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Alumni Club Summer Luncheon

by: Susan Rini

On Friday, August 29th the Alumni Club held its Summer Luncheon at Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville, Illinois. Fidelity Investment Services, the group who manages the American Stores Retirement Estates Plan, (ASRE), sponsored this luncheon. Almost 70 people gathered together for a wonderful afternoon. This proved to be the largest Alumni Club gathering in the Chicagoland area. Thank you to everyone for your support!



Glenn Ryburn spoke to Fidelity Rep, Jack Nicholson following his presentation.

Fidelity Investment Services representatives, John Witt and Jack Nicholson, gave a presentation on "Estate Planning". Those in attendance found it very interesting. Following the formal presentation, John and Jack were available to answer specific questions. If you missed this meeting, you may receive handout materials by writing to the Alumni Club at P.O. Box 5176, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

PHOENIX AREA LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR JANUARY !

The Alumni Club has a large population of members in the Arizona. With that in mind, the Alumni Club is currently completing its plans to sponsor a luncheon in the Phoenix area in late January of 1998.

Dates and locations are being finalized. With the help of a few of our Phoenix area members, we hope to have the plans complete by late-November. Details and invitations will be sent out in early, or mid-December. For those of you who spend your winters in Arizona, we hope you can join us!

We're really looking for the support of our Phoenix area members! Stay tuned for more details!



Wally Brodack collects his "50/50 Raffle" winnings from Susan Rini

In addition to lunch, there were door prizes handed out to 10 lucky winners. Due to the overwhelming response, the Alumni Club also sponsored a "50/50 Raffle" at this summer luncheon. Wally Brodack, of Melrose Park, IL, was the lucky winner who went home with \$122 dollars. We plan to sponsor this raffle at all future Club events.



Joyce Ruther, Rose D'Agostini, and Betty Kelly

Betty Kelly, from Dunnellon, Florida made a surprise appearance at the luncheon! Betty moved to Florida about a year and a half ago, and hadn't been at an Alumni Club outing since then. She called in her reservation to Susan Rini but swore her to secrecy. Betty was going to be in the Chicago area, and with a little juggling of her itinerary, she would be able to join everyone for lunch. What a wonderfully pleasant surprise!

It was wonderful to see so many alumni attending one of our luncheons for the first time. . . we hope it becomes a habit. Whether you came to hear the Fidelity presentation, or to mingle with old friends, it was a great afternoon. We hope to see all of you soon!

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Welcome to Our New Members



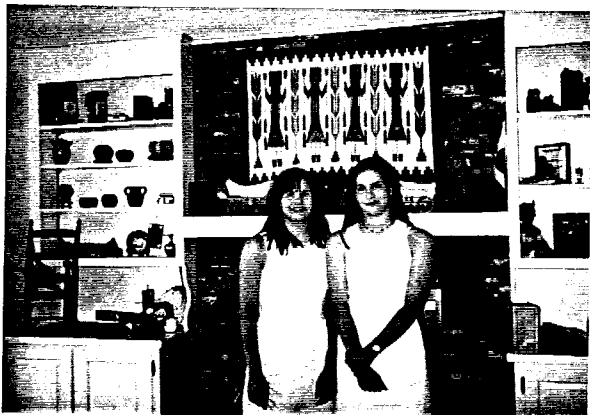
The following alumni have recently joined the American Drug Stores Alumni Club. Join us in extending a warm welcome to:

- Josephine Lewis**
Lisle, IL
- Raymond Brown**
Independence, MO
- Lean McDevitt**
Chatsworth, CA
- Alice DeMilio**
Elmwood Park, IL
- Arlene Klus**
Darien, IL
- Ed Blazek**
Lisle, IL
- Philip Dramisino**
Chicago, IL
- Robert H. Johnson**
Schaumburg, IL
- Joan La May**
West Lafayette, IN
- Paul Pentz**
Bloomington, IL
- Kate O'Connor**
Lombard, IL
- Eunice Wolfrum**
Downers Grove, IL
- Alice Wilson**
Itasca, IL
- Rose D'Agostini**
Bloomington, IL

A Family Reunion

Submitted by: Loretta Blank - Broadview, Illinois

Last June, Art and Loretta Blank traveled to Avon, Connecticut for a family reunion. This family reunion came about with her grand-nieces, Crystal and Colleen's, graduation from Avon High School. Loretta had always been very close to the girls. She baby-sat for them for many years when they were young. A high school graduation was a special occasion and the perfect time to plan a family reunion.



Loretta and Art's grand-nieces, Colleen and Crystal

Following the graduation on June 22, 1997, everyone drove out to Cape Cod and spent the week in East Dennis, Massachusetts. There were twenty-five family members in all (19 adults, and 6 children between the ages of eight and fourteen). The family rented a home right on beach and spent the week enjoying the water, sunsets, weather and each other's company.

The home the family rented for their reunion was treat in itself. The estate is valued at over \$4,000,000. It sits on 12 acres and includes 220 feet of private beachfront. The main house has 10,000 square feet of living space with 8 bedrooms, a solarium, five fireplaces, 2 jacuzzis, 6 full baths, a designer kitchen, and 2,000 square feet of decks and

balconies. The guest cottage adds 2 more bedrooms and 2 more full baths. This was living!



The Main House

Loretta and Art said this was the best vacation they ever had. Not only were the accommodations and weather perfect, but they were able to visit with family members they hadn't seen in years. The most incredible part, says Loretta, is how well everyone got along. Loretta said her sister really put it best when she said, "We went as relatives and came back as friends".

Thank you Loretta, for sharing your story with us. "Connections" wants your stories too! A picture or two, and a few hand written notes can turn your trip or family reunion into a story for our newsletter. Send your stories to: CONNECTIONS, P.O. Box 5176, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

Ross Scholarship Winner

submitted by: Joan Weinberg, - Vernon Hills, IL

Back in 1970, Gwen Jader, daughter of Joan Weinberg, was the recipient of the Ross Scholarship. It started her on a path to a wonderful career...

Ross Scholarship Winner continued:

Seeing the signs in Jewel windows this past summer about the store scholarship winners, made me remember when I started to work at Jewel in Melrose Park in 1970.

John Fields mentioned to me that since my daughter was a junior at Trinity High School in River Forest, I should submit an application form for Gwen to compete for the Ross Scholarship. What a wonderful thing he did!

Gwen was a 4.0 student in high school and wanted to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. At the time, I was separated from Gwen's dad. I was the sole supporter for four daughters, and trying to pay a mortgage. Because of her outstanding grades and family need, Gwen won the Ross Scholarship! At the time, the scholarship was given to only one candidate in the whole country.

Needless to say, our family was overwhelmingly proud and very thankful to Jewel. Gwen went on to get her Master's Degree from Kellogg MBA Program at Northwestern University. Her education enabled her to hold various rewarding positions over the years. Her last position was with Abbott Labs.

Gwen is home for now raising her two young daughters, Jessica and Rebecca. She could have returned to Abbott but chose to do free-lance writing for the Daily Herald so that she would work from home. Her husband, Kenneth Rhodes, has a discount brokerage firm. They now reside in Green Oaks (Libertyville).

Do you have a story about the past, family reunions, trips, or former co-workers you've run into? If so send them to:

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The Gift of Life

Submitted by: June Hunt - Northlake, Illinois

Alumni Club Member June Hunt and her family have had the opportunity to learn to appreciate "the gift of life" in a very special way. You see, June's daughter Jill (age 36) was very ill. Her kidney's were failing and her health was deteriorating very rapidly. She was in need of a kidney transplant.

June's two sons Rick and Rob did not hesitate to offer to be donors to their sister. After many tests it was determined that Rick's kidney would produce the better match. Surgery was scheduled and successfully completed. June and her husband Henry, are very proud of Rob for offering to help his sister, and to Rick (age 49) for being such a caring and loving brother and giving "the gift of life" to his sister.

The entire family is extremely grateful to the transplant team at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. In addition, they are overwhelmingly thankful for the many prayers and support they received from their family and friends. They have traveled a long road . . . from a stressful beginning . . . to a happy ending. Rick has gone back to his home in Alabama, and Jill is feeling better than she has in years. Not only a gift of life, but a gift of love has touched the lives of the Hunt family.



Rick Hunt and Jill (Hunt) Quinto

ALUMNI TID-BITS

Glenn & Barb Ryburn, (Elmhurst, IL) were vacationing in Florida over the summer. They, along with Sid & Shirley Steward (Sid is a former Jewel employee) drove over to Rainbow Springs for the day and visited with Betty Kelly in her new home.



Sid Steward, Betty Kelly, & Glenn Ryburn

Rollie Robison, (Corvallis, OR) underwent quadruple by-pass surgery on April 14th of this year, and Carotid Surgery on June 30th. Both surgeries were very successful. Weeks prior to his first surgery Rollie's family had planned a 77th birthday party for him. All five of his children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were scheduled to fly in from four western states. Although this family reunion was interrupted by Rollie's surgery, he says they still had a good time being together.

Rollie writes us, "My great friends, this is a good life and we do know how to enjoy it."

Fred & Marty Dearborn, (Little Rock, AR) recently returned from Colorado where they had a family reunion with their six married children, 14 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. They had a great time!

Doris & Marv Brown, (Kewanee, IL) had a busy Labor Day Weekend (or "Hog Days" as they say in Kewanee). They had all their children (I believe there are 10) and 16 grandchildren visit. What a full & happy house!

Bryce "Bill" Moulton, (Rutland, VT) Meet one of the Alumni Club's regular writers . . . Bill Moulton. Bill has been a faithful contributor to "Connections" for the past several years. His humorous stories, and recollections of the past have provided us with wonderful reading. Although a recent stroke has limited his writing, I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for sharing his talents with us.



Bill Moulton

Our Alaska Adventure . . .

Submitted by: Jerry Plisic - Lemont, IL

This was a trip I always knew we would take once we had both retired. Eleanor and I began planning the trip in June of 1996 and making reservations in late December. We collected information from a book called "The MILEPOST", lots of brochures that we had written for, and via the Internet. We had almost as much fun planning the trip as we did during our stay in Alaska. It turned out to be one of the best trips we've taken.

We left home on our six week (41 day), 8,819 mile driving trip to Alaska in our one year old SUV on May 18th. It took seven driving days to get to our first Alaska destination of Fairbanks. On the way we took a break and spent a day in Edmonton, Alberta. We woke up to surprise "#1", 6 inches of unexpected snow on the day we were departing from Edmonton. No real problem, it just added to the "adventure".



Eleanor & Jerry Plisic

There were many very scenic and beautiful sights along the Alaska highway. For those who enjoy camping, there were plenty of beautiful campgrounds along the way as well. We stayed mostly in motels, and Bed & Breakfasts along the way. We visited the following areas in Alaska:

Fairbanks. Riverboat Discovery

Point Barrow. flew to the northern most point in Alaska (only 1300 miles from the North Pole). Spent an unplanned night there due to fog preventing the plane from picking us up.

Denale National Park. home of Mt. McKinley, (highest peak in North America). Took a flightseeing trip over the park. Awoke to surprise "#2", 6 inches of unexpected snow!

Anchorage. very nice city.

Seward. Exit Glacier, you can walk on it.

Kenai National Park. took a 9 hour boat trip to see wildlife on both land and sea.

Valdez. met Joel, a gold prospector out on Old Gold Mine Road (rough)

Skagway. Whitehorse Pass & Yukon Railroad excursion train along the Chilkoot Gold Rush Trail. The highway into Skagway was the most beautiful we encountered on the trip.

Juneau. took car ferry from Skagway to Juneau.

Glacier Bay National Park, overnighed at Glacier Bay Lodge and 2 boat trips. Ferry and a wildlife viewing trip (whales) and trip through Glacier Bay then a plan ride back to Juneau.

Alaska State Ferry. (car & passengers) from Juneau to Bellingham, WA. 1050 miles.

We say an abundance of wildlife from the road and while on the boats, including bears, goats, sheep, whales, sea otters, seals, sea lions, eagles and many other species of birds.

We spent a total of 18 days driving, 3 days on ferrys, and 20 days sightseeing. The trip went off without a hitch. All in all it was much easier than we had expected. Eleanor and I shared the driving which made it easier yet. We definitely plan on visiting Alaska again!

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"Swing your Partner Round & Round ..."

Submitted by: Jo and Al Dale
Elmhurst, IL

Al & Jo Dale started taking square dancing lessons back in the Fall of 1989. They found it to be more complicated than meets the eye. Since the people were so fun to be with, Al & Jo persevered. They came to really enjoy square dancing.



Jo and Al Dale

Early in 1993, Al had a bad fall that resulted in a clot in his brain. He had to undergo brain surgery. The recovery was slow, but about a year later, they were dancing again! They joined the "Shuffling Squares" Club, with caller Rich Brouillette.

"This group of people are great," says Jo Dale. "It's always a fun evening when we dance on the first and fourth Sunday of the month in Franklin Park."

The Dale's also attend workshops each week to help sharpen their dancing skills. They are also held in Franklin Park on Tuesday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (1st and 3rd week) and Wednesday (2nd and 4th weeks).

This past year, the Shuffling Squares have been asked to perform for different clubs and organizations. In fact, last December they put on a demonstration for Wally & Loretta Brodack's seniors club.



The "Shuffling Squares"

The Shuffling Squares is a very low key club. They are not as demanding as other square dancing clubs. They're it for the fun! If anyone is interested in getting more information about the Shuffling Squares, you can call Rick Brouillette at 630/539-9415, or call Jo and Al Dale.

Recipe of the Month . . .

Submitted by: June Hunt - Chicago, IL

Danish Puff Pastry

(Delicious, simple and with ingredients on hand)

Mix: 1 cup flour
1 2 cup butter
2 T butter

Mix as for pie crust (pastry blender). Form into 2 strips each about 3" wide on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Boil: 1 2 cup butter
1 cup water

Remove from heat and add 1 tsp almond extract and 1 cup flour, also 3 eggs (add 1 at a time, beating after each addition). Seems like it won't mix, but it will.

Spread above over strips and bake at 350 for 1 hour.

Frosting: 2 cups powdered sugar
2 tps water
2 tsp almond extract

Frost with powdered sugar frosting flavored with almond extract. Drizzle over pastry. You can also sprinkle with chopped nuts.

2nd Annual

Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament



Submitted by: Tork Fuglestad
Naperville, IL

The 2nd Annual Osco Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament was held the week of September 9-14, 1997 in Vail, Colorado. This golf tournament has turned out to be a great excuse to get together with old friends. There was a lot more to do than just golf during these five days. Activities ranged from hiking, to shopping, to sightseeing . . . a whole lot of fun with good friends to share it with!

This year's attendees included:

Tork & Geri Fuglestad - Naperville, IL
Dan & Norma Baranick - Minot, ND
Dave & Laura Edwards - Kennelon, NJ
Dick & Joyce Hilden - Vail & Tucson, AZ
Jim & Gloria Johnson - Vail & Scottsdale, AZ
Chuck & Connie Good - Rockford, IL
Byron & Bev Luke - Rapid City, SD
Bill & Jo Lewis - Three Rivers, MI & Scottsdale, AZ
Glen & Marg Henricks - Highland Park, IL
Mike & Jean Radtke - Park Rapids, MN
Peter Cook - Boulder, CO



Bottom Row (L-R) Jim Johnson, Tork Fuglestad, Dave Edwards, Dan Baranick

Top Row (L-R) Glen Henricks, Bill Lewis, Byron Luke, Dick Hilden, Chuck Good, Peter Cook, Eric Johnson, Mike Radtke

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The participants in this year's "Invitational" arrived on Tuesday, September 9th from various ends of the country. The Cook's, Fuglestad's, Good's, Johnson's and Hilden's all opened their Vail homes to the other participants and provided plenty of accommodations for everyone. The Good's hosted cocktails on Tuesday evening giving everyone a night to talk and catch-up with good friends.

Wednesday, September 10th some folks chose shopping and sight-seeing for the day's activities. Others chose to golf, no doubt they were warming up for the official "Rocky Mountain Tournament" scheduled for Friday and Saturday of the week. Dinner this evening was a "pizza party" at Peter Cook's.

Thursday, September 11th was a day to pack a lunch! The group headed to Shrine Ridge for some hiking, a picnic, and some spectacular scenery. We brought our walking/hiking shoes, warm jackets and hats and headed to Shrine Ridge. Gloria Johnson acted as our tour guide. Gloria is an avid mountain climber. She took us "novice" hikers up to Shrine Ridge where the group climbed to the peak (walking it wasn't too tough) at 11,700 feet. Thursday evening was couples night out for dinner.



Jo Lewis, Geri Fuglestad, Gloria Johnson, Norma Baranick, and Dan Baranick

Friday, September 12th was the opening day for the Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament. While the golfers were on the course, many of the spouses took a trip to Georgetown for some sight seeing, shopping and a scenic train ride. The day wrapped up with a cook out at the Hilden's and Johnson's.

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Saturday, September 13th was day two of the golf tournament. Another shopping outing for those interested. This time the group headed out to Beaver Creek, a resort and ski area about 10 miles from Vail. That evening, an awards dinner was held at the Fuglestad's.



Dave Edwards and Pete Cook - The winning team for the 1997 Rock Mountain Invitational Golf Outing.

On Sunday, people headed back to their homes. We had a wonderful time and we're looking forward to the "3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Invitational Golf Tournament". We hope to have everyone back next year, and add some new faces as well.

One of life's most important things is keeping in touch with friends. We all had a chance to realize this first hand during this wonderful week. The hours and days spent talking and reminiscing are truly worth treasuring.



Jim Johnson, Glen Henricks, Byron Luke, & Mike Radtke

Count on People Who Care ...

We all know that one of the things that has made working for American Stores so special is its people. The slogan "Count on People Who Care" rings true in the hearts of our Alumni as well. Many of our alumni do volunteer work to help those in need. It has been difficult getting stories for our column because none of you want the "publicity". We know your not doing it for the glory. We want you to share your stories however, so that everyone realizes how much of a difference we can make to those in need. No matter what the task, it is the caring that counts.

Thanks to Marv Brown, of Kewanee, Illinois, who let us twist his arms into submitting a story about volunteer work that he and Doris do..

Kewanee, IL - June 21, 1997 - Yesterday, Doris and I had the opportunity to fulfill one of our volunteer obligations to Kewanee Hospital. We delivered "Meals on Wheels" which we do every other Friday. We cover approximately the southern half of town, known as the Wethersfield route. Yesterday we delivered 10 meals. We have delivered as many as 20 meals on a given day.

Another task which we perform is counting the weekly collection at St. Mary's Church; this we do every fifth week. Usually we share this task with four to six others, but I am in charge of the group as well as the bookkeeper. This is usually completed in one to one and a half hours. Other duties I have had at St. Mary's were scripture reader, lay communion minister, CCD instructor for some 13 years, a Parish Council member, and city wide member of the Council of Churches. Doris and I are presently members of the St. Mary's Choir, which consists of nearly 30 members. We have had the annual choir picnic for family members since my retirement eight years ago.

Kewanee's only independent pharmacist was stricken with a stroke late last year and was incapacitated for a period of time. He hired area pharmacists to help keep his store open, of which I was one. Most of his left side was paralyzed, so when he returned to work on a limited basis, I would "check-up" on him when he had no one hired, and stay for a few hours, volunteering my services; just hanging around so he would not feel useless. Osco bought his pharmacy records and pharmaceuticals some time ago, and today was the final sale of store fixtures.

Before I retired in 1990, I mentioned to one of our choir members that after I retire, I would like to volunteer at the family business, Sunnyfield Greenhouse and Nursery. He never took me seriously until the day I showed up. He thought he was going to make a huge sale, but I asked what he wanted me to do. He asked if I really meant to work. I told him that I wanted fresh air, sunshine and exercise, but if I put anyone out of a job or cut anyone's hours, I was finished. I also told him that if I was there he should put me to work, but if he didn't see me, I just wasn't available. He has called on me to help with some heavy work. We have become very close friends, doing things together, going places and dining with them at least once every two weeks. We consider them as part of our family as they are not much older than our oldest daughter. His parents live in Kewanee, but most of their relatives live in the Chicago area. Let me add that our yard is quite attractive with plants and flowers furnished by Sunnyfield.

A neighbor lady, who is widowed, has no one to do her yard work so I have been doing her mowing and snow removal. She treats us to a lovely meal at her country club regularly. I like to help neighbors, loaning tools, planting flowers, and just doing handy work. I have done picture matting and framing for myself and others, usually on a no pay basis. I also like to do crude woodworking such as flower planters and benches with planters on either end. Usually, some of the merchandise finds its way to St. Mary's Church Bazaar.

I was "volunteered" into writing this article for "Connections" by an alumnus sitting beside me at the last alumni dinner. I have rambled on enough about volunteering. However, I would like to make an

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appeal to see more of the Osco retirees at our upcoming events. We have journeyed in from Kewanee, missing only one or two meetings since its conception. Everyone attending would like to see more of our old pals and co-workers in attendance. Susan does an outstanding job of planning these events and it is a shame more people do not take advantage of having a good time and renewing old acquaintances.

Signing off from Kewanee and hoping to see more retirees in the future.

Marv Brown
Retired Rx-Man
Store #825, Kewanee, IL

"Do You Remember When . . ."

Osco Drug 25th Anniversary Celebration

***"Coming together is a
beginning; Keeping together
is progress; working together
is success."***

That is a philosophy followed by many people at Osco Drug. Especially these eighteen individuals who gathered together in April 10-13, 1975 to celebrate their 25 years of service for Osco Drug. As guests at the Sheraton Oak Brook, they enjoyed four days of fun, outings, and dinners. On Saturday, April 12, 1975, they all gathered for a formal banquet to honor the eighteen people celebrating their anniversary with Osco... how many of them can you name?



Celebrants included:

Julie Andrews, Betty Ballew, Audrey Bennett, Fred Dearborn, Lou Frantzen, Tork Fuglestad, Ron Hass, Ray Hedquist, Dick Hilden, Joe Jannotta, Bill King, Bill Lewis, Clarence Saul, Joe Saul, Ernie Sawyer, Jack Skyles, Lloyd Waddingham, and Ken Wallace.

As the 18 celebrants along with their spouses, greeted one another, renewing old acquaintances and forming new friendships, the itinerary of activities planned for their celebration began.

The group was ushered via a bus provided by Osco to various sights throughout Chicagoland. They viewed Chicago from the 95th floor of the Hancock Building; they toured several newly opened stores; they walked through the Crest Photo finishing plant; they even had a "red carpet" reception at the Oak Brook Corporate Office (a real red carpet was rolled out) complete with cheering and a celebration!

Here's what some of celebrants had to say back then:

"The beginning was at old Osco No. 4 in Rockford as checker and store secretary in August, 1941," recalls Betty Ballew (Allen). "Although I worked in an office, I took a job at Osco because the uniform was furnished and I was low on clothing, to put it mildly. My starting salary was \$13.50/ week. . . I spent \$5 for a room, paid \$5 on a winter coat each week and had \$3.50 left to splurge on food and entertainment."

"Initially, George Hilden and Paul Stratton were the two individuals who influenced my career - for obvious reasons," states Lou Frantzen. "Their great empathy for all people, on all levels, and their vast over-all knowledge of the business was remarkable."

"For a farm boy from Boone, Iowa, a town of only 11,000 people, my first transfer to Waterloo, a town of 55,000 scared me to death!" recalls Ernie Sawyer. "But even back in 1954 moves were to your

advantage career-wise, so Bev and I packed out bags."

"A summer part-timer for 2 years, I joined 808 Boone in 1950 as a pharmacist for \$85/week," states Fred Dearborn. "Transferred to 802 Mason City as 1st Assistant, Don Bright and Lloyd Waddingham helped me look good. I moved back to 808 Boone in 1952 as Manager and had the best management team in the US at that time with Ron Haas as my 1st Assistant and Ernie Sawyer as my Lobby Manager. Together we piled the merchandise high and sold it low in the 20' x 80' store."

Joe Saul, a part of the accounting group since coming to the Merchandise Mart staff in 1963 from Jewel Food Stores states, "As the Osco Drug chain expanded, the accounting also became more complex. When the managers gave me a standing ovation at the May, 1970, Managers Meeting as I received my 20-year pin, I felt I'd succeeded in my goal of doing everything possible to assist them in understanding the ever-changing accounting systems and procedures."

After 13 years within the Jewel Food Stores, Clarence Saul transferred to Osco Drug and joined 144 Wheaton. "The fire which destroyed the store in 1973 split up our team as we divided up to work at other stores," comments Clarence. "The Grand Reopening of the new store which reunited that old store team was a high point for all."

"Advertising wasn't handled centrally back in 1950," states Ken Wallace whose initial step was a clerk at 809 Galesburg. "I kept the first ad that I ever put

together as a souvenir and comparing that to today's media advertising, is quite a contrast."

"The roots of Osco Drug (and those of many of the 25-year celebrants) are in the small town communities of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and North Dakota. "Until we became part of Jewel Companies, Osco Drug hadn't entered the Chicago metropolitan market," states Jack Skyles. "Developing Chicago Osco - being a part of that tremendous growth surge - was most memorable."

"Being named Manager of 801 Rochester, the original store in the chain, and at that time, first in sales and earnings was memorable," states Dick Hilden. "I feel privileged to have been a part of the original Osco Philosophy and to have participated in building the Osco Drug chain."

"In closing, I'd just like to say that on behalf of Jo and myself, we have a lot of very close friends here tonight," Bill Lewis concluded. "We cherish those friendships and are darn proud to be included as a part of this group celebrating our 25 year anniversary with Osco Drug."

We hope you enjoyed taking a look back at the "good old days". Watch for more "Do You Remember When" in the next issue of "Connections".

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"IN MEMORIUM"

Lloyd Waddingham - Alumni Club Member, passed away on August 17, 1997, in a Bismarck hospital at the age of 74. He was born and educated in Hampton, Iowa. Lloyd started with Osco Drug in Mason City, Iowa in 1950. In 1959 he was transferred to Bismarck where he managed the downtown Osco until 1979. He then assumed management of Gateway Osco until his retirement in 1984.

Lloyd served as a radio teletype operator during World War II. Prior to his military service, Lloyd was a trumpet player in numerous big bands, including the Jimmy Smith Orchestra and Cliff Kyes Orchestra. Music played an important role in Lloyd's life, and he was an enthusiastic supporter of his children's musical endeavors and music organizations throughout the community.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Leah; two daughters and one son-in-law; three sons and two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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