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## *ALUMNI CELEBRATE 4th YEAR!*

### **Annual Dinner Meeting & Theater Event at Drury Lane.**

by: *Susan Rini*

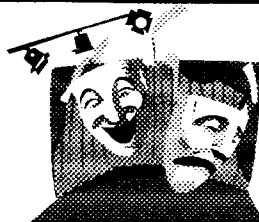


On Friday, October 6, 1995 the American Drug Stores Alumni Club sponsored its 4th Annual Dinner Meeting and Theater event at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Although we had a smaller turnout than last year, the members who attended enjoyed a delicious meal, and the wonderful musical called "Gypsy".

Those members attending this year's Annual Meeting were:

Walter & Loretta Brodack  
Tom & Marion Connolly  
John & Helen Campbell  
Al & Jo Dale  
Chuck & Connie Good  
Steve & Sally Hoffman  
Betty Johnson  
Pat & Bill Kasper  
Marge Narsutis  
Lorraine Pflug  
Grayce Shields  
Joan & Bernie Weinberg

Joyce Bell  
Virg Chavez  
Jean Crowder  
Dawn Gimino  
Tork Fuglestad  
June Hunt  
Bill & Shirley King  
Betty Letarte  
Jean Neuman  
Glenn Ryburn  
Steve & Stella Troc



Prior to dinner, a general assembly meeting of the membership was held. At this meeting members of the Board gave brief updates on the Club's activities. This was followed by the election of officers for 1996. By unanimous vote the following board was voted on, effective January 1, 1996:

*Jon T. Fuglestad, - President*  
*Chuck Good - Vice President*  
*John Fields - Treasurer*  
*Betty Kelly - Secretary*  
*Nan Duwe - Director*  
*Ron Green - Director*  
*Bernie Weinberg - Director*  
*Jerry Rutherford - Member At Large*

To add to the excitement of the evening the Alumni Club (thanks to Ron Green) raffled off a number of door prizes. We had quite a few winners who went home with answering machines, portable tape players/radios, clock/radios, and some other very nice gifts. We plan to raffle off similar prizes at future Alumni Club outings as well. What else could you want . . . good food, a visit with friends and former co-workers, and a chance to win a prize. Sounds like a winning combination to me!

We're looking for ideas for next year's annual meeting. Drury Lane has been wonderful, but we'd like to try someplace new. There are a number of dinner/theater places around the Chicago area. If any of you have any suggestions, forward them to me c/o the Alumni Club's post office box. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for a successful year and we are looking forward to another one thanks to you!



# "Changing of the Guard"

Retiring Board members step down, as new recruits come aboard . . .

by: Susan Rini

The election of officers for the Alumni Club's 1996 Board of Directors held during the Annual Meeting last October, brought about a number of changes. The new Board will hold its term from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

At this time we'd like to take an opportunity to say thank you to the Board Members whose terms have expired . . .

Thank you, **Marge Narsutis**, for all the time you have devoted to the Alumni Club. Marge was one of the original board members when the Club was founded in 1991. She volunteered many hours to organizing all the paperwork for the Club. She typed the letters, answered the correspondence and handled all the administrative matters for the Club. Marge has enjoyed working with the Alumni Club and feels that everybody should have a chance to share their expertise as a board member. She plans on remaining an active member of the Alumni Club. Thank you again, Marge

Thank you **Ron Dilger** for all your time and efforts. Ron has also served on the Board of Directors since 1991. Ron's skills in writing and computer expertise were instrumental in creating the Alumni Club's "Connections" newsletter. As the newsletter's first editor, he created a milestone that will "live on in Alumni history forever!" All kidding aside, thank you Ron for all the time and talent you have given the Club.

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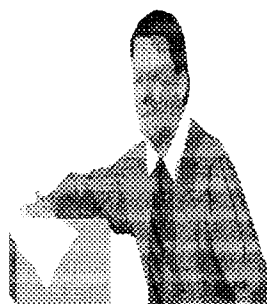
Thank you, **Rex Dobey** for all your hard work and endless effort in organizing the Alumni Club outings, luncheons, and various trips. Rex has served on the Alumni Club board of directors since it began. Setting up luncheons, selecting dates and menus are all time consuming aspects of Alumni Club. Rex took care of all the behind scenes arrangements for years. We appreciate all the time you spent on making sure everything went smoothly. Thank you again Rex.

And now meet the new members of the American Drug Stores Alumni Club Board of Directors. They may be new additions to the Alumni Board but they certainly aren't strangers to their fellow alumni.



**Nan Duwe . . .**

Nan began with TurnStyle in 1967 as a buyer for infants/children's/general merchandise. When TurnStyle was bought by Osco she became a buyer for consumer domestics/software. Nan was with Osco for 17 years when she left in 1984. She has worked in insurance sales since 1988. She is now with Kuffel, Collimore & Company in Arlington Heights, Illinois.



**John Fields. . .**

John Fields was with American Stores for 31 years. He spent 21 of those years with Osco in the area of Finance & Accounting. John continues to do some consulting on a part time basis. In his free time John enjoys the stock market, computers, and cards. He and his wife enjoy spending time with their two daughters and three grandchildren. John is usually plays photographer, so we weren't able to get a recent picture.

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**Ron Green . . .**

Ron Green was with American Drug Stores for 31 years. As the former Vice President of Loss Prevention, he continues to do some consulting on a part-time basis. Since his retirement in March, 1994 he and his wife Nancy have done some traveling. Ron has been involved in the Elks Lodge for over 20 years and now spends more time through them helping needy families.



**Jerry Rutherford . . .**

Jerry Rutherford retired in September, 1994 after over 30 years with Osco Drug. Most of those 28 years were spent as an Osco General Manager in the Chicagoland Region. He and his wife Susan spend alot of time with their three sons and daughter, their spouses, two grandsons, and a granddaughter. Jerry enjoys fishing year-round.



**Bernie Weinberg . . .**

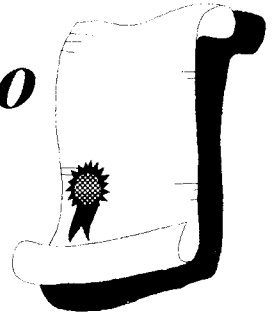
Bernie Weinberg started with Osco in 1966 and worked for Joe Waggoner in Office Services. He left Osco in 1974 to work for Xerox as a sales representative and retired in 1991. Now he enjoys traveling, movies, reading, crafts, baby sitting, and activities with 9 (soon to be 11) grandchildren!

Continuing board members are Tork Fuglestad, Chuck Good, and Betty Kelly. Each of the board members offer their expertise in everything the Alumni Club does. Some of the more specific functions however, have been divided. Chuck Good will head up coordinating hospitality, Betty Kelly will continue to oversee the production of the directory, Ron Green will coordinate the membership function, and John Fields will act as Treasurer.

Each of the Alumni Club's members also play an important part - its up to you to continue to guide the board of director to ways in which the Alumni Club can better serve you, its members. Whether it is a new idea for an outing, or a suggestion about a series of articles for the newsletter, or a new piece of information to include in the directory; we are always looking for your input. Any suggestions can be mailed to the Alumni Club at P.O. Box 5176, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

Thank you again Marge Narsutis, Rex Dobey, and Ron Dilger for having served on the Alumni Club Board. Thank you as well to Nan Duwe, John Fields, Ron Green, Jerry Rutherford, and Bernie Weinberg for their willingness to offer their time to the Alumni Club in 1996. And last, but not least, thank you to Tork Fuglestad, Chuck Good, and Betty Kelly for their continued service to the Alumni Club!

## Welcome to our New Members



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

William Click - W. Lafayette, IN  
Andrew Golden - Phoenix, AZ  
Sara Kohn (Warns) - Riverdale, IL  
Glenn Ryburn - Elmhurst, IL  
Charles Haeffner - Anaconda, MT  
Joyce Bell - Burbank, IL  
Tom Broniecki - Loudon, TN  
Andy Gritti - Bartlett, IL

# Ken Wallace

The name Ken Wallace is familiar to many American Stores Alumni, and rightly so. Ken and Marge Wallace have spent most of their lives with Osco people. As with many Alumni, they feel as if their Osco friends are like a second family. They enjoy being with people that have been their friends for many years. The Alumni Club offers them an excellent opportunity to do just that. Taking a few days off from a very busy schedule to attend an Alumni Club function is a welcomed "mini-vacation".

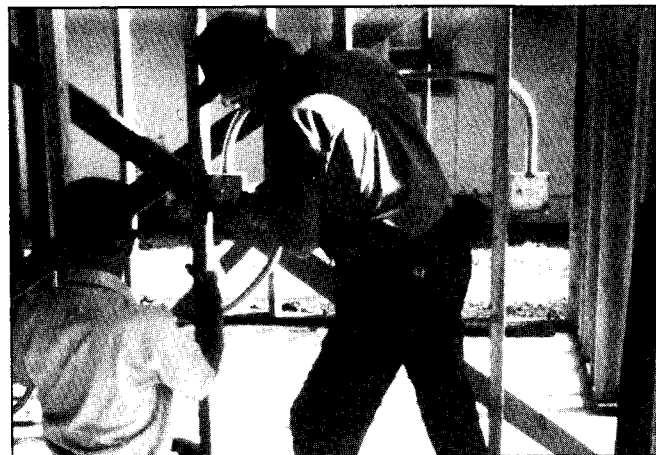


*Ken and Marge Wallace*

"We have really enjoyed getting together with people that have been an important part of our life for so many years. It would be great to see even more of them at future Alumni Meetings," says Ken Wallace.

Since retiring, Marge and Ken have been busy working as RV volunteers for the church. They travel around the country, in their RV, building church's, church schools, camp grounds, and teen challenge centers.

Ken works mainly installing electricity for the various buildings. He also assists with carpentry when needed. As for Marge, she keeps her sewing machine busy. She has made everything from curtains and drapes, to chair robes. On one particular project, she



*Ken installing electricity to Chapel at Southern California College in Costa Mesa.*

made 40 girl's blouses that were taken to Russia by a missionary to be given to a school of Russian girls.

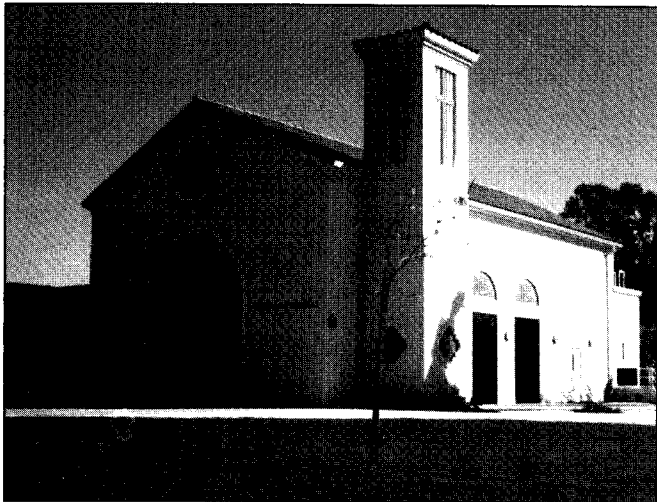
The Wallace's have spent three winters at the Latin American Bible Institute in San Antonio, Texas, and one winter at Southern California College in Costa Mesa. They have had many memorable experiences in their RV travels including a "Rock 'n Roll" night in Costa Mesa. You see, the Wallace's were in their RV about 40 miles from the center of the big Los Angeles earthquake that hit in 1994.



*Marge making drapes in Marianna, Florida.*

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They also worked at a church camp in Marianna, Florida for one month remodeling a small missionary house. On two occasions they have done some work at a church camp in Mumford, Tennessee.



*Finished Chapel at Southern California College in Costa Mesa.*

In addition, Marge and Ken are the Regional Coordinators for the RV Volunteers in the Gulf Region which includes Southern Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Mississippi. They are currently overseeing 28 projects within their region.

In their spare time, the Wallace's have been busy building a large barn to house their RV and pick-up truck at the new home they just bought. Of course, the new barn includes a large work area for Ken. He'll need it because their next project is to build a new two-car garage. What a way to fill that spare time!

Even with all that is going on in their lives, Marge and Ken do take time out for fun. Living so close to Branson, Missouri there is always something there to do for entertainment. Springfield is a cultural city with Broadway shows and community concerts as well. There are also plenty of activities at the five local colleges in the Springfield area. Marge and Ken say they never have to look hard to find something to do.

Ken and Marge Wallace are quite a pair. They continue to serve others with their generosity and volunteer work. Though it sounds like a "busy" life for folks who are supposed to be retired, Ken and Marge say, "We are enjoying our retirement!"

## The Lady Who Couldn't Count

*Submitted by: Bill Moulton  
Rutland, Vermont*

The following incident happened in the very early 1950's while I was the owner-pharmacist of Moulton Drug Co. in Sharon, Massachusetts. One of my customers who I will call Mrs. O'Leary was a feisty, old gal who seemed to take great pleasure in the so-called put-down. She was a good customer and the only real fault I could find with her was that she could not count very well.

Mrs. O'Leary had a medical problem with hypertension and a cardiac weakness. In those days the medicine most commonly used was Sodium Nitrate. Her doctor had prescribed 100 - 1 gr. tablets to be taken one tablet three times a day.

Now enters Mrs. O'Leary's big counting problem. It seemed that every time I filled the RX, even though I'd add an extra tablet or two, she would always call me up when she got home and claim I had shorted her one. She could never seem to be able to count higher than 99.

This meant that sometime during the day I had to leave the store and drive the 1/2 mile to her house to deliver the one missing tablet. The retail price of her prescription was all of \$.35 cents.

This scenario went on for months. One morning while I was filling the prescription for Mrs. O'Leary, I noticed a very good friend of mine come into the store. I asked him to check my count. "Yes", he verified there were in fact 100 tablets in the container.

Later, Mrs. O'Leary came to pick up her refill. She took it home, made her usual count of 99, and then called me. This time I wasn't as nice and apologetic as usual. I told her that I had not only counted out 100 tablets, but had also had a friend of mine check my count. I told her she was welcome to call my friend to verify the count.

I was taken by surprise when she asked who he was and where he could be reached. When I told her my friend was Chief Al Horan and he could be reached at the Sharon Police Station, she let out a loud "Ugh!". The phone went dead. I think she dropped it!

It really was no surprise to me when Mrs. O'Leary's counting ability suddenly improved for she never again called me about a missing pill.



## 11th Annual Osco Open Golf Tournament

by: Ken Walker

On Sunday, July 30, 1995, the 11th Annual Osco Open Golf Tournament was held at Olathea Golf Course in LeClaire, Iowa. This year's tournament, as has been with the other 10, proved once again to be one of the longest rounds of golf, played on one of the hottest, most humid days of the year. But, it proved once again to be a great time for all. Tournament organizer, Doug Bourn - General Manager of Osco 409 in Moline, Illinois - fielded a group of 102 golfers for a shotgun start of the 18 hole tournament on a nine hole course. Total playing time was about seven hours.



**Dick Kidd - winner of a set of Ping Zing II irons.**

Every year this tournament attracts large numbers of Central Region District One alumni and friends including many from the Oakbrook office and retirees. This year Dick Kidd (retired GM - Store 444, Waterloo) won a new set of Ping Zing II irons for "closest to the pin" on hole number three. Needless to say Dick was quite pleased.

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Chuck Good (retired DM) and his wife Connie (pictured below with Damon Shilhaneck - DM 457 Sterling, Tom McGovern - Pharmaceutical Buyer and Ken and Julie Ann Walker) placed in the trophy group with his usual skillful management of any golf course.



*(Left to right) Damon Shilhaneck, Tom McGovern, Julie Ann Walker, Chuck Good, Connie Good, and Ken Walker.*

Actually, the Osco Open is a party cleverly disguised as a golf outing. It is open to any and all Osco retirees and employees. If interested in attending the 1996 Open, call Bev at 309/797-2266. We would love to have you join us.

## NEWS FROM THE EAST

*Submitted by: Lenny Katz,  
Eastern Region Coordinator*

New England continues to grow with five new Osco stores opening this Fall: Bedford, NH #326; Middleboro, MA #328; North Andover, MA #330; Westford, MA #332; and Portsmouth, NH #342.


Congratulations to Mary Gethin on her retirement after 27 years of service at store #905, Quincy, MA and to John Koopman on his retirement after more than 31 years of service at store #403, Lafayette, IN. Our best wishes to you both and may you enjoy good health and good fortune in the years ahead. We look forward to you

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New England retirees were invited again this year to the Christmas parties hosted by Districts 1 & 2. The Holiday Inn - Center of New Hampshire in Manchester was the site of District 1's party and Lombardo's in Randolph, MA was where District #2 held its party. Invitations were mailed to each retiree and it was a great opportunity for everyone to meet with old friends and to get into the holiday spirit with their Osco family.

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



# "Hideaway on Hutchinson"

*submitted by: Dorothy Johnson  
Smiths Grove, KY*

Eleven Spanish galleons sank to the ocean floor almost 300 years ago off the coast of Hutchinson Island, Florida, carrying untold amounts of gold. Thus the area's nickname, the Treasure Coast, remains to this day.

But it's not just the occasional doubloon that still turns up on the sparkling, cafe-au-lait beaches that keeps the name true. The unspoiled beauty of the place is its own true treasure, shining brighter than any ship's lost cargo of gold.

Modern-day treasure seekers need only visit Indian River Plantation Beach Resort on the island, 45 miles north of Palm Beach. A 200-acre oceanfront island resort, it has everything a nineties pirate could wish for - luxury accommodations; golf, tennis, and beach clubs; full-service marine; double-decker sightseeing boat; fitness

center; and children's programs. The seashells found on the beach can be truly amazing too.

Combined with five restaurants and three lounges, the resort proves a perfect hideaway most any time of the year. But those landlubbers who wish to travel a bit inland need only go over a bridge or two to visit the town of Stuart.

The town of Stuart is filled with antiques, clothing and gift shops as well as terrific restaurants. Visitors stroll the river walk and take a historic walking tour by the Post Office Arcade, Lyric Theater, and Stuart Heritage Museum.

Treasure hunters will find more than they bargain for in *Caramba!*, a store with museum-quality North African art and Moroccan clothing. Or in *Beadnecks*, where African trade beads and glass beads from Italy will tempt even the staunchest shopper. *Flagler Avenue Gifts and Treasures*, is a true trove of silver, glass, chins, antiques, and jewelry.

Most pirates, no matter how hearty, must eat, especially after plundering the shops, and Stuart's restaurants range from the affordable to the gourmet. At *River Runners*, visitors can dine inside and experience a magnificent view of the St. Lucie River. Or they can have a true feast at *The Ashley*, another fine eatery featuring American cuisine with a French flair. Some specialties include homemade crepes, pasta dishes, and salad Nicoise.

Indiana River Plantation Beach Resort is calling. A moonlight walk on the sand and one last search for the perfect seashell pulls a few pirates from their ocean front lairs. And who knows? Those doubloons have to turn up sometime.

Families with children love Hutchinson Island's Beach. It's only about 3 feet deep, and its coral reef surrounded waters are usually at least 5 degrees warmer than the surrounding seas. Indian River Plantation Resort is a main attraction on the Island.

Indian River Plantation Beach: Call 1-800-444-3389, rates from \$135 per night. Directions; From Palm Beach International Airport, take I'95 north to Exit 61 (Stuart) go east on Route 76 (this road will change names several times, but it's the same one). Turn right onto East Ocean Bpulevard, continue out over two bridges all the way to Hutchinson Island.

For Stuart, Florida information call: 407/286-2848




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# Norsk Hostfest

## a celebration of heritage

submitted by: *Dan Baranick & Tork Fuglestad*

*Lutefisk. Vinarterta. Mojakka. Bunads. Sami. Velkommen.* Where is America are you apt to hear words like those? Try Minot, North Dakota, during the annual Norsk Hostfest, a celebration of Nordic heritage, in a state settled by lots of Scandinavians. This year's Hostfest was held October 10-14, at the State Fairgrounds, Minot. That's where fellow alumni **Dan & Norma Baranick** and **Tork & Geri Fuglestad**, not to mention thousands of others, traveled to enjoy the festivities of this event.



*Dan & Norma Baranick with Tork & Geri Fuglestad attended the Hostfest Banquet with over 500 other guests and dignitaries.*

Don't make the mistake of thinking Hostfest as a local or regional event, however. It's international in scope, each year drawing thousands from around the continent and even around the globe. The visitor count per year averages around 60,000!

### Entertainment . . .

There are lots of good reasons why Hostfest draws so many and regularly appears on the American Bus

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Association's "Top 100 Events in North America" listing. Among those good reasons are the nationally noted performers who take to the Great Hall of the Vikings stage each day of Hostfest. Spectacular main stage entertainers included: Lorrie Morgan, Tammy Wynette, Ray Price, Wayne Newton, Loretta Lynn, and Jay Leno. There are other performances as well by other US and Scandinavian entertainers as well.

### *An Experience for the Senses . . .*

A trip around Hostfest 225,000 sq. ft. complex - all housed under one roof and divided into halls bearing the Scandinavian names is a treat for the five senses. The aroma of foods waft through the air. Hungry visitors lured to the numerous food booths by these delicious smells can sink their teeth into Nordic delicacies ranging from Swedish meatballs to Norwegian *lutefisk* and *lefse*. In between are Icelandic layer cakes called *vinarterta*, and a Finnish stew called *majakka*. The popular Danish and Norwegian kitchens returned this year, and other ethnic cuisine's were offered as well. Of course, those seeking more traditional foods such as hamburgers, and hot-dogs were also accommodated.

The sounds of music mingle with noises produced by the lively throng of visitors. The big-name entertainment is supplemented by plenty of North Dakota's own roving musicians.

A carnival atmosphere exists throughout the complex, with hundreds of vendors displaying their ware and demonstrating crafts ranging from weaving to wood carving. Many of the vendors wear colorful Scandinavian costumes called "*bunads*". The formal bunad were made and worn by the girls at confirmation and they often were married in their bunad. Norma Baranick's bunad is from the Hastanger area near Bergen - a little town of Ulvik where her grandmother was confirmed in 1887. It's 108 years old now and shows wear but still in quite good condition. Norma models this at the style show each year. There are many models and copies but not too many originals over 100 years old.

Touchy-feely folks can satisfy their urge for hands-on contact by stroking a reindeer or a Norwegian Lundhund - or riding in a wagon pulled by a Norwegian fjord horse.

The reindeer are part of the *Sami* village display, located just outside the new Hans Christian Andersen playhouse in Copenhagen Hall. The colorful Sami display includes storytellers, and craftsmen marketing batik art and reindeer-horn and leather crafts near a tent called a "kota."

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While you were in the neighborhood, you could have seen the very special celebrity reindeer named "Eli" who starred in a recent remake of the Christmas movie, "Miracle on 34th Street". Born in Finland, Minnesota in 1990, Eli has also appeared in television ads and made numerous appearances across the Midwest.

The Fjord Horse - highly valued in Norway dates back to the sixth century AD. This friendly, people-oriented animal will give some lucky visitors a wagon ride during Hostfest. Lundehunds are also native to Norway. Sometimes called "puffin dogs," these intelligent, energetic dogs were originally bred to climb steep oceanside cliffs in search of puffins (small seabirds with parrot-like beaks.)

In conjunction with Hostfest, His Majesty King Harald's band and drill platoon performed in concert. Touted as one of the world's leading precision drill teams, the King's Guard drill contingent was featured at the opening of the 1994 Winter Olympic Games at Lillehammer, Norway.

Celeste Holm, one of America's most beloved actresses, was inducted into the Norsk Hostfest Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame for her esteemed contributions to state, screen, and television.



*Celeste Holm*

Born in New York City to a Norwegian immigrant, Miss Holm studied in Paris, Chicago and New York before debuting on Broadway. Her accomplishments range from numerous big screen movies like *High Society*, *All About Eve*, *Gentleman's Agreement* (for which she won an Oscar), and *Three Men and a Cradle*. Television accomplishments include appearances on many network series encompassing both drama and comedy, and who could forget her cherished personification of the fairy godmother in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*.

Ms. Holm is proud of her Scandinavian roots and was knighted by Norway's King Olav. She is a member of the Theater Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

### *Hostfest hospitality abounds*

Minot is noted for its hospitality, but at no event does it shine more than at Hostfest. The secret lies partly in the nearly 7,000 friendly volunteers who work all year to make visitors feel *velkommen* (welcome) during Hostfest week.

Services abound at Hostfest - with free shuttle buses taking guests to and from their parking spots to the Hostfest doors. There is also free transportation to and from major motels and shopping areas. Wheelchairs are also available near the Trinity Medical Center information booth. Other conveniences include check cashing facilities, rest stops, film sales and processing, a lost and found department and a post office.

RV'ers will again be flocking to Hostfest to set up camp in the festival's well-equipped, on-site recreational vehicle facilities.

Hostfest continues to draw from the strength of its humble beginnings when four Lutheran churches, Chet Reiten and many of his friends organized a lutefisk dinner, musicians and local Scandinavian craftsmen to fill what's now called the Great Hall of the Vikings. Even then with only a couple of thousand people, everyone knew this festival was special. It remains rooted in Scandinavian heritage and the traditions of the immigrants whose legacy we honor. This unique family-fun event continues to grow in both popularity and size from year to year. 1996 is sure to be even better with Charley Pride coming to entertain festival guests each day. Be sure and mark your calendars, October 15-19, 1996 and start making travel plans so you can say "I've been to North America's largest Scandinavian festival, and loved it!"

Tickets for Hostfest are \$25 a day, which includes a reserved seat for the main-stage entertainment plus admission to all of Hostfest's halls for the day. To order tickets or for information, call (701)852-2368 or write Hostfest, P.O. Box 1347, Minot, ND 58702. For housing assistance call (701)857-0500.



# 1996 Dues & Directory Update to be mailed

by: Susan Rini

You will soon be receiving your "Membership Dues" statement for 1996. This form will be combined with an address verification so that we can make appropriate changes for the revised membership directory which is scheduled for release in March/April, 1996.

Your dues statement will act as either an invoice for dues you owe for 1996, or as a confirmation that your 1996 dues have already been paid. There are many members whose dues are paid through 1997 or beyond.

## **PLEASE READ YOUR STATEMENT CAREFULLY**

**For those of you who owe \$10 for your 1996 dues,** you should return your payment before March 1, 1996. You will be given the option of paying \$10 for 1996 dues or, \$25 for dues for 1996, 1997 & 1998 (a \$5 savings). Be sure to check your address and telephone number verification on the bottom half of the statement so that we can update the membership directory correctly.

**For those of you who have paid your 1996 dues,** your statement will indicate through what year your dues have been paid. You do not need to send any more money, but you still need to return the form so that we can verify your address and telephone number for the update to the membership directory.

**If you do not receive a dues statement,** please notify Susan Rini immediately at 708/858-4810.

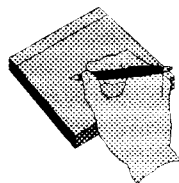
## **REMEMBER ...**

-Everyone needs to return their statement so that we can verify address/telephone information for the updated membership directory .

-Due date for return of statements and any money is March 1, 1996.

## CONNECTIONS

# "Alumni Briefs"



**Joan & Bernie Weinberg - Vernon Hills, Illinois.** The Weinberg's are expecting their 10 & 11th grandchildren. I think they are getting to be old pro's at this grandparent business and loving every minute of it! Belated birthday wishes to Joan's mom Helen who celebrated her 92nd birthday last October! The "entire" family took a vacation to the Galena territory this year. What a great time everyone had. Bernie and Joan, along with fellow alumni Grayce Shields, Marge Narsutis, Mae Strainer, Dawn Gimino, Jean & Lou Sorenson visited Lorraine Pflug in Wisconsin.

**Mary Lou Burke - Woburn, Massachusetts.** Mary Lou's three grandchildren were born 2 months before she retired on 12/31/92. What perfect timing! Benjamin and Delany Burke are twins, and Courtney Callahan are now 3 years old and the twinkle in their grandma's eye! Last May, the Burke's went to Boulder, Colorado for their niece's wedding and from there flew to Las Vegas to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Mary Lou adds, "I shop and visit Osco #966 four times a week. I feel as though I never retired from there."

**Glen Henricks - Highland Park, Illinois.** Glen joined Osco in the Merchandise Mart in the early 60's. With the development of TurnStyle, he joined Bill Lewis and Tork Fuglestad as a General Manager. With the formation of Central Buying, he became VP of Advertising, Sales Promotion and Public Relations serving Osco, TurnStyle, Republic Lumber and Case'n Bottle Liquors. He left the Jewel companies in the late 70's to run a 19 store drug chain in Milwaukee. This chain was bought by Walgreens in 1980. For the last 15 years he has been developing private label HBA products for food, drug and discount stores across the nation. He has just retired from full-time work but does consulting in the private label chain drug business. He and Marge had 5 children and 7 grandchildren with another on the way. They both love golf and travel. Glen is looking forward to joining the Osco ski group this winter.



## Chuck Haeffner Retires!

by Linda Johnson

The celebration of Chuck Haeffner's 36+ years with Osco Drug was held November 2, 1995, at The Fairmont Hot Springs Resort in Anaconda, Montana. Close to 175 people attended including his wife Vonnie, his two sons, Chuck and Scott, and Scott's wife Georgeann.

Chuck's career started in June, 1959 in Kankakee, IL as a pharmacist at store #24. In June, 1961 he moved to Kewanee, IL as a pharmacist at store #10. In June, 1963 he moved to Marion, IN as the 1st Assistant Manager. In February, 1967 he moved to Anaconda, MT as the General Manager where he stayed until his retirement in 1995.

Chuck's family has always been close. His two sons grew up in Anaconda along with the store. They helped decorate the store at Christmas, clean floors, rode their bikes down the aisles, and later did handy work helping with the maintenance of the store.



Chuck, Vonnie and District Manager Curt Larson.

Chuck has been actively involved with various community activities for many years and as a result made many long term friends. Good Luck Chuck!

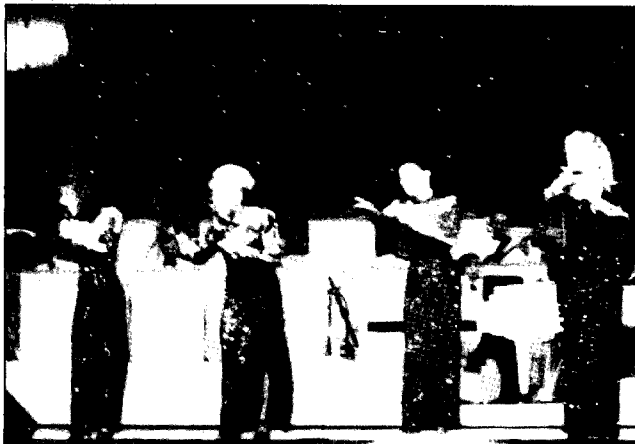
## Osco/Jewel Branson Trip

by: Marge Narsutis



On September 18, 1995, Grayce Shields, Lorraine Pflug, Marge Narsutis, (and Marge's sister, Anne Race) joined the Jewel/West Suburban Mayflower tour group for a 5 day/4 night trip to Branson. While the Osco group was small, the pleasure of the trip was great! On the way, a sightseeing stop was made at the "Precious Moments" village in Carthage, MO. An overnight stop was made at Fort Leonard Wood. In Branson the group attended the Shoji Tabuchi, Andy Williams, Lawrence Welk, Jim Stafford and Doug Gabriel Shows. They even enjoyed a breakfast cruise on the Kenny Rogers Showboat Branson Belle. The overnight stay on the return trip was in St. Charles, Missouri, an old riverboat town and Missouri's first capital, with a Casino St. Charles Gambling Cruise and sightseeing bus tour.

Accommodations, shows, food, touring, and boat trips were just great. It was a busy fun packed trip, very much enjoyed by the Osco and Jewel travelers alike.



The Lenon Sisters were just one of the headline performers

## *IN MEMORIUM . . .*

*We are saddened to inform you of the deaths of:*

**Fred Gaier** - passed away on May 1, 1995, from cancer. He is survived by his wife Mary, two daughters, and one granddaughter.

**Lucille Mayse** - passed away on July 29, 1995.

**Frend Fenta** - passed away in November, 1995 from cancer. His wife Helen had passed away the year before. Fred was a well known and well loved employee. He worked as a maintenance engineer at the Franklin Park office. In total he worked for Jewel & Osco for over 30 years. Those who knew Fred will always remember his jovial way, and quick wit.

**Mike Myrdal** - passed away on December 18, 1995 from cancer. Mike was diagnosed with Mycosis Cancer of the skin in February, 1995. He was hospitalized in October, 1995. Condolences may be sent to his wife Ginger Myrdal, 10 Warwick Lane, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Memorial Donations may be sent to: The Robert Lurie Cancer Center, 303 E. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

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