



# TRADITIONS

SPRING 2008

## SCHUMACHER RETIRES



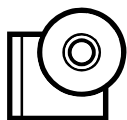
Monona Grove Superintendent, Gary Schumacher will be retiring upon completing the 2008 school year. Dr. Schumacher has been with the district for eight years. When asked what changes he has seen, he responded, "The biggest change is how we (the district) are using student performance data to inform instruction." The district has incorporated testing at various levels using MAP and DIBLES. These tests identify student needs resulting in greater accountability with the No Child Left Behind Act. This information also helps teachers focus on students individual needs. Challenges he has faced include varying opinions regarding the building of a new middle school and the divisiveness between the two communities. Current concerns are with the upcoming budget and potential shortfalls due to a decrease in funding, program reductions, declining enrollment and the slump in the housing market. Overall, Schumacher has enjoyed his tenure with the MG school district and looks forward to teaching full time at a college in a warmer climate. He further comments that he has been impressed with the dedication and the relationship he shared working with MGEF. "They are a dedicated group!"

## SILVER EAGLE TRIVIA:

- ◆ What did P.A. announcer/teacher "Dutch" Durnford say when Andy North put in a rebound for a basket?
- ◆ Who was the original Silver Eagle?
- ◆ Who does Jessie Vetter hope to play for in 2010?
- ◆ What MG family consisted of 10 sisters and 1 brother?

To learn the answers to these questions and many more, send \$30 to the Monona Grove Education Foundation, and receive the double *DVD 50th All Class Reunion*, two hour classic plus the bonus interviews:

**Monona Grove Education Foundation**  
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## MGEF GOLF OUTING:

June 24, 2008

11:00 am Shot Gun Start

The Oaks Golf Course

Cottage Grove, WI

\$95.00/person includes:  
golf, cart & dinner

Contact:

Don Blair (608)444-1328  
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**\*hole sponsorship available**

**Sharon Martin Remus**, Class of 1972 writes: If the Newsletter is called 'Traditions', why change the "symbol" of MG? I like the "Eagle" - which is "tradition."



## A NEW LOOK!

MGEF decided a new look was in order. MGEF promotes education among all schools in the district and felt the "idea" apple better represents our mission. *Traditions* is sponsored by MGEF.

## MG WOMEN'S SWIM TEAM :

Submitted by Sunny Schubert:  
Last fall was a record-breaking season for the MG Women's Swim Team, coached by MG alums **Bekie Reinwand Timmons**, Class of 2000 and her sister **Jeni Reinwand Koski**, Class of 1999. The team, which had 29 swimmers, placed 3rd overall in the Div. 2 WIAA State Championship, the highest placing ever for MG. The 400 Freestyle relay team of freshmen Kelsey Millin & Elizabeth Emmerich, junior Haley Martin and senior, Katie Barta, captured the gold medal in that event, believed to be the first gold medal in MG women's swimming history. The girls team has shown steady improvement since the Reinwand sisters took the coaching helm in 2003.

## COME JOIN US FOR THE MONONA GROVE ALL CLASS REUNION CRUISE

JANUARY 11 - 17, 2009

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Stops include

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Choice of three rooms aboard the Carnival Freedom  
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Interior	Ocean view	Balcony
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Inclusions: Gratuity, \$100 per cabin on board credit, \$25.00 donation to the Monona Grove Education Foundation, includes all taxes and fees.

Exclusions: Airfares and transfers  
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### Payment Plan

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\*A FEW ADDITIONAL CABINS HAVE BEEN ADDED  
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## We are Delighted to Receive Greetings From --

**Alann Karow**, Lexington, KY, Class of 1957; **Tom Reese**, Norwalk OH, Class of 1958; **Bill Rameker**, Madison, WI, Class of 1960; **Karen Levy**, LaFarge, WI, Class of 1960; **Dean Wichern**, College Station, TX, Class of 1960; **Jim Northrop**, Madison, WI, Class of 1960; **Lorna Thornton**, San Antonio, TX, Class of 1960; **Philip Friedlund** and **Lisa Isenberg**, St. Paul, MN, Class of 1961; **Gerald S Buss**, Cottage Grove, WI, Class of 1962; **Brent Cooper**, Madison, WI, Class of 1964; **Darlene Small Woldt**, Monona, WI, Class of 1964; **Holly Nickeson Mirrell**, Urbana, IL, Class of 1968; **Andy and Susan North**, Madison WI, Class of 1968; **Glenna Carter**, Monona, WI, Class of 1969; **Sharon Martin Remus**, Madison, WI, Class of 1972; **Kenton B Oren**, New Berlin, WI, Class of 1973; **Jim Polk**, Edgerton, WI 53534, Class of 1973; Leah Sage Shea, Randolph, WI, Class of 1973; **George Minor**, Keene, NH, Class of 1974; **Lynnea Godfriaux Pregeant**, Grand Lake, CO, Class of 1976; **Alane Gronson**, Aaron, IN, Class of 1977; **Carol Storer Polipnick**, McFarland, WI, Class of 1977; **Chris A Black-Puckett**, Galesburg, IL, Class of 1978; **Reed and Leanne Widen**, Cottage Grove, WI Classes of 1978 and 1979; **Margene Ray**, Madison, WI, Class of 1979; **Kim Cooper Darling**, Monona, WI, Class of 1980; **Susan Brill**, Eau Claire, WI, Class of 1981; **Nancy Lumina Dyer**, Madison, WI, Class of 1981; **Debbie Sweet Barden**, Jupiter, FL, Class of 1981; **Kevin Karpelenia**, Oregon, WI, Class of 1986; **Margaret Clark**, Monona, WI, Class of 1989. **David Cowell**, Pewaukee, WI, Class of 1990.



## Let's Keep in Touch!

*MG Traditions is a newsletter that serves the MG Community. Please include class year and city/state with correspondence. Traditions is posted at [www.mononagrove.org](http://www.mononagrove.org). [mgtraditions@yahoo.com](mailto:mgtraditions@yahoo.com)*

## Alumni Notes —

**Delferd** (class of '62) and **Sharon (Arndt - class of '65) Jasper** have moved from Madison to McFarland. After living 32 years at our last address we've moved into a condo. Hopefully we can travel more with our motor home now that we're both retired. We'd love to hear from our classmates.

**Bill Marshall**, Class of 1968, Montgomery, TX has been married for 33 years to Patty Palen Marshal (a LaFollette grad, '71). Bill is a 777 Captain for Continental Airlines. They have two sons, Robb (23) and Ren (21). Bill just finished as "head contractor" for their new retirement home north of Houston.

**Julie Horgen Monroe**, Janesville, WI, Class of 1969, writes: "I always thought that the education I received from MG teachers was high quality and felt prepared for life after high school. Currently, I am teaching at MATC and have had several MG students, all of whom were extraordinary. In particular, **Sarah Mingione**, '03, **Samantha Archibald**, '06, and **Derek Schwenn**, '01, were straight 'A' students, showing maturity and an eagerness to succeed. Keep up the good work."

**Denise Meyers Moore**, Beaver Creek, OH, Class of 1973, reports: "Alive, well and riding a motorcycle. Retired from the USAF in 1999, now a good government worker at Wright-Patterson AFB Hospital. With two daughters, 24 and 17, and husband Bob — life is good! Would like to hear from **Pam Borman '73**."

**Susan Cordero Catton**, Class of 1989, sends greeting from Ely, MN, where she is a biologist with the US Forest Service.

**Cory Dyer**, Class of 2000, Depere, WI, and **Bachel Saatela** married on May 19, 2007.

**Karin Kunz**, Monona, WI, Class of 2000 and **Ben Konklin**, Cottage Grove, WI, Class of 1999 plan to marry in August 2008.

**Jenifer Butcher**, Plover, WI, Class of 2002, is looking forward to her marriage on May 31, 2008.



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**Mail to:** Monona Grove Education Foundation, 5301 Monona Drive Monona, WI 53716

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**Future Reunion News**

**Class of 1973:** Is in the process of planning their 35th Class Reunion. Contact **Karen Fry Chisholm** for information: [kchisholm@msn.com](mailto:kchisholm@msn.com)

**Class of 1978: 30 Years Young!**

50 Doesn't look so bad after all!  
 Going Bald ? ....  
 You're in the right place!  
 Here's what the reunion committee has planned:  
 When: Saturday, July 12, 2008  
 Where: Bourbon Street Grille  
 What: Cocktails: (cash bar) at 6pm  
 Appetizers: 7 p.m.  
 DJ, Dancing and Trivia - 8 p.m. until 11:00

We are asking if any of you would consider a donation to the class of 1978 reunion fund to ensure that our reunions continue. Help is needed for locating some of our classmates. Please contact: Tammy Johnson at [TammyLJ@metcalfe.net](mailto:TammyLJ@metcalfe.net) or call 608/223-9373. \*Details will be mailed soon.

**Obituaries—Herald Independent**

**Imm, Michael P.** (Class of 1978) age 47, of Reedsburg, formerly of Monona, died on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, near Reedsburg, following an automobile accident. Michael attended MG and graduated from UW-LaCrosse in 1984. He was an avid softball player. Michael enjoyed sports of all types and coached in the youth hockey program in Reedsburg. Michael is survived by his son, Travis, father, Al Imm of Cottage Grove and many relatives.

**Paul, Susan** (Class of 1979) Age 46 passed away peacefully on Nov. 6, 2007 at Hospice Care surrounded by her family. Susan attended MG and graduated from UW-Minnesota in 1983 and Hamlin University in 1986 with a Law degree. She practiced law for 19 years. She was united in marriage with Richard Oswald in Oct, 2001. Hobbies included knitting, spinning, animals, music & motorcycling. She is survived by her parents of Monona, husband, stepson, & sister.

**Ryan, Daniel** (Class of 1963) age 63, died peacefully on Tue, Jan. 15, 2008, at his home surrounded by his wife and family following a 13 year battle with pulmonary disease. He was born on Sept. 5, 1944, in Madison, the son of Paul and Joan (Breitenbach) Ryan. Dan was proud to be a part of the Ryan Legacy at Monona Grove High School and the graduating class of 1963. Dan was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to hunt and fish. He was always ready to share a story and tell a joke. We will miss his larger than life personality and robust laughter. Dan worked as captain of the Truax Airport Fire Department for 17 years. He then started Master Lawn Care Service that he actively operated until his health prevented him to continue. He was also employed by Ryan and Joyce-Ryan Funeral Homes. Dan is survived by his wife, Patricia of Waunakee; eight children, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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