A time to reflect

Endings and beginnings usually seem to be a time of reflection, in both our personal and professional lives. As we began 1999, and as we do every year, the majority of us took a few minutes to consider the previous year. During this time of reflection, we often criticize ourselves for not completing everything we had set out to do in January. Instead of being critical, let’s celebrate all that has transpired during the year: victories and losses, good and bad, happiness and sadness. They have all been lessons in shaping 1998 and us.

The Alumni Association has many reasons to celebrate. We welcomed 1,404 new members into the community of Stout graduates; hosted 12 alumni gatherings throughout the United States; held six class reunions; met with groups of international students; developed a new program for graduating seniors; hosted the years of service award reception and retired faculty/staff breakfasts; continued our relationship with Weston Credit Union to increase dollars for the scholarship fund; put a major face-lift on our web pages; assisted in the success of the Chancellor’s Scholarship Ball; worked with Harris Publishing Company in the development of our alumni directory (for more information and corrections please see the box below); worked jointly with University Relations on the publication of the Stout Outlook; met with our alumni board of directors; and heard wonderful stories of the successes of our alumni. (Make sure you check out our front cover story, Success can come in many forms.) Yes, it has been an exceptional year, and I am happy to have been a part of all the activities.

What can we expect in 1999? That is up to you. This is your alumni association. You are the ones who request we host an alumni gathering in a particular area, work on the development of a new program, or that we try something different. You informs us of what’s happening in your lives and the lives of fellow alumni. As I begin my third year with the Alumni Association, I will look forward to your comments and suggestions and, most importantly, I will look forward to meeting many of you. I encourage you to stop by our office, send a message...just keep in touch.

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Committee seeks new nominations

The Nominating Committee of the UW-Stout Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors. Alumni are encouraged to submit recommendations by completing the form below and returning it, along with the nominee’s current resume, to the UW-Stout Alumni Association, Nominations Committee, Louis Smith Turner House, PO Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790. All nominations and resumes will be kept on file for future consideration.

Nominations should be:
• Willing to serve a two-year term on the board of directors.
• Able to attend two meetings held in Menomonie, annually.
• Willing to serve actively on committees as needed.

Alumni Association Board of Directors Nomination Form

Name of Nominee

Maiden Name

Year of Graduation

Degree

Address

City, State, Zip Fax

Place of Employment

Position

Employer’s Address

Employer’s Name

Submitted by:

Name Phone

Address

Chapel
**UW-Stout Alumni Association**

**Gatherings**

**Las Vegas, Nevada**

Several alumni and spouses gathered for a reception at the Tropicana.

**NRA Reception, Chicago, Illinois**

Rick ‘81 and Susan Mark Roman ’80 hosted UW-Stout alumni at a reception in The Signature Room of the John Hancock Building.

**Appleton, Wisconsin**

More than 80 UW-Stout graduates and friends met at the Holiday Inn Select in Appleton for a reception and to hear the latest happenings at Stout.

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**Las Vegas 2000**

March 9-12, 2000

UW-Stout All Alumni Gathering

Call your friends and plan to join your fellow alumni for a fun-filled weekend at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Thursday, March 9

Reception
Friday, March 10

Beer and Brat Feed
Saturday, March 11

Dinner Program, Entertainment

To include your name on our mailing list, contact the Alumni Office 715/232-1151 or by e-mail at alumni2@uwstout.edu
Diamond Reunion


Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished Alumni: Martha Bubeck Schmidt ’34 was honored as the Distinguished Alumni during the Diamond Reunion activities; Larry Wright BS ’47, MS ’48 was recognized as the Distinguished Alumni at his Golden Reunion in June 1998; Wayne Nero BS ’68, MS ’67 was recognized as the Distinguished Alumni for the class of 1968 during their reunion activities in June 1998; and Janice Krocher Atkinson ’78 was presented the Distinguished Alumni Award at the UW-Stout Homecoming Game in October. Janice also celebrated her 20th class reunion.

Golden Reunion: classes of ’47, ’48 and ’49 enjoy two days of reminiscing

Golden Reunion:


30th and 40th Class Reunions:
Small numbers, great times


Faculty and staff recognized

The Alumni Association is proud to honor faculty and staff who have served the university for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years.


Thirty-Five Years (l-r): Helmuth Poelke Albrecht, Rita Christoffersen, Orville Nelson.