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Dorothy Winters 51, Fremont, Neb., is an evidence technician with the Clinton County Police Department.

Gerald DeLeo 62, New Berlin, is president of Post-Poles Resource Group of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Janice Flescher 52, Menomonee Falls, has retired after 20 years with the Dunn County Social Services.

James Rider 57, Egg Harbor, has retired after 33 years of teaching and 21 years as elementary principal, to direct a program for the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Class Notes

1970–1979

Dianna Watson 70 was listed in the 1979 Who’s Who of Professional Development. She is a CPA with M.O. Pantanella & Asso., Prospect, Ill.

Allan Carman 70 was named principal of Tech High School, Phoenix, Ariz. Lynn Brehler-Taitani 67, Appleton, has retired after 32 years of teaching at the Oakhills Public School System.

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Gregory A. Zaimis 73, a graduate in educational administration and supervision from the College of Education at UW-Whitewater, has joined the Flanagan Cigars Co. MS 76 is the owner of Annie’s Titles, Mendon, Mass. Kathy Kosiak 80 is director of statistics at Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Texas.

Fred Nicos 81, MS 83, Belgium, is a technology education teacher at the Allan S. Nachman Vocational School in Racine.

Theodore Bartlett 71, New Richmond, has retired after 32 years of teaching at the New Richmond Middle School and is now starting a sailing and deck business.

Hillaire Warren 72 has earned a master’s degree in educational administration and supervision from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind. She is currently an elementary assistant principal at Westminster-Washington Schools, Westfield, Ind.

David Bruhalser MS 73 is project director, Center for Urban Education, a graduate of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Steven Doerschuler 74, Colleville, Tas., was named senior vice president for business development at Baltimore Air Cargo, a subsidiary of JAS´tied Industries.

Susan Ludy Futterer MS 76 is director of Cook County Hospitals. Prent was named president of Prent Corp., Janesville. Prent was a 50-year-old Wisconsin company.

Gerald DeLeeuw 62, New Berlin, is president of the Tiles Division of AAFCS.

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A son, Jared Christopher, June 4, 1999, to Bob and Amanda Schramek, Waukesha. A daughter, Madelyn Lura, March 27, to Dennis and Jill Stensrud, Delavan.


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A daughter, Gabrielle Grace, July 6, 1999, to Raymond and Dora Przybyski, Stevens Point.


A son, Joseph Mitchell, June 11, to Joel and Darla Montgomery, Madison. A daughter, Gabrielle Renee, Feb. 13, to Paul and0 Melissa Winser, Fond du Lac.


Mike McKinney '87 was recently promoted to construction manager for PCL Civil Constructors, Southwest Division. In his 10 years working for PCL, McKinney has continued to grow in his positions and has managed many different construction projects including a diversion dam in Verintia, Calif.; flood control dams in New Mexico; various pipeline projects in San Diego, and Spanish Forks, Utah; and wastewater treatment plant improvements and other projects in Phoenix.

In his current position, McKinney is also responsible for all of PCL’s activities in the San Diego area and reports directly to the vice president and district manager in Tempe, Ariz. He is also responsible for overseeing all work in progress, procuring new work in San Diego, and staff development and recruiting.

His wife, Sharon Weber McKinney, graduated in 1987 with a degree in industrial technology. The McKinnies have one son, James; and two daughters, Casey and Kaitlyn.

Joan Pleuss '67, senior research dietitian at the Medical College of Wisconsin’s General Clinical Research Center, has been named president-elect of the Wisconsin Dietetic Association and will chair its annual meeting in Madison next April.

Pleuss, who joined the Medical College faculty in 1974, serves as lead assessment nutritionist for the Medical College arm of the national Women’s Health Initiative study. She also serves as a Preceptor for the medical student dietetics classes, as nutrition consultant to TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Inc., and as a guest lecturer at Mount Mary College.

A past president of the Milwaukee Dietetic Association, she is also secretary-treasurer of the National Association of General Clinical Research Center Nutritionists, and has served as a delegate to the American Dietetic Association. Pleuss has served as president of the Milwaukee Dietetic Association’s Medallion Society, and as a delegate to the American Dietetic Association.

Sarah Gorham '79, has been appointed academic department director for The Art Institute of Atlanta's associate degree program in the culinary arts. Gorham graduated with her bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management from UW-Stout.

A member of the ACF Atlanta Board of Directors and certified executive chef, Gorham brings 28 years experience in the food service industry to her position. Previously, she served as executive chef/Goun's chef/food production manager for Marriott Hotels and Resorts, and has co-owned and served as chef of Two Chefs Inc, a catering company in Atlanta.

Since 1994, the culinary arts program at the institute has grown to be the largest provider of culinary arts education at UW-Stout. He attained his Professional Human Resource Certification in 1994.

Maryann Keoppen Bush '72, counselor at Riverland Community College in Austin, Minn., has received the 2000 Outstanding Leadership Award from the Minnesota School Counselor’s Association. She earned her degree in family and consumer education from UW-Stout and completed her master’s at Minnesota State University-Mankato.

The award was presented by Jon Larson, midwest vice president of the American School Counselor Association at the annual conference held April 30-May 2 at Madden’s Resort in Brainerd, Minn. The Southeast Division had selected Bush and her nomination was then forwarded to the state association for consideration. She has served as president of the Southeast division, post-secondary vice president of MPCA, and chair of the Minnesota ACT council, and has been editor of the MPCA newsletter “GUIDELINES” for 10 years.

Gretchen Sommerfeldt '99, has joined Zizzo Group Advertising as a graphic designer. She joined Zizzo Group Advertising from Circle Midwest Inc., a graphic design firm that merged with Zizzo Group Advertising on May 1, 2000.

Sommerfeldt joined Circle Midwest as a graphic design intern and joined the firm full time in 1999. She earned her bachelor of fine arts degree in Art with a graphic design concentration at UW-Stout. Sommerfeldt is a native of Hayward, Wis., and now lives in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Barb Gorum '79, has been appointed academic department director for The Art Institute of Atlanta's associate degree program in the culinary arts. Gorham graduated with her bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management from UW-Stout.

A native of Red Wing, Minn., Lyons earned his bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from UW-Stout. He attained his Professional Human Resource Certification in 1994.

Sally Weiss Schendel '61, and her husband, Mike, were honored as Good Neighbors for 1998–2000 by the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce for their volunteer involvement with The Oaks, a senior independent living center and various other community activities.

Schendel is a native of Dunn County and a graduate of Menomonie High School. She recalls the time prior to the high school being built in 1960. “We walked through a tunnel to get from the high school to Stout for those classes,” she said. After high school, Schendel attended Stout at the suggestion of her father. “My dad sort of ‘hustled’ me to go to Stout…” she said. So right after graduation I started with classes in summer school,” she said. Schendel continued on with regular sessions and summer school, graduating in 1961 with a major in home economics education after only three and a half years.

While at Stout, she was a member of Alpha Phi and remembers singing Christmas carols for Mrs. LaPointe at what is now the Wilson Mansion.

After graduation she taught home economics at Lincoln Jr. High School in La Crosse, Wis., and Gale-Erlick High School in Galesville, Wis. After her two daughters, Krista and Angela, were born, she taught evening adult education classes for many years.

Schendel’s work at the Oaks includes chairing the Public Relations Committee, which involves publicity and hosting a monthly information meeting. Working with the residents on the decorating committee was an exciting aspect of the project, she said.

Both she and her husband have kept busy within the community since their return. “We have earned our Master Gardner certificates, sing in the Community Concert Choir; and were members of the Community Choir that toured Europe in 1998, serving as ambassadors for Menomonie and the Chippewa Valley,” she said. Schendel also enjoys showing their restored ‘49 Studebaker in area parades and car shows, Sally and her husband are also co-owners/operators of the Schendel Family Tree Farm near Wheeler.

“Education at Stout provided me with the expertise in organizational skills, an interior decorator’s experience...and some great recipes for refreshments at those monthly informational meetings for The Oaks!” she said.