

'60 Minutes

September 2019

Greetings Classmates

Are you getting excited about our big reunion – 60 years for the Class of '60? The first committee meeting will be held September 12, 2019. We hope to choose a date and place as soon as possible so you can begin to make plans to attend. If I have your email address you will be notified as soon as the plans are final.

We will probably have at least two activities – a catered picnic at a park shelter and a casual evening get-together with food. We want to see all of you there. Who knows where we will be in five more years!

I received a good response to the request for news, especially related to downsizing. See the comments on the last two pages. To make sure everyone was included, it was necessary to do some editing. I hope I kept all the pertinent information. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Dan Nelson continues to do a superb job of maintaining our class webpage. Make note of the new addresss:

<http://www.madisonwest1960.com>

Bookmark it so you can go back often to relive old memories viewing photos, videos and so much more.

Take care and keep in touch!

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In Memoriam

John Juhl died in January of 2017 of a massive heart attack. He was living in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the time. This information comes from his sister, **Susan Bower** of Leawood, Kansas. We are grateful to Susan for letting us know. She was also a West High graduate and would love to hear from any of you who knew John. She can be reached at 913-486-0066.

Bernard "Bernie" Cooper died on March 7, 2019. He was the owner of Cooper Plumbing since 1983. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding his Gold Wing motorcycle and especially spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, four children, two step-children and four grandchildren.

Annual Ladies Lunch

Thanks to **Jeanne O'Neill Skilton** for organizing this year's ladies lunch for female classmates in the Madison area. The date is September 12 at 11:30 am at The Egg and I on the West Beltline.

Jeanne sends email notification for this event. If you are in the Madison area and are not receiving her emails, contact Jeanne at robths@aol.com.

If it's too late for this year, get your name on the list for next year. This annual luncheon is well attended and we always have a great time!

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Classmate News

Bob Dicke, rtdengr@gmail.com We are not downsizing! In fact, we are building a new house that is larger than the current one. There will now be a library instead of shelves in the hall, I will have an office and a craft room, Chris will have a real sewing room instead of being crammed into what once was the world's smallest bedroom. There will be a spacious kitchen and dining atrium, and a theater. There will be a wood shop that is finally big enough, and an Observatory - a room where one sits with a glass of wine and watches the cows, cranes, and deer on the other side of the road. We hope to be in the new house by Thanksgiving.

Jaris Welch Traw, trawma@cox.net Hope everyone is doing okay....My oldest daughter is fighting breast cancer, she could use lots of prayers right now--they all help. Thanks

Victoria Dawn Wang, vwang01@sprynet.com We've downsized and moved from the 'burbs to be near more "activity and public transportation". More importantly, it's wonderful to be close to family — especially the 2 adorable granddaughters!

David Ruskin, oldesalt@att.net My brother, Dennis A. Ruskin, a 1965 graduate of West High passed away October 26, 2018. Dennis graduated from UW Madison in 1969 and later, Dennis retired from the US Air Force as a Major.

Roxanne Riemen McCarthy, roxannetwa@aol.com We still have our three homes and manage to do traveling but I'm sure the day will come soon and we will have to be sensible. Our son and wife live in Jacksonville and have three boys, that are now 11, 14 and 17. We are still playing golf, skiing in the winter and now my husband has become a pickle ball maniac. We are healthy and look forward to seeing everyone next year. Thanks for all you do 😊

Jeanne O'Neill Skilton, robths@aol.com My husband, Bob (West Class of '59) and I camp in the US and Canada in a small 25-foot motorhome. This summer we camped in Cooperstown, NY and Myrtle Beach, where two of our grandsons had travel baseball tournaments. During the winters, we have been leaving the motorhome in Florida and going down for 2 weeks at a time. Each winter I've organized mini-reunions for our classmates and they have been such fun. Our three daughters, Anne, Sarah, and Mary live close enough to us that we see them and their families frequently. We have five of the best grandkids and we love spending time traveling with them and attending their baseball and basketball games. In September we'll be camping in Madison when I will be attending a reunion committee meeting and getting together with "lady classmates". Love staying connected with so many of you on Facebook.

Philip Koch, philkoch1942@gmail.com After two strokes. I am in a wheelchair.....also my other side is almost paralyzed.....worst is loss of left leg and next is loss of what is for me the other hand so I am almost completely dependent on my wife or a surrogate supplied by the govt in this peaceable healthy country where I live and am a citizen (Canada).

Toni Delliquadri, tdelliq@gmail.com Fortunately, my family has survived another year very well although I find myself more involved with the aging issues, problems and sadnesses that friends have gone through. I consider myself very lucky to be among the healthy and vigorous and to still have my husband of 49 years doing reasonably well after serious cancer, heart and auto immune system problems. My two grands are growing too fast and are now 16 and 13 (teenagers!) but we have managed trips to Vancouver, to Quebec, and to Paris together without "incident". I continue to do volunteer work with shelters for women and children, homeless programs, and various political activities. Also, still being academic with a Senior Lifelong Learning Program at UCLA, leading discussions on Political Science and History topics. I am still in touch with several members of our class and it is a joy to have the Madison memories.

Classmate News (Cont.)

Michael Max, michaelmax1@mac.com We have just come back from a week in France, 5 days in London visiting my daughter who is doing an MA in computer art and engineering at Goldsmiths College (University of London) and seeing some old geological mates of mine. And then two weeks in Dublin where we saw a lot of old friends and I was able to spend some time with my Post-Doc Student (I am an Adjunct Professor at University College, Dublin, and generally politicking to try to get some funding for a gas hydrate laboratory in the Chemical Engineering Department. We have passed the point where any planning for old age makes any sense so we are just hanging on in our old, familiar and comfortable house in DC (a city that has remarkably good public transport and taxis by American Standards). And we are both engaged in local organizations that keep us entertained and as busy as we want to be. On the work side, my little company has a good customer and we are waiting to hear about the next contract for 2020. So, even though I am now being treated for aggressive prostate cancer, which was caught very early, I have just done the 7th infusion of the nasty stuff and there are only three more in this course. The doc is happy enough with the way I am responding and when I finish this course has no plans for anything else to treat the remaining nasty bits that have hung on for a year and a half or two years - and then we'll see.

Barb Jallings Albrecht, bkjalbrecht@gmail.com I downsized to a small two bedroom apartment in a senior apartment building to be closer to my children. I have told them that it is the last time I will be responsible for moving, whether it's to an assisted living facility, nursing home, or the funeral home. Therefore, it is forcing me to make decisions as to what is important to keep and what can be used by members of my family or donated to a charitable organization. I am still going thru things and making decisions and will probably be doing this for the rest of my life as I hopefully age and no longer wish to or am unable to be as active as I am now. I am enjoying my life not having to worry about things like replacing appliances, furnace, air conditioner, etc. I am meeting new people and will eventually participate in more of the activities provided residents of the building. The only con I can think of is that it is difficult downsizing - getting rid of things I still love but no longer have space to display. But better for me to do than burden my family.

Ellen Vetter Meboe, ellen@meboe.com We moved from our family home to a condo in a resort. We love it! Our monthly dues cover all maintenance of the grounds, sidewalks, parking lot and outside of the building. We are responsible for the inside of our two bed/two bath condo, which we own. Our kids are happy because we gave them what they wanted of our earthly possessions so they won't have to go through our belongings in the future. Living in a resort we see happy people of all ages on vacation every day, not just retired people, because most of the condos are used as vacation rentals, and the owners come a couple times a year. However, we live here full time and do not rent out our condo. It's a short 10 minute walk to the beach, and the swimming pool is just outside our door. We can take trips to anywhere in the world because we are members of HomeExchange.com. We just got home from a month in Austria, staying in homes in Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck. Then three weeks in Norway, staying in one HomeExchange home, then with three sets of relatives. Not having to maintain a large home and yard makes for great freedom in retirement.

Bill Bird, birdwill@aol.com Last year I finished a year-long gold exploration project in southern Brazil. While there, I even had a chance to look at a potential rare-earth-element prospect north of Rio. This year, I am working on a Government of Uganda project. I am presently editing my first report, which covers visits to, and evaluations of ten mineral occurrences. Uganda is a beautiful country and the scenery and field visits were spectacular. That said, the capital, Kampala, is cursed with the worst traffic in the world. Since Amin was overthrown, Uganda has made great strides toward stability and re-establishment of democracy. It is presently one of the best places, in Africa, to work. See you in 2020!