



CONNECTIONS

Holidays Are For Families and the Next Best Thing.....

Osco-Savon Alumni Club

On December 6th, 2001, over 60 club members, spouses, friends, and current company employees, celebrated the holiday season at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien, Illinois.

All guests left with a raffle prize (some admittedly better than others), renewed friendships, and enjoyed the music of D.J., and sometimes stand-up comic, Ray Delcourt.



Dance steps of Susan Hanson, Bette Gillis, John Grabowski, Carol Grabowski, and Edna Isaacson.

Thanks to Director, Bob Johnson for doing a great job organizing the event.

See for yourself, and let the pictures tell the story, about why the Osco-Savon Alumni Club Holiday Party was such a success.....

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Brooks Pharmacy Purchases Osco Drug New England Stores.

New England Osco has been the source of fond memories for many of our club members. While we know business is business, the following excerpts from the Albertson's December 6th, 2001 press release can cause a lump in your throat.

Albertson's Inc., one of the world's leading food and drug retailers, and Maxi Drug, Inc. a Delaware Corp. d/b/a Brooks Pharmacy, a leading drug retailer in New England, jointly announced that Brooks will acquire from Albertson's, eighty Osco Drug stores in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Subject to government review and approvals, the sale of the stores is expected to close January of 2002. Brooks will purchase the stores for approximately \$240 million dollars, subject to final inventories and other adjustments.

At a meeting with the associates, Kevin Tripp, Executive Vice President for Drug and General Merchandise for Albertson's, together with the President and CEO of Brook's Pharmacy, Michel Coutu, announced the signing of the purchase agreement.

"This transaction represents a win-win opportunity for everyone involved," said Tripp, "our associates win because as an exemplary

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Board Elections

See page 7 for the Osco-Savon Club's Officers and Directors election ballot.

Brooks Pharmacy Purchases Osco Drug New England Stores continued.....

employer, Brooks Pharmacy will continue to provide employment opportunities at the purchased stores. Brooks Pharmacy wins because it becomes an even stronger player in New England. Albertson's wins because we will receive significant financial compensation for the sale of these stores. Our customers win because they will continue to receive the high level of customer service to which Osco customers have become accustomed."

Commenting on the transaction, Michel Coutu stated, "the acquisition represents a significant opportunity to enter the important Boston market and to expand our presence in Southern New Hampshire. Brooks is looking forward to building upon the solid foundation that Osco has built over the years in serving the customers in these markets with premier customer service. Boston represents an excellent strategic fit, which will complement our existing stores. We look forward to welcoming the Osco associates to the Brooks family. These are valued associates and we want them to stay with us as we move forward with our new stores."

An operational transition period will follow the January 2002 closing, providing a seamless transfer from Albertson's to Brooks Pharmacy. The eighty Osco Drug stores will remain open for business during the transition period.

Brooks Pharmacy is the oldest drug store chain in New England with annual revenues exceeding \$1 billion dollars. Headquartered in Warwick, Rhode Island, the company currently employs over 5,000 associates and operates 250 stores in the six New England states.

Board Meeting Highlights

Your Board of Directors met on September 25th, 2001 and November 27th, 2001. Here are the highlights from those meetings.

- An Arizona function was *approved* (see *Page 5 for details*)
- An April luncheon (see *Page 5*) and an August dinner function in Chicagoland were approved for 2002.
- The current Board Members and Mary Palmisano, were nominated for the 2002 Board (see *election ballot on Page 7*)
- Current membership is 329 compared to 283 in 2000. Membership in 1995 was 180.
- The financial report was reviewed and the Club is financially sound.

The next Board Meeting will be held on March 6th, 2002 at the 3030 Franklin Park, Illinois office.



THIS and THAT

Ken Velasquez, club member, has left his position as Loss Prevention Coordinator at ULTA Salon, Cosmetics, Fragrance, for a similar position at Pepboys in Chicagoland.

Jean Reichs, club member, has left her position as Planogram Manager for ULTA for a similar position at Factory Card Outlet in Chicagoland.

"*Drug Store News*", November 19th, 2001. Albertson's has unveiled a food-and-drug combo store format in the desert cities of Tucson, Arizona, and Reno, Nevada, as part of the chain's plan to extend the successful

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Osco-Savon Alumni Club continued.....



Phil Dramisino, Mariann Tausch, and Jennifer Demchuck



Standing: Diane Curtis, Darlene Piasecki, Kate O'Connor, and Leslie LaForce
Sitting down: Margie Weideman, Diane Heatter, and Ken Heatter



Marcia Brown, Jim Brown, Diane Esp, and Jim Esp
Walking by in background: Sue Ray



Carol Grabowski, John Kromer, and Gloria Kromer



Sheri Hildebrandt, Jerry Hildebrandt, Jim Isaacson, and Jim Esp



Standing: Valeria Gorzka, Barbara Salerno, Barb Carpenter, and Roger Carpenter
Sitting down: Joyce Causey, Marv Causey, Dolores Enright, and Sue Ray

Do You Remember When?

The Osco Band



The Osco Band 1975



Band member, Len Thielen, on his way to
"Yorkville Days"



Bob Braden - Gut Bucket; Len Thielen - Harmonica;
Harvey Durand - Guitar; Dave Gillis - Banjo



Osco Band - Doral Hotel, Miami, Florida, 1981

In Memory Of

Connections regrets to inform you of the passing of two Alumni Club members.

Club member, *William T. Bill Euno*, 89, of Rockford, died peacefully at 6:10 a.m. Thursday, November 1st, 2001, in his home after an extended illness. Bill was born on March 11th, 1912, in Collinsville, IL. He attended Collinsville schools and Washington University in St. Louis. Bill was employed at Campbell's Drug Store. Married Enid Waydeman in Fargo, N.D., following his years of military service during World War II in the European Theatre. Bill and his family moved

to Rockford in 1953. He was then employed by Osco Drug for 25 years. Bill was an ardent worker in his church. He enjoyed his home life, took pride in his roses, yard and was an avid reader. Services were Sunday, November 4th, in Bethany Presbyterian Church, Loves Park, IL.

Bill's wife, Enid wrote..."He enjoyed receiving the Connections, and had always hoped to attend one of the luncheons, but this did not materialize for him. Bill remained very active almost up to the time of his death. He enjoyed living and participating in life."

His loving wife, Enid.

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Arizona Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, February 27th, 2002
 Time: 11:30 a.m.
 Location: Painted Mountain Golf Club
 Mesa, Arizona

Presentation on Long-Term Care Insurance and the Osco-Savon Alumni Club discount.

Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and California members have received a detailed mailing. All other members interested in attending should call Judy Archer at 708/562-0647

Chicago Luncheon

Date: April 30th, 2002
 Time: 10:30 a.m.
 Location: Alta Villa Banquets
 Addison, Illinois

Presentation on Wills, Estate Planning, and Living Trusts.

All members will receive a detailed mailing prior to the event.

2001 Norsk Hostfest

Club member, Dan Baranick and wife Norma, attended in October, the 2001 Norsk Hostfest in Minot, N.D.

Everything about the Norsk Hostfest is entertainment—it's food and crafts, it's characters reenacting history, and even it's educational features. It is also like Las Vegas with its live stage performers by big time entertainers.

The fest is defined by Hostfest President, Chester Reiten, as primarily, the cultivation and maintenance of Scandinavian heritage.

Some of the stars that performed at Hostfest in 2001 were: Neil Sedaka, Anne Murray, Trisha Yearwood, the Statler Brothers, and Kenny Rogers.



Dan Baranick and the N.D. Governor



Dan Baranick, Myron Floren, Norma Baranick, and Tork Fuglestad

One Retires and One Just Changes Plans.

Len Thielen and Dave Burleigh, Savon Loss Prevention Managers in California and Arizona respectively, have retired. Actually, in Dave's case, we should be careful on how we describe how he left the business. Nicki, Dave's wife of almost 29 years said, "retirement is not a word we are using." However, it is described, these are two professionals who have earned the right to try something different.

Dave Burleigh began his Loss Prevention career with the company in 1979 with Skaggs Drug Stores, and that was after spending four years serving in the U.S. Army and one year as a police officer. He spent his career in numerous Loss Prevention positions, serving many markets. Part of this time was spent in the Chicagoland drug store distribution centers influencing and assisting with significant, positive changes in the way our material assets and people were protected. Since 1993 Dave has worked in the Arizona Osco-Savon markets.



Dave Burleigh and Peter Bartholomew

Congratulations Dave and Len on your successful careers, and best wishes to you and your families.



Dave Burleigh

Len Thielen started his career with the company when Eisenhower was President and the price of a new car was \$2,200. I guess that means he was "really" young then, or he is really "#%@" now! You fill in the word! Len started in 1959 with Jewel #128 on South Laramie in Chicago as a part-time bagger. He reported to store manager Pete Copeck. By 1963, Len was a store auditor based at the Jewel office on South Ashland in Chicago.

Len started his drugstore Loss Prevention career in 1970 and married Phyllis the following year. He served in many Loss Prevention positions for Osco Drug while based in Chicagoland before moving to California and Savon Drug in January 1997.

Over the past 42 years, Len has helped build, shape, and mold the premier Loss Prevention department in the industry.



Len Thielen with family and friends.

THIS and THAT continued....

Jewel-Osco format from the Chicago area to additional markets.

"Albertson's Release", December 4th, 2001.
Albertson's reported sales of \$9.4 billion for the third quarter ending November 1st, 2001, a 4.1% increase over prior year. During the third quarter the company opened 24 food stores, 24 drugstores, and 15 fuel centers. The company closed 31 food stores and 29 drugstores.

"Chain Store Age", October 2001.
Longs Drugs will acquire full ownership of RxAmerica, a pharmacy -benefits management company that is jointly owned by the drug store chain and Albertson's.

In Memory Of continued....

Club member, *Wallace Arneson*, passed away on November 9th, 2001, at his home in Black Hawk, S.D.

His wife, Doreen writes..."He had a nine year battle with lymphoma and all the treatments over the years couldn't help anymore.

The Connections brought him many names he hadn't thought of in years."

Services were held December 1st in Redfield, S.D.

Sincerely, Doreen Arneson

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