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Alumni Club Celebrates 5th Anniversary

by: *Susan Rini*

The American Drug Stores Alumni Club celebrated its 5th anniversary at the September 27, 1996, Annual Meeting. The Alumni Club was formed as a social club for the purpose of providing fellow alumni an opportunity to stay in touch and continue their friendships. Our 5th Annual Meeting was just that . . . a celebration of friendships! This wonderful evening included a spectacular meal, musical entertainment (complete with dance lessons), a complimentary Alumni Club Coffee Mug for each guest, and door prizes ranging from 35mm cameras, to cologne, to golf balls, to radios for everyone! (Special thanks to Ron Green and his contacts for providing us with so many door prizes. . . everyone went home a winner!)



Haven Ready, Dean Kelsey, & Paula Ready

Members attending this year's annual meeting included:

Art & Loretta Blank

Loretta & Walter Brodack

Jean Crowder

Tim Daly

Steve & Sally Hoffman

Bob & Betty Letarte

Wayne McGuire & Sharon Brue

Haven & Paula Ready

Jerry & Susan Rutherford

Glen & Barbara Ryburn

Jeane & Louis Sorensen

Bernie & Joan Weinberg

Marvin & Doris Brown

John & Helen Campbell

Jo & Al Dale

Tork & Geri Fuglestad

June Hunt

Dean Kelsey

Jean & Len Peterson

Jeanie Scheler

George & Susan Rini

Paula & Haven Ready were in Chicago from Mercer Island, Washington. It was great to see them again and they enjoyed catching up with friends they hadn't seen in a long time. Tim Daly from Mountain Home, Arkansas coordinated a trip to visit family so that he could be around for the Annual Meeting. Thanks for your support Paula, Haven & Tim.



Tim Daly and Jerry Rutherford talked about the old days.

This year's Annual Meeting had a new twist to it . . . literally! Besides twist music we enjoyed some "big band" music, and plenty more wonderful dancing music. Even those shy folks couldn't help but join in

on the fun. Those young kids don't have a thing on us. Fellow alumni learned the hottest new dance taking the country by storm - the "Macarana"! Sharon Brue put on her dancing shoes too and showed us a few steps.



Helen & John Campbell Susan Rini doing the "Macarana"



Paula & Haven Ready, danced up a Storm!



Barbara and Glenn Ryburn

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In addition to the evening's festivities, the election of officers for 1997 was also held. We are proud to announce that the nominated slate of candidates was unanimously passed. Therefore, the Alumni Club's 1997 Board of Directors is as follows:

Jon T. Fuglestad, President
 Chuck Good, Vice President
 John Fields, Treasurer
 Ron Green, Secretary
 June Hunt, Director
 Jerry Rutherford, Director
 Bernie Weinberg, Director

Whether you danced or chatted with friends, came alone or with a friend or spouse, it was a wonderful evening for all. We are preparing a schedule of events for 1997. If you have any suggestions forward them to: Alumni Club, P.O. Box 5176, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.



Louis Sorensen, Geri Fuglestad, & Jeane Sorensen

Special Thanks to Outgoing Board Member Betty Kelly. Betty has served as a Board Member since the Club's beginning. She volunteered her time and ideas to help the Club get to where we are today. Betty has moved her primary residence to Florida. We all wish her well in her new home and we want her to know that she will be missed as a "regular" at our Alumni Club functions. Come back and visit soon, Betty!

Thank you to American Stores for their support of the Alumni Club, and to all you alumni for your support as well. We look forward to another successful year.

Meet The Newest Alumni Club Board Member

June Hunt



June Hunt, the Alumni Club's newest board member

June Hunt began her career with Osco Drug in 1968. She had been married for 21 years and had three children before she decided to take the plunge into the working world. While with Osco, June held a variety of positions within the accounts payable/receivable departments. Her skill and dedication to her work eventually brought her to the position of manager of that department.

June witnessed many, many changes during her Osco career. The country and city Osco merged, Turnstyle and Republic Lumber closed, and Skaggs and Sav-on

merged into Osco. June says she enjoyed the ever changing atmosphere; for her it was refreshing. Working closely with her co-workers and helping one another was always such a pleasure and a special part of her job. Dealing with hundreds of vendors and resolving all types of issues was a rewarding challenge.

Some of the things June enjoyed most about working with Osco people was their ability to mix fun with work. Whether it meant a pot luck lunch, Christmas festivities, California Day, or Employee Appreciation Day, June remembers that going to work was always enjoyable. When June retired in 1990, it was that camaraderie that she missed the most.

June and her husband Henry are now approaching their 50th wedding anniversary. Their two sons, Rick and Rob each own their own businesses. Their daughter, Jill is a nurse who works with physically challenged adults. The Hunt's have four grandchildren, (two boys, and two girls). Their oldest grandchild attends the University of Arizona.

Retirement took some getting used to for June, but she still keeps busy. She is a Cook County Court Watcher, a member of the League of Women Voters, and through a sanction with the American Bar Association she acts as an Election Judge at various elections.

June enjoys crossword and jigsaw puzzles, board games, reading, pinochle with her neighborhood friends, lunches and many outings with her "Buddies". She also attends weekly exercise (tai chi) and aquacize classes. She and Henry have a vacation home an hour away where they go "whenever the mood suits them".

"The friendships made throughout your life are priceless," says June. She adds that, "the Alumni Club is one more enjoyable opportunity to be with great friends, and also meet new people."

Welcome aboard June. We appreciate your willingness to serve as a board member. Without the support of fellow alumni like June and many others, we would not have come as far as we have today!

1st Annual Osco Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament

*by: Tork Fuglestad,
Naperville, Illinois*

The first Annual Osco Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament was held the week of September 9-13, 1996, in Vail, Colorado. The purpose of the trip was to rekindle long-lasting relationships. Participants in this event enjoyed not only golf, but fellowship with some good friends made over the many years that these individuals worked for Osco Drug. The participants included:

Tork & Geri Fuglestad. Tork retired in 1991. They reside in Naperville, IL.

Dan & Norma Baranick. Dan was a store manager in Minot, ND for almost 30 years. He retired in 1993.

Peter & Brenda Cook. Peter is currently a financial consultant. He lives in Boulder, CO. Pete joined Osco in 1964 and left the business in 1977.

Dick & Joyce Hilden. Dick started as a part-timer in Fargo, ND in 1949 and retired in 1983. They spend their time between their homes in Marietta, GA and Vail, CO.

Chuck & Connie Good. Chuck was a district manager for Osco in the Rockford area. He retired in 1992.

Jim & Gloria Johnson. Jim spent 30+ years with Jewel and then Osco. They spend their time almost equally between their homes in Tonto Verde, AZ and Vail, CO.

Byron & Bev Luke, currently reside in Rapid City, SD. Byron was an executive for Osco & Sav-on during his career having retired in 1985.

Laura & Dave Edwards. Dave is currently VP of Associate Relationship for A&P. Dave left Osco in 1978. They reside in Montvale, NJ.

The participants in this golf and social outing arrived on Monday, September 9th, coming from all parts of the country. Dick Hilden, Peter Cook, Jim Johnson, Chuck Good and Tork Fuglestad all own property in Vail so there were plenty of accommodations for the participants to stay at. The first evening consisted of getting together and talking about old times and recollection of the days gone by. It was wonderful

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reacquainting ourselves with friends we hadn't seen in a long time.

On Tuesday, some of the men played golf in Breckenridge. Those not desiring to do so, decided to tour Breckenridge with some shopping and site-seeing along the way. Dinner that evening was at Tork & Geri Fuglestad's condo in Eagle, Vail.



*Front Row: Tork & Geri Fuglestad, Dan & Norma Baranick.
Middle Row: Ruby (Connie Good's mother), Connie Good,
Bev Luke, Dave & Laura Edwards.
Back Row: Chuck Good, Byron Luke, Joyce & Dick Hilden,
Peter & Brenda Cook.*

A picnic at Piney Lake was the highlight of Wednesday's activities. Piney Lake is reached from a rugged road about 20 miles up into the mountains of Vail. At Piney there is fishing, boating, horse back riding, hiking and much more. Several of the folks hiked back into the mountains for exercise, chatting all along the way. After which we had a picnic lunch. Some brought lunches, while others chose to have lunch at the rustic lodge. The weather in Vail in September starts to get rather cool. Temperatures were in the 60's which made it pleasant, but it was definitely sweater weather. What a wonderful way to enjoy the view. That evening the group got together at the Cook's condo in Eagle/Vail for a pizza party and the drawing of names for partners in the golf tournament.

Thursday was the official start of the golf tournament which included: Tork Fuglestad, Jim Johnson, Dave Edwards, Dan Baranick, Connie Good, Peter Cook & Dick Hilden. Those that did not golf chose to go to Aspen for the continuation of their shopping spree in

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the Colorado mountain area. Byron Luke chauffeured the shoppers and site-seers in his Suburban which provided plenty of room for people and the packages that they purchased.



Tournament Players: Tork Fuglestad, Jim Johnson, Dave Edwards, Dan Baranick, Connie Good, Chuck Good, Peter Cook, & Dick Hilden.

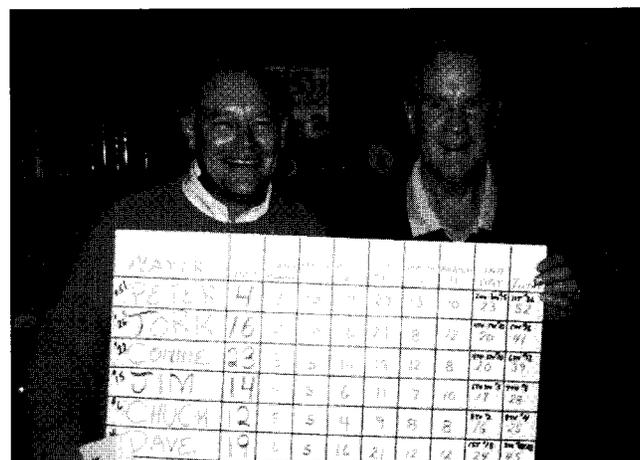
Friday, September 13th was the final day of the Osco Invitational Rocky Mountain 1st Annual Golf Tournament. It was held at Copper Mountain which is about 20 miles away from Vail. The first day was held at Eagle/Vail. This turned out to be a rainy and misty, cold day but that did not hamper the golfers. The course was exciting and like most mountain courses, up and down and lots of trees to deal with. That evening, a tournament dinner was held at Dick & Joyce Hilden's. All of the participants were winners (we paid eight places)! Peter Cook emerged as the winner of this first annual tournament, with Dick Hilden finishing second. As the winner of the tournament, Peter was given the honor of purchasing the traveling trophy for prestigious event. His name will be engraved on that trophy as the first winner of this illustrious event. Connie Good was a very good sport and we thank her for playing in this event. Not only did she do a good job of golfing, but she added a touch of class and bit of flair to this otherwise dull group of men. Thanks Connie. . . your a great golfer.

On the last day, Saturday, people headed back to their homes. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are all looking forward to the 2nd Annual Osco Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament to be held the 3rd week in September in 1997. We hope

that everyone will be back and that we will be able to add some new faces to this group.

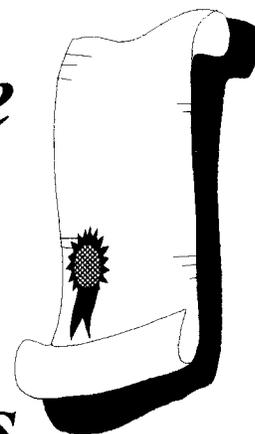
It is wonderful for people to continue to get together as the years pass by. There is nothing more important than keeping in touch with people, and relationships that are formed especially during your young and early work days. This was realized first hand by the people and the faces over the many hours of fellowship and reminiscing.

A special thanks to Peter Cook, Dick Hilden, and Jim Johnson for their work in putting together this wonderful event.



(left) Peter Cook - Winner; and Dick Hilden - 2nd Place

*Welcome
to our
New
Members*



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Drug Stores Alumni Club, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Brenda Lakey - Little Rock, Arkansas
Jeannie Scheler - Niles, Illinois

Richard Rounds Retires

Richard Rounds retired earlier this year after 36 years of service with American Stores. The last 20 of those years were as an Osco Drug District Manager. During his long and well known career with American Stores, he touched the lives of many people. Richard says that the very best times of his career involved working with Osco people and getting the customers what they needed.



Tork & Geri Fuglestad, celebrated with Rita & Richard Rounds

Now that he and Rita are retired, they are traveling across the U.S.A. on a brand new Harley-Davidson. They are having a grand time and going to different parts of this great country. When not traveling, they spend their time between their two homes in Carmel, Indiana, and Lake Wales, Florida.

Richard and Rita's two sons and their families (along with three grandsons) live out West.

Richard says, "I don't know when were happier or on the go more! We are having a great time . . . and if you see a motor cycle on the highway in your travels, be sure to wave 'hello'. It might just be Rita and your old DM!"

We happy to hear that the Rounds are enjoying their retirement so much. There are many of us who join in saying congratulations on a great career , Richard. Best of Luck to you and Rita in the future!

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Tork Fuglestad, Richard Rounds, & Dick Davis

Liquor & Longevity

Submitted by: Evelyn & Stanford King, Boca Rotan, FL

The horse and mule live thirty years
with nothing known of wine or beers.

The goat and sheep at twenty die
having never heard of scotch or rye.

The cow drinks water by the ton
and at eighteen is mostly done.

The dog at fifteen cashes in
without the aid of rum or gin.

The cat in milk and water soaks
and then in twelve short years it croaks.

The sober, modest, bone-dry hen
lays for nogg and dies at ten.

All animals are strictly dry
They sinless live and sinless die.

But sinful, gin full, rum soaked men
survive for three score years and ten.

While some of us, though mighty few
stay pickled till we're ninety two!

King's Celebrate 66th Wedding Anniversary



On June 22, 1996, Stanford & Evelyn King of Boca Rotan, Florida celebrated their 66th Wedding Anniversary. In honor of this wonderful occasion, the Stan & Evelyn and 40 of their "old" friends gathered for a dinner in their honor. It was a wonderful evening. Stan and Evelyn visited with their friends and has a chance to talk about old times. On behalf of the Alumni Club, we'd all like to wish Stan & Evelyn a Happy Anniversary



Friends gathered to celebrate with Stan & Evelyn.

The LAWRENCE STANFORD KING

Graduate Assistantship in Music - University of Illinois, Urbana



Lawrence Stanford King, (1946-1994) was the son of Alumni Club Members, Stanford & Evelyn King. Larry passed away in 1994. He was a professor of music at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

Larry left behind what has turned out to be the largest opera collection in the world. Stan and Evelyn have donated Larry's collection to the University of Illinois Music Library. In addition, they have established "The Lawrence Stanford King Graduate Assistantship in the Music Library". This fund is destined to expand the minds of many, many music students for generations to come. The King's will be traveling to the University of Illinois in Champaign to view what the University has done with the opera collection.

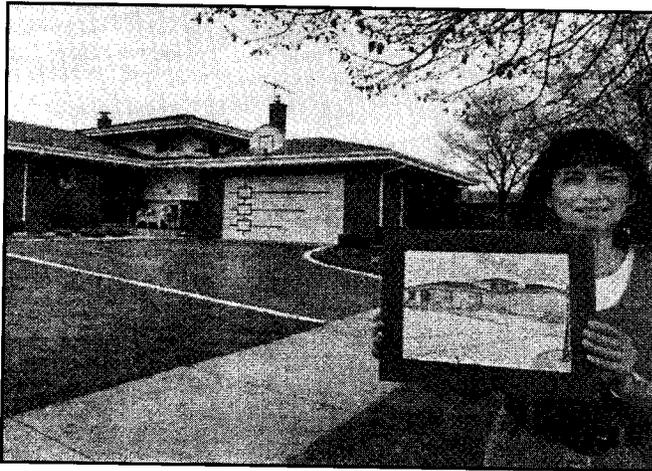
The University of Illinois deeply appreciates this overwhelmingly generous gift and has repeatedly expressed their thanks to the Kings. Knowing that Larry's opera collection is so appreciated gives Stan and Evelyn a feeling of satisfaction and fulfillment.

The Alumni Club would like to add its applause to those the Kings have received from the University for their generosity.

Architectural Art - Elmhurst woman builds portfolio of house portraits

reprinted from The Press, 6/6/96

Charlene Lee-Freslinger, an Alumni Club Member, has been busy since she left Osco. She was recently featured in the following article which appeared in The Press, 6/6/96 edition.



Houses are Charlene Lee-Freislinger's forte. "They're kind of fascinating," she says, "because even though there are a lot of similar styles, they're really all different - with the landscaping and shutters and things."

Though Lee-Freislinger works frequently with the real estate community, the Elmhurst resident doesn't sell, build or decorate the homes she likes so much. She draws them. "I do portraits," she says.

Lee-Freislinger, a commercial artist, has been sketching houses in the area for almost 15 years. She does the 8 x 10 drawings in pencil first, then inks them in black or brown. She mounts them in a matching mat and sells them for \$45 each. With the mat, they measure 11 x 14 inches.

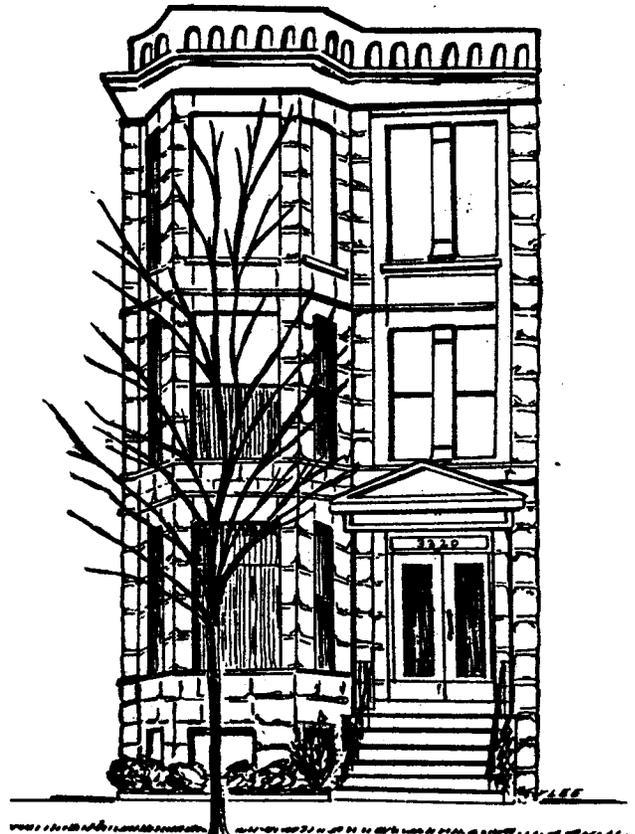
A perspective drawing class and a friend's request started Charlene doing architectural renderings. "My girlfriend wanted a note card with her house on it," she said. "I did her house full-size, and she showed it to other people. Then, I got orders and more orders. It just mushroomed."

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Since then, she's done hundreds of houses. Many of her customers buy her sketches as gifts for friends who are moving. Others commission drawings of summer cottages to hang in their suburban home during the long winter months. The bulk of her business comes from real estate agents, welcoming their clients to their newly purchased homes.

"It works out well with Realtors," she said. "\$45 is a good price for them." On occasion, she sketches area businesses, as well. Her house portraits hang in homes all over the country. "I've done houses in Elmhurst, Oak Brook, Villa Park, Lombard, Colorado and Salt Lake City," she said. "I even drew a house in London for my friend's daughter."

Though she's sketched some distant dwellings, her work doesn't take her too far from her own home. Most sketches are done from photographs, though she can do them from an architect's blueprint as well. Her drawings are detailed. Every potted plant and doorbell is accounted for. Even the birdhouse often is included. "Sometimes I have to use a magnifying glass," she said.



This Chicago brownstone drawing by Frieslinger was a wedding gift for newlyweds moving into their first home.

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If a photo is fuzzy or taken from an odd angle, she'll often drive by the house to check out the details herself.

Charlene says the small, cozy-looking houses are her favorite because they have the most detail. "If you have a small, little house you can make it look beautiful with all of your embellishments," she said.

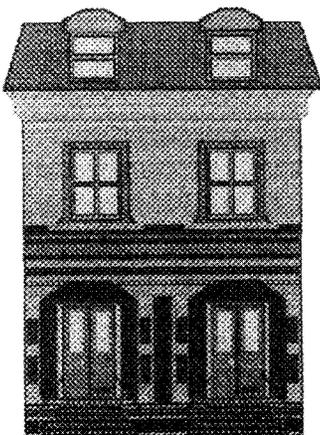
Sometimes she's asked to embellish quite a bit. She's had to create landscaping and trees to add on homes she has sketched from blueprints. She's even had to change the season.

"I've done houses where the picture has snow in it, and they want me to take out the snow and put leaves on the trees," she said. Spring is the most popular season for sketches, according to Charlene. Most people want flowers around their homes.

She has had other odd requests as well. She once had to draw two sketches - front and back view - of a home with a pool behind it. Another home had to be sketched from an angle that would show the tennis court and a room addition.

And of course, Charlene has drawn her own Elmhurst, Illinois home. The framed sketch hangs on a wall in her family room. And she had the rendering copied onto her Christmas cards one year, each card with a little green tree peeking through the front window of the house.

A part-time employee in the composing department at Press Publications, Charlene only has time to do about one house portrait a week. In addition to the houses, she also does some other graphic design work, creating logos or other illustrations.



News from the East

by: *Lenny Katz,*
Eastern Region Representative

Our best wishes to all the recent retirees from the Eastern region. Congratulations to you all and may you enjoy good health and fortune in the years ahead.

Recently retired are:

Bill Fleming	Store #953 - 35 years
Lillian Accivatti	Store #905 - 27 years
Phyllis Brown	Store #822 - 25 years
Erika Hale	Store #863 - 23 years
Mary Dephillippo	Store #965 - 22 years
John Vorrosso	Store #996 - 14 years
Marvin Mucha	Store #470 - 13 years
George Levey	Store #995 - 12 years
Roy Garrett	Store #885 - 6 years

We look forward to you all becoming members of the American Drug Stores Alumni Club.

The New England Districts have grown to 63 stores with more to come in 1997. The successful Christmas parties that have been hosted by Districts 1 & 2 will now be broken down into smaller groups of stores by market area. This will make the parties more accessible to everyone. All retirees are invited. It's a great opportunity for everyone to meet with old friends and to get into the holiday spirit with their Osco family. Please call your stores for complete details and make arrangements to attend.

We'd be interested in receiving any news about yourself of any other Osco retirees. Please drop Lenny Katz a note with any newsworthy items. He can be reached at 30 Orchard Hill Drive, Sharon, Massachusetts, 02067, or call him at 617/784-2738.



Do You Remember When . . . ?

Submitted by: *Dee Wright (Slifer)*
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dee Wright (Slifer) recently joined the Alumni Club. She was thrilled to receive the directory and the "Connections" newsletter. Reading the "Do You Remember When" article from the newsletter really brought back memories. It prompted her to send us this article about her career with Osco.



Tork Fuglestad & Dee Wright - Grand Opening #898 in McCain Mall, N. Little Rock (April, 1973)

I started my career with Osco when I was 22 years old in my home town of Decatur, Illinois. I was hired by Marv Parry, Store Manager and Roy Curtis, District Manager. The date was January 21, 1960. Talk about nostalgic memories of Osco; I remember 6 day work weeks, seventy-five cents an hour, and wooden shelves that we had to scrub with Ajax Cleanser. We also had to wear white waitress-type uniforms that for some reason, had a red butterfly on them. My first responsibilities were checking and

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then I ordered and stocked baby and haircare products. Then I graduated to 2nd cosmetician. I remember hours of counting stock cards, and can still remember addresses and minimum shipment requirements on some of the major companies, such as John Breck, Andrew Jergens and Clairol. Stock Control books were required on Revlon, Max Factor, and other franchise cosmetic vendors. It seemed like I spent 80% of my time counting. Back then, everything was ordered direct, and all orders had to be signed by the store manager and sent to the central office. After a while, the manager trusted my judgment, and I signed his name to my orders and sent them in. He seldom saw them. Since we had to order large quantities of product from each company to meet minimum shipment, we had huge back-stock areas, and many hours were spent unpacking and ticketing merchandise.

I was at Decatur, IL #829 for 6 years, and then transferred to Cape Girardeau, MO #845 in 1966. As head cosmetician I got a huge raise from \$47.50 to \$65.00 a week! I was there until 1971, and then transferred to Ft. Smith, AR #878. I was there two years, then moved again to Little Rock, AR. When Osco #898 opened in the new McCain Mall in 1973, I was promoted to Cosmetic Co-Ordinator for District #9. I set the cosmetic departments and trained the cosmeticians in Springfield, MO, Sikeston, MO, Jefferson City, MO; Temple, TX, Longview, TX, San Anghelo, TX, Monroe, LA, Evansville, IN, Texarkana, AR, and Jacksonville, AR.

What a challenge setting stores was in the early days! This was way before programs and prism. In the 60's we set departments from memory. We used stock cards and stock control books to jog our memory of the product. If we didn't have it, we guessed at the space it would require, and wrote the item and size on a piece of masking tape, and stuck it on the shelf. If we still were missing product five days before opening, we had to go through all available jobbers and fill in where we could.

Some Memorable Memories from Store Set-Ups:

Jefferson City, MO - This store was in a mall, but construction was running behind and there was no heat, and it was January! I wasn't told about there being no heat, so I only traveled with regular clothes,

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nothing for working in cold weather all day. The management team donated heavy socks, sweat-shirts, and jackets, so I wouldn't have to go out and buy them. We worked from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. or later. I was so cold I had to stand under a hot shower for a long time to thaw out!



Dennis Loberger, Glen Hayes, Dee, and Glen Hayes - It was Glen and Dee's 20th Anniversary with Osco. (Little Rock, early 1980)

Cape Girardeau, MO - The store was on Main Street just a few yards from the Mississippi River. The businesses on Main Street all had basement pumps in case of heavy rain and flooding from the river, but they had to be switched on before leaving at night. A few weeks before opening, we went to work one morning and found over two feet of water in the basement. Someone had forgotten to switch the pump on. There had been a very heavy rain and the water backed up. We were packed with freight, because we had not started setting the upstairs sales floor. There were huge stacks of merchandise that had toppled into the water. I especially remember Crest Toothpaste, 6.4 oz. "Grand Opening Special". We had stacks of it, and it all fell over because the bottom cases got wet and soft. Marvin Parry will remember this, he was the DM and was there. We salvaged what we could and a lot of the vendors, especially P&G, covered some of the loss.

Longview, TX - As of 4:00 p.m., the day before opening, the Revlon Cosmetic order had not yet arrived. In those days, Revlon was nearly half of the cosmetic department and I was frantic! I had set cosmetics around it, leaving gaping holes and pieces of masking tape everywhere! I had been on the phone with Revlon off and on for days, alternately

threatening and pleading and desperately begging for product! Eureka! Just after 5:00 p.m., it hit the back door! Every employee from the manager on down was recruited to help put it out. Remember, back then, everything had to be ticketed. This was an opening order, \$4,000.00 worth of product. We worked all night. At 6:00 a.m. opening morning, there were three of us still on our feet, but we got it done. I went back to the motel, showered, slept two hours, and was back to the store at 9:00 a.m. for Grand Opening.

I have worked for Osco for all of my adult life, from age 22 to 59. What a great company! During those years I met so many wonderful people and have made many life-long friends. Many stores I was involved with have closed or been sold, some Osco people I have known have passed on, Bob Holzman, Al Bunneson Sr., Jerry Klinghammer, and I'm sure others.

I plan to retire next Spring, but I guess I will never leave entirely. I promised my manager I would be available to help out when needed, such as Christmas, inventory, V.I.P. visits, etc.

Thank you Dee for sharing your story with us. I am sure it will bring a smile to the faces of those other alumni who remember those "good old days"!

Medical 

Insurance Update:

Many thanks to all of you who responded to the Club's survey on the cost of medical insurance. The response was overwhelming.

A task force has been formed to review the data. We will get back to you as soon as any information is available.

Alumni Club  *Coffee Mugs*
ORDER FORM

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

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Glendale Heights, IL 60139

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