

# CONNECTIONS

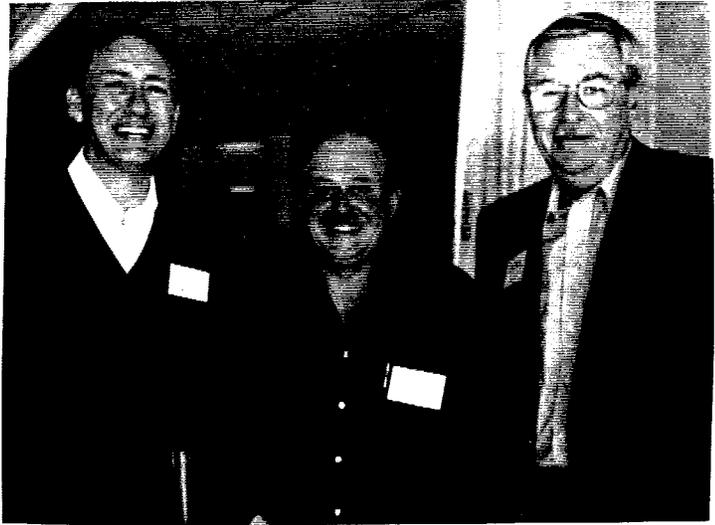


A Newsletter of the American Drug Stores Alumni Club

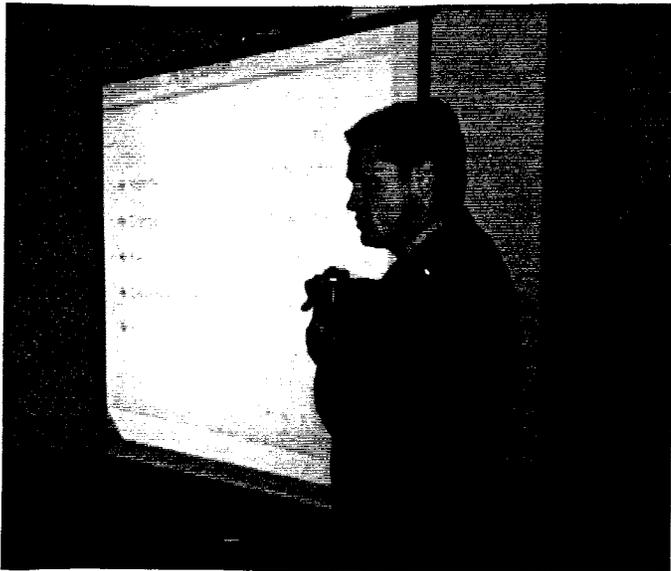
Summer, 1999

## Alumni Club's Spring Luncheon

Over sixty members and guests gathered on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville, Illinois for the Alumni Club's Spring Luncheon. This luncheon, sponsored by Fidelity Investment Services, included a presentation on "401K Rollover Accounts and Investing for Retirement Income" by John Hennessey. If you're interested in information on those topics, contact John at Fidelity Investments (312/726-6807).



The lucky winner of the "50/50 raffle" was none other than Dominick Archer of Westchester, IL. Dominick went home with \$110. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and helped to support the Club. A special thank you to Steve and Stella Troc who used their brilliant smiles and undeniable charm to sell the tickets!



We had a number of members who were attending their first Alumni Club luncheon. They had a first hand look at what our luncheons are all about. We hope to see you again! Also attending for the first time were: Wally Fairfield of Overland Park, Kansas; and Richard Miller of Lenexa, Kansas. They flew in to attend the luncheon and hear the Fidelity Presentation.



## Spring Luncheon (continued . . . )

Every one who came to lunch went home a winner. Thanks to the generosity of one member (who wishes to remain anonymous) everyone was able to choose from a variety of wonderful door-prizes to take home.

This was the second luncheon sponsored by Fidelity Investments. The large turnout confirmed that our members are interested in learning more about their investments. Let us know about other topics you'd like to hear about. Hope to see you in November!



## Western Region Luncheon - Scottsdale, Arizona - April 15, 1999

By: Betty Baumer

A typically beautiful day in Arizona was the setting for the Alumni Club's 2nd Annual Western Region Luncheon. The luncheon was held on Thursday, April 15th at the Scottsdale Country Club. Jack O'Toole, the Alumni Club's Western Region Representative, opened the luncheon with a moment of silence for all those who were no longer with us. He then took the opportunity to introduce several of the Alumni Club's newest members, including: Kim Pratt, Ray Nielsen, and Joe Zagar.



Jack O'Toole



Mary Edwards, Betty O'Toole, Mrs. Evans, Jack O'Toole, Jack Reese, Mrs. Reese, Renz Edwards

**Western Region Luncheon continued . . .**

The beautiful room overlooked the golf course. The floor to ceiling windows allowed the brilliantly colored flowers from outside to set the room ablaze. There was ample room to mingle and visit with friends we hadn't seen in a long time. The cheerful and friendly atmosphere made it hard not to enjoy yourself.



Ernie Sawyer, Dick Hilden, Carl Mitchell



Nancy & Ron Grove

After desert, the drawing for the "50/50 Raffle" was held; it produced several happy winners. In addition, several lucky attendees won door prizes that had been donated by several vendors. The food was delicious, the service was excellent, and everyone is already looking forward to coming back next year!



Jean Radtke, Joyce Hilden, Diane Ostrander



Fran & George Stearns

**Welcome to Our New Members:**



The following alumni have recently joined the American Drug Stores Alumni Club. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

- Dennis P. Johnson - Grand Fords, ND
- Vicki Muzzey - Lombard, IL
- Bon Monroe - Las Vegas, NV
- Diane Heatter - Orland Park, IL

## Ed Delcourt Retires

By: Steve Troc



Ed & Leah Delcourt

A gala retirement party was prepared and presented to Ed Delcourt on his retirement during March of this year. Over one hundred "fans" were present to roast and celebrate the event. It appeared all the roasters were unanimous that Ed's abilities as a store and market manager were great, especially his talent to control inventory. The food was terrific and the company was 'the best'!

After graduating from Roosevelt University with a degree in business administration and a minor in accounting, Ed began his career with Osco Drug. Ed was with the Chicago market for over thirty-three years of which thirty-one years were in a management position. Ed managed stores in the suburbs of Frankfort, Joliet, North Riverside, Oak Lawn, Tinley Park, Hickory Hills, Chicago Heights, and Park Forest. During that time we helped develop the careers of many future store managers. Along the way, he made many friendships.

Ed resides in Palos Park with his wife Leah of thirty-eight years. They have three children, Ray, Ron, and Linda; best of all, they have six grandchildren. The Delcourt's main hobby is spending time with their family and being involved with them on a daily basis.

Ed and Leah love gardening too. Ed planted over one hundred fifty hostas this Spring. They have several flower gardens on the 3/4 acre land surrounding their home. They also have roses and herbs. They have been very active over the last years with traveling locally and abroad. Their plans for the future will include many more trips.

We at the Alumni Club salute and congratulate Ed and Leah on their retirement and wish them the best with all their plans. Don't forget to rest once in a while!!

### " SEND US YOUR NEWS "

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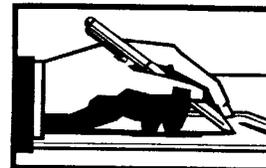
*As the Editor of Connections, it is always very rewarding to receive compliments about the newsletter. In actuality however, the credit must go to the alumni members themselves. They are ones who send in the articles, notes and pictures. Quit honestly, without your input, there would be very little to write about.*

*I want to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to send me a story, or short note about yourself. Whether it's about a recent vacation; a hobby you're involved in; volunteer work you do; grandchildren you visited; or other alumni you've seen . . . we want to hear about it!*

*Feel free to submit your stories/notes in any way you like. Long or short, hand written or typed, I look forward to hearing from you!*

Susan Rini, Editor

# Alumni "Tid-Bits"



**Florien Nixon – Kansas City, MO**

Was hospitalized from early September to the first of December for Colon Cancer. She is now recovering in Temple Heights Retirement Apartments.

**Bill & Pat Kasper – WISCONSIN**

Bill and Pat Kasper sold their home in Hillside, IL and have moved to Wisconsin. The Kasper's had previously used their home in Wisconsin for vacations, but are now there full time. It's not too far away, and they still plan on coming in for Alumni Club luncheons and outings.

**Betty Kelly – Dunnellon, FL**

Betty Kelly recently wrote and sent her greetings to all her fellow alumni. She finds retirement better than expected! She and her sister enjoyed a northern cruise last November and are looking into a cruise through the Hawaiian Islands with a stop in Vegas, and a stop in California on the return trip for this Fall.

**Lowell Hartstock – Cedar Rapids, IA**

In the Spring issue of Connections, we told you about a group of Iowa Alumni who got together on a regular basis. We have a few additions to that list of folks; they are:

Dick & Mark Kidd - Dick was a former Manager in Cedar Rapids.

Roger & Diane Suebly – from Waterloo, IA

Rodger & Geneva McWhirter – Rodger was a former Manager in Burlington.

Dennis & Marci Groteboer - Dennis was a former Manager from Rochester, MN.

John & Carol Reinschmit - Current Market Manager (442), Cedar Rapids, IA.

# VIP CARDS

**“Can we use our American Stores VIP Cards at Albertsons?”**

We have been asked this question by several alumni recently.

We checked with the Human Resources Department at 3030 in Franklin Park. To date, there has been no communication received that authorizes the use of VIP cards at Albertson's Stores. If the Alumni Club is notified of any changes in this policy, we will notify you immediately.

## Advertise In "Connections"



Many alumni have taken on new careers, or are involved in new ventures since leaving American Stores. Well, why not tell everyone about it? That's right . . . spread the word. Now you can purchase advertising space in the "Connections" newsletter. You can run an ad for one issue, or for an entire year. The cost for ad space is as follows:

- \$25 for business cards @ issue
- \$150 for 1/4 page @ issue
- \$250 for 1/2 page @ issue

\* Prices are subject to change. There is a 10% discount for ads run for a full year (4 issues). The Alumni Club reserves the right to approve, or decline all ads. Printing of any ad, does not in any way indicate sponsorship or endorsement by the Alumni Club. Call Susan Rini at 630/752-1585, or via ADSALUMNI@aol.com

## What's Happening at American Stores?

*Many members have submitted questions asking what changes have been made to American Stores since the acquisition by Albertsons. Brandon Bates, Editor of American Stores' PEOPLE newsletter shares the following information with us:*

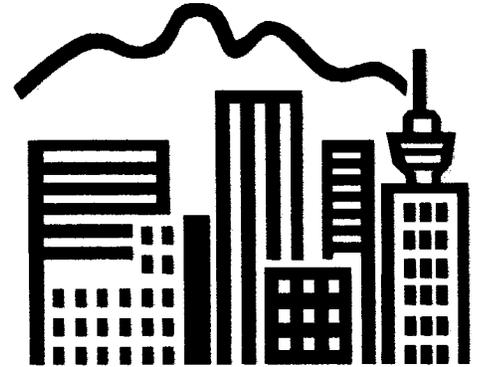
There will still be approximately 700 people left in Salt Lake City. A portion of the Drug Company will be staying in Salt Lake for now. They consist mainly of Rx America associates. Albertsons has also said that for now, an information technology presence supporting the entire company will be located in Salt Lake. No decision regarding the long term plans for the tower in Salt Lake City have been made yet.

All division headquarters, which are now called Albertsons Regions,

i.e., American Drug Stores is now called the "Drug Region"; Jewel/Osco is called the "Midwest Region"; Acme Stores on the East Coast are called the "East Region", etc. . . will remain where they are. The Drug Region (American Drug Stores) is moving to Scottsdale Arizona.

The new buildings housing the Drug Region are located in North Scottsdale near Pima Road and Frank Lloyd Wright. The buildings are in the shape of two thick "L"s with a walk-way between them. The buildings are very near completion. Barring any delays, the staff will be moving in late August. There will be a total of just over 300 people staffing these buildings. Roughly 150 people will be relocating there, maybe more.

Albertsons will retain its headquarters in Boise, Idaho. Each region



will operate their offices/headquarters where they are now located. Each Region will be run by a President/General Manager. In the American Drug Stores case it will be Kevin Tripp who was the General Manager before the merger. Operations of the Drug Region will remain roughly the same, the bulk of the changes were felt by the associates that were located in Salt Lake City. Franklin park's office will also remain the same.

## Let's Have Fun on Our Vacation Contest!

### NOT A PHOTO CONTEST, BUT A FUN CONTEST!

Send us your favorite photo of "you and/or yours" having fun on vacation along with a one line sentence explaining the situation. Did you catch a photo of "Uncle Ed" rock climbing . . . Or one of the grandchildren on an unbelievable adventure . . . Who knows, you could have the winning picture in a photo album at home and you don't even know it!

Start checking your photo albums and send us your favorite picture of "fun on vacation". All

photographs will be returned. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced quarterly in our Connections Newsletter. Don't forget "you and/ yours" has to be the person having fun.

A special judging committee is being set up as you read this article ... LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

" FUN ON VACATION "  
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Glendale Heights, IL 60139  
(Questions: Steve Troc 630/769-5815)

## In Memoriam - Chuck Good - 1934-1999



The American Drug Stores Alumni Club is saddened to inform you of the death of Chuck Good. Chuck passed away on June 21, 1999 at his residence in Rockford, Illinois following a six month battle with cancer. He was an admired alumni, and a dear friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

Chuck's career with Osco and American Stores spanned 36 years. He retired as a district manager in 1992. He touched the lives of many Osco employees, and made many friends along the way. Chuck was one of the founding members of the American Drug Stores Alumni Club, and a key player in its success. He served as Vice President of the Board of Directors since the Club's beginning in 1993.

Chuck was also an active member of Elks Lodge 2254, Oak Lawn, Illinois; Mason of Illinois for 34 years; Mispah Lodge 768, Evergreen, Illinois; Oregon Country Club; and a founding member of P.O.L.T.S.

### *Farewell*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone,  
For a part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
He saw you getting tired,  
When a cure was not to be.  
He closed His arms around you,  
And whispered "Come to Me."  
For all that you went through,  
He saw you needed rest.  
God must be beautiful,  
For He picks the very best.  
Crespo*

Chuck is survived by his wife Connie; his daughters: Dorothy, Susan, Terri, and Christy; his stepson, Anthony; and 12 grandchildren: Kimberlie, Stephanie, Cory, Casey, Jerome, Simone, Adam, Emily, Alexie, Zachary, Jacob, and Alexandra.

A Memorial Fund has been established in Chuck's name. Contributions may be sent to:

Chuck Good Memorial Fund  
O.S.F. Center for Cancer Care  
5666 East State Street  
Rockford, IL 61108



# ALASKA

**Club members Dawn Gimino and Martha Hardt recently submitted articles about vacations each of them had taken to Alaska.**

**Join us as we share in their Alaskan Adventures!**

## "ALASKA"

By: Dawn Gimino - Melrose Park, Illinois

On June 1st of this year, I took a 14 day cruise up to the Inside Passage of Alaska. The first day at sea I was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time. We were able to witness 12-15 dolphins cavorting along as they passed our ship.

The SS World Explorer is a small ship (700 passengers) that is able to go where the larger, luxury cruise liners can not. The World Explorer is also known as an educational ship. Everyday there were lectures by biologists, anthropologists, artists workshops and musicologist with slides and videos. When we cruised up the Fjord to Hubbard Glacier we passed a Tlingit Village and a young Uakutat Tlingit man came on board with slides to talk about Tlingit history. Tlingits are thought to be the first human inhabitants of Alaska.

When we cruised into Glacier Bay, Park Rangers came on board to share their knowledge on what we were seeing (glaciers, calving, seals, raiding on icebergs, etc.) It was also very interesting to watch our various guests, entertainers, and lecturers board our moving ship. The boat they were on came alongside our ship, attained the same speed, then they stepped onto our loading ramp.

We stopped at Wrangell, Juneau, Valdez, Seward, Sitka, Skagway, Ketchikan and Victoria. In Juneau I took a float plane (pontoon) over ice fields and forests to Glacier Lodge for a fabulous salmon bake. In Valdez I went rafting through Keystone Canyon on the Lowe River. Floating past 900' waterfalls and rushing through rapids. It was great fun! In Seward, I took a day long boat tour through Resurrection Bay and beyond to Kenai Fjords. There was so much wild life! It was really exciting to see eagles, puffins (20,000 on one island) sea otters, harbor seals, porpoise and whales in their natural habitats. Sitka, the one time Russian Capital, is an interesting city. I especially enjoyed the traditional Russian music and dancing show put on by the women of Sitka. I always enjoy visiting

Victoria, one of my favorite cities, and the beautiful famous Bucharth Gardens.



Dawn's the one in the hood.

It was an exciting and wonderful cruise, meeting new friends and seeing people I met on my 1995 cruise.

**Alumni Club's  
New Telephone Number**

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**Please call between  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

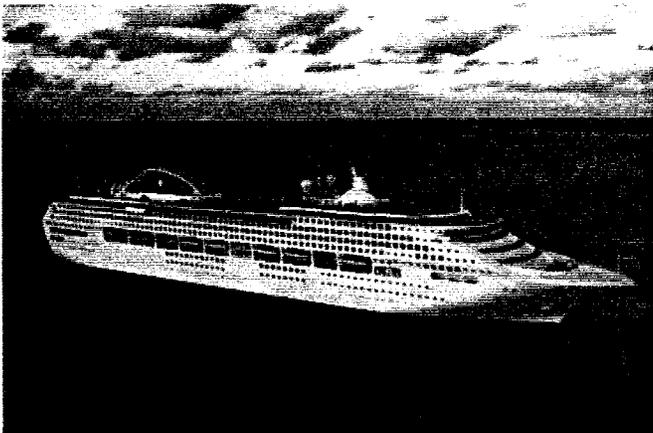


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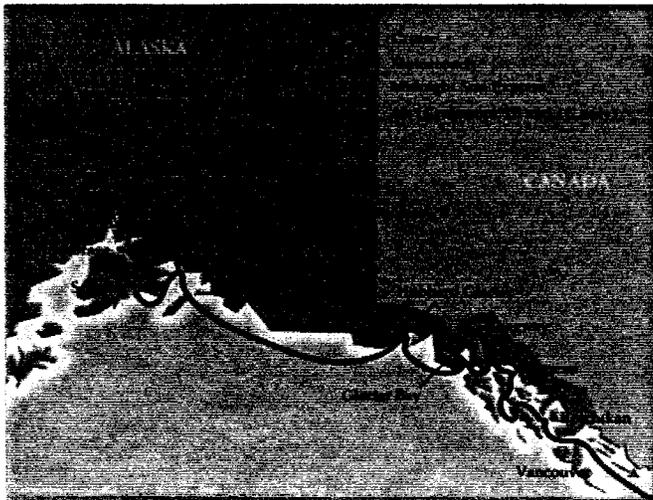
By: Martha Hardt, Park Ridge, Illinois

This past June I took a 12 Day Cruise-Tour aboard the Sea Princess, the newest ship of the Princess Line. We spent 7 nights aboard the ship and 5 days touring inland. The ship docked at each city. We could stay aboard the ship to enjoy the entertainment and wonderful food, or sign up for tours. I chose the tours and ate when I came back.

We spent the first day and a half at sea. We docked



first at Ketchikan, known as the Salmon Capital of the World; Totem Town, known as the rain capital with around 162 inches annually. The next day we docked at Juneau, Alaska's Capital City. Next we docked at Skagway, the Gateway to the Klondike Gold Rush. From there we cruised along Glacier Bay, Hubbard Glacier, Prince William's Sound, College Fjord then on to Seaward.



From the city of Seaward took a bus to Anchorage and then flew to Fairbanks. In Fairbanks went sightseeing through the El Dorado Gold Mine and panned for gold. (was told my gold specks were worth \$18; it was fun) Later we went on the Discovery Riverboat and stopped at Old Chena Village and was shown their crafts and how the sled dogs were trained. The next day, we road the Ultra Dome Rail into Denali National Park (6 million acres of untouched wilderness). Later a bus tour took us deeper into Denali National Park and we experienced the local wild life first hand. We almost saw the peak of Mt. McKinley (20,320 ft. high), which is quite an accomplishment since it likes to hide in the clouds. We continued on the Ultra Dome Rail to Anchorage. The following morning a bus took us to the Anchorage airport and we flew back to O'Hare.



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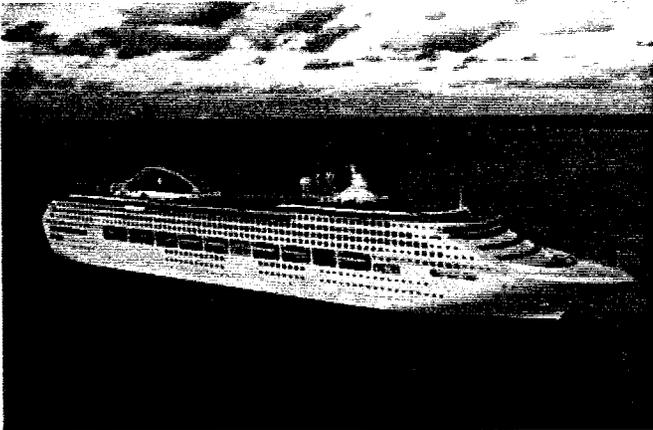
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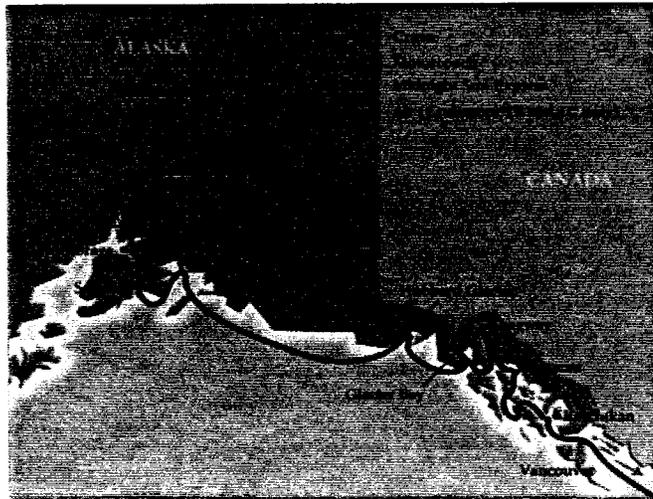
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Manager Bob Frantzen, R.Ph., presents the anniversary pin to Cheryl Lepianca, 5 years, at 827 Elgin.



Betty Bellew, 25 years, receives her pin from George Hilden before her party in the Franklin Park office.



Mary Childs and 2nd Assistant Gary Volkening for her service at 827 Elgin.

## ***"Do You Remember When?"***

*Taken from the March, 1974 issue of OSCO NEWS.*

Reflections of Service:

### **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

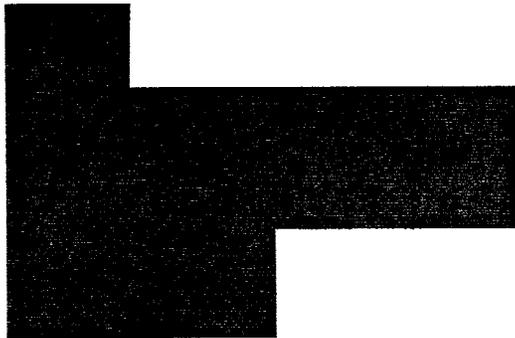
While the success of a company is often measured by comparing its growth from one year to the next, a company is truly successful only through the combined efforts of its employees. Employees like the ones pictured here who have proudly devoted their skills and knowledge to building Osco. Their service is an irreplaceable asset to this company, instrumental to our future growth and thankfully acknowledged through service awards presentations.



District Manager Tom Rahilly handles the presentation to Roy Cheever, R.Ph., 10 years at 921 Idaho Falls.



Dick Cline, Bill Jacobs and Ron Green gather to congratulate Ted Lorentzen on 10 years of service.



District Manager Bill Mayfield, 25 years, receives a handshake after receiving his pin from Tork Fuglestad.



John Fields, 15 years, accepts congratulations from Bill Jacobs during his party at 4415 Hillside.

## Alumni Club's Annual Dinner & Meeting – November 5, 1999



**American Drug Stores Alumni Club**  
*is proud to announce it's*  
**7th Annual Meeting & Dinner**

**Friday**  
**November 5th, 1999**

**Drury Lane Theatre**  
**Evergreen Park, Illinois**

**Featuring: *Millennium on Ice***  
**Ice Skating Show: 2:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner: 4:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$30.00/person**  
**Guests are welcomed**  
**Free Parking**

This year's annual dinner & outing is highlighted by a dazzling ice skating performance of "Millennium on Ice". No seat is more than 10 rows from the ice. This is something you'll want to bring your friends and family to see!

### ***Millennium On Ice***

This all new Ice Show Extravaganza is truly exciting! A wonderful, entertaining, colorful trip through the last 100 years of American Music! This lavish ice skating treat features champion skaters as they jump and twirl through the music from the 80's ... all the way back to the turn of the century, and then blast forward to the future with a finale that is a visual explosion of sight and sound!

### ***Make Your Reservations Early!***

This show promises to be a sell out so get your reservations in early. Call Susan at 630/752-1585 to make your reservations over the telephone, or register via e-mail at [ADSALUMNI@aol.com](mailto:ADSALUMNI@aol.com)

*\*Reservation cards will be mailed to all members in September, 1999.*



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