowling won the 3A State Tournament Qualifying meet 17 years in a row. Darrah was named the 1977 Iowa Class 3A Coach of the Year, the 1988 Amateur Wrestling News High School Coach of the Year, and the 1990 National High School Athletic Coaches Assoc. National Coach of the Year. He also coached the Iowa Federation Wrestling team for 21 years. His high school teams posted a 340-17-2 record. His 340 dual wins are the second most in Iowa high school history. Darrah held all offices of the Iowa High School Wrestling Coaches Association, serving two terms as president. Note: Bob did not have a wrestling program in his high school or at Westmar College. He started an outstanding career as a wrestling coach as a self taught, self made, outstanding and successful wrestling coach. More information can be found at [www.iowawrestlinghalloffame.com](http://www.iowawrestlinghalloffame.com) [www.simpsonathletics.com](http://www.simpsonathletics.com) <http://intermatwrestle.com>



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