

# '60 Minutes

September 2013

## Greetings, Classmates

Many of you know that my husband of 50 years, **Art Penpek**, passed away on April 7, 2013. He was diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma (a type of non-hodgkins lymphoma) in 2010. After six months of chemo he was in remission and enjoyed two years of healthy living before it returned in Sept. 2012. We stayed in Wisconsin last winter while he received four different types of chemo to no avail.

He truly enjoyed our class reunions and counted many classmates as friends. A celebration of his life was held on June 22 of this year in Egg Harbor, WI. It was comforting to have several classmates attending. Donations from family, friends and neighbors purchased a memorial bench with his name on the plaque. It now stands next to the sidewalk on Hwy 42, the main street through Egg Harbor.

Besides me, Art is survived by our daughter Maria Busby, son David (Pat Curtis), grandsons Chris and Nate Busby, Art's two brothers, my four brothers and their families. He will be remembered fondly by family and friends.

We list four classmate deaths in this newsletter. Unfortunately there may be more that we never hear about. The newsletter mailing is so important to keep our mailing list updated. Please keep in touch – we don't want you to become a "Missing Person".

Elaine Statz Penpek  
P.O. Box 241  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209  
empenpek@hotmail.com  
Phone 920-868-2953

## In Memorium

**Gail Belgan Askey** passed away on March 4, 2013 at UW Hospital in Madison after a 20-year battle with cancer. Gail was an extremely loving and comforting person and an avid traveler. She was a long-standing member of our class reunion committee and her positive spirit will long be remembered. She is survived by her husband Terry, son Tim, daughters Melissa and Lynda and seven grandchildren. Her great-grandchild is expected in September.

**Jo Ann Hess Hendricks** died at home in Newport, NC on Nov. 15, 2009. She worked for the Edison Police Department as a crossing guard for 20 years. She is survived by five children, fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Julie Heuft** died in Albuquerque, NM on Oct. 17, 2012. She worked as a truck and school bus driver in Los Angeles, CA including transporting Olympians in Los Angeles (1984) and Salt Lake City (2002). She is survived by her sister Jacqueline; brothers John, Jerome, Jeffery, Joseph, Jan and Jerry and several nieces and nephews.

**Susie Zweifel Porto** passed away on March 6, 2013 in Ocala, FL after a two-month battle with cancer. She married Albert Porto, her flight instructor, in 1977. They owned and operated Computer Dynamics, a placement service for computer programmers and managers throughout the Midwest. They moved to Ocala, FL in 2000. They loved to travel and enjoyed many cruises, visiting over 35 countries together.

## New E-mail Addresses

**Removed to maintain privacy.**

### Classmate News

#### **Nancy Larson Johnson – burtonancy@aol.com**

You had asked about any updates. Well, my biggest change was retiring from my custom decorating position on May 1, 2013. On June 3 my husband Burt and I left for a wonderful trip to the Imperial Capitals of Europe – Budapest, Vienna and Prague. We then flew up to Stockholm to visit friends and relatives in three parts of Sweden. I'm really enjoying my retirement.

#### **Bob Barganz – barganz@centurytel.net**

My wife Jean and I divide our wonderful retirement days (ten years now) with four summer months at home on Lake Eau Claire; spring and fall at a home in Madison and four months at a condo in Florida. We visit children and grandchildren in New York City and Seattle area regularly as well as taking some international jaunts every year. How fortunate and happy we still are.

#### **Pat Klein Edgerton – pedger10@charter.net**

I became a great-grandmother for the first time on May 4, 2013. My daughter's son Jeff and his wife Dana Sadlemyer welcomed their son, Sawyer, in Oshkosh. Of course I think he is one of the most beautiful babies ever. I have been playing *Words with Friends* with Kathy Kruger, Sharon Chamberlain and Buffy Stevens. I welcome anyone else who wants to join the fun!

#### **Michael Max – michaelmax1@me.com**

Not much has changed for me since the last update so just go with existing contact information. The exception is that I've gone back into the technical side of diving and am co-chair of the Diving Committee of the Marine Technology Society.

#### **Luke Groser – thegroser@yahoo.com**

Am now 49 months in Portland, Oregon (final chapter location – some of our kids are here and promised to drive us to the retirement home) Retired as a lifelong high school social studies teacher in Shorewood, WI five years ago. Our bodies slowly descend in quality as is normal. Our spirit and attitudes are high, positive and strong. Am grateful for all of my past days which got me to today. Yea Regents!

#### **Jackie Gintz Smith – jackiesmith@meltel.net**

All is well here. This summer I am playing clarinet in the pit orchestra for *Guys and Dolls* which is being performed by a local theater group. Not a big deal but fun!!!

## More Classmate News

### Lynn Hogan Case – [lcage2008@yahoo.com](mailto:lcage2008@yahoo.com)

We are enjoying our travels. In 2011, a river cruise on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers through five European countries. Last September to Helsinki for three days, then a Russian cruise – St. Petersburg to Moscow. This September we will tour western Turkey, from Istanbul to Troy, Ephesus, Hieropolis, Bursa and back to Istanbul followed by an Aegean cruise to Mykonos, Patmos, Kusadasi, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini before spending three days in Athens. In 2014, just after our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, we'll head to China. Both Gary and I took elective art history classes when we were UW students. After I recently audited two art history courses at UW-Madison, it has been a real joy and a life-long dream to see some of the world's greatest museums and art treasures.

### Fred Milverstedt – [mlvrstdt@comcast.net](mailto:mlvrstdt@comcast.net)

My book, *One More Ride: Life on the Road*, came out on June 27, 2013. It's available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Apple E and August Publications <http://www.augustpublications.com/catagory/books/> Paperback print for \$14.95, E for \$9.99. So far I'm in the hole on royalties, having purchased and given more away than we've sold. Reviews have been good, five and four stars on Amazon. But I suspect by this time all my nieces and nephews and cousins have already anted up so I may have to write a few dozen myself. Kudos to **Jim Strand** for giving me a nod. We're finding that it's a mix of bikers and non-bikers, both young and our age who are reading and the consensus is they're enjoying the read. I figure if they didn't, they'd either throw rocks through my windows or say nothing at all.

### Neil Swanson – [neil@baldwinridge.com](mailto:neil@baldwinridge.com)

Retirement can wait. My wife Linda and I are thoroughly enjoying our work as life coaches. We both specialize in coaching individuals with ADHD and family members of ADHDers. Most of our coaching is over the phone so this allows us to serve clients wherever they live. You might enjoy our website: [FreeToBeCoaching.com](http://FreeToBeCoaching.com). Our kids and grandkids continue to be a major source of joy for us. We also continue to participate in progressive social action to help preserve and restore our planet and democracy for everyone's grandkids. We expect to be arrested (for the second time) for a peaceful civil disobedience in Washington DC in protest of the tar sands oil pipeline. I was back in Wisconsin for a family reunion on July 4 where I enjoyed a little waterskiing (on my two replaced knees) after not waterskiing for almost 50 years. I found the old body unwilling to do some of what my young mind was longing to relive. Nevertheless, staying up for the length of the lake did boost my illusion that I'm actually younger than my birth date tries to claim.

## Missing Classmates

Some of these classmates have been missing for many years but we'd love to bring them back into the group. Any arm-chair detectives want to take a stab at locating them?

James Beck	Judith Bell	Judith Brewer	Robert Campbell
Steve Curtis	Ann Gillett	Dorothy Grasse	Janet Harvey Larsen
Sandra Heding	Hulya Karakurt	Jill Morrell	Sharon Miller Hilsenhoff
Mary Presnall	Thomas E. Swanson	Romelia Trevino	William West
James Whiting	Margaret Witte		

Remember to check out our web page: <http://personalpages.tds.net/~rdannelson9/index.html>

**Address Changes from 2012  
Postal Returns**

**Address Changes Sent  
By Classmates**

**Removed to maintain privacy  
on this web publication.**