



OSCO/SAV-ON ALUMNI CLUB

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# CONNECTIONS



## OSCO/SAV-ON ALUMNI CLUB FALL OUTING

### FESTIVLE ITALIANO

Thursday, October 11, 2007

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

### LUIGI'S HOUSE

ROUTE 59 – NAPERVILLE

Featuring family style dinner to include:  
Appetizers, salads, pastas, entrees, vegetables, fresh baked  
breads, desserts, coffee/tea and soft drinks.

All this for just \$30.00 per person.

Mark your calendars and get ready for a "Gangbuster"  
dinner!

Please use the RSVP form on Page 9  
to guarantee your attendance.

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

### Sharon Cartwright

For the last four years, Sharon has served as both the Alumni Club's administrative coordinator and Editor and Publisher of Connections, has resigned her position due to increasing responsibilities at work and also in the care of her parents.

Among her other responsibilities at SUPERVALU Midwest Retail division, Sharon is heavily involved in event planning for the company which requires a great time commitment and frequent travel.

We are truly indebted to Sharon for all the valuable contributions that she has made to our club. Her administrative and organizational skills are outstanding and have kept our club functioning smoothly.

She has added creativity and interest to our CONNECTIONS newsletters, and has published our best issues ever.

We wish Sharon all the best in her continuing career and thank her for her great work.



Sharon and Hubby Jim  
50's Party - October 2006

### Barbara Salerno

We are happy to announce that Barbara Salerno will be assuming Sharon's responsibilities. Barbara became a board member of the club earlier this year after retiring with almost 30 years of service. (See June Edition)

Barbara has experience in Recruiting and Personnel, Merchandising, Loss Prevention, and Distribution. She has great administrative skills and will be a real asset to the club.



Barbara and Hubby Joe on a  
recent vacation to San Diego, California

## NEW ADDRESS/EMAIL FOR ALUMNI CLUB

The Alumni Club's **new** address is:

***Oscosav-on Alumni Club  
P. O. Box 1024  
Lombard, IL 60148***

**[oscossavonalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:oscossavonalumni@yahoo.com)**

All correspondence and inquiries should be sent to either address.

### SUPERVALU UPDATE

Thanks again to Gary Hunstiger for providing us with this update on the latest news from SUPERVALU

It's hard to believe that Fall will be upon us soon! The transformation of SUPERVALU continues to move along at a fast pace as was noted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report with nicely improved earnings and sales that were positive albeit below Wall Streets sales expectation. The Boise Shoreline office is nearly empty and the new Merchandising and Marketing office in Eden Prairie, Minnesota will be fully occupied over the next few weeks. Our new facility in Eden Prairie has been named the East View Innovation Center (EVIC), where would we be without acronyms? EVIC is located 5 miles west of the Chanhassen office. The new building will sport a beautiful test kitchen, a 35,000 square foot Lab store and we are reusing the office furniture from Boise.

SUPERVALU continues to shift resources to accommodate the centralization of Center Store, which is comprised, of GM/HBC, Grocery, Total Alcohol Beverage (TAB) and Fuel. The Own Brands, Marketing and TAB teams have already moved into the new facility and the Rest of Center Store will begin their move September 4<sup>th</sup>. Give us a shout if you are in the area; we'd love to give you a tour. All of the Boise associates that stayed with SUPERVALU have completed their transition to Minnesota.

On the HR front Dan and Betty Soller left CVS. Dan is the store manager at ACE Hardware in Cross Lake, MN and Betty is in training to manage a Wells Fargo Bank. Brad Adams has also left CVS. Paul DeGaetano recently retired from CVS. Doug Goldsworthy rejoined the Category Manager team at SUPERVALU from Sears/K-Mart. Larry Wahlstrom's daughter Stephanie will be wed in Boston September 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob Potter's daughter Stephanie is doing well after a very difficult time following the birth of her healthy son. It has been interesting to reacquaint with some former Jewel and Osco associates like, John Eversman, Bill Gillispie, Rick Collison and Kevin Broe who had joined the SUPERVALU family over the years. I'm

happy to report that none of SUPERVALU's associates were involved in the tragedy on the August 1<sup>st</sup> when the I-35 bridge collapsed in Minneapolis. On a sad note Dennis Palmer's father passed away and was laid to rest in Preston, ID August 10<sup>th</sup>.



### IN MEMORIAM

We recently learned of the passing of the following Alumni member.

*Thank you to Lowell Hartsock for submitting the following article.*

**Harry Vasconcellos**, known to his Osco Drug friends as Vass, passed away on July 25, 2007, at the age of 89 years. Vass grew up in the Des Moines, Iowa area and held a degree in Pharmacy from Drake University. During World War II he served in the United States Army in dietetics, as a pharmacist and as a navigator on B-24's in the European arena. While in the Army he met and married Edythe Anderson on August 12, 1942.

Following his tour of duty, Vass joined his wife in Waterloo, Iowa and was hired by Self Service Drug, Inc., which later became Osco Drug, to work as a pharmacist in their fifth store. He became the manager of that store and trained many of those who were the heart and soul of Osco Drug.

Upon retirement the couple moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where they enjoyed many wonderful years together – celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2006. Edythe died on February 11, 2007. Their final resting place is in Rowley, Iowa.

*On behalf of the Alumni Club, we extend our deepest sympathies to the families who have lost loved ones.*

## Factory Card and Party Outlet

Factory Card & Party Outlet began as a division of Gallant Greetings, a greeting card distributor. Gallant kept sample greeting cards in its waiting room as a way for guests to pass time. As requests for the sample cards grew, Gallant began to charge 25 cents each, but it was hardly a formal business: the receptionist placed all funds from card sales in a cigar box.

As the word got out, people would stop by just to purchase cards. The popularity of the sample greeting cards spurred Gallant into forming a new division devoted to that product. J. Bayard Kelly, with nearly 30 years of industry experience, was charged with spearheading the new Factory Card & Party Outlet. The first store opened in 1985 in a 4,000 square foot location in Buffalo Grove, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

Kelly secured a number of investors and purchased the company in 1989, with 10 stores in operation. Since going public in 1996, the company has grown to nearly 200 stores in 20 states and an online Web store. From their humble waiting-room beginning, Factory Card & Party Outlet now carries more than 3,000 designs of greeting cards.

It's been two years since we updated the list of the many Osco alums working at Factory Card Outlet and Party. Here's an update from Jean Reich's on the large number of Osco alumni working at Factory Card. Continued best wishes to them and their company!

**Gary Rada**, President & CEO

**Dick George**, Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors

**Mike Perri**, Sr. Vice President & Merchandising Manager

**Ed Plesa**, Vice President Supply Chain Management

**Carrie Sherman**, Director of Facilities

**Maureen Kirk**, SSC Facility Manager

**Laura Loehman**, Inventory Control Specialist

**Teresa Otterman**, Administrative Assistant

**Wayne Walton**, Basic Merchandise Manager

**Mike Moore**, Director of Training

**Jean Reichs**, Space Planning Manager

**Erin Gaza**, Buyer

**Erick Ahnell**, Buyer

**Debbie Sapieszko**, Sr. Manager Transportation & Traffic

**Joe Sciarrino**, DC Outbound Operations

**Kurt Swenson**, DC

**Mike Koestler**, Director Merchandise Planning & Visual Presentation

**Jeff Esner**, Distribution Supervisor

**Nanette Aguilar**, Sr. Replenishment Specialist

## Osco Alumni at Rite Aid

Thanks to Mark Panzer for providing this update on the Osco Sav On alumni working at Rite Aid.

**Steven Certo** - RX Vice President

**Paul Kim** - RX Vice President

**Kurt Patel** - RX Vice President

**Brian Pavur** - RX Vice President

**Paul Harrington**- Category Manager DSD

**Larry Stevens**-DM in Virginia

**Dennis Bischoff**- District Manger Salt Lake City

**Steve Choate**-Category Manager

**Greg Axtman**-Category Manager Private Brands

**Bryan Shirliff**- Senior Vice President Category Management

**Bill Bergin**-Vice President Health Merchandise

**Jann Stapleton**- Senior Manager of Travel Services and Fleet Vehicles

**Mark DeBruin**- Executive Vice President of Pharmacy Service

**Dave Cardello**-Regional Vice President of Operations- Detroit

**Dave Vucurevich**- Group VP of Pharmacy Purchasing

**Matt Miles**-Regional Vice President of Operations-UpState New York

**Mark Panzer**- Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Executive Vice President Merchandising, Marketing and Logistics

From the Rite Aid web site is this following description of the company.

"Rite Aid Corporation is one of the nation's leading drugstore chains. With the June 4, 2007 acquisition of Brooks Eckerd, the company has annual revenues of more than \$27 billion, more than 5,000 stores in 31 states and the District of Columbia, with a strong presence on both the East and West coasts, and approximately 116,000 associates. Rite Aid is the largest drugstore chain on the East Coast and the third largest drugstore chain in the U.S. The company is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker RAD.



### John Kromer Retires

We learned recently that John Kromer had retired from Factory Card. Everyone we know remembers John with great fondness. He has a wonderful and engaging personality, was a great entertainer, and had a great impact and touched many lives at three companies with his work in HR. We asked John to give us an update on his career and retirement activities.

"Since leaving Osco along with a group of peers in March of 1990 to help form Ulta<sup>3</sup> "The Ultimate Beauty Store," life has remained very good for the Kromers. Since then our two daughters, Betsy and Kathleen have graduated from college, married and currently live in Naperville and Chicago respectively. Those of you who remember Gloria ("Gug") would find her in good spirits, still busy helping others and enjoying the early months of our 2<sup>nd</sup> retirement.

Ulta was a wonderful ten year experience through the fall of 2000 where a talented group worked very well together to build a national chain under the leadership of Dick George and Terry Hanson. Following a change in senior leadership, an opportunity for retirement was afforded and for the next three years, time was concentrated on building a private HR consulting practice.

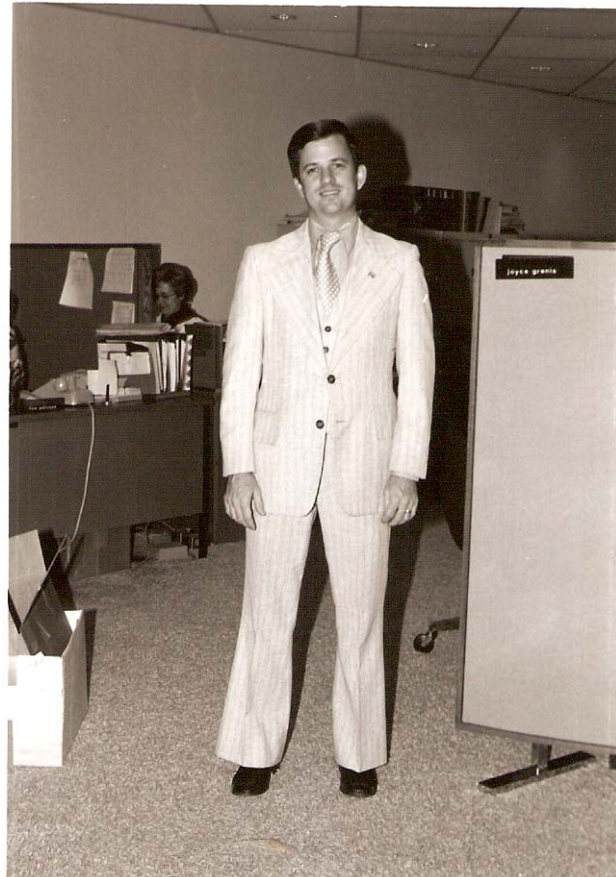
In 2003, while in pursuit of an additional client via Gary Rada, CEO of Factory Card & Party Outlet, an offer was accepted to head that firm's HR department. It felt like old home week with Gary and Board Chair, Dick George. We agreed to a two to three year tenure and after three and a half years the business threw a retirement celebration that fulfilled a vision formed years ago when one could dream of such an event after a 40 year career in one place.

So 40 retail years it was, with each surrounded by caring people from Dubuque, IA part timer and Elgin, IL trainee through Crest Photo, HR Department, Operations and Advertising. This was all good preparation for helping to build ULTA in Operations & HR. Life has been very good all along the way.

Retirement finds us very active with volunteer work for our parish, Loras College and The Gateway Foundation. We're still all insufferable Cub fans, enjoying the piano, golf, traveling and reading; all, thank God, in good health. Thanks to everyone

who helped to create so many wonderful memories throughout our 23 years with Osco.

Peace, John



John Kromer  
Year Unknown



John Kromer, Don Lohr, Lee Hoekstra,  
Reg Bogusch - Octoberfest '04

*Enjoy your retirement years, John!!!*

**John McGovern** retired from the CVS/Albertsons Drug Division/SavOn Drugs/Osco Drug after his 34-1/2 years that brought him through many positions of many companies and a series of mergers over the length of his career.

John's most recent position was Vice President of Marketing for CVS. John was honored at a retirement event that began with a golf outing at Vista Verde Golf Course, followed by a dinner and recognition ceremony that evening at Rio Verde Ranch. Family and friends shared in the celebration of John's 34+ years.



*John and Sharon McGovern*



McGovern Family

John and Sharon, daughters: Katie, Molly, Natalie, son in law Matt and grandson Christopher



*Mike Maston, Valerie Mazzoni, Kevin Tripp, Rich Mazzoni, Darlene Kauzlarich*



*Stan and Deone Petersen, Mark Crouch, Mike and Leigh Cihlar*

*Thanks to Stan Carlson for submitting the following article on former Osco associate, **Bob Howard**.*

## Boys and Girls Clubs help kids aim higher

Chicago Tribune  
June 4, 2007

Yaneth Zavala wasn't planning on going to college, but she changed her mind thanks to encouragement from staffers at the Boys and Girls Club in the Little Village neighborhood, where she volunteers helping out younger children.

"It's a great feeling to know these little kids are looking up to you," said Zavala, a high school junior who is thinking about becoming a teacher.

Zavala is one of the youth-of-the-year winners who were recognized during the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago's 58th annual summer ball, held Friday evening at the Cadillac Club at Soldier Field. The others honored at the event included Ezekiel Clerk, Vanlisa Evans, Jerrod Harris, Jacqueline Salgado and Marshe Collins, who won the citywide award.

They are among the more than 17,000 children helped each year at the 32 Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, which provide health, education, career, arts, leadership, sports and recreation programs. "We're more than just gym and swim," observed **Bob Howard**, the organization's president and chief executive officer. A Chicago native, Howard earned an MBA from Harvard, worked as a senior vice president of the Payless ShoeSource chain and was lured out of retirement in 2002 to lead the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago.

As a teenager, Howard played sports and attended dances at a Boys and Girls Club in the Woodlawn neighborhood. "Today it's different. Kids have a lot more pressure on them," he said, noting that 70 percent of the children in the organization's programs are from single-family homes and 70 percent are from families with household incomes of less than \$28,000.

The organization's woman's board hosted the ball. Board chairwoman Linda Gantz and ball chairwomen Lenore Cameron and Barbara Stone greeted guests as they arrived. "The Boys and Girls Clubs are a place where they can feel safe and learn," said Gantz, an 18-year veteran of the board. "They're there when kids are out of school and most at risk," Cameron added.

More than 500 patrons attended the \$500-per-person black tie gala, which began with a cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by a dinner of truffle-crusted filet mignon, summer ratatouille, and a chocolate and strawberry mousse terrine. Veteran television newscaster Bill Kurtis and partner Donna LaPietra led a live auction during dessert, which was followed by dancing to the music of the City Lights Orchestra.

Among the guests were many of the city's business and civic leaders, including Andrew McKenna, whose long list of commitments include chairman of McDonald's Corp., and Schwarz Paper Co., and serving on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago's advisory board.

"It's important to give back to the community. Those of us who don't [give back] make a mistake," said McKenna, who recently added the post of fundraising chairman for Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympic Games to his duties.



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please note the following changes in our Membership Directory:

Chuck Haeffner email:

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Jim Johnson email: [SPJOHN1@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SPJOHN1@YAHOO.COM)

Mike Murdock email:

[ROADER34@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:ROADER34@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

Chuck Zajicek email: [ZAJICEK@EMBARGMAIL.COM](mailto:ZAJICEK@EMBARGMAIL.COM)





**Dolores "Dee" Sendra** writes ...

"I want to take this time to announce the loss of the light and love of my life. My husband of almost 61 years, Wally, passed away on February 28, 2007. I am pleased to say he got to enjoy almost 20 years of retirement.

While walking down "the road of memories" I found this photo taken (below) when I joined the Osco Personnel as secretary to Ed Buron. I was in the department long enough to work for Terry Hanson, Steve Mannschreck and Pat Johnson. Looking back, Terry and Steve were just "little snotty-nosed kids"! Seeing photos of other associates now, I was old even back then!

A picture of Bob Maag, the Candy Man, in the last edition of CONNECTIONS, brought back "sweet" memories as it was Bob who made me popular on floor 1-1/2 by keeping the Personnel Department supplied with sample goodies (and I thought it was my charm and personality!).

I currently reside in a lovely retirement community, close to my son, Bruce, and loving daughter-in-law, Mary. In the closing chapter of my life, I'm trying to live it to the fullest. During the past five months of mourning, I've been active in our fitness center, joining the Tai Chi, yoga, and Pilates groups. Can you picture this 80 year old woman with wrinkles AND muscles?

I'd like to wish all of my former associates good health and happiness. Live every minute of your life as though it was going to be your last. And never, never forget to give your spouse a hug and a kiss when saying good night. These are the things I miss. God bless you and keep you in His care.

Fondly, Dee

*Dee, we thank you for writing and express our deepest sympathies on the loss of your husband. You are a classy lady.*



Dolores "Dee" Sendra and Ed Buron

## Arizona Luncheon and Golf Outing

Following up on last February's very successful outing, plans are being made for another event on next February 17, 2008. Save the date!

Jerry Gonyo and Ken Walker are also looking into a possible fall event. We will include info on these events in future CONNECTION issues, but to make sure you always get the latest, make sure that Jerry or Ken has your up-to-date email address.

[Jerndar@cox.net](mailto:Jerndar@cox.net) or  
[ken.walker@rapidtouchusa.com](mailto:ken.walker@rapidtouchusa.com)



# Come join the Fun!



**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Luigi's House**

778 N. Route 59

Aurora, IL

630-375-6400

(Directions on reverse side)

Cost is \$30/person

6 p.m. Cocktails **(CASH BAR)**

7:30 p.m. Dinner

9:15/9:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Please complete and return this form by October 5th to Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club, P. O. Box 1024, Lombard, IL 60148

MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ and

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending *Festivale Italiano*.  
Enclosed is my check for \$30/person made payable to Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club.

**Directions:**

From the North:

294 South to I-88 West.  
Exit Route 59 South.  
Proceed 2 miles to Meridian Lakes Drive.  
Turn right on Meridian Lakes Drive and proceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

From the Northwest:

355 South to I-88 West.  
Exit Route 59 South.  
Proceed 2 miles to Meridian Lakes Drive.  
Turn right on Meridian Lakes Drive and proceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

From the West:

I-88 East.  
Exit Rt. 59 South.  
Proceed 2 miles to Meridian Lakes Drive.  
Turn right on Meridian Lakes Drive and proceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

From the South:

294 (or 355) North to I-88 West  
Exit Rt. 59 South.  
Proceed 2 miles to Meridian Lakes Drive.  
Turn right on Meridian Lakes Drive and proceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

From the East:

290 West to I-88 West  
Exit Rt. 59 South.  
Proceed 2 miles to Meridian Lakes Drive.  
Turn right on Meridian Lakes Drive and proceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile.

**OSCO/SAV-ON ALUMNI CLUB****Send us your "one-liners"!**Let *Connections* know what you've been doing!

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We'd be absolutely  
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photo or two  
to run with your  
"news".

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upon request.)

Give us one line (or as much as you like) on your new  
job, new position, volunteer work, your vacation, a  
family update, or anything else you want to share!  
My "news" for the alumni newsletter, *Connections*:

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