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# Every Year is an Election Year for the Osco Savon Alumni Club

All club officers and directors present at the December board meeting, unanimously voted to keep the number of seats on the board fluid. We put out a call for candidates in the newsletter and on the website and hoped to have members wishing to be added to the 2018 ballot. Please consider adding yourself as a write-in or volunteering another member who you feel would be interested In sharing their time and talent. The work is minimal and fun.

We have three exceptional new candidates from across the country; Al Pineda, Bobbie Riley and Glen Yergeau. This is your club, so take time to vote for the 2018/2019 Board of Directors and officer candidates.

If you don't wish to be on the board then we also have room for alumni members who want to manage elements of the club on behalf of the Board. We do have a need for help with the Lotus Approach software application as it still drives many of the website reporting functions. In December we transitioned from Word to Microsoft Publisher to enhance the product of each quarterly Connections newsletter. If you have interest, thoughts or suggestions please don't hesitate to share them with a Board Member.

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#### **McKesson Mainstay Chris Dimos**



Chris Dimos has been promoted to president retail solutions for McKesson U.S. Pharmaceutical and Specialty Health, where he will assume responsibility for Health Mart, following the departure of former Health Mart president Steve Courtman. Courtman is now senior vice president of Cigna Pharmacy for Cigna.

Dimos has long been a champion of independent pharmacy, noting in an interview earlier this year that the independent pharmacy business model is still strong.

"Independent pharmacies play a very integral role in patient care and provide a great network of care in their communities," he said. "Independent pharmacists are willing to work with their patients as they go through, either, a journey to stay well, or through any sort of sickness. They are able to help them manage their complex medication regimens and to become more compliant toward better outcomes. "Independent pharmacies play a very integral role in patient care and provide a great network of care in their communities." And while reimbursement pressures challenge all pharmacy models, Dimos continues to be bullish on an independent's ability to compete. "There are opportunities now to maximize reimbursement based on your performance and the independent will have the opportunity to exploit those opportunities."

Dimos has helped drive the continued development of McKesson's U.S. retail efforts, which in addition to Health Mart includes Access Health and the CPG team. Dimos joined McKesson in 2013 as part of the corporate strategy and business development team. In 2016, he assumed responsibilities for marketing for the McKesson U.S. Pharmaceutical division.

Dimos came up through the retail pharmacy ranks as a staff pharmacist and held several leadership positions prior to becoming president Supervalu pharmacies and non-food merchandising. He graduated from the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He also earned an MBA from Indiana University School of Business and completed the Kellogg Business School Management Executive Program and Cornell University Management Program. With a passion for representing pharmacy and making a difference in the industry, Dimos has served on the boards of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Mirixa and the NACDS Foundation. He is currently a member of the NACDS Policy Council, the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean's Advisory Council and the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy National Board of Advisors.



Hello again. I hope you`re having a good winter. I know the East Coast has once again been bombed with snow this year. The Midwest has seen some unusual winter temperatures but the snow did hit. Haven't heard that there have been any monsoons in Arizona since Jerry Gonyo moved to the Midwest!!:)

This seems to be a quarterly request, but please send us your one-liners, current news, any workplace changes, where you've traveled and other updates. Our members are always watching our Connections for any personal news from you! And if you haven't already notified us of any address changes, etc. do so ASAP as we're getting ready to publish a Revised Membership Directory. If there's anything you feel should be included in Connections or if you have any questions about any of your coworkers, we will do our darnedest to help you locate them.

I encourage you to look through all the photos here in this Connections of the events that occurred since our last newsletter. As you'll see, we have some great turnouts and look forward to seeing you at a future event. The Sav-on group is in the planning stages of having another reunion out in California. Be prepared as Dan Quinn is planning an awesome event for ALL members, spouses/significant others, as well as non-members. And please remember, you do not need to be a member to attend any of our events. They are open to any former and current associates of the Company(ies) we've known so well. I can guarantee...you won't be disappointed.

Please take the time to look at the Board of Directors Ballot. It takes one simple step to click and fill in your choices. Please NOMINATE yourself for a seat on the Board...you'll love it. It's been over 11 years for me, and I've enjoyed every minute. I`ll be retiring as your Director of Administration/Secretary, Gary Hunstiger and Tom Nielsen are now handling the Quarterly Newsletter. This position is a lot less involved then when I started in 2007 so if you have someone in mind, give them a call. You work from home and the money's not bad either!! :)

Barbara Salerno

Barbara Salerno, Editor oscosavonalumni@yahoo.com

#### Board Meeting Highlights

March 10, 2018



The quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held Saturday, March 10th. The recent Arizona Brunch and Walker Cup outings were reviewed in detail: another outstanding and well attended event organized by Tom Nielsen, Stan Petersen and John McGovern. Diane Heatter updated the Board on the upcoming fall Chicagoland Dinner event. Dan Quinn and Ray Delcourt have been working on an Alumni member survev that will be released this summer so that the Board can represent your interests.. The new Board of Director candidates were reviewed. We are eagerly awaiting the contributions they'll make to the Alumni Club once elected. Adam Piwko works behind the scenes in Ireland to make the on-line balloting a reality, This year 3 Board members are assigned to each of the quarterly editions of the Connections newsletter to bring forward the content you read and enjoy. We are always in need of interesting content, so don't hesitate to pass on information that you would like to share with our membership. The 2018/2019 Board meeting will commence on 6/2/18

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#### 12th Annual AZ OSCO SavOn Brunch



KNEELING (I - r).. Tsue Ostrermann and Paula Ready

SEATED (I-r). Kathy Bay, Shirley Fuglestad, Marcia Fuglestad, Bev O'Connell, Jerry Ostermann, Jerry Gonyo, Susan Hanson, Sandy Davis, Dick Davis, John McGovern, Sharon McGovern, Julie Ann Walker.

STANDING (L-R). Teresa Eversman, Ellen Schoenbeck, Dave Schoenbeck, Gerry Bay, John Eversman, Bob & Joyce Potgter, Tork Fuglestad, Wanda White, Vercel Fuglestad, Ron Grove, Jack O'Connell, Liz Van Valin, Haven Ready, Tom Nielsen, Terry Hanson, Kevin Tripp, Linda Tripp, Brent Keil, Carol Keil, Jim Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Stephen Page, Marcia Page, Dave Addington, Debbie Addington, Wes Genger, Sherry Gienger,



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# 12th Annual AZ OSCO SavOn Brunch

Sunday, March 4th, 2018 was a delightful day for 43 OSCO/Sav-on Alumni spouses and guests to gather at the Tonto Verde country Club in Rio Verdi, AZ, for their 12th Annual Spring Brunch.

The gathering at 11 AM started with 45 minutes of social time to meet and greet all the attendees and jump right into the purchase of 50/50 Raffle tickets. Following a group photo on the events lawn organized by Paula Ready, we all enjoyed a delicious brunch, including a 2 chef omelets station and many other mouthwatering entries, plus a very attractive dessert table.

Following the Brunch, John McGovern gave a humorous review of the previous days` Walker Cup golf results. Both John and Stan Peterson organized a great golf outing honoring Ken Walker and Jeff Brune.

Gerry Ostermann and Jerry Gonyo then conducted the 50/50 Raffle, Cash Winners were Wanda White and Shirley Fuglestad. Gerry Ostermann donated 2 boxes of his candy company's Lanzi's, nut & rice crunch chocolates to delight two additional Raffle winners

After two hours of fun, laughing, story telling and "do you remember" comments the party adjourned for another year.

The Day was filled with good friends, good food and a lot of great conversation with former colleagues in a wonderful venue.

By Tom Nielsen

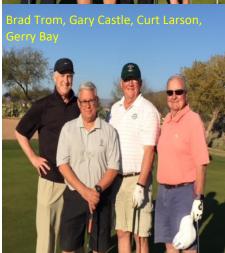


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#### **6th Annual Walker Cup**



The 6th annual Walker Cup was held on March 3 at Dove Valley

Ranch in Cave Creek, AZ. The new venue greeted 26 players and 4 lunch guests on a sunny, pleasant afternoon. Deone

Petersen registered the players and quickly got their wallets open to purchase mulligans. Participants received a goody bag and their very own commemorative Walker Cup. A quick warm up, delicious lunch and a lot of conversation and laughter preceded the competition. John McGovern herded the group for a photo and rules session. (Which no one paid any attention to.)

Nadine Brune distributed the Brune Ball to the team captains along with the rules. It's a separate individual game while the scramble format is being played. It adds fun and pressure to the day's big event. We also talked about the Golden Retriever hole prize on #18 whereby Jeff Brune's retriever was used to fish golf balls out of the water for a prize if it had Jeff's name on it. Jeff was a notorious ball retriever in his own right. Never passed a water hazard without giving it a look.

The results of the day were recapped over a beverage in the club house. Alumni hole prize winners were Curt Larson, Dave Schoenbeck and Dave and Debbie Addington. John McGovern and Mike Cihlar were members of the 2nd place team. And Bob Potter, Dave Schoenbeck and John Eversman won the Brune Ball challenge.

The Walker Cup honors the memory and friendship we had with Ken Walker and Jeff Brune. Ken started the golf outing prior to the brunch many years ago. Jeff picked up the leadership at Ken's passing and both did a tireless job of keeping our Alumni group connected. They will not be forgotten. Please join the fun next year as we gather for the 7th Annual Walker Cup.

By Stan Petersen and John McGovern









**ROMEO Club Brunch - Weekly** 

ROMEO (Retired Osco Merchandisers Eating Out)

DATE: FRIDAYS: Now THRU MAY 2018

PLACE: THE GENERAL STORE

Loc: Scottsdale, AZ

TIME: 11:30 AM



DATE: 3 RD THURSDAY EACH

MONTH

PLACE: GENERAL STORE Loc: Scottsdale, AZ

TIME: 11:30 AM **ORGANIZERS:** 

JULIE ANN WALKER

jaaz47@cox.net CAROL KEIL ckeil@cox.net



Indy 500 Event

DATE: THURSDAY MAY 24TH

PLACE: JOHN NIEMAN'S

Номе

Loc: Indianapolis, IN

TIME: 11:30 AM **ORGANIZER:** JOHN NIEMAN III

JJNIEMAN3@YAHOO.COM



Chicagoland Event

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20,2018

PLACE: GATTO'S

Loc: Downers Grove.

TIME: 3:30 TO 6:30 PM

ORGANIZER: DIANE

**HEATTER** 

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Spouses, quests and friends are welcome to join in the fun and nostalgia at our events

#### After you retire; try volunteering



I began volunteering at the Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ, in 2003, after having double knee replacement surgery. The procedure was so successful and my care so great that I decided to volunteer as a measure of my appreciation and to "pay back" Mayo in some small way. Little did I realize that the satisfaction of volunteering far outweighs the time and effort expended.

My duties at the Mayo Clinic were to greet patients and visitors, answer their questions and direct them to their appointments in the various departments. Most patients have little or no problem navigating their way to their appointments. However, a number of patients really need assistance. Many times they are anxious and confused or simply overwhelmed at the size and layout of the Clinic building. Some may have just received bad news. For these people, assistance with a smile and a friendly greeting makes their Mayo visit much easier. Their thanks and the look of gratitude on their faces make volunteering a very rewarding experience.

Volunteering is not difficult. It is much like our days at Osco Drug, where our goal was to provide our customers with a positive shopping experience. An added plus to my volunteering was the many friends that I made with the Mayo staff and fellow volunteers. I have met some amazing people with varied and interesting backgrounds people that I would not otherwise have met.

There are many organizations in the Phoenix area and elsewhere that rely on volunteers. I would suggest that anyone who has a few extra hours a week to spare, consider volunteering in some capacity. It is a satisfying experience and at the very least will get you out of the house and off the golf course!

By Jack O'Connell

Editor`s note:

Jack recently retired from the Mayo Clinic after 16 years of service and Jim Johnson with 13 years of volunteer service respectively.



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#### **2018 Candidates for OSAC Board of Directors**

#### **Vote On-line**

Just log in at the website. The ballot will appear in the center of the screen

#### Jerry Gonyo

TODAAT!

Take One Day at a Time

Hire Year: 1964

Board Member since: 2007

Positions held: Drug and Variety Store Section Manager; Buyer; District Merchandise Specialty Manager; Midwest Sales Manager; Import Sales and Marketing Manager; Senior Product Manager

Work Locations: Racine, WI; Melrose Park, IL; 1818 Oak Brook, IL; 3030 Franklin Park, IL; Scottsdale, AZ

Worked for: Turn\*Style, Brighams, Jewel Companies, Osco Drug, Jewel Far East LTD, Jewel Imports, American Stores Company

#### Glen Yergeau

Keep your head down, do what you're told, and some days it's just one foot in front of the other-

Hire Year: 1977

Positions held: Management trainee; ASM; Store Manager; Market Manager; HR Manager, Category Manager; District Manager; Director of HR; Brooks District Manager; Rite Aid District Manager; Walgreens Area Transition Manager

Work Locations: Aurora, IL, #854 Elgin, 971 Saugus, 965 Lynn, 973 Portsmouth, Stratham, 964 Woburn

Worked for: Chicgoland Osco Drug, Osco Drug, American Drug Stores, American Stores Company, Brooks, Rite Aid and Walgreens

#### **Election Process**

Members having a valid email address on record were emailed a link to an electronic ballot. To access the on-line ballot, log into the website between now and 4/15/2018. After you log-in, the ballot will automatically appear on the front page

Voting takes place between 3/20 and 4/15. A member can use either the paper version of ballot or the online ballot

Ballots are counted 4/5

Results posted on-line 4/19

#### **Bobbie Riley**

Hire Year: 1988

Positions held: Undistributed Pharmacist, staff pharmacist, pharmacy manager, Pharmacy training, manager, Director of Recruiting and College relations, Pharmacy Operations manager, Pharmacy process redesign, VP of Pharmacy Operations & VP of Pharmacy Compliance and Government Affairs.

Work Locations: #854 Elgin, #101 West Chicago, #102 Aurora and 3030 Franklin Park

Worked for: Chicagoland Osco Drug, , American Drug Stores, American Stores Company, Albertsons and Supervalu

Alumni Member since: 2005

If voting via US mail, please clip the ballot on the following page and

mail ballot by April 10, 2018 to:

Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club

P.O. Box 1024 Lombard, IL 60148

#### Dan Quinn

It was always about the people, not the name on the building, "Let's get together"!

Hire Year: 1969

Board Member since: 2012

Positions held: Ice cream dipper; clerk; supervisor; assistant manager; assistant general manager; store manager, Regional Customer Service Manager; Company Customer Service Manager; Service Operations Manager for Albertsons Drug Division; RCS Photo & Beauty

Work Locations: Southern California store locations, Anaheim, CA

Worked for: Sav-on Drugs, American Drug Stores, Albertsons, CVS/pharmacy

#### **Tom Neilsen**

Hire Year: 1969

Board Member since: 2016

Positions held: Pharmacist, assistant store manager; Director, Professional Services;

Director, Training;

Director, Human Resources Development;

Regional Personnel Manager

– Central Region & 1818;
Vice President, Compensation and Benefits

Work Locations: Elgin, IL; Carpentersville, IL; Champaign, IL; 1818 Oak Brook, IL O'hare Plaza; Page 8 Candidates

#### Larry Wahlstrom

Count on People who Care

Hire Year: 1971

Board Member since: 2013

Positions held: Part-time clerk; management trainee; 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant; 1<sup>st</sup> assistant; store manager; market manager; Chicago Operations Manager, district manager; Group Merchandise Manager; Director of Sales and Market Development; VP Advertising; VP East Operations; VP Sales and Marketing

Work Locations: Osco #823 Green Bay, WI; #881 Clinton, IA; #831 Rockford, IL; #966 Woburn, MA; Boise, ID; Chicago, IL; South Bend, IN; 1818 Oak Brook, IL; Cambridge, MA; Woburn, MA; Scottsdale, AZ

#### Ray Delcourt

Hire Year: 1983

Board Member since: 2016

Positions held: Seasonal part-timer; part-time clerk; fulltime clerk management trainee, 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant, 1<sup>st</sup> assistant, Training Manager of SE; promoted to Manager of SES; (Started Satellite Magazine/Updates to Stores; Remote training; Monday Morning Stuff; Kronos Rollout across country)

Work Locations: Tinley Park, IL; Dyer, IN; Highland, IN; 114th Halsted Chicago, IL; 1818 Oak Brook, IL; Oak Brook Data Center; Franklin Park, IL Worked for: Osco Drug, American Drug Stores, American Stores Company, Albertsons

#### Al Pineda

Hire Year: 1969

Positions held: Started as a Clerk and rose to the rank of Store Manager in 1975. Presidents Council Member, Direct Marketing Group Member and Store Remodel Committee.

Work Locations: Sav-On Drugs in Azusa, Covina, Montebello, Alhambra, Torrance and Mont-

Worked for: Savon Drugs, American Drug Stores, Albertsons and CVS

#### John Nieman

Live/Love/Laugh

Hire Year: 1980

Board Member since: 2016

Positions held: Part-clerk; full time clerk; receiver; assistant manager, general manager; scan trainer; **Corporate Training Specialist; Human Resource Manager/** Director/VP; Area and Division Operations Manager; Dir of Compensation; VP HR Shared Services

Work Locations: Osco Drug #874, 770, 771, 766, 762, 777, 764, 765, 779; Muncie, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Villa Park, IL; 1818 Oak Brook, IL: Salt Lake City, UT; 3030 Franklin Park, IIIIIPark, PaScottsdale: AZ, Boise, ID: West Bridgewater, MA: Eden Prairie, MN: Fullerton, CA; Phoenix, AZ

Worked for: Osco Drug, Jewel-Osco, American Drug Stores, American Stores Company, Albertsons, Shaw's-Osco, SuperValu



#### **Larry Anderson**

Finally retired so have time to serve on the board!

Hire Year: 1979

Board Member since: 2016

Positions held: Attorney; Assistant General Counsel; Director, **Litigation and Contract Law** 

Work Locations: O'Hare Plaza Chicago, IL; 1818 Oak Brook, IL; ASC headquarters Salt Lake City, UT; Albertson's headquarters Boise, ID

#### **Curt Larson**

The force of the North is asking for your vote

Hire Year: 1973

Board Member since: 2014

Positions held: Pharmacist; management trainee, 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant manager; 1st assistant manager; store manager, regional trainer; regional pharmacy manager; district

manager

Work Locations: Osco #888 Aurora, IL; Osco #936 Great Falls, MT; Osco #844 Aberdeen, SD; Osco #910 Fargo, ND; Osco #806 Fargo, ND; Buttrey Osco #919 Moorhead, MN; Buttrey Osco #512 North Fargo, ND

#### Diane Heatter

Keeping it going!

Hire Year: 1975

Board Member since: 2005 Positions held: Human Resources, Merchandising; Liquor Department,

Work Locations: 1818 Oak Brook, IL; 1955 Melrose Park,

Worked for: Osco Drug, American Drug Stores, Jewel Osco

#### **Gary Hunstiger**

Hire Year: 1963

Board Member since: 2011 Positions held: Part-time

2<sup>nd</sup> assistant manager; 1<sup>st</sup> assistant manager; store manager; market manager; Operations and Merchandising Manager; District Manager; Director of Sales; Director of Retail Operations; Vice President Category Management; Area Vice President Central Region; Director of Merchandising

Work Locations: St. Cloud, MN; Austin, MN; Lynn, MA; Lawrence, MA; Manchester, NH; Evansville, IN; 1818 Oak Brook, IL; Salt Lake City, UT; Scottsdale, AZ; Eden Prairie, MN

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#### Time to get out and VOTE!

Voting is now open for Osco/Savon Members in good standing.

Log into <a href="http://www.oscosavonalumni.com/">http://www.oscosavonalumni.com/</a> and cast your ballot prior to 4/15/18.

If you're not currently a member log onto the website. http://
www.oscosavonalumni.com/ and sign-up then cast your ballot; it's easy and will be
the best \$15 bucks you've ever spent!

#### OSCO Sav-on Alumni Club

#### **Ballot**

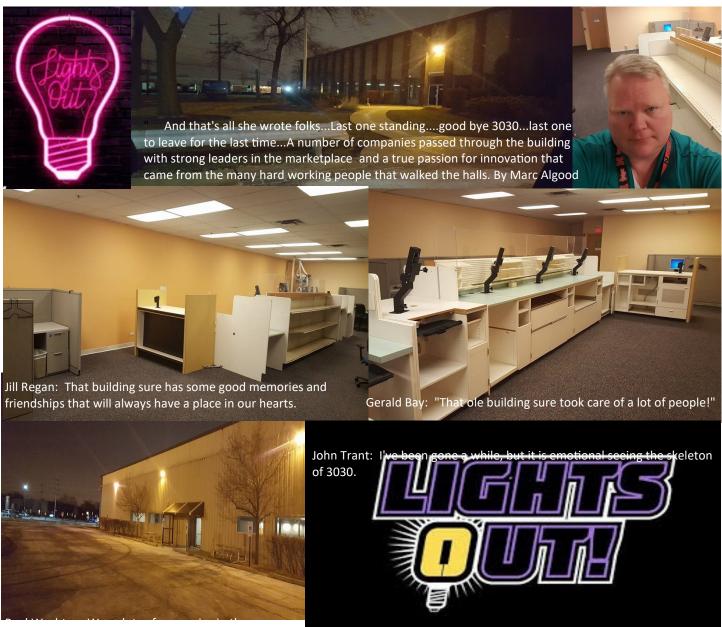
#### 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Position	Vote Candidate
President	Gary Hunstiger
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	John Fields
Director	Larry Anderson
Director	Ray Delcourt
Director	Jerry Gonyo
Director	Diane Heatter
Director	Curt Larson
Director	Tom Nielson
Director	John Nieman
Director	Al Pineda
Director	Dan Quinn
Director	Bobbie Riley
Director	Larry Wahlstrom
Director	Glen Yergeau
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Write-In #2: indicate name and	
Write-In #3: indicate	

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#### The Night the Lights Went Out at 3030



Guy DiPasqua: What an iconic place for so many years. Gosh, the stories, the history, the memories so many will have of a place to many of us simply as 3030. So much accomplished by so many housed there! All the best to all the people who have scattered, retired, relocated.

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### Rite Aid fine-tunes category management team

CAMP HILL, Pa. — Rite Aid Corp. is making changes in its category management team as it proceeds with an asset sale in which more than 40% of its drug stores will be transferred to Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA).

"Following the sale of the nearly 2,000 Rite Aid stores included in the asset purchase agreement with Walgreens Boots Alliance, we are evaluating how we can better align our organizational structure with the current and future needs of our business," Rite Aid said in a statement on Friday. "As such, we have made some staffing changes within the organization, including the category management department, that we believe will help us operate more efficiently while continuing to effectively meet our business objectives and provide a superior customer experience in our stores."

The latest Rite Aid category management staff moves follow senior executive changes in the merchandising and category management team announced in mid-November.

Those appointments included Bill Renz, group vice president of consumables and photo, to senior vice president of category management; *Bryan Shirtliff*, senior vice president of merchandising, to group vice president of health and beauty; Shirtliff reports to Bill Renz.



#### What's New?

Dining, travel, a new job, retirement, fun activities, observations, small gettogethers, etc.?

Share your times with members - Send us a text, photo, brief email or your one-liners!

## Seeing Double.....Nah that's just the twins: Brent and Bruce Keil



#### **Larson Hat Trick**

Curt Larson recently collided with his 3rd deer only 5 miles from home after driving over 5005 miles from Fargo to Arizona and back. Once again Curt came away unscathed but not so much for the deer and the car.



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# Osco/Savon Official Alumni Facebook Group



Are you on Facebook?......Did you know that the Osco/Savon Alumni Club has its own Facebook group?

The Facebook group grew out of the Osco Drug Eastern Region Facebook group that was created for the reunion that the New England alumni held in June of 2014.

In 2017 the Alumni club`s board of directors wanted a venue created separate from the alumni club for both club members and former Osco/Savon alumni to communicate and get re-acquainted. It was then decided to take the Eastern Region Facebook group – which at that time had approximately 125 members and change its name to:

#### Osco/Savon Official Alumni Facebook Group

Currently the group has 184 members and continues to grow. Anthony Accardi is administrator for the Facebook group and Gerry Pearsall is his back up. The group shares current news about former Osco/Savon Alumni, News of events and reunions that the club will hold and of course the great memories we made while working at Osco Drug and Savon.

Sadly when we receive the news of a former colleague's passing - that too gets posted.

So if you are on Facebook, look us up and click on the "request to join" button. Either Anthony or Gerry will accept you into the group after confirmation is made that you are a former employee.

Once you are a member, you can also add someone that you know is on Facebook and may want to join.

Again Anthony or Gerry will accept these requests.

By making this a private group it minimizes the chance of anyone trying to join just to "sell stuff".



Above is a picture of Anthony from 1987 when he was the 1st Assistant at the old Cambridge, MA store. He was a receiver at that store from 1982 - 1985 and went back there from 1986 - 1987 as a 1st Assistant.....and finally ended up closing the store down as Star Market needed Osco`s space to expand.

That store did not have a receiving dock - only a single door. Everything came off the trucks one piece at a time.

This is what we refer to as 'The Good Old Days'!!!