



# CONNECTIONS

## Club Members That Make Us Proud

Club member Josephine Lewis, and Club Director Ray Seranko are a reminder to all of us the payback we can receive from perseverance and having the good heart of a volunteer.

May of 2001 was a time of celebration for Josephine V. Lewis as she saw a lifelong dream come true. She completed the requirements for a B.A. in Psychology (minor in Gerontology) at Benedictine University in Lisle. She graduated Cum Laude with a 3.78 cumulative from Triton and Benedictine.

Unable to attend college at 16, when she graduated Jones Commercial High School in Chicago, she went to work as a secretary. After marriage at 18, she quit work to raise a family of three (two boys and one girl). In 1971 she joined the Import Department of Jewel Imports, then a division of Osco Drug, Inc. in Franklin Park, IL. Jerry Ostermann was her manager, but she thinks of him as a friend and mentor.

With tuition reimbursement available from Osco, she attended Triton College at night and received an A.S. in Marketing. In 1983, after twelve years with Jewel Imports, she was asked to join the Port of Seattle as their Midwest Representative.

When the Port of Seattle office closed in 1997, the path seemed unclear. "I was always geared to getting a job to earn money" she says, "rather than allowed to identify my gifts". "This time I went into the desert and waited for the Spirit to call me", she continues. "Opportunity came when I was asked to become a volunteer mentor for the homeless in her church's Daybreak/Transitional Housing Program. St. Margaret Mary in Lisle/Naperville provides an apartment and Catholic Charities trains volunteers, such as

myself, to work in teams to guide a homeless family to self-sufficiency. This role ignited my dormant lifelong interest in psychology".

"When I joined the Port of Seattle in 1983, I was the first woman to represent a West Coast Port in Chicago. As other women were hired into the International Transportation industry, it seemed natural that they would turn to me as their mentor, so this role was a role I informally played with successful women".

Josephine has six hours of graduate work behind her, for she started graduate level classes before she completed the undergraduate degree, being urged on by professors who saw her potential but did not realize her age. Graduate school looks doubtful. "I've run out of money and don't want to take on any loans in my retirement. The years are going by too quickly for me. I will be in my 70's if I continue a few classes at a time. Oh well, perhaps I can be the resident guru at some retirement village and get free rent" she jokes. "My parents, who were born in the nineteenth century, lived a very long life. Perhaps I will as well, and you know, we never know what surprises tomorrow brings".



Josephine V. Lewis

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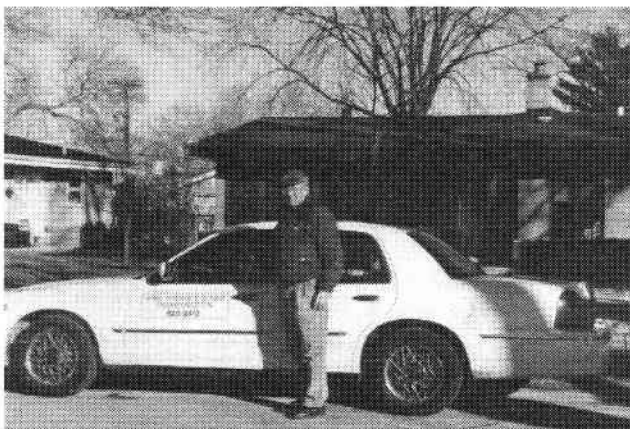
## Club Members *(continued...)*

### Ray Seranko, Volunteer Extraordinary.

Americans have recently been called upon to renew their commitment to helping others. Long before this, Ray Seranko, one of our Club Board Members, began serving his community in a very meaningful way. Ray spends 3 days a week driving senior citizens to their doctor, drug store, food store, etc. (Ray steers them to Jewel and Osco). The Township in which Ray lives offers seniors this service for a small fee. Ray drives small vans, or a 12-passenger bus, that the Township has for this purpose, and devotes over 1,000 hours a year to this service.

Over the last year or so, Ray estimates he has driven close to 500 different people. Many times Ray provides some of the only personal contact these seniors may have. If you know Ray, you would agree this has to be the highlight of their week.

Additionally, Ray serves as a cantor for St. Pius of Lombard, IL and sings in the church choir, and is a member of the Paulist Choir Alumni Chorale. This commitment to service should make us all examine how we spend our time in retirement. Our hats are off to Ray for setting such a great example for us all.



Club Director, Ray Seranko

## Travel News

Included in this edition of Connections is an insert from West Suburban Travel with some of the trips they have on their current schedule. Over the last few years, many Osco and Jewel retirees have used this company, and have been very pleased with the tours and their excellent value. One of their better values in past years has been a trip to China. Details for that in 2002 haven't been finalized, but we will include in the next edition. Stan and Mary Carlson, Joe and Ellie Buron, and John and Carol Grabowski have gone on the China trip and found it very worthwhile.

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The next Board Meeting will be held on July 15, 2002 at the 3030 Franklin Park, IL office.

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## >>> Board Meeting Highlights <<<

Your Board of Directors met on March 6, 2002. Here are the highlights from that meeting.

- Roger Carpenter introduced Barbara Heatley as the new Administrative Coordinator for the Club replacing Judy Archer. (See related article on page 3)
- The Board election results were reviewed. Director Dave Gillis was elected Vice-President, and Mary Palmisano was voted in as a new Director. All others retained their current positions: Roger Carpenter-President, Ron Green-Secretary, John Fields-Treasurer, and Directors Ray Seranko, Stan Carlson, Bob Johnson, Tork Fuglestad and Dominick Archer.
- The recent Arizona luncheon attracted only 10 attendees including presenter and sponsor Rex Nelsen, who gave a presentation on Long Term Care. Future Arizona functions will be considered once a larger volunteer base can be developed there.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date selected for the evening function in Chicagoland.

### Congratulations to Judy Archer

Congratulations are in order for Judy Archer, who has served as our Administrative Coordinator for the Osco-Savon Alumni Club for the last year and a half. Judy recently received a promotion to Reclamation Accounting Lead at the Elk Grove Distribution Center. With the extra commitments of the new job, as well as increased commuting time, Judy asked the Alumni Board to find a replacement for her administrative duties, which they reluctantly agreed to do. Judy stepped in at a time when we really needed help and has done an outstanding job. We owe Judy a big THANK YOU. The good news is that Judy will continue to do the editor/publisher functions for CONNECTIONS, along with her husband Dominick.

### Welcome Barbara Heatley

Barbara Heatley has been chosen to take over as Administrative Coordinator for the Club, replacing Judy. Barbara's duties include all the correspondence of the club, as well as maintaining the database of the club, which is used for mailings and the publication of the directory. The coordination of the details for the Club luncheons and dinners is also part of the duties.

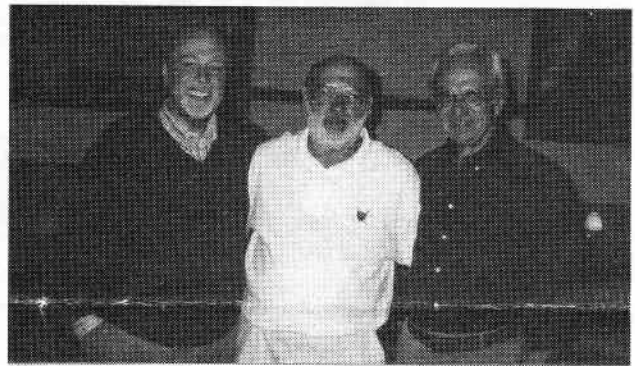
Barbara has worked for Osco for 15 years in a variety of departments including Third Party, Benefits, Payroll, and Human Resources. She is currently the Human Resource Administrative Assistant for the 3030 office and works for the Human Resource Manager at the 3030 Franklin Park office.



You can reach Barbara through the Club email, P.O. Box, or phone her at (708) 456-0718.

## TURNSTYLE-OSCO REUNION

It was a happy occasion that brought 3 Turnstyle-Osco retirees back together again. The joyous event was the celebration of the marriage of Mike Kaplan's daughter Pam, which was held in Chicago this past August. Joining in the festivities were Mike and his wife Bonnie, Dick Potokar and his wife Jeannie, and Lenny Katz and his wife Barbara. It was great getting together again and reminiscing about the "good old days". Mike was an Osco Vice-President of Merchandising, Dick managed the In-House Apparel Program, and Lenny was District Soft Goods Manager.



Mike Kaplan, Dick Potokar, Lenny Katz

Lenny Katz was last based out of the famous Quincy, Massachusetts store. Look for a feature article on New England Osco in an upcoming issue of CONNECTIONS.

## THIS and THAT

*"Drug Store News", February 18, 2002.*

Beauty has become a little bigger at Albertson's. The retailer's new combo stores in the Reno, NV and Tucson, AZ markets, now not only feature a beauty wall that has grown to nearly five times its former size, but an in-store cosmetician, as well—two ideas borrowed from the chain's stand-alone drug store format.

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## Do You Remember When?

'83 Osco L.P. Team



Left to Right: Steve Scanlan, Sean Reardon, Bill Jacobs (kneeling), Bob Swanson, Peter Bartholomew, Len Thielen, Dominick Archer (kneeling), Parm Bridges, Beth Nuccio, John Oliveri (kneeling), Ron Green, and Ted Lorentzen

### *In Memory Of*

*CONNECTIONS* regrets to inform you of the passing of three Alumni club members.

**Grayce Shields**, 89, passed away on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002. She lived with her son in Elgin, IL and was very active until December 2001. She was waked at the Laird Funeral Home, Elgin, IL, and was buried Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Vicki Muzzey**, 66, of St. Charles, IL, a resident of Lombard from 1951-99, died January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at home. Service were held February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Brust Funeral Home. Interment was at

Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Vicki was an administration assistant, and retired in 1999 from Osco Drug after 30 years. Memorials to CNS Hospice, 690 E. North Ave., Carol Stream, IL, 60188, would be appreciated.

**Diane Dowell**, 72, of Wheaton, IL, formerly of Glen Ellyn, died December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001. Born in Chicago, raised in Elmhurst. She attended DePauw University in Greencastle, IN and was a member of Alpha Phi Fraternity. She retired from Osco Drug in 1992. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Cancer Society (312) 641-6150.

## ALBERTSON'S Update

The sale of the New England Osco Drug Stores and the retirement of Bill Bates (see related articles below) has created a need for some personnel changes and new opportunities.

Dennis Palmer, Vice-President of the Drug Division, has announced the following changes to the Drug Division Team.

- Larry Wahlstrom has assumed the position of Vice President of Marketing and Sales for the Drug Division. Larry's previous assignment was as Vice President of Operations for the East Area. In his new assignment he will be responsible for all sales and marketing activities for the Drug Division. Larry brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm with him to his new role. In addition to his recent Operations role, Larry's former assignments in Category Management, Advertising and Sales have prepared him well for his new assignment.
- Gary Hunstiger has assumed the assignment of Vice President of Operations for the Central Area. Gary's most recent assignment was as Vice President of Category Management for General Merchandise. Gary's operations experience and people skills make him a perfect fit for the new and enlarged Central Area. Gary's positive energy and leadership will add to that of a talented support team that supervises our largest geographic area, comprised of 9 districts and over 200 stores.
- In a related move, Gail Brown, former Operations Manager for the East Area, has accepted an assignment as District Manager for the Southwest Food Division. Gail will add drive, energy and broad operations background to the Southwest team. In her new role Gail will report to Al Hoskins, Director of Operations for Drug.

Please join us in congratulating these people in their new assignments.

Sale of stores to Brooks Finalized. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, Albertson's announced the final transfer of 80 New England Osco Drug stores to Brooks Pharmacy. The stores were sold for \$240 million. It was expected that Brooks would retain many of the Osco associates.

The history of the region goes back to 1966 with the opening of #951 Dorchester. Many leaders of the Drug Division have come from New England, or spent considerable time there. This goes back to the late sixties when Dick Cline, assisted by John Terry, provided leadership for the 4 stores in the area. Dave Maher and Dick Davis later headed up the region.

\*\* Please send any photos or information you would like to share about New England Osco. *Connections* plans to have a feature article about New England Osco in an upcoming edition.

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### Retirements - Fast and Furious

Thanks to all who sent information regarding the following five retirees.

Gerry Gonyo writes, "As of 1/1/02 I have retired from TSI, the old Jewel Imports group, after 37 years in retail business and the past 25 years in the Import process. I will stay in Arizona full-time except trips to the Midwest to see the Grandkids. It was a pleasure to work

with so many Jewel-Osco-Turnstyle-American Stores, people over the years. Thanks for your help and support".

*Chuck Gundlach* retirees after 42½ years. Chuck was honored with a retirement luncheon on February 1<sup>st</sup>, celebrating his 42½ years of service to the company.

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## Retirements—Fast and Furious

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Reg Bogusch, Chuck Gundlach, Stan Carlson,  
and Dave Gillis

Chuck began his career at the age of 16 with Jewel Food Stores. After five years with Jewel, he transferred to Turnstyle and spent 13 years there in a variety of positions (store operations, merchandise specialist, sales manager, and buyer). After the sale of Turnstyle in 1977, Chuck served as an Osco manager in the Indy market for 8 years. He then spent five years as a buyer at 1818, before returning to store operations in the Chicago area.

Chuck had a well deserved reputation as one of the very best operators in the company. Greg Gullickson, who made remarks at the luncheon, stated that in addition to that reputation, what he will always remember most about Chuck was how he cared about his people and helping them grow in the business.

Chuck met his wife Janet when she was a checker at Jewel. They have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Retirement will give them the opportunity to spend real quality time with their family.



Greg Gullickson and Chuck Gundlach

Margie Glikas writes, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, my 34-year career with Osco Drug came to an end. As difficult as it was to see the many changes that had occurred the few months before I left, it's more difficult for me to say good-bye to so many of you whom I've come to know very well. Some of you have shared in my experience of moving over from Turnstyle to Osco/American Stores, from a mere 5 stores to 81 stores in New England, (and even with five stores we still had a lot of work to do!). Then we grew to 150 with all of the stores in Districts 4, 5, and 6. What a wonderful challenge, and it all worked out just great!

As a representative of the human resource team, it has been a real pleasure for me to see so many of you come up through the ranks in the stores, by either being promoted within the region or moving on to other areas. Fortunately, I still hear from the many of you who have moved away. It was especially nice to hear of the many marriages and births that have taken place during these years. We often ask ourselves "where do the years fly to?" Oh, how true that statement is, especially as I worked with the scholarship program and saw the names of some of the students applying that just happened to be the children of some of our associates!

We've spoken over the phone so often and, although I have never met some of you, I feel as though I've known you forever. I have no idea where I'm going or what I will be doing, but I do know that I'm leaving with some great memories. Thank you for being a part of those memories. I wish you and your families all the very best with good health and continued happiness.

Hopefully we will see one another again somewhere, sometime! Fondly, Margie

Wanda White, Vice President of Southern California North Area for the Drug Division, has announced her retirement. Wanda has served the business for over 31 years. Wanda joined Osco Drug as a clerk in Arkansas. She later served in a variety of positions such as Trainee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant, Copy Chief Advertising,  
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Ad Coordinator at the Turnstyle division of Jewel in Skokie (Chicago) Illinois. In 1980-1995, Wanda held several positions in the Central Region as Personnel Manager, Operations Manager, Buyer, District Manager, Director Service Operations & Business Support and Vice President, Retail Services. In 1996 Wanda accepted the position of Vice President Operations for Southern California Northern Area and she retired in December 2001.

Bill Bates, Vice President of Central Area for the Drug Division, has announced his retirement. Bill has served the business for over 31 years. Bill joined Jewel Osco as a Management Trainee in Roselle, Illinois. He later served in a variety of positions such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, General Manager, Group Pricing Manager, District Manager, Vice President Southern Region, Corporate Vice President and Vice President, Retailing. In 1993 Bill accepted the position of Vice President of Operations for Central Area, he retired in February 2002.



## THIS and THAT (continued...)

*"Drug Store News", February 18, 2002*  
(continued...).....The new combo stores - 15 in total, former Albertson's food stores that now incorporate the full drug store package found in the chain's Midwest Jewel-Osco stores - will operate as Albertson's-Sav-on in Reno and Albertson's-Osco in Tucson.

*"Chain Store Age", February 2002.*  
Albertson's will increase its capital expenditures spending for its Acme Food and Drug stores to \$70 million in 2002, a 17% increase when compared with the \$60 million in capital expenditures last year. The Acme

division is reportedly seeing "record market-share gains" at its 148 stores in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland.

*"Drug Stores News", March 4, 2002.*

Albertson's earlier this month opened its first food-and-drug combination store in Omaha, NE, under the Albertson's/Osco banner. The new store in Omaha represents the third new market that Albertson's has taken its successful Jewel-Osco combo format to since disclosing the strategy last September.

The store also is Albertson's 10<sup>th</sup> unit in the Omaha area. "The introduction of this [Albertson's/Osco] format in the Omaha market is long overdue and demonstrates Albertson's commitment to gaining market share," said David Jerry, an Albertson's Divisional Vice President for the Great Plains area. The chain's combination format was expanded to Tucson, AZ and Reno, NV late last year.

*"Drug Store News", February 18, 2002.*

Albertson's has named former Safeway executive Shan Kumar, Vice President of Category Marketing and Planning. He reports to Larry Stablein, Executive Vice President of Marketing and Merchandising. Kumar spent 16 years at Safeway.

*"Chain Store Age", February 2002.* As of this month, Albertson's has installed NCR self-checkout lanes in a number of stores. The majority of installations are NCR's convertible series that conveniently rotates from self-checkout to production checking in a matter of minutes. One store has express self-checkout lanes without the convertible feature.

Jeannette Duwe, spokeswoman for Albertson's, explains that the flexibility of the convertible solutions fits best with Albertson's business model.

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