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CVS to Cut 600 Corporate Jobs

Last month, CVS Health announced plans to eliminate about 600 corporate jobs over the next two months.

The job cuts will be made primarily at CVS corporate offices in Rhode Island, Illinois and Arizona, the company said. In a statement, CVS Health indicated that the job reductions reflect fluctuations in the health care business environment. "CVS Health continually reviews its operations in all of its markets and facilities across the U.S. to enhance efficiencies and ensure the company remains in the best competitive position to improve the health outcomes of its patients and clients while lowering their overall health costs," CVS said in the statement. "Following a thorough evaluation process, we have determined that changing market dynamics and the increasingly competitive environment require us to operate as a more lean and efficient organization.

"As a result, we are eliminating a small percentage of positions at CVS Health in November and December 2016 in order to focus roles and resources on driving the greatest value for our business while maintaining customer satisfaction," the company stated.

CVS which has 9,600 pharmacies and employs over 240,000 people nationwide, didn't specify from which divisions the job cuts would be made. The company said the affected employees will be able apply for other positions in the company. Those not placed in positions will be eligible to receive severance package and career assistance.



Albertsons to Acquire Price Chopper?

According to industry reports, Albertsons is in "advanced talks" to acquire the *Price Chopper* chain for about \$1 billion. However, Price Chopper officials are, saying, "It's a full-blown rumor and we don't respond to rumors."



Should such a deal be finalized, Albertsons would solidify its East Coast base and fill a gap between its Pennsylvania-based Acme and Massachusetts-based Shaw's banners. Food/drug retailer Price Chopper had an estimated 2015 sales of \$3.7 billion and has leading market shares in the Albany-Schenectady and Glens Falls, NY. markets, and No. 2 positions in Binghamton, NY, Utica-Rome, NY.; Pittsfield, MA, Worcester, MA, and Burlington, VT. The chain consists of 135 stores and is headquartered in Schenectady, NY.

Albertsons has become a major industry consolidator, acquiring large publicly traded companies like Safeway and family-run regionals alike in recent years. Albertsons cancelled its planned IPO in 2015 is still controlled by a consortium of private equity and real estate firms led by Cerberus Capital. Albertsons has been awaiting a market for its stock to trade publicly for more than a year. As it previously said its owners were seeking to sell 65.3 million shares at a price of \$23 to \$26 per share. The offering would raise proceeds to pay down debts incurred by the purchase of Safeway.

For the two-quarter period, ending September 10, Albertsons reported sales of \$32.2 billion, and a \$371.7 million loss. Sales were up by 2.5% from the same 28-week period a year ago, and gross profit of 27.5% of sales was up from 27% in the same period last year, although Albertsons' net loss accelerated from \$323 million, due mainly to higher interest expenses.

Identical-store sales for the period improved by 0.1% at both of its AB Acquisition and Safeway divisions, falling sequentially from 2.9% and 3.9%, respectively, in the first quarter, roughly when the retailer's falling input prices reached the shelf level.

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Editor's Note

Season's Greetings!

I hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to a white Christmas or one where there are palm trees and no snow! ☺

With much sadness, I share the news of the recent passing of two alumni club members, George Stearns and Austin Stanton. Our thoughts are also with board member Curt Larson, whose wife, Jackie passed away in November.

We ask that you send us your one-liners, current news, where you're working, where you've traveled and other updates. It's a delight for our members to hear what you've been up to. We especially love to see PHOTOS! New or nostalgic photos are always fun to see... they help make our newsletter less wordy and more visually appealing! Email whatever you would like to share to me via email. If you wish to send via USPS, please send to the club's P.O. Box and your materials will be returned after they have been scanned.

Next month, I will be sending members the annual dues letters. The club's dues are still \$15 annually. On the dues letters, please make sure I have the correct contact and company service information.

Wishing you the Merriest Christmas and Happiest Holiday Season!



Barbara Salerno

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To all our members: Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2017

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we extend warm Christmas and New Year's wishes to you, your families and friends.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year when we celebrate faith, family, and the tradition of giving gifts and sending greetings. Sending out Christmas greetings is an easy way to reach friends, family, and even old acquaintances with the warmth and love of Christmas.

We have so much to be thankful for living in this great country of ours. Take time during the rush of the holidays to enjoy the things in life that really matter. Take in the serene moments spent with friends and loved ones, and may the wonder of Christmas surround you throughout the holiday season.

Our wish for everyone this coming year is to take time to enjoy life a little bit every day, to reach out to those that we often think about but rarely contact.

As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, may your heart be filled with joy and peace. May these holiday blessings linger in your home and stay with you throughout the year.



November 18, 2016 Board Meeting Highlights



At our November 18th meeting it was reported that Club finances remain in good shape. We have been funding our reservation at Pheasant Run for the 80th Reunion on August 23rd, 2017. The reunion has been named "Osco @ 80", so mark your calendars and get ready to socialize as this will be our only Club event in Chicagoland in 2017.

Board members continue to reach out to former associates for "where are they now" articles for *Connections*. You don't need to wait to be contacted, send in a recent photo and tell us what you've been up to and we'll add it to a future edition of *Connections*.

A big "thank you" to Stan Carlson for organizing the Veterans article featured in the current edition of *Connections* and to Kathy MacDonald who has volunteered to take over management of our PayPal account. 2017 Club dues notices will be sent out after the first of the year so for those of you that use PayPal make sure your information is up to date.

*Our next Board meeting is on
 Friday, February 3, 2017*





NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Elect the Board of Directors

Osco Savon Alumni Club

In the next two months, a slate of candidates for the club's 2017 board of directors will be assembled. There are currently 14 board members and all positions are open and subject for nomination.

We invite you to consider offering your time. The time commitment is not large. The club typically holds four board meetings via conference call and WebEx. The length of each meeting is usually two hours in duration. Time commitments between these meetings would depend on your responsibilities and special club projects underway. Specialized skills are not needed -- we do on-the-job training, if needed! The only qualifier is caring about sustaining the Osco and Sav-on heritages for people that worked there. We have a lot of fun at our board meetings, too. Please contact any board member if you want more information or to discuss your ideas, candidacy or nomination of others.

We proudly list the past and present board members who have provided distinguished volunteer services to the Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club for one or more terms since the formation of the club in 1992.

Larry Anderson
Julie Andrews
Dominick Archer
Ed Blazek
Reg Bogusch
Stan Carlson
Roger Carpenter
Ray Delcourt
Ron Dilger
Rex Dobey
Nan Duwe
John Fields
Lou Frantzen
Tork Fuglestad
Dave Gillis
Jerry Gonyo
Chuck Good
Ron Green
Diane Heatter
Steve Hoffman
Gary Hunstiger

June Hunt
Bob Johnson
Jim Johnson
Lenny Katz
Betty Kelly
Dean Kelsey
Bill King
Curt Larson
Marge Narsutis
Tom Nielsen
John Nieman
Mary Palmisano
Gerry Pearsall
Dan Quinn
Barbara Salerno
Jerry Rutherford
Ray Seranko
Bernie Schelonka
Len Thielen
Steve Troc
Larry Wahlstrom



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Club Facebook:
Osco Savon Alumni

2017 Board Election Process

1. Nominate yourself and/or another person by 2/15/2017. Email your nominations to: oscosavonalumni@yahoo.com or complete above form and mail to the club's P.O. Box
2. Slate of 2017 candidates will be finalized 2/28/2017
3. 2017 Member Voting Ballot will be published on-line by 3/15/2017 and included in the March 2017 issue of *Connections*
4. Voting takes place between 3/15 and 4/1/2017
5. Ballots are counted 4/5/2017
6. Elected Board for 2017 - 2018 term will be posted on the club's website on 4/19/2017
7. Results will be published in the summer issue of *Connections*
8. First meeting of newly elected Board convenes in May

Submit a Nomination

Positions open are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Directors at Large

Nominations can be emailed to: oscosavonalumni@yahoo.com or send via USPS

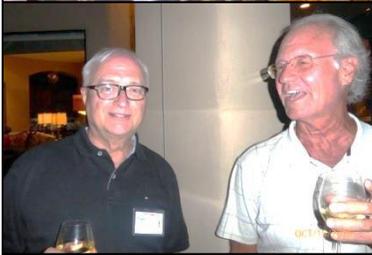
Enter nominee(s) and position below:

Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club
P.O. Box 1024
Lombard, IL 60148



October 15th was a beautiful evening when over twenty Osco/Sav-on alums gathered at Tom & Joan Nielsen's beautiful home in Scottsdale, Arizona for a fall celebratory gathering. Their home and backyard was representative of a five star resort and the hospitality matched the surroundings. There was an abundance of wine, beer and appetizers to appease the most demanding of the Osco/Sav-on guests. How can you go wrong with bacon wrapped dates, crab dip, corn salsa, ham wrapped asparagus and on and on? The food kept coming with lasagna, salad and more desserts than a group of 200 could handle. I believe we saw that Jim Willyard had bought glad bags in an attempt to stock up on tasty leftovers for football Sunday the next day. The conversations were ongoing and it was great to see John Nieman, who took time from his travels around the world....so much to do, so little time...and all with a smile on his face. The group also gathered to thank Jerry Gonyo for his years of dedicated service to the alumni club and he was presented with a lemon coconut cake that would have pleased a Saudi prince. We will miss that crazy man, but Indiana is now in good hands. Thanks to Tom and Joan for a wonderful evening!

Gerry Bay





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On November 10th, the Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club held its annual autumn dinner at *Maggiano's* in Oak Brook. *Maggiano's Little Italy* was the venue where many Osco dinners, outings and award recognition events had been held - just down the road from our 1818 office. It brought back many memories and stories that the attendees shared.

We had a *Maggiano's* Italian family style meal of appetizers, salad, two main dishes, dessert and wine. The dinner was attended by twenty-four alumni members including our most recent retiree - Tom Walter.

Dean Kelsey provided the opening remarks, welcoming the group and giving us an update on the plans for the Osco Drug Reunion commemorating the company's 80th anniversary to be held on August 23rd and 24th, 2017 at the *Pheasant Run Resort* in St. Charles, Illinois. Jewel Retiree Club President Dave Stailey followed Dean's remarks with a re-cap of recent activities and upcoming plans for the Jewel Club. The club recently held their Fall Dinner which was attended by over 100 members and guests. Dave also outlined the December activities the club will be involved in: support of the Chicagoland Food Depository, Holiday gift bags for Veterans at Hines Hospital and manning the USO Lounge at O'Hare airport over Thanksgiving. Dave also passed out \$5.00 dollar Jewel-Osco discount coupons to each of the attendees at the Osco dinner.

Dean concluded introductions by announcing the lucky winners of the 50/50 raffle (Rich Belmont, Dennis Pierini - \$15 each) and the drawing for the free dinners (Bob Somerfield, Diane Heatter \$30 each) were awarded for early commitment and payment for the dinner. As noted, there will not be a 2017 spring alumni event in Illinois - our focus will be on planning a memorable gala event in August 2017!

Diane Heatter

1. Roger Carpenter, Dave Stailey, Ray Seranko
2. Barb Carpenter, Jerry & Sheri Hildebrand
3. Bob Somerfield, Barbara Salerno
4. Len & Phyllis Thielen
5. Laura & Dave Stailey
6. Dean Kelsey, Tom Walter
7. Ken Heatter & Ray Seranko
8. Dean Kelsey - Raffle calling
9. Jim & Donna Snorek
10. \$15 each winners: Jim Shepeck, Jerry Hildebrand
11. Rich Belmont & Dennis Pierini
12. Roger Carpenter, Lollie Arioli
13. Diane & Ken Heatter, Jeanne Reichs



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Upcoming Events:

ROMEO CLUB BRUNCH - WEEKLY

ROMEO (Retired Osco Merchandisers Eating Out)

DATE: FRIDAYS: NOW THRU MAY 2017

PLACE: PINNACLE PEAK GENERAL STORE

LOC: SCOTTSDALE, AZ

TIME: 11:30 AM

ORGANIZER: Gerry Bay - geraldsbay@me.com

5th Annual AZ Walker Cup

(Arizona Golf Outing)

DATE: SAT: MARCH 4, 2017

PLACE: THE 500 CLUB

LOC: GLENDALE, AZ

TIME: 11:30 AM LUNCH / 1:00 PM GOLF

ORGANIZERS: JOHN MCGOVERN

- Jmcgov429@me.com
- STAN PETERSEN
- stanp321@gmail.com

11th Annual Arizona Brunch

DATE: SUN: MARCH 5, 2017

PLACE: TONTO VERDE GOLF CLUB

LOC: RIO VERDE, AZ

TIME: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ORGANIZER: TOM NIELSEN -

tmnielsen25@gmail.com

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Osco @ 80:

Osco Drug 80th

Anniversary Dinner

DATE: WED: AUGUST 23, 2017

THU: AUGUST 24, 2017

PLACE: PHEASANT RUN RESORT

LOC: SAINT CHARLES, IL

TIME: 5PM – 11:00 PM

HOSTS: DEAN KELSEY -

dean.kelsey@sbcglobal.net

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New England Osco Golf Outing

DATE: WED: JUNE 21, 2017

PLACE: CAMPBELL'S SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

LOC: SALEM, NH

TIME: 11:30 am Lunch / 12:30 pm Golf

ORGANIZER: LARRY WAHLSTROM

larrywahlstrom@gmail.com



5th Annual AZ Walker Cup

Saturday, March 4th, 2017 11:30 AM

Date: Saturday March 4th, 2017 11:30 AM

Where: The 500 Club

4707 W Pinnacle Peak Rd

Glendale, AZ 85310

Phone: (623) 492-9500

Website: www.the500club.com

Price: \$95 (per player) Lunch & Golf

\$15 Lunch only

Payable to *The 500 Club* Golf Course on the day of the golf outing. Price for golf includes: round of golf, cart, practice balls, lunch and a day filled with great memories, friendships as well as a few good stories.

The schedule of events:

11:30 AM: Practice range opens

11:45 AM: Lunch will be served on

The 500 Club clubhouse patio

1:00 PM: Shotgun start for golf

5:00 PM: Happy Hour and Prizes Awarded

There are 48 golf spots blocked. We need to confirm the number of golfers by Friday, February 17th

Please RSVP before that date!

RSVP: John McGovern at Jmcgov429@me.com

Stan Petersen at stanp321@gmail.com

Please feel free to bring a guest or two of your choice as the Alumni price will apply to all golfers. Also, please let John and Stan know about any pairing preferences.

This event is open to all Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club members, guests, family and friends

The Walker Cup is a tribute to
Kentner 'Ken' Walker (1946 - 2013)
An OSCO friend to all



11th Annual Arizona Alumni Brunch – Sunday, March 5th 2017 @ 11am



18401 El Circulo Drive - Rio Verde, AZ

Only 12 minutes east of Dynamite and Pima Road in North Scottsdale

Phone: (480) 471-2582 Website: www.tontoverde.com



Menu

- Warm Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls, Petite Croissants
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Yogurt and Granola Parfait
- Waldorf Chicken Salad
- Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Chives
- Omelet Station: Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Cheese & Sausage
- Applewood Smoked Bacon
- Potatoes O`Brien
- Chef` s Sweets: Chocolate Mousse Shots with Fresh Raspberry, Petite Cheese Cakes



**Price:
\$30
per person**

Beverages

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea
Cash Bar: (Optional for each person).
Bloody Mary`s and Mimosas, \$10 each



Reservation Deadline: Monday, February 27th, 2017

Please make your reservation and payment before February 27th, the reservation deadline.
Venue will charge the club for all no-shows.

RSVP at the club`s website, pay via PayPal **OR** respond by mail to:

Tom Nielsen 10206 North 108th Place Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Sunday, March 5, 2017 11th Annual Arizona Alumni Brunch Sign-up

	Attendee (Full Name)	First Name (Name Tag)
Name:		
Spouse/Guest:		

Enclosed is my check for \$30 per person payable to: **Tom Nielsen**

Or RSVP and Pay on-line at www.oscosavonalumni.com

A Grand Alumni Reunion is on the calendar for 2017!

Mark your 2017 calendar and join us on the evening of August 23rd for the reception and dinner. If you are traveling from out of town (or are local to Chicago but want to maximize fun), stay overnight at Pheasant Run Resort at special Osco rates. On August 24th, Thursday morning, stay to show-off your golf skills with "old friends".

It's been 5 years since we last gathered at Pheasant Run to celebrate our heritage.

Why go to this event?

Because you are not getting any younger and all your friends and past business associates will be there!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS TRIBUTE TO ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE OSCO AN INDUSTRY LEADER!

Bring a Guest...Tell a Friend. Don't miss this one chance to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of OSCO DRUG and All of the fine, talented and loyal "PEOPLE WHO CARE"

The Planning Committee promises you an EVENING TO REMEMBER with plenty of time to socialize with friends from near and far.



Pheasant Run Resort

4051 E. Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois

Phone: (800) 474-3272
www.pheasantrun.com

Based on popular demand, much of what occurred in 2012 at our 75th Anniversary will be repeated:

- 1) Starting with a pre-dinner Cash Bar and complimentary Hors D' oeuvres' on Bourbon Street
- 2) Followed by a sit-down dinner in the New Orleans room with the following main course choices:
 - ❖ Prime Rib
 - ❖ Oven-roasted French Chicken
 - ❖ Salmon Americana
- 3) **What's the cost?**
 - ❖ \$50.00 each for Alumni Members & their Guest (same as 5 years ago)
 - ❖ \$65.00 for NON-Alumni Members (\$50 for dinner & \$15 for annual membership dues)
 - ❖ \$50.00 for the above NON-Member's spouse or guest
- 4) **Overnight accommodations** - secured at special rates (same as 5 years ago):
 - ❖ \$129 (single or double)
 - ❖ \$139 (triple)
 - ❖ \$149 (quad)

All rooms will incur a Resort Fee of \$11.95 (up \$2 from 5 years ago). These rates are good for any days prior to Aug. 23 or afterwards.
- 5) We will be polling the attendees regarding their desire to play a round of golf on the morning after the dinner – which is Thursday, Aug 24.



We've selected the Pheasant Run once again to commemorate an Osco anniversary. Members told us of the phenomenal time all had in 2012 at the 75th – nearly 300 attendees! Many remember this resort from Osco's past where countless business meetings, sales shows and other Osco events were held throughout the years. At the time, the Pheasant Run was among the few resorts in Chicagoland which could lodge all Osco and Sav-on managers and central management staff during annual meetings.



Help Us Get the Word Out!

This event is open to ANYONE who is interested in attending. Although hosted by the Alumni Club, a person who wants to attend does not need to be a member to participate in the fun at the gala celebration. We have reached out to all our active members via *Connections*. Our challenge is getting the word out to people who would want to attend the event but have no means of learning about it – your help is needed! Feel free to forward this newsletter or point people to the club's website for details. Inquiries can be sent to us at oscosavonalumni@yahoo.com

Recognizing Our Members Who Served in the Military



Coast Guard



Air Force



Navy



Army



Marine Corps

In this newsletter, we honor our members who have served in our country's armed services. Earlier this year, we asked members who are veterans to submit summaries of their company history and military service. We have been collecting information on as many employees as we can through both email messages and word of mouth.

We began writing this feature during the summer. Since then, three alumni club members having provided submissions have since passed away – Jeff Brune, Austin Stanton and George Stearns (*see pages 18, 19*). In this feature, we also honor alumni members who passed away in recent years. We have relied on obituaries for military service information. We realize this feature does not include all of our members who are veterans. We encourage those not listed to let us know by either U.S. mail or email. We will add omissions to the *Reflections* section of the club's website.

Ken Walker (1946 – 2013)

Company Service:

Ken worked for Osco for 32 years, 5 years in the stores, and then in a variety of positions, retiring in 2005 from Albertsons as Vice President of Store Development.

Military Service:

Upon graduation from High School, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to the Air Force Intelligence Service. He served 1½ years in Brindisi, Italy and later transferred to Taipei, Taiwan for another 1½ year assignment. Ken was a codebreaker for the Air Force.

Doug Fetzer

Company Service:

Doug started with Turn*Style in 1970 and later worked for Osco Drug, American Stores and Jewel-Osco. He worked in warehouse operations: Traffic, Transportation, Inventory Management and was Director of Distribution at Sav-on, Vice President Distribution at Osco and Vice President Distribution at Jewel-Osco. Doug retired in 1999.

Military Service:

Doug received commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from University of Iowa in June 1966. He served for four years and discharged in 1970 as Captain. Doug served in Strategic Air Command at the (then) Bunker Hill AFB later renamed Grissom AFB. He later was assigned to the Alaska Air Command, Murphy Dome AFS; McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS. All of these assignments as Supply Officer and supported B58 Hustler Bombers, KC135 Tankers, F102 and F106 fighter interceptors and F105 fighter bombers.

Air Force

Byron Luke (1934 – 2001)

Company Service:

Byron led the Chicago Osco Region as Vice President and transformed it into a profitable division. He later directed the integration of Sav-on into the overall company operation.

Military Service:

Byron spent three years in the U.S. Air Force.

Dick Hilden (1924 - 2003)

Company Service:

Dick began his career as a pharmacist for Osco Drug and retired as Executive Vice President in 1976.

Military Service:

Dick was one of the most decorated veterans in Osco history. He served in World War II as a navigator -- specialty B-24 -- in the Army Air Corps/Air Force. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals and eight Battle Stars before returning home as a 1st Lieutenant. He was recalled to service during the Korean War as a navigator and flew a B-29.

Dan Baranick

Company Service:

After graduating from the North Dakota Pharmacy School in 1958, Dan began a 35 year career with Osco as a pharmacist and later became a store manager. Dan served stores in St. Cloud, MN, Kewanee, Kankakee and Springfield, IL and Minot, ND. Dan was an Excellence Award recipient in 1991, recognizing his many years of dedicated service.

Military Service:

After graduating from Wilton, ND high school in 1949, Dan worked in a local hardware store for a year. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served four years, with one of those years being in Korea.

George Stearns (1928 – 2016)

Company Service:

George joined Osco as a pharmacist in 1962 after the family closed Stearns Drug in Oshkosh, WI. He moved to management working with Osco and Turn*Style, Marketing Division and eventually retired from the Beloit, WI Osco Drug in 1991.

Military Service:

George served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954. During his time in the service, he set up a Hospital Pharmacy at Parks Air Force Base, close to the Bay area.



Recognizing Our Members Who Served in the Military

Navy

Fred Dearborn (1920 - 2008)

Company Service:

Fred was Vice President of Osco Drug, where he worked for his entire career until retiring in 1984.

Military Service:

Fred served in the U.S. Navy.

Bob Frantzen (1925 - 2010)

Company Service:

Bob was a pharmacist, manager, and district manager for Osco Drug in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and in Arkansas, where he retired in 1982.

Military Service:

Bob served in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Apprentice, First Class during WWII and was awarded the Silver Star.

Jeff Brune (1946 - 2016)

Company Service:

Jeff began his Jewel career at age 17 in the Randhurst Jewel. He attended college at Western Michigan for Food Distribution and subsequently worked for both Jewel and Osco for 38 years, in a variety of positions, retiring in 2001 from Jewel-Osco as Vice President of the North Area.

Military Service:

After graduating from St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights, IL, Jeff enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He went through survival training in preparation for going to Vietnam as an officer, but instead was sent to Subic Bay, Philippines and began a seven month tour of duty on the USS Mispillion (AO-105), an oiler whose mission was to refuel aircraft carriers and gunfire support for ships of the Seventh Fleet operating along the Vietnam coast during the Vietnam War. The Mispillion transferred over 71 million U.S. gallons of fuel before returning to Long Beach, CA in November 1967.

R.L. Call (1925 - 2013)

Company Service:

R.L. began at Sav-on Drugs as a clerk and eventually became president and CEO of Sav-on.

Military Service:

R.L. enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After very noble service in the battle for Okinawa he was honorably discharged in 1945 following the surrender of Japan.

Ted Lorentzen (1941 - 2014)

Company Service:

Ted joined Jewel-Osco in 1957 as a part-time clerk. He later served as audit manager in Osco's Loss Prevention department prior to his retirement in 1991.

Military Service:

After high school, Ted enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He spent most of his four years of service deployed to the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Austin Stanton (1930 - 2016)

Company Service:

Austin worked for Jewel Home Shopping Service, Republic Lumber, Turn*Style and Osco Drug.

Military Service:

Austin completed three years at the University of Miami Coral Gables before deciding, with the draft looming, in 1952 to join the U.S. Navy Air Force. He completed training at Pensacola and was stationed at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station believing he would get Caribbean duty. He spent the next four years in Iceland, Greenland and Argentina. In 1957, left the service, completed his final year of college and then went into the Reserves where he served for 20 years, until retiring as a Commander.

Tork Fuglestad

Company Service:

Tork started as a stock boy in Fargo at the age of 16. "Pay was good, 50 cents an hour". Tork went on to a 41 year career as one of the most distinguished and respected leaders of the company.

Military Service:

US Naval Reserve 1951-1953; U.S. Navy 1953-1955. Tork served on the USS Kankakee, a tanker, in the Mediterranean. Tork has four brothers, all of whom served in the Navy.

Gary Hunstiger

Company Service:

Gary worked for Osco for 43 years, 24 years in the stores and then a variety of positions until the company was sold to CVS/pharmacy in 2006.

Military Service:

Upon graduation from High School Gary enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to the Seventh Fleet where he served as a Surface Radarman and Electronic Warfare Specialist. Gary served on four different ships making two tours of duty to Vietnam where he received the U.S. Navy Medal of Achievement. He is also a Moss Back and Shell Back; Navy Honors for sailing across the equator and around Cape Horn respectively. His U.S. home ports were San Francisco and San Diego. After serving out his four years of active duty, Gary returned to St. Cloud, MN where he continued his career with Osco.



Recognizing Our Members Who Served in the Military

Army

Lou Frantzen (1920 - 2008)

Company Service:

Lou received a B.S. in pharmacy and employed with Osco from 1950 until retiring in 1979 after many years as a district manager.

Military Service:

Lou was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II.

Ron Haas (1923 - 2002)

Company Service:

Ron joined Osco as a pharmacist in 1950 and retired in 1985 after many years as a district manager.

Military Service:

Ron served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, assigned to the 634th Ordnance Ammunition Company stationed in the Philippines, and later served in the Iowa National Guard.

Bill Mayfield (1923 - 2014)

Company Service:

Bill retired from Osco Drug as a District Manager

Military Service:

Bill served in the U.S. Army during the WWII era, attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the 63rd Infantry Division.

Wayne Davis (1933 - 2015)

Company Service:

After graduating from the University of Iowa, Wayne joined Osco in 1958. Prior to retirement in 1985, Wayne held positions of store manager and district manager in Central region.

Military Service:

Wayne was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951 and served for two years in Korea.

Dick Scherschligt (1940 - 2014)

Company Service:

Dick joined Osco in 1968 and held store management positions in Central region. He retired in 1998 as a Market Manager.

Military Service:

After graduating from South Dakota State University School of Pharmacy, Dick joined the U.S. Army in 1962 and served as a pharmacy specialist for two years.

Don Lohr (1942 - 2013)

Company Service:

After graduating in 1959, Don went to work for Osco Drug in Mason City, IA. He was a district manager in the Chicagoland region for Osco Drug and later for Jewel-Osco. He retired in 1999.

Military Service:

In 1963 Don was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as an MP at Fort Bliss, TX.

Mike Creed (1944 - 2016)

Company Service:

Mike joined Osco in 1966 and held store management positions including store manager and market manager in the Chicagoland region prior to retiring in 2000.

Military Service:

Mike was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1964 and served a year in Vietnam.

Marv Brown

Company Service:

Marv started in Waterloo, IA after graduating from South Dakota State in 1956. He worked in Iowa, Indiana and Illinois, retiring after 34 years in 1990 in Kewanee. Marv still did relief work for another 20 years.

Military Service:

After teaching high school in South Dakota for 1½ years, Marv was drafted into U.S. Army in 1951. While on leave from basic training, he married Doris Titus on May 14 and left for Korea eight days later. Due to his previous college degree in education from Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, SD, Marv was a clerk typist and assigned to the Chief of Staff section in Seoul, working for General James A. Van Fleet, the Eighth USA Korea (EUSAK) commander. He was discharged in January 1953, later earning a pharmacy degree through the G.I. Bill.

Ken Heatter

Company Service:

Ken earned a degree in Marketing and Economics. In 1971, he joined Turn*Style, finishing He finished his career with Turn*Style as Chicago district manager in 1978.

Military Service:

Ken was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968. He was assigned to Artillery training. He then spent 6 weeks at leadership school and completed 16 weeks of training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Fort Sill, OK where he went from Chief of Fire to Corporal. Ken was stationed at Fort Wainwright, AK where he held the position of company clerk and provided Artillery support in the Field Command Center. He finished his tour as a Sergeant.

Sean Weiss

Company Service:

Sean joined Osco in 1995 as an in-store systems analyst and held positions including National Product Analyst, Manager of Payroll User Support and Manager of Workforce Analytics.

Military Service:

Sean joined the U.S. Army in 1986 and served for 8 years. Assignments as a non-commissioned officer included Sergeant, Internal Review Budget Specialist, 21st Theater Area Army Command, Indianapolis, IN and Sergeant, 22nd Support Command, Dhahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait City, Kuwait.

Jack O'Connell

Company Service:

Jack started with Osco in the Mason City, IA store in 1949 while a pharmacy student at Creighton University. He later worked at the Waterloo and Boone stores. After completing military service, Jack resumed his Osco career in 1953 in Fort Dodge, IA. In 1987, he retired as Vice President of the Osco's Northwest Region based in Great Falls, MT. During his 34 year career, he managed stores in Iowa City, IA, Rockford, IL and Rochester, MN and was a district manager for the Montana and Idaho stores.

Military Service:

Jack served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. Much of the time spent in Germany as a pharmacist in military hospitals in Landstuhl.

Jim Isaacson

Company Service:

Jim worked for Jewel-Osco for 33 years: four years in the stores before moving to Chicagoland Operations, Store Development Manager and Osco Drug District Manager. He retired in 2001 after spending several years as a Jewel-Osco district manager.

Military Service:

Jim was inducted into the U.S. Army in and shipped out to Vietnam in early 1969. He was attached to a unit that provided support and security for units within II Corps and spent time in places like Pleiku, An Khe, Cha Rang, Phu Ti and Qui Nhon. His time in a combat zone became a life changing and molding experience.

Dennis Loberger

Company Service:

Dennis worked for Osco Drug from 1967 until Osco was acquired by CVS/pharmacy in 2006.

Military Service:

Dennis was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1972. In January 1973, his orders were changed from Vietnam to Japan where he served as a Company Clerk for Troop Command, Battalion and Brigade levels. He was discharged in 1974. Dennis serves as a member of The American Legion where he has been a Post Commander and currently a County Commander.



Recognizing Our Members Who Served in the Military



In the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, the military draft was a factor in nearly everyone's life. Young men were trying to figure out how to get an education, plan for the future and get on with their lives.

For this feature, we asked U.S. Veteran and Osco/Sav-on Alumni Club founder Jon 'Tork' Fuglestad for his impressions. Tork began working for Osco Drug as a part-time clerk in 1949 while he was then a sophomore at Moorhead, ND high school. After graduating high school, he joined the Naval Reserve and went to Concordia College for two years. Tork told us he was having a great time in college (perhaps too good of a time), but after two years, he decided he needed to figure out what he wanted to do with his life. He soon served on active duty in the Navy from 1953 to 1955. After his tour of duty was complete, he returned college and enrolled at North Dakota State and graduated with a Pharmacy degree in 1958. Tork then began a long and distinguished career with Osco and retired in 1991. Tork said that his military duty was a great experience. "It really helped him grow up. Mom and Dad weren't around to guide you or there as safety-nets when you made mistakes."

In general, Tork felt that those with military experience were usually more mature; more experienced, and made good leaders. That is borne out by how many of our companies leaders served in the military. We want to thank Tork for sharing his story and his impressions, and for directing us to others who served.

We owe all of our veterans our heartfelt respect for their military service and also for their many contributions to Osco and Sav-on.

Ken Eakes - Military Warriors Support Foundation

What an honor and privilege it has been to serve the most deserving Heroes, our nation's combat wounded veterans, since 2007 through the Military Warriors Support Foundation.

My career at Sav-on, American Drug Stores, and later at Albertsons, played a big part in preparing me for my role in how I serve now. I started my career with Sav-on in 1989 in store operations in San Diego, California and held many roles through a 16 year career that included opening and operating stores, training and leadership development in Boise, Idaho.

While my family has a long history of military service, I did not serve. My initial interaction with the military occurred in an unusual way. God inspired, you could say. While working out of Albertsons headquarters office in Boise, I heard about an employee volunteer program, in which we help out in our communities. I approached a local school about volunteer after-hours football coaching. That's where I met an incredible young man named Ray Werner, who was a sophomore in high school. He became very close to our family as I have three boys and Ray did not have a dad in his life. Later, Ray joined the Army in the fight against terrorists who inspired the attacks on 9/11.



In February 2007, I received a call from some friends back in Boise with tragic news. Ray, on his first deployment to Iraq, had been killed by an enemy explosion. While I was literally still mourning Ray's death, I received a call from Texas asking me to meet retired Army General Leroy Sisco. General Sisco had just started a Military Foundation - the rest, as one could say, is history. Military Warriors Support Foundation (MWSF) is a non-profit organization, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas.

The foundation supports our combat wounded veterans who are transitioning out of the military. It currently has several programs available including:

- Homes4WoundedHeroes
- Homes4GoldStars
- Transportation4Heroes
- Apartments4Heroes
- Skills4Life

The Homes4WoundedHeroes and Homes4GoldStars are programs that provide mortgage-free homes to combat wounded veterans and Gold Star spouses of the fallen in combat.

Our homes are donated by generous donors that are vetted by our Homes Team based on renovations, crime rate and quality of school districts in the area. To date, over 700 homes have been awarded to qualified applicants.

In conjunction with being awarded a mortgage-free home, the family is required to participate in a three year family and financial mentoring program. It is an invaluable way to provide guidance and an opportunity to learn how to develop skills to be successful homeowners. *(continued on page 17)*

Stan Petersen

Both Deone and I were given the opportunity to attend the Ryder Cup when a friend of ours won the privilege to purchase tickets through a lottery. He offered us the Sunday final round which featured the Singles matches between 12 players from the USA vs EUR. We couldn't resist a chance to check one off the bucket list.



The event exuded patriotism from the start as they gave you an American flag when you entered the gates. Then you got the "opportunity" to shop a 58,000 square foot merchandise store filled with everything from hats to baby clothes to Ryder Cup knitted beer bottle koozies.



The amount of product that people purchased made the retailer in me very envious. We saw our flag in all sorts of configurations. As shirts, pants, vests, and entire suits. Groups of fans all dressed alike in stars and stripes from head to toe. (Where do people get that stuff?) Flags of all sizes. We saw historical figures that looked out of place for the times, but not the event, like George Washington and Paul Revere complete with powdered wigs.

We were fortunate to get a seat in the grandstands at the 1st hole about 2 hours before the first tee time. That 2 hours was filled with music, people dancing, flag waving, visiting with your new best friend next to you, and chanting ditties that you soon picked up on. During a lull the crowd would sing the national anthem or God Bless America.

Patriotism overflowed everywhere. When the first two players arrived for their tee time the place exploded. Patrick Reed "Captain America" against Rory McElroy. The scene was repeated every 10 minutes, for all 12 matches as each pair arrived. Excitement, anticipation, adrenaline and alcohol provided the energy to continue this for two more hours.



After checking out a few matches on the course we settled near the green on 18 to watch the groups finish. We had a great time with the four Brits we stood next to. Friendly banter back and forth as the matches finished. Trying to speculate on who would win their match, who would tie, anticipating point totals changing, and we were wondering how many more beers could these guys drink and still recall they were even at the Ryder Cup. It was exciting to see the American team gather at 18 as matches finished and the outcome became evident. Then the USA won, the champagne corks popped and anyone close got sprayed. The Ryder Cup found its rightful home. What a day!

Bob Petersen

When I retired two years ago, I took three months off. I got a lot of things done around the house I had been putting off. I then took a couple of part time driving jobs to keep me busy. I still go to several NASCAR races and have added a few more. My wife Mary likes to go as well, so she goes to some too. We have an MGB roadster and joined a British car club so we take a few trips a



year with them as well as our yearly trip to California to see our grandkids, oh yeah and our son and daughter-in-law. The saying I have heard from other retirees that say, I don't know how I had time to work certainly applies here. I do miss all the great people I had the pleasure to work with and miss you all.



Bill Baker, District Pharmacy Supervisor for CVS, Brenda Carmody, Pharmacy Manager for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Curt Larson, retired Osco & CVS DM, Bobbie Riley (Drake), Senior Vertical Solutions consultant for Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, Brad Trom, Executive Director Pharmacy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Amy Holland, Senior Director of Talent Acquisitions for CVS Health, Sue Baechler Trom, founder Originaliti Media Inc., Fanny Mound, former store manager for Jewel-Osco, and Randy Mound, VP of Customer Success, Clinical Drug Information, Wolters Kluwer Clinical Drug Information

The five time Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) champs from North Dakota State University rolled into Iowa City to play a football game against the #11 ranked Iowa Hawkeyes on September 17th. It was a beautiful fall weekend in Iowa as 70,000 people would witness the game. NDSU brought over 10,000 fans to enjoy the friendly confines of Kinnick Stadium. It was a hard fought game with NDSU holding its own through the first three quarters and then pretty much took control of the game in the fourth quarter and winning on a game ending field goal 23-21. It might have been NDSU's greatest win but we have had many in our recent past. Although the victory was great, it was even better to enjoy the victory with our Iowa friends. There are a lot of great Osco Alumni from the University of Iowa and North Dakota State and it was fun to party together win or lose. Bill Baker is a fabulous host and if you ever make it to Iowa for game I am sure Bill will make you feel very welcome as he did for those of us from NDSU. It is absolutely amazing how many Osco/Sav-on alumni are making significant contributions and are leaders in many companies across the United States.

Lollie Martin

Angelean Lollie Christian Martin is known as Angelean by the Disney family she has been a part of for the last 33 years, but Lollie's character was formed long before her time began at Disneyland...



In 1957, Lollie began her career at Sav-on Drugs #39 in Garden Grove, California working for Store Manager Dee Gardener in what was originally a part-time seasonal Christmas job. When Lollie's husband died in a tragic car accident, Sav-on stood by Lollie and made the job a full time position. Soon thereafter with Assistant Manager Maury Freidson and the most amazing crew imaginable, they started delivering the best service, selling product in huge quantities and becoming one of the most successful Sav-on Drug stores of

the era. The crew from #39 was such a family that to this day they still stay in contact and have been in attendance at each of the Sav-on Drug alumni reunions. *Note: In the old numbering system for Sav-on stores they only used odd numbers so this was one of the first 20 stores opened!*

When Lollie started at Sav-on, the first challenge she got was to be "in charge" of the school tables. Now back in the day...that meant ordering all of the merchandise monthly from your salesman, as you walked the aisle and reviewed your inventory on each item. There was no distribution center, and no auto-replenishment systems. Every single piece of product in the store had to be ordered from the company that made or distributed it by working with sales reps on a monthly service call. Part of the magic of the Sav-on store family was the relationship our employees had with the people who sold us the products we then sold to the customers. On her very first day Lollie met Harry Carr, a big gruff



affable salesman who started their relationship by promising Lollie, "OK Little lady, I will never oversell you or undersell you". Harry proved true to

his word and became a lifelong friend until he passed away, a loss of not just a vendor, but of a wonderful friend. During her years at #39, Lollie also worked as the office girl. She often worked on the night shift so she could have the day for all her other deeds. Back then she counted all the money; this was before the day of debit and credit cards. She would finish her shift with her hands literally bloody from counting so much dirty money, and rolling all of the coin. She counted all the tills, and deposited all the money that the checkers turned in. Then she counted the money again and placed cash in the employee's payroll envelopes. (This was before the day of "Paychecks".)



Lollie has always been creative so when, early in her career, in the ice cream department, after an inspector came and mandated that the dippers all had to wear hair nets, Lollie created cute little hats that were so popular that they spread to other Sav-on stores.

From the Garden Grove store, Lollie moved to the General Office first in Marina Del Rey and then in Anaheim, when her Boss Mr. Gardener got promoted. He told her that he needed her to come to work with him because "I want people around me who make me look good."

From that point, Lollie held a variety of roles always being seen as a can do, make it happen, never give up person with the energy and love of life that made her everyone's best friend! One of her key early roles in Anaheim was managing all of the control cards for the company. That meant keeping track of all of the price increases, new and discontinued items, etc. and publishing cards that were then sent to each store for use in ordering their merchandise.

How did Lollie come to Disney? An interesting story indeed

One day in 1982, while reading the want ads, mostly for kicks, Lollie came across a *Disney Entertainment Casting Call* and muttered mostly to herself that she had always wanted to work at Disneyland.

Her son Keith, who was born with Retinitis

Pigmentosa and had to always battle his steadily

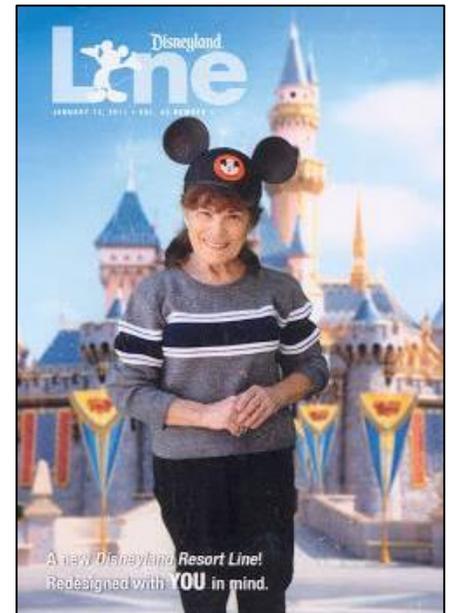
deteriorating vision, was sitting nearby and immediately said: "Well, go for it Mom!" This was a phrase he had learned from his Mom who raised him to always be self-sufficient and never to see himself as "less than" others. Lollie only wanted one thing for her son, that he be as happy and productive as possible. For the next fifteen years, Lollie worked full time at both jobs -- 80 hours a week! 7:00am to 4:00pm at Sav-on and then 4:30pm to 12:30am at Disneyland! Print shop Manager Merle Johnson gave her his parking spot so she could make it to work on time at Disneyland.



Just who is Lollie?

Her parents must have raised her to be an Angel on earth, and they most certainly succeeded, even putting Angel in her name. She has always worked to make everyone's life happier; the most delightful upbeat radiant personality that one could imagine. At age 80, when most folks have long ago retired, Lollie still works 40 hours every week on her feet at Disneyland in the Entertainment Department, and for more exercise, takes a Yoga class.

When Lollie found *The Magic Kingdom* she truly found a role that suited her better than any other ever could have. She absolutely lives the Disney characters. They decorate her home, and she is the embodiment of what Walt Disney must have envisioned as he started building "*The Happiest Place on Earth*". For his dream to become a reality he needed people who were cut from a very special cloth...people who only think about others. Lollie is just such a person. She never asks for anything for herself, Lollie just asks "How can I help" with any other person's need or request. When Lollie approached her boss at Sav-on he not only enthusiastically encouraged her to "go for it", but by being very creative allowed her to remain with Sav-on and work at Disney as well for many years!



One example of "Lollie at her other Work"

Many years ago, Lollie and her husband often took caregiving trips into Mexico. It was on one of those many trips that they encountered a young woman walking along the road. They gave her a ride home and when they arrived they were astounded at the condition of the house the family lived in. Lollie and her husband fixed up the structure as best they could, wrapped it in tar paper, and did whatever else they could. One of the family's young sons had one leg much shorter than the other while the daughter had the scars of polio and a claw foot. With the Mother's blessing the Martins adopted the boy and his sister, making sure the bond with their Mother stayed intact with regular visits always being made. The children's Father had died of Tuberculosis. The young boy had staples put in his longer leg that over a period of 7 years gave him the miracle of matching legs. His name is Francisco, and he now lives close by, and anytime Lollie has a need, he is there in a flash! Francisco's Sister Margarita also lives close by. Just to clarify, this was not Foster care where there is compensation for expenses; this was Lollie and her husband making a difference in the lives of these two children they had met by chance.

At the Magic Kingdom Lollie has had so many opportunities

Lollie has been a central character in many *Make-a-Wish* projects; she's been in Life Magazine, and no telling what else. There just couldn't possibly be a more perfect match of person and character; she loves the children as much as they love her. Once when she was about 70, there was a situation where they needed someone who could ice skate for a day to be in the Christmas Parade. Up went her hand, and Lollie added that to

her repertoire. Over the course of her career she has consistently been recognized by her fellow cast members as "One of a Kind" winning, not just every award that Disney has to give, but the undying love and admiration of every cast member she has ever worked with.

What keeps Lollie going?

Lollie lives and breathes to help others. She never forgets a friend, and she has more friends than anyone else can imagine. So very many people know her, and to know her is to adore her. No one has ever heard her speak poorly of anyone. If help is needed with anything, she recognizes it, and pitches in to help like nobody else! No need to ask. Seeing her go about her helping, or work, one would never guess her age.



Lollie Martin and Dan Quinn

A few months ago, alumni board member Dan Quinn met Lollie's son Keith, when he visited him in his classroom where Keith teaches children with visual impairments so many important lessons. Dan tells us that Lollie and Keith are two of the most inspiring, caring and generous people he has ever met and is proud to call them his friends.

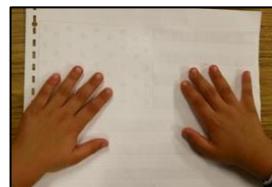
Keith Christian: Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments

Lollie's son Keith was awarded the 2016 Teacher of the Year for Excellence in Braille Instruction on June 18, 2016 in Los Angeles.

Every year, the Braille Institute recognizes teachers of the visually impaired for their hard work, dedication, and innovation. This year, the Braille Institute named Keith Christian the National Braille Teacher of the Year, the first totally blind teacher to earn that title. "A lot of blind kids listen to radios," Keith said. "I like to give them a craft, something they can do with their hands. I want to give the sense of: I can make it, I can build it, and I can do it." He believes in a constant broadening of horizons, of which understanding Braille is a part.

But Keith's honor comes at a moment when fewer blind or visually impaired students are learning Braille — only 8.5 percent of them — as the use of software that turns written material into audio soars. Some programs report having difficulty recruiting new instructors for blind students.

Keith and organizations representing the blind say without Braille, their students will never have the same tools as their sighted peers. They won't be able to situate a sentence within a paragraph.



They won't be able to edit a document in an office. They might not know how to spell their own names. The Teacher of the Year for Excellence in Braille Instruction award is an opportunity for all Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) to be recognized on a national level for the indelible contribution they make on students who are blind or have severe vision loss. Any teacher of the visually

impaired in the US or Canada can be nominated by peers, students, or others. The *Teacher of the Year* is selected by The Braille Challenge National Advisory Committee. Keith has been a teacher of the visually impaired for 20 years, 7 years in LAUSD at Nobel Middle school teaching grades 6, 7 and 8 and 13 years in Anaheim Elementary School District teaching grades K-6. Keith has been a mentor and role model for countless students and serves as an example for parents, proving that their children can achieve anything they want to if they are willing to work hard and learn the necessary skills for success. He works tirelessly to ensure that his students have the braille and technology skills they need to be successful in life. He wants his students to be strong academically and have a strong work ethic.

Keith has been a highly respected member of the VI community and recognized expert in adaptive technology since he began teaching 20 years ago. He is an invaluable resource for VI teachers all over southern California and is always quick to offer his help to anyone struggling to keep up with the constantly changing technology that is so crucial for our students' success. He has

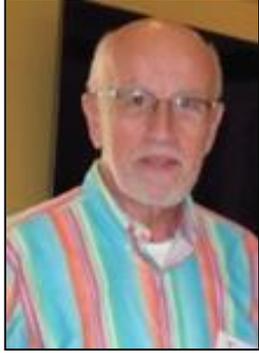
been a part of the Braille Challenge every year since its inception, and is a regular presenter at CTEBVI. He guest lectures in the VI program at Cal State Los Angeles regularly and has hosted groups of students in their technology class in his classroom. Keith's greatest accomplishment and the one of which he is most proud is his amazing wife of 26 years, Diane, and his two beautiful children Nicole and Shawn.

Click to see the video



Jerry Gonyo

Well wishes to board member Jerry Gonyo, who moved from Scottsdale, AZ to Bloomington, Indiana during the week of



November 16th. Darlene had arrived in Bloomington a few months earlier. We thank Jerry for his commitment and the amazing work he has done for the club in Arizona – not only for establishing the alumni club chapter in that state, but for also organizing ten plus years of alumni social events in Arizona. Jerry has been instrumental in helping to sustain the heritage and spirit of Osco Drug and Turn*Style. Having retired to Scottsdale nearly 17 years ago, Jerry tells us that, although he will certainly miss all of the Osco

action in Arizona, he is comfortable leaving new board members Tom Nielsen and John Nieman in charge of alumni operations in that state. Needless to say, we're excited that Mr. Gonyo now resides in Indiana. Once unpacked and settled in, Jerry is anxious to help build the Indiana chapter of the club. We got off to a great start last year with the club's first official alumni event in Carmel (Indianapolis area), organized by Ron Cardarelli. Jerry's new email address is: jerrygonyo@comcast.net.

Mike Resvick

Once again Mike Resvick and his brother-in-law, Dave Smith, did a great job of organizing the annual fishing trip that was started 43 years ago by Osco friends Ron Barr, Bill Shober, Marvin Feidler and Lowell Hartsock. These four guys fell in love with Pine Point Resort on Lac Des Mille Lac, which is near Upsula, Ontario. Bill Shober died of cancer but the others have seen the group grow to include sons and grandsons, friends and friends of



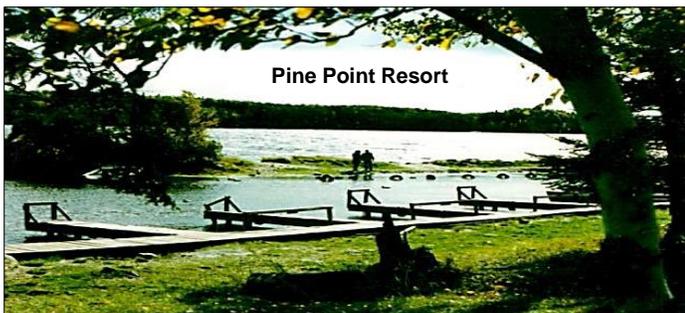
Vern Miller



Lee Hodges

friends. In September guys from Massachusetts, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Arizona, Nevada and Washington attended. This year, former Osco manager Lee Hodges caught one of the several Northern Pike that was 40 inches, or longer, and former manager Vern Miller helped fulfill the limit of walleyes. Walleyes caught ranged up to 27 inches. We always have fun

seeing our old friends, meeting the new guys and having great fishing!



Pine Point Resort

Sue & John Oliveri

Congratulations to Sue Oliveri who celebrated her 40th service anniversary with Albertsons/Osco this year. Sue started with Osco in May 1976 at the 1818 Oak Brook office as an In-House Temporary Associate in Human Resources (called Personnel at the time). During her career with Osco, she has worked in many offices: Oak Brook - 1818 and OBEC (Oak Brook Education Center), Melrose Park, and Franklin Park in various Human Resources and Operations positions, all in Illinois.

Sue met and married John in July 1979. John was a District Loss Prevention Manager, starting his career with Osco in 1964 as a Store Clerk in Rockford, IL. John left Osco and joined Ulta in 2008 and retired in 2013.



Sue and John have one son, Michael, wife Lauren, and two

grandchildren Maddie (3 years old) and Ben (4 months old). Michael is a pharmacist for Jewel-Osco and is now working in the role of Manager of Pharmacy Acquisitions.

For Sue's retirement years, she will be taking care of Maddie and Ben two days a week, working a part-time office job, and enjoying volunteer activities at her church. For John's retirement adventures, he will also be babysitting two days a week and volunteering at the West Suburban Community Pantry in Woodridge, IL three days a week.

Both Sue and John would like to wish their Alumni friends a happy holiday season, and the best of health and happiness in 2017.

What's New?

Dining, travel, a new job, retirement, fun activities, observations, small get-togethers, etc.?

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

Ken Eakes Military Warriors Support Foundation

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Skills including managing a budget, increasing savings, maintaining their new home and debt reduction are taught during the program.

Upon successful completion of the program, the Hero receives the deed to the awarded home. Our families have cumulatively paid off over \$14 million in debt.



Ken Eakes (pictured at left in both photos) presents heroes and their families with program awards and donations



The Transportation4Heroes and Apartment4Heroes are similar to our homes programs in that an awarded Hero receives a vehicle or apartment respectively, and each have one year family and financial mentoring program commitments.

Skills4Life is an outreach program for combat wounded veterans and families, active duty Purple Heart recipients and their families, and Gold Star families. It provides recreational outings to include golf, hunting, fishing, sporting events that are family friendly. It is a way to have peer to peer mentorship and bond through working together with mentors and fellow Heroes in an outdoor environment.

All of our programs are designed to provide qualified veterans an opportunity for financial and family success outside of the military life that they were accustomed. MWSF is a support system that allows everyday citizens become a Hero to our Nation's Heroes.

Construction of New Facility at Former 1818 Office Site Completed

Demolition of Osco Drug's 1818 former corporate headquarters on Swift Drive in Oak Brook, IL took place in December 2014. Excavation and foundation work for a new building started in spring 2015. A new four story, 225,000 square foot office is the future corporate HQ building for the Duchossois Group / Chamberlain Group. TGRWA is the Structural Engineer of Record and working with Smithgroup JJR, the Project's Architect. Pepper Construction is the General Contractor. The exterior of the building was completed in October 2016. The Chamberlain Group plans to occupy the new facility in early 2017 after inside finishing touches are complete.



George Stearns

George Sterling Stearns, 88, of Billings, Montana died peacefully of natural causes at Morningstar Assisted Living, surrounded by his loving family on October 28, 2016. George was born in Omro, Wisconsin, on May 17, 1928, to parents Clayton Webster Stearns and Grace Elizabeth Dobbins Stearns.



As a young man in Omro, George was the youngest person in Wisconsin to become an Eagle Scout and member of the Order of the Arrow. He excelled in academics and sports, accepting leadership roles as Captain or Co-Captain of basketball, football, and baseball teams. He enjoyed all the outdoor recreational sports and activities that Wisconsin offered. He won many awards for marksmanship and was an avid hunter. Other hobbies



included photography and following the Green Bay Packers. His love and expertise of photography allowed George to have life-time press credentials. George graduated from Omro High School and the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy receiving his diploma in 1950. During his early career as a Registered Pharmacist, he worked at Stearns Drug Store in Wisconsin before serving in the US Air Force during the Korean War. George was a First Lieutenant and Registered Pharmacist at Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton, California, setting up the newly created hospital pharmacy. While in San Francisco, he met Frances Marie Wood of

Bottineau North Dakota, his future wife of 53 years. After the Korean War, he attended Stanford University in Palo Alto, where the couple married at Stanford Memorial Chapel, June 12, 1954. George and Frances moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, built their dream home on the shores of Lake Winneconne, raised their family and were active in the community and Masonic Temple. He became a 32 degree Mason, following his father who was Worthy Grand Patron for the State of Wisconsin. George managed Stearns Drug in Oshkosh and helped out at the family stores in Omro and Winneconne. They frequently traveled to Lake Metigoshe, North Dakota, for family gatherings and traveled yearly to Broken Bow, Nebraska, for the One Box Pheasant Hunt, where the couple met many astronauts and military leaders.

George was very proud of his profession as a pharmacist and his career as an Osco Drug Store Manager and Marketing Director for Osco Drug / Jewel Companies. He challenged accepted standards by being the first to post prices for prescription drugs and challenged the practice of Sunday store closure in Arkansas. The family frequently moved due to George's career. George and Fran settled in Sedona, Arizona, after retiring in 1991. George was intellectually gifted and multi-talented. Designing and building the family "California-style" mid-century modern home on Lake Winneconne was a source of pride. Conversation and questions were encouraged as long as we had the information to back up our argument. His parents were active in their community serving in public office and Masonic organizations and he followed this tradition.

A Masonic funeral was held Saturday, November 26 in Billings, Montana. The scattering of his ashes will be in Sedona, Arizona. George was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Frances 'Fran' Marie Wood Stearns, and parents, Clayton and Grace Stearns. He is survived by three daughters: Mary Beth Stearns, R.N.; Lucinda Stearns Butler, R.N. BSN, (Steven Butler M.D.), Billings, MT; Lisa Jo Stearns M.D., (Sebastiano Gulizia), Scottsdale, AZ.; ten grandchildren; six great-granddaughters; a brother Clayton Webster Stearns, Jr. and a sister, Cynthia Ann Stearns Nichols.

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I was hired as a part-time clerk by George at Osco #823 Green Bay, WI in March 1971. The pay rate was \$1.60/hour and there was no mention of breaks. If I worked on Saturday there was a half hour lunch to be taken in the office so I could watch for shoplifters. George was transferred to Oshkosh that spring. Before he left, he gave me a nickel raise and told me I was doing a good job. At the same time he asked me if I painted houses. I said sure (had never painted anything in my life) and he said okay I have a house for you to paint. He bought the paint. A few of my buddies and I painted his beautiful house and barn located on the Fox river. As we finished I thought, "these Osco managers must make pretty good money". The seed was planted and led to me having a 40 year career. George was smart, an out-of-the box thinker. I will always be grateful to him for bringing me into Osco Drug. We have lost a true legend!

Larry Wahlstrom

I met George in 1968, when he was managing the Green Bay Osco. We shared a love of the Packers, and enjoyed visiting with him when my wife Mary, a Green Bay native, and I visited Green Bay. A few years later in 1977, I was on an ad committee with George. He had a great memory, and seemed to have a file on every ad he had ever run as an Osco manager. George was a great resource for the ad process and a great marketing person.

Stan Carlson

I first met and worked for George in Champaign, IL at Osco #877 on Green Street. He had gone through a few assistants in the year prior to my arrival, so I knew I was in for a challenge. George made it clear what his expectation was when we first met. I was expected to run the floor and if he needed to come down there he didn't need me. I liked that so we got along great. He was a man of few words but he made each one count. George spent countless hours, with his green flair pen in hand, marking up correspondence from Charlie Fisher on a document that would later become the ad planner. At the same time he was working on developing an ordering system he called min/max shelf ordering. This later became our OP/OQ ordering system for inventory control in the stores. George was an innovator, a deep thinker and a merchant. I was on Tork's staff when George ran the Beloit store and his mission was to turn it around. We visited the store and found everything; I mean everything, double ticketed with red stickers. All HABA was double ticketed. All types of clothing on display from jeans, to jackets, to Wendy's Hamburger smocks. Many other close-outs he found on the open market. It was unsettling and amazing at the same time. Tork told George he would leave him alone and to just make money. George turned the store around, it made money, his way. George was a mentor and good friend. It was common to get a call from George after he retired asking for Packer tickets. He must have thought I had some covert connection to the Green Bay front office. Sorry I couldn't deliver for him. I looked forward to seeing George at the Alumni brunch each Spring when he lived in Sedona. He always wanted to know if they were treating me right. In later years, he would attend the ROMEO lunches where he really enjoyed talking about the business and the people, both past and present. Osco was fortunate to have George on the team. His contributions were many and lasting. I am thankful for knowing him and calling him my friend. George was one of a kind. He was a green Flair pen in a Bic pen world.

Stan Petersen

I first met George in the early 1970's when he was the manager of the new store opening in Fayetteville, AR. I was an assistant manager in Little Rock. In those days, assistants from other stores would come in for a week, sometimes longer, to help the store team "set-up" the new store. I was part of a small team assigned to help George. The group the previous week had run afoul of the local police, and got thrown into jail, resulting in lost work time spent bailing them out the following day. George was taking no chances with our group, so every evening after a long day, we would go to his home for drinks and dinner. This was our opportunity to meet Fran - a wonderful hostess long into the evening. We all enjoyed this time with Fran and George.

Our paths crossed infrequently afterwards, but we had developed a friendship during our time together and always enjoyed reminiscing when we were together. George was so smart. His observations and the questions he used to make you think so deep that you always learned something new when you were with George. After George retired, I didn't see him until we reconnected at an Osco Alumni event in Arizona. After that meeting, a few times a year the phone would ring, and it would be George asking "How you doing, Gully?". He always told me that Fran had liked me, which made me feel good. I miss those calls.

Greg Gullickson

Austin Stanton

Austin V. Stanton, Sr., 86, formerly of Des Plaines, Illinois, passed away at home in Watervliet, Michigan, November 22, 2016. He retired from American Drug Stores in 1993 after a 35 year career.



Osco and Sav-on managers will remember Austin at the seasonal buying shows and on the Monday video broadcasts touting the latest in Trim-a-Tree and Patio, two of the company's largest and most profitable seasonal sales categories. Austin's military service is highlighted within this newsletter. In his submission to the feature, Austin wanted us to know that he kept Russian subs out of the Bering Straits all the time he was in Iceland and kept polar bears from raiding fishing boats because the bear population got out of control and Iceland would only allow the Navy base to remain if the patrol planes helped with the bears! He is



survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean; his children, Austin, Jr. (Jill), Sherri, Wendy, Scott, Christy (Kurt) Schmidt, and Corey; his grandchildren Danielle, Kate, Brina, Cassidy, Ryan, Ashley, Jordan, Colleen, Jamie, Cheyenne, Symphony, Erin, and Corey, Jr.; and his great-grandchildren Trenton, Scarlett, Weston and Zoey. He was born in Chicago and served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy for 20 years.

I have fond memories of Austin and the times we both shared working at the 1818 Oak Brook office. We often talked about the night we teamed up playing ping-pong at the Osco Christmas party and beat all the competition.



Austin's home on Paw Paw Lake in Watervliet, Michigan (also known as Coloma, Michigan) brings back many memories of the visits we had there with Austin, Jean, Christy and many others of their incredible family. I often teased him about how a man from Des Plaines, IL happened to find a place in Michigan when most "northsiders" went to Wisconsin and his answer was a vendor suggested this Lake. Austin

bought the original Wigwam Hotel that dated back over 100 years. In fact, Ken and his family actually stayed at the hotel several times on summer vacations in 1950's as well as his dad's parents. We continue to make

the Lake a prime destination and always would enjoy visiting with Austin and Jean seating out on the large wrap-around porches overlooking the Lake was truly relaxing and is no wonder why Austin enjoyed living there. The hotel did burn down several



years ago and Austin rebuilt a beautiful home keeping many of the distinct features that made the place so special. With its multi-story floors and wrap-around Verandas to the huge third floor dorm where all his kids and grand kids would stay and it's magnificent view overlooking the Lake provided Austin's real enjoyment.

Fondly, we both will miss him.

Diane & Ken Heatter

Jeff Brune

As reported in our October newsletter, Jeff Brune, 69, passed away on August 5, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Below is the eulogy for Jeff, which was written and presented by John McGovern at Jeff's memorial service.

Jeff was so many things to so many people. He was Loving, Caring, and Kind; he was generous, sincere, engaging, and an organized planner. He was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and a friend to just about anyone he met.

Jeff grew up in the Midwest and was a Navy veteran. He had a fantastic career with the Jewel-Osco company and rose through the ranks, from store clerk to store manager, District Manager, Sales and Marketing Manager and eventually to the role of company Vice President. His organizational and planning skills made him a very effective leader but it was his love for people that made Jeff so special, especially for all of us here today.

You see anyone who knew Jeff knows he never met a stranger. He was engaging and warm and could ignite a conversation with anyone he met. Jeff also liked to share a few stories...okay for all of us that knew Jeff...maybe more than a few stories. They would always begin with "Did I tell you about?" and whether or not he had, was not the point. You see Jeff had so many friends he wasn't sure and certain if he had told you the story, so you were going to hear it anyway. They always began with..."you know Pete...or Rocky...great guy...you'd love him.....he'd give a brief bio on the person, how they met and then the story would begin....and if you were a good friend of Jeff's you got to listen to some stories more than once.



Jeff loved the game of golf and everything about it. He loved the camaraderie, the competition and was always working on improving his game...the Golf Channel was an oasis of knowledge and the channel of choice at the Brune household. He had a talent that few men will ever equal...he could spot a lost golf ball in the rough or the desert from 300 yards away...but his specialty was water recovery.... the best club in his bag was his ball retriever. Once rescued, the balls would visit the Brune patio... be placed in a bucket of water and would be washed and polished for donation or resale. Our golf group, being made up primarily of retirees, would have a difficult time; getting a foursome together....it was Jeff's people skills that got him the assignment of hanging out at the PGA Superstore to find us a golfer to fill out our foursome.

He was an extraordinary organizer and planner. I swear his garage has a planogram, every roll of COSTCO paper towel and tool had a place. He always had a list and was always involved in coordinating the next event. He was a catalyst with our Arizona based Osco/Sav-on alumni group and spent the entire year planning the next annual tournament...phrases such as "What's the plan" and "Here's the Deal" became terms of endearment for all who knew him.

Jeff was always positive and upbeat, even on his worst days over the past few months he would greet you with a smile, kind words and gentle eyes. Every visit he would share how much he appreciated his friendships and how much he loved you. He would ask how you were doing, how your family was doing, how his friends were doing and would say, "tell them I miss them." I can say without hesitation that at this very moment he is humbled by everyone's presence and tell all of you how much he loves and appreciates each one of you. As time passed, he became obsessed with the time...he couldn't see his watch as well and told many of us he needed a new one that he could see better. Nadine would tell him lovingly don't worry about the time Jeff ...God's got it covered...let Him worry about the time... you just rest. One particular day it was a topic that continued to grow in importance and after repeated conversations with our friend Stan on what time it was, Stan reassured him God would take care of the time, and Jeff said "okay I get it, but tell God I want my watch."

On the night before he passed he called for Nadine and said, "Do you have a pen? I need you to write this down... I have a new job offer." Lovingly, Nadine jotted this information down. Jeff rested peacefully that night. Then the next morning with Nadine by his side, during a spectacular and thunder filled monsoon storm, Jeff accepted his new job assignment as a member of God's team....and God's workload got a little lighter. God bless you my friend.



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