



# Parsons College E-News

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wall of Honor Ceremony to Highlight October All-Class Reunion

### *Distinguished Class of 2013 Inductees Announced*

Another 10 very “distinguished” students/alumni will take their places on the Parsons College Wall of Honor in Alumni Hall at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, highlighting the “All-Classes Reunion” weekend at 10:00am, October 5, 2013. The roster of honorees, which have grown to 49 members, includes the following along with a brief profile:

**William “Bill” Bangham, PC’70, Richmond, VA** – Photo-Journalist/Editor, who covered stories in 70 countries, five continents and founded two charitable organizations...

**Dorothy Topping Bell, PC’48, Fairfield, IA** – Outstanding Community Service contributions in the areas of cultural fine arts, the beautification of her town, and in development of the Fairfield Garden Tour...

**David Elliott, PC’64, Palm City, FL** – Television Network Director/Engineer. ABC Vice President, recipient of several EMMY awards and Assistant National Commodore of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary...

**Edwin Everett Green, PC’49, (posthumously)** – Teacher, Coach and Superintendent. Pioneered the origination and development of the Technical School Program in Iowa for those not interested in attending college...

**David Harding, PC’71, Tallahassee, FL** – Chief Economist Florida Marine Research Institute. Leader and director of the socioeconomic section of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission...

**Larry Litwin, PC’67, Berlin, NJ** – Public Relations/Communications/Educator. College professor and recipient of nearly 300 professional and civic awards for a various number of achievements in several fields...

**Narda Simonsen Murphy, PC’64, Williamston, MI** – Teacher/Superintendent and Grant Writer. Directly and indirectly impacts over 1,000 students annually and has written, obtained and netted over 1.0M in grant monies for her school district...

**Ray Stolarczyk, PC’64, Naples, FL** – Banking/Savings and Loan Executive. President & CEO of Fidelity Bankcorp and Board of Directors. Also chairman of the board for the Illinois League of Financial Institutions...

**Phil Suarez, PC’65, New York, NY** – National and International Restaurateur. President & CEO of Suarez Restaurant Group which owns, licenses and operates over 30 restaurants world-wide. JoJo’s Restaurant voted No.1 in New York City...

**Vera Price Young, PC’46, Fairfield, IA** – Teacher/Professor and Community Service. Teamed with husband Tib Young on Parsons faculty as a popular physical education teacher and a stalwart in her community...

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**IN**

**FAIRFIELD**

**IN**

**OCTOBER**

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**>PARSONS REUNION<**

**>HAPPY HOUR<**

**>ART WALK<**

**>OKTOBERFEST<**

**>WALL OF HONOR<**

**>COUNTRY CLUB  
LUNCHEON<**

**>CARNEGIE  
MUSEUM<**

**>HAPPY HOUR<**

**>WALTON CLUB<**

**DON'T MISS OUT! See page 2 for details and how to pre-register.**

## ***Gala Parsons College All-Class "Welcome Back Reunion" Planned for October...Wall of Honor ceremony included...***



### ***Pre-registration is now available... Hope to see you there!***

The Parsons College Foundation Fund (PCFF), in conjunction with the Parsons College Alumni Association (PCAA), has announced plans for a Parsons College Student/Alumni All-Class Reunion to be held in Fairfield, IA, October 4-6, 2013. The Wall of Honor ceremony will highlight a three-day weekend of events. Tickets for all of the weekend activities (Friday night, Saturday lunch and Saturday night will be available upon registration for \$75.00).

Student/alumni registration opens at 3:00 p.m. Friday at the Fairfield Country Club (909 East Harrison), followed by a "Welcome Back to Fairfield" reception with beer, wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Other activities going on in Fairfield, and around the town square include, "1<sup>st</sup> Friday Art Walk" and the kickoff of Oktoberfest, complete with beer, German food and a polka band.

Reunion and Wall of Honor registration will continue Saturday morning at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center (200 N. Main) at 9:00 a.m.. The Wall of Honor ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Barhydt Chapel organ presentation and the unveiling of the plaques of this year's inductees (10) in Alumni Hall. A luncheon will follow at the Fairfield Country Club at 12:00 noon.

Carnegie Historical Museum Director **Mark Shafer** will throw open the doors to the museum's Parsons College collection (112 S. Court Street - 3rd floor) at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge to tour the museum and this visit is guaranteed to bring back some great memories.

A Saturday evening "Happy Hour", complete with beer, wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres, has been booked at the beautiful Walton Club on Walton Lake (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.). Also, it's highly possible a theater show at the Sondheim Center later that night may be another option.

The final event of the weekend is the optional "Farewell Breakfast" Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Hy-Vee Restaurant (1300 W. Burlington). This traditional gathering is totally informal and everybody is on their own.

If you're interested in attending, step one, call and make reservations at one of the following hotels/motels in Fairfield: (AmericInn - 2104 S. Main - 800.634.3444; Best Western/Fairfield Inn - 2200 W. Burlington - 641.472.2200; Super 8 Motel - 3001 W. Burlington - 641.469.2000; or Landmark Inn (the old Hunt Hotel) - 115 N. Main - 641.472.4152). A block of 25 rooms at \$89.99++ per night has been reserved at the AmericInn under 'Parsons Wall of Honor' for that weekend. Step two, contact **Dave Neff** ([neffacres@lisco.com](mailto:neffacres@lisco.com)) or **Nancy Wirtanen** ([nwirtanen@yahoo.com](mailto:nwirtanen@yahoo.com)) to obtain a registration form and pre-register now for all activities and events..

### ***Parsons College Alumni Website***

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### Severe Blow To Fairfield....

# 'Insurmountable Odds' Close Parsons Doors

*(Editor's note: Those were the bold headlines appearing on the front page of the June 1, 1973 edition of the Fairfield Ledger. It was the sad news expected by many but not easily accepted by most. A number of the key happenings over the previous 98 days are listed below. This information was researched and obtained from the archives of the Fairfield Ledger...*

February 24 – A cutback of 15 faculty members, effective at the start of the 1973-74 academic year, was announced. Simultaneously, a proposed Gerontological Center was introduced as part of the Parsons "Project 100" program.

March 12 – The resignation of Carl W. Kreisler as president and the appointment of Everett E. Hadley as acting president was announced by Roger Lund, board chairman.

April 26 – Unable to meet payroll, the college announced that faculty members making \$600 or more per month would receive only half pay for April. Hourly employees were placed on ½ time schedules starting May 1.

May 5 – Professor Kranin, modern languages, filed a complaint with the Iowa Attorney General claiming the dropping of 15 faculty members violated the college's articles of incorporation.

May 8 – A "Phase II" study of the Gerontological Center was suspended by action taken by the lenders committee.

May 10 – It was disclosed Carl Kreisler drew his salary as president of Parsons while serving as a member of the Western Kentucky U. faculty between December, 1972 and March, 1973.

May 17 – The Board of Trustees acted to reinstate 15 faculty members, offering them contracts for 1973-74.

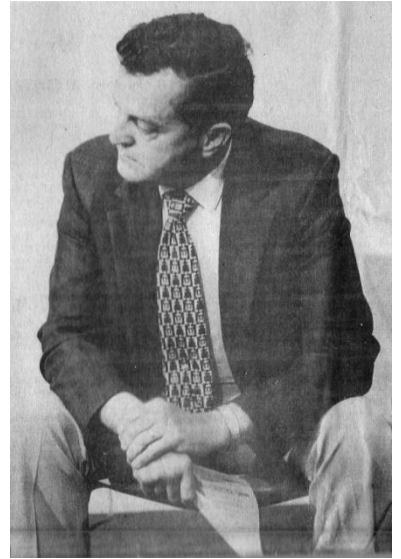
May 18 – The Board voted to seek court protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of US Bankruptcy Act after four Iowa banks instigated foreclosure action on a \$556,000 mortgage against the college library.

May 21 - A Bankruptcy Judge issued an order staying the college's secured creditors pending a court hearing.

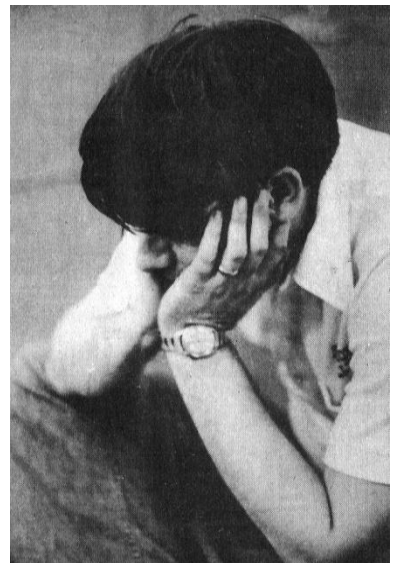
May 25 – Parsons witnesses presented testimony and documents to support a request for court approval of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

May 29 – In a 12-page ruling, a judge ordered the college to post a \$250,000 surety bond within 10 days to show evidence that it is prepared to pay past and future installments on its secured debt.

June 1 – The decision of the Board of Trustees to close the college was announced at a meeting of students and faculty.



*A despondent Dr. Everett Hadley endures a bittersweet moment after announcing to the student body that Parsons must close. (Ledger Photo)*



*Grief stricken Student Body President Eduard Carignan sits in disbelief as he tries to digest the news that Parsons is shuttering its doors. (Ledger Photo)*

## SPOTLIGHTING - THE YEAR 1973...

It's been 40 long years since we lost our Parsons College. In Fairfield, that was "THE NEWS." The month was June, the year was 1973. Here are some of the other noteworthy, and some of the UN-noteworthy happenings around the country and the world during that tumultuous year:

The Watergate investigation and scandal was in full swing. President Nixon was quoted as saying, "People must know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook," he said.... Premier George Papadopoulos arrived and abolished Monarchy in Greece. He established a Parliamentary Presidential Republic and promptly named himself as its first president. He was ousted shortly thereafter... As the doors of Parsons were closing on June 1, the Fairfield Ledger saluted 15 students and two faculty members who were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, a national honorary society, for scholastic excellence. How ironic was that?... The Des Moines Register reported, "State legislators expressed regret at Parsons closing, but leaders of both political parties said there was very little the state could have done to assist the private school to remain open. 'We've done our share with tuition grants,'" one leader said. No special favors were granted by the local pundits either. ...

After years on the air, "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-in" was cancelled by NBC-TV. ... The U.S. launched "Skylab", the first-ever space station. ... The top 4 TV shows you were watching were, All In The Family, Walton's, Sanford & Son and M\*A\*S\*H. ... Elvis and Priscilla Presley divorced after a 6-year marriage. ...

The U.S. agrees to a cease fire in Vietnam, thus paving the way for U.S. troops to finally come home. ... Japan allows its' citizens to own gold. ... George Steinbrenner bought the New York Yankees from CBS for 12M. ... The Eisenhower Tunnel, the highest and longest in the U.S., is opened in Colorado. ... Secretariat won the Triple Crown of horse racing. ...The Bahamas declared independence from the United Kingdom. ... A 15-year-old girl set a record by limbo-ing under a flaming bar at 6 ½ inches. ... J. Paul Getty III is kidnapped and released months later. ... The Everly Brothers (Phil & Don) broke-up. ... An Ozark airplane was knocked out of the sky by lightning and 36 people died. ... Kansas City's George Brett got his first major league base hit. ... University of Texas (Arlington) was the first accredited school in the U.S. to offer belly dancing. ...

UCLA won its' 7<sup>th</sup> straight NCAA basketball championship. ... "The Young and Restless" premiered. ... Super Bowl adds cost \$88,000 a minute, and the Miami Dolphins beat Washington, 14-7. ... The first portable cell phone call was made in New York City. ... "Bonanza" aired its' 440<sup>th</sup>, and final, show on television. ... Pioneer10 reached Jupiter. ... Henry Kissenger was sworn in and became the U.S.'s first Jewish Secretary of State. ... Montreal defeated the Chicago Blackhawks to win the Stanley Cup and the Oakland A's won the World Series over the New York Mets. ... Former Illinois Governor Otto Kerner was convicted for his role in an illegal racetrack scheme (some things never change, Illinois is still going strong on convictions). ...

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Major League baseball adopted the Designated Hitter rule in the American League. ... “The Godfather” won the Oscar for Best Movie but Marlon Brando refused to accept the award for Best Actor due to the treatment of American Indians. ... Other favorite movies you may have been watching were “The Sting” – “Exorcist” – “American Graffiti”. ... The Concorde Jet flew from Washington to Paris in 3 hours and 33 minutes. ... Juan Peron was elected president of Argentina. ... U.S. psychiatrists said homosexuals are not mentally ill. ... Gordon Johncock and team won the Indy 500 race and carried off \$232,022 first place money. ... Arab terrorists shot a number of passengers on a Boeing 737 flight heading to Kuwait. ... Billy Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in a “Battle of the Sexes” tennis match. ... Arguably the Best Song of the Year was “First Time Ever I Saw Your Face” by Roberta Flack. ... Median Household Income was \$10,512 – unemployment was 4.9% - and a first class stamp was .08 cents. ... In addition to Parsons College, we also watched the passing of Betty Grable, Lyndon B. Johnson and Pablo Picasso. ... And that’s the way it was 40 years ago in 1973....

## **HERE WE GROW AGAIN!! KAY McPHERSON FERGUSON, PC’59, JOINS PCAA BOARD**

The Parsons College Alumni Association (PCAA) is proud to announce the addition of **Kay McPherson Ferguson, PC’59**, to its board of directors. Kay lives in Omaha, NE, and was married to the late **Charles Ferguson**, one-time member of the Parsons administrative staff..

Kay was born in Ollie, IA. After attending Parsons, she later made her mark at Dana College in Blair, NE where she was Chairwoman of the Education and Psychology Departments. She earned her Masters Degree at University of Iowa and her PhD at the University of Nebraska.



**Kay McPherson  
Ferguson, PC’59**

Kay credits Parsons and its’ professors for providing the foundation, and cementing a motivation, which inspired her to help others achieve academic success. While at Parsons, she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, and last October, Kay was honored with induction to the Parsons College Student/Alumni Wall of Honor. We are proud to have Kay join the PCAA Board.

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## **The PCFF will continue to offer Parsons College memorabilia**

The demand continues as orders flow in for Parsons T-shirts, golf shirts and sweatshirts, leading the Parsons College Foundation Fund to continue the offering of a number of styles and sizes. The Parsons memorabilia can be ordered via the information on the **ORDERING FORM** on the last page of this E-Newsletter. These Parsons treasures are an excellent keepsake gift for any former Parsons student, alumni, or enthusiast...

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# **All-Class Reunion October 4-6, 2013...Register Now!!**

# Remember When... with Doug Marion, '70

*(Editor's Note: In this edition of E-News, Doug has chosen to take us back on a photo tour of some of the Fairfield shops and stores you frequented and perhaps even spent a dime or two) ... Hold onto your hats and I hope these photos jog some good memories. We don't remember anyone ever complaining about not being able to buy something in Fairfield. It's been more than 50 years since most of us stepped foot in Fairfield but it seems like only 20. Here are some photos of those wonderful stores. Enjoy, Doug.*



**HARRISONS**, your department store for any and all of your needs..



**SEIFERTS** fashions – Barb Barlass, Miss Frosh '62, checks out the winter inventory.



**BRADSHAWS** four floors of the neatest and latest furniture available this side of Burlington.



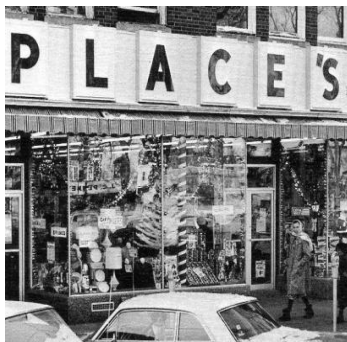
**RUNDQUIST'S** Music Store, Mr. and Mrs., ready and open for business.



**FAIRFIELD NEWS**, your home for the latest news, magazines and paperbacks.



**SCHAEFER'S** music store. Wendy Will and Steve Case deliberate over a 33 RPM record album.



**PLACE'S** - the best of the 5 and 10 cents stores we remember from the past.



**INEZ** - Susie Graves, Miss Mistletoe, '64, showing off her knowledge of the latest in fashion blouses.



**GOBBLES FASHIONS**. Gary Thorpe (top right) and Jag Pagnucco (lower right) team up to close the sale.

## **Parsons Loses an old friend: Frosty Westering, NCAA HOF Coach Who Groomed Teams & Men**

Forrest “Frosty” Westering was a class act! If you played football for Frosty, you were a lucky guy. Frosty passed away April, 15, 2013 in Tacoma, WA. He was 85 and spent the last two months of his life in hospice care.

Frosty’s coaching career started inauspiciously at Fairfield High School in 1956. He moved across town to Parsons College and became Athletics Director and shortly after, also took over briefly as head football coach and flashed an inaugural season record of 9-0 and won the Iowa Conference title.

One of Frosty’s special moments as AD was the 1961, signing of an agreement to take his Wildcats football team to play Northeast Missouri (Kirksville) in the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, MO. Although they lost the game, it was a major break-through for the college’s athletics program.

But, truth be told, his happiest moments were always the ones he spent with his players, and teams, on a day-to-day basis. Frosty became a champion at building both, nationally recognized football teams, and preparing well-rounded young men with character to take on life after college.

**Dick Barton. ‘66**, one of Frosty’s former boys from Parsons, told E-News, “Frosty was a coach like no other coach I’ve ever seen. He took pride in developing young people as much as winning football games. He provided the opportunity for us to succeed as individuals and as a team. It was more than football, we were family. Frosty was like a father to us. If you needed to borrow a car, he was there, no questions asked. You were invited to his house for dinner, you knew his family. He treated us like family. We were his family – what a terrific man!”

The expansion of Parsons and the satellite program led Frosty to Albert Lea College in 1966. Over the next six years he ran up a 27-22-2 mark. But with the demise of Parsons, and related schools, Frosty was lured to the west coast in 1972. He took over as head coach of the Pacific Lutheran Lutes and found “a home of homes.”

Needless to say, Frosty took the bull by the horns as well as the Northwest Conference (NAIA). From 1972 to 1997 (26 years) his teams racked a 213-55-5 mark, finished first in the conference 11 times, went to the NAIA championship game seven times, and won the NAIA Championship three times. In 1998, his Lutes moved up the NCAA Division-III and he added another 49 wins (49-15), two first places, and one Division-III Championship.

Of Frosty’s 32 teams, only three finished lower than 2<sup>nd</sup>, none lower than 3<sup>rd</sup>. He never had a losing season. We find this incredible. So did the NCAA officials. Frosty was named ‘National Coach of the Year’ three times. His 303-96-7 career record, ranks 9<sup>th</sup> among ALL college football coaches and earned his induction to the NCAA College Football Hall of Fame in 2005, three years after his last season. Three of Frosty’s former Parsons players – **Dick Barton, Bill Larkin and Gary Myers** – attended the ceremony in South Bend, IN.

He was well known for his motivational speaking and his efforts to spread his positive outlook on life. He leaves a legacy far greater than his wins and losses and also leaves his son Scott, as head coach at Pacific Lutheran. Frosty was also a successful author, writing two books (“Make The Big Time Where You Are” and “The Strange Secret of the Big Time: What Makes Life Great”) and transferring his beliefs about coaching into life skills.

Frosty is survived by his wife, Donna, five children and 13 grandchildren..



*Frosty the Phys. Ed. teacher*



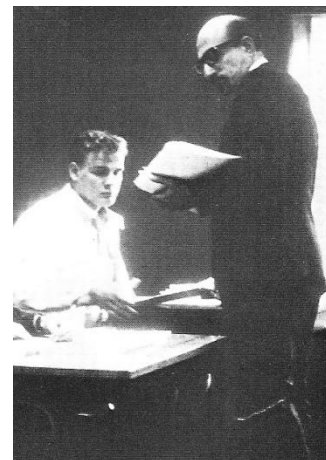
*Frosty the Coach*



*Frosty the Athletics Director*

# The Alumni Write...

**Calvin Hill, PC/SP'66** - ([calvinhill2000@yahoo.com](mailto:calvinhill2000@yahoo.com)) writes...What's truly amazing were the curriculum innovations that Parsons College brought forth, like master lectures, discussion sessions and the tutorial assistance that was available to those in need. This provided the means and path, and opened the door for many of our intelligent college classmates to reach unthinkable personal potential, to achievement their goals, and to go forward. Parsons enabled us to obtain a well-rounded education and to secure BA and BS degrees. Today, thanks to Parsons pioneering efforts, many college campuses have integrated math and writing labs, tutorial programs and sought financial independence. It was Parsons College that first made the trimester system work. Another thanks to our Alma Mater! Dr. Bob recruited the student body. That's something that is sometimes overlooked and taken for granted. Doc Bob orchestrated a huge and effective admissions department. He sent our Parsons sales force (recruiters) all over the country, to major cities, to high schools and to the homes of prospective students. That was a first, and today, many other colleges and universities now follow the Parsons format. I first went to a junior college and was later recruited by Parsons. Parsons gave me the confidence that I could make a difference in the world. ... Hey you guys, keep up the great job you're doing with the Parsons E-Newsletter. It has to be a "labor of love" and you should be nominated for sainthood! God's speed!



*One of the several pillars of the "Robert's Plan" was the tutorial program, whereas a needy student could get extra assistance in a subject from either the professor, one-on-one, or from a professor's assistant (aide).*

**Frank R. Olsson, PC'63-'66** - ([folsson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:folsson@sbcglobal.net)) writes...You all might remember me from back in '63 or '64. I was in Alpha Chi Rho for a couple of years. I moved off campus and became inactive in AXP for the last couple of years until graduation in 1966. Soon after, I was snapped up by the U.S. Army, but survived those years. I drove back to Fairfield this past August and through what was once the Parsons College campus. I had seen it before, back in the early 80's. Unfortunately, I was a bit disappointed at what has transpired and what it's evolved into, but that's life. I have now retired to Sun City West, AZ, after 45 years of living on the west coast in the San Francisco Bay area. However, I am originally a farm kid from Northwestern Illinois and still go there every once in awhile to visit relatives. I went to a AXP reunion in Las Vegas several years ago and reconnected with a few of the guys from the fraternity. You may remember **Bill Canfield**, one of the brothers, who passed away last year? Anyway, thanks for keeping Parsons memory alive. It was a wonderful experience, perhaps a lot like Camelot...

## Parsons Logo Mat Still Available



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**Next Issue - Fall, 2013**

**News Deadline is September 1, 2013**

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## Mystery Quiz... The Answer??

If you guessed the Smother's Brothers, you're right on!!

The **SMOTHERS BROTHERS** loved Fairfield, and Parsons College loved their zany comical routines. Appears as though, in the photo to the right, Dick is having a rather difficult and challenging time getting Tommy to relent to leaving beautiful downtown Fairfield...

- A - Mickey & Roger
- B - Chet & David
- C - Phil & Don
- D - TOM & DICK \*\***
- E - Paul & Art



## CORRECTION

(Editor's Note: In the Spring issue of E-News under Greek & Social Club News on page 11, we inadvertently transposed the names of Joe Massotto and Bill Mandras. Our apologies and here is what we believe to be the correct sequence of photos and names.



Bill Mandras, '70    Joe Massotto, '70    Frank Venezia, '71



## Our Best Source For News Is YOU!!

A number of former students and alumni have inquired, asking, "Why isn't there more news from my college years and era?" The answer is relatively simple. It's because the students and alumni of your era are not submitting any information or news to E-News. If most of what you're reading is from the 1960's, that's telling you those are the people uncovering and reporting the information and news. We'd love to hear some of the great stories from the 1940's, the 1950's and we'll do our best to edit them, print them, and make them as interesting and entertaining as possible. But somebody has got to dig up the news and the stories. And those "some-bodies," I must tell you, are - YOU - the former students/alumni of our once great Parsons College. We look forward to hearing from YOU!!!

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## ***Greek & Social Club News...***

### **Sig Eps Gather in Iowa to Welcome Back Ernie Eveland, '63**



*Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon gather to celebrate the return of brother Ernie Eveland, PC'63. From left to right: Eveland, Hobie Bannister, '64, Larry Blixt, '66, Ron Langner, '66, Jim Cornick, '65, and Ned Cassidy, 64. Standing in front is Patty Winfrey Ralph-Neely, PC/Delta Zeta '62.*

**Ernie Eveland** was a star on the football field and a star on the wrestling mats at Parsons in the early 1960's. On March 20, 2013, Ernie headed back to Des Moines, IA from his current home in New Jersey to attend the NCAA Wrestling Championships, and he made the most of the trip back. On the way, Ernie stopped in Illinois and picked up **Ned Cassidy**, his little brother, from the fraternity days. The two continued on to Des Moines where they were hosted at the home of **Jim and Sue Cornick**. Jim managed to pull together a number of the local Sig Eps to welcome their brothers, and the party, and reminiscing of the good times at Parsons College was on. In addition to **Eveland, Cassidy and Cornick, Hobie Bannister, Larry Blixt, Ron Langner and Patty Winfrey Ralph-Neely** also attended the mini-reunion gathering. Ernie was a member of the 9-0 undefeated Wildcats football team of 1962 and was a All-Iowa Conference heavyweight wrestler.

### **TKE'S Dedicate "4<sup>th</sup> Annual Frater-Fest" to Jim Nield, '66**

The TKE's have it going on Long Island, NY. **Phil & Peggy Como** opened their home to nearly two dozen bros, spouses and friends the last weekend in May, 2013. This year's edition of the "4<sup>th</sup> Annual Frater-Fest" was dedicated to **Jim Nield**. Jim has made a miraculous full recovery from being declared brain dead and placed in hospice care just one year ago after suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. The celebrants, who traveled from near and far included, (*top left to right and down*): **Nield, MI; Peter Fink, CT; Greg Martucchi, NJ; Bill Parson, NJ; Mike Rapp, PA; Dave Anderson, MI; Rich Rogers, NY; Rick Bushnell, NJ; John Novak, KS; Sal Campagnone, PA; Frank Tyson, PA; Jim Jenco, NJ; Paul Falcone, NJ; Phil Como, NY and Jay Glasgow, NJ...**

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**TKE "Frater-Festers" Invade Long Island, NY.**

## Alpha Gam's? Car Stuffing?



The classy Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority involved in the annual car stuffing contest? NO WAY! Alpha Gam **Paula Chomka McGrath, PC'65**, of Passadumkeag, ME, ruining and messing up a sensational hair-do? NO WAY! E-News was NOT able to determine the winner of this 1962-63 contest but we unanimously voted Paula 1<sup>st</sup> place in the hair-do competition. Photo submitted by...Paula Chomka McGrath! NO WAY!

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## The Alpha Gam's Sorority Pledge Song

*(Editor's Note: Every once in awhile we run across a gem. This month's jewel, the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority Pledge Song, was found in the archives at Lee Gobble's home and passed on to E-News. Kind of makes you think there might have been a little feisty sorority rivalry for that BMOG.)*

### Alpha Gam's Sorority Pledge Song

*Every AGD pledge is a chick  
She's got what it takes to really click  
The (fraternity name) just go wild when she is near  
She's got a friendly smile, the little dear  
She's the little gal that's so dear to any man,  
**SHE'S AN ALPHA GAM***

*Hey DZ keep away from my men  
Hey DZ keep hands off of them  
DZ you'd better leave my (fraternity name) alone  
Hey DZ you're on the wrong track  
Hey DZ get off of my back  
DZ you'd better just pack up your books and go home.*

(Author Unknown)

**We Need Your News!!**

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Where have you been?

We've been looking for you?

In fact, we've reserved this space in your name, hoping to hear some news, stories

from you!

Get the message?

We need your news!!!

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## Letters-To-The-Editor...

Thanks! After a friend sent me a note regarding an ailing friend, I texted another Parsons friend, who called me back and we chatted for an hour. These newsletters and contacts always take me back to those days. I read names, and faces pop into my head. I'm not in touch with many people anymore, so I really value the newsletter. Keep up the good work!

*Margaret Weiss Bloebaum, PC/AXD'65* – [margaretbloebaum@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbloebaum@gmail.com)

Another spectacular E-Newsletter!

*Ed Longanecker, PC'68* – [emlong2@iowatelecom.net](mailto:emlong2@iowatelecom.net)

First, thanks for the resend. It appeared in my SPAM file, so I'll have to be more observant going forward. Next, great Spring 2013 Newsletter. You guys do a great job. Keep up the terrific work and thanks for your efforts. Lastly, the two guys pictured are Tom & Dick Smothers (*correct!*). A point of further info is that I worked at Gobble Clothiers with Lee's aunt who was the seamstress!!

*Paul Falcone, PC/TKE'68* - [pfasearch@yahoo.com](mailto:pfasearch@yahoo.com)

Yes!! Just finished reading another fantastic Newsletter. I did add Ed's address to my address book. If my health holds up I plan to attend the reunion with my sister, Elaine, who is also an AGD. Again, thank you all for putting in the hours to make each Newsletter better than ever.

*Paula Chomka McGrath, PC/AGD'62-'65* - [pjmaine@midmaine.com](mailto:pjmaine@midmaine.com)

The newsletter like always was great. However, there was one mistake. On page 11, the picture of "The Boys Together" after 43 years, the middle person is not **Bill Mandras**, it is **Tony Mantarro**. That was me in the picture, not Bill. (*Check this issue*)

*Tony Mantarro, PC'70* - [crunchbunch40@comcast.net](mailto:crunchbunch40@comcast.net)

What a beautiful idea and how nicely the project came together with much support. Wish I could be there. My uncle **Robert Williams, Aunt Phyllis Williams Howell** and my cousin, Dave, all were an integral part of the Parsons experience. Thank you for including me in this newsletter. Congratulations on a wonderful job!

*Carol Williams Merkin, PC'67* - [camerkin@hotmail.com](mailto:camerkin@hotmail.com)

I notice the write-up and photo I provided just a few days ago about our March Lambda Chi Alpha reunion in Florida was included. The staff, including brother **Doug Marion**, does a great job on the newsletter and this issue had 17 action-packed pages.

*Ron Long, PC' n/a* - [y83756@comcast.net](mailto:y83756@comcast.net)

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**Next E-News Deadline – September 1, 2013**

BEAUTIFUL (Baryhdt windows)! Wish I could be there --- thanks!

**Dorothy Schaefer Glen, PC'55-'64 -**

[cdglen@windstream.net](mailto:cdglen@windstream.net)

I loved the Newsletter! Brings back so many wonderful memories!!! I was not fortunate to graduate from Parsons, but was blessed enough to attend the year it closed as my first taste of college life! I graduated from Simpson College, but as a Florida gal, will never forget the first time I saw snow and we played touch football in the field at 11pm at night! It was an impromptu party that STILL reigns high on my college lists of memories! Thanks for all the effort it takes to pull the newsletter together and keep us all in touch!

**Dawnette Dahnke Norgren, PC'72-'73 -**

[dmnorgren@it5star.com](mailto:dmnorgren@it5star.com)

The latest Parsons Spring E-News, continues your communications genius! To all that contribute toward keeping our alma mater alive, THANK YOU! Great article 'In Memoriam' on 'Marty' Taylor...a most special lady.

**Calvin Hill, PC/SP'66-'68 -**

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Tom and Dick Smothers is the answer to the SUMMER QUIZ (*correct!*). You continue to do a great job with the E-News. Still planning to return to Fairfield in October. I have my reservations, but could you remind me which airport I should fly into from Boston?

**Robin Wilkins, PC/PSE'63 –**

[robinwilkins@me.com](mailto:robinwilkins@me.com)

*(Editor's note: Unless you're flying your own plane, you'll want to connect and fly into Cedar Rapids (my first choice) or Des Moines. CR is maybe a little more than an hour drive while DM is around two hours.)*

Thank you all. I think this is the best E-Newsletter yet.

**Van Hackett, PC'61-'65 -**

[vanman1z@hotmail.com](mailto:vanman1z@hotmail.com)

Thanks to all who put your time and talent into producing the recent E-News. The photo of the restored Barhydt Chapel window is glorious. And so many names mentioned in the stories brought back some great memories.

**Jon R. Heckerman, PC'68-'71 -**

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Thank you for sending the newsletter. I just finished reading it and as always I've learned something new regarding Parsons. I did not know that a group of PC students went to Europe. That would have been fun to have kept up an exchange student program of sorts. The stained glass is just awesome. The newsy part it is great to know about who's who, and where they are, even though most were before my time. I truly enjoy these newsletters and (appreciate) all the effort that goes into not just getting the newsletter together, but getting the info and keeping in touch with past Parsonites. Many kudos to all who provide us with memory lane.

**Sandra Short, PC'68-'71 -**

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**Hope You Had A Terrific  
4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!**

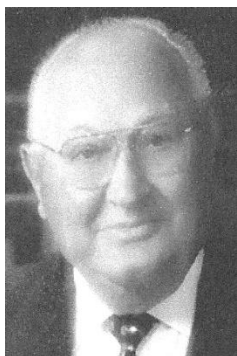
**Filled With –**

**Much Good Health  
Much Happiness  
And  
The Freedom To Enjoy It!**

**Pick up the phone! Call a FRIEND! You'll be glad you did!!**

# In Memoriam...

**John Amberg, PC/Administration '69-'73**...of Denver, CO passed away May 30, 2013. John, 81, was born in Quincy, IL, and was a Korean War veteran. He attended the University of Illinois and later became the comptroller at Parsons College in 1969. John was preceded in death by his wife, Sue, who graduated from Parsons with a nursing degree. He is survived by four children and five grandchildren. Services were held June 7th at the Christ on the Mountain Catholic Church in Lakewood, CO...(Bill Winger contributed information to this notice)



**Harold Beckman,**  
**PC'42**

**Harold T. Beckman, PC'42**...of Council Bluffs, Iowa, passed away April 3, 2013 at Primrose Retirement Community. He was 91 years old. Harold enrolled at Parsons and earned his BA degree cum laude in 1942 and obtained his Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University Law School in 1948. He was a member of the Illinois and Iowa State Bars and past senior partner of Smith Peterson Law Firm and a veteran of World War II. In addition to belonging to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Harold was also affiliated with Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Elks and the Council Bluffs Noon Rotary Club. He was a founding member and past president of Board of Trustees of Council Bluffs Industrial Foundation. Harold was past Chairman of the Pottawattamie County Republican Party, a delegate at the 1952 Republican National Convention nominating General Dwight David Eisenhower for president and served as sergeant at arms at the 1960 Republican National Convention. He married his Parsons sweetheart, Jeanne M. Lawrence, (who preceded him in death 2011) in 1943. Harold is survived by three children (and families), six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in Council Bluffs...

**Carol Ann Totemeier Baron Clydesdale, PC'early'60's**...passed away June 5, 2013 at her home in Newark, NJ. She was 74. After growing up on a farm in nearby New London, IA, she became an accomplished organist as a teenager and was awarded a scholarship to Parsons to become the college's organist. Carol graduated and moved to New York City where she earned fashion degrees from the Fashion Institute of Technology and Columbia University. After relocating to Newark in 1982, she opened her own business – Carol Baron's Custom Made – where she designed and created custom gowns for brides. Carol also served as Dean of Students at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts for a brief time. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Edward A. Clydesdale, and a number of other family members. A celebration of Carol's life was held at the Presbyterian Church in New London, IA...



**Carol Ann Totemeier  
Baron Clydesdale,**  
**PC'60's**

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**Ernie Cusentino,  
PC'65**

**Ernie Cusentino, PC/PSE'65**...lost his battle with MDS and passed away May 3, 2013, with his wife and daughters by his side. Ernie was 70 years old and lived in Chicago, Illinois. It was only 30 days prior, fully knowing the odds, that he agreed to receive a stem cell transplant and a ray of hope. Ernie was initially diagnosed with MDS in 2009. He will be remembered as a caring, vibrant person, with a great sense of humor, and an all-around fun guy. He was an educator and during his final years of teaching and counseling, Ernie worked with students in the middle schools. His positive attitude and optimistic outlook had a huge impact on his students. He married Parsons co-ed **Joan Ellis (AGD)**, later divorced and remarried. At a recent fraternity reunion, Ernie had the opportunity to connect with, and spend some time with, **Dr. Bob Tree**, his history professor who he's long admired and held in the highest esteem. Ernie is survived by wife, Debbie (Scott), three daughters, Jennifer, Amy and Sydney and two grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by Grein Funeral Directors in Chicago...

**Doreen P. Lease Main, PC'40-'43**...of Cedar Falls, IA, died March 24, 2013 at the Western Home Communities Stanard Family Assisted Living Center. Doreen was born in Ft. Madison and attended Parsons and obtained a teaching certificate. She taught at Keota, IA during the early 1940's, married William Main, Jr., and later divorced. Doreen moved on to Air Hostess School through Trans World Airlines (TWA) and later earned a B.A. degree from Augustana College and a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Iowa. She is survived by two sons, an adopted daughter, six grandchildren, one adopted grandson and five great-grandchildren. Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls and funeral arrangements were handled by the Richardson Funeral Service...



**Doreen Lease Main,  
PC'40-'43**

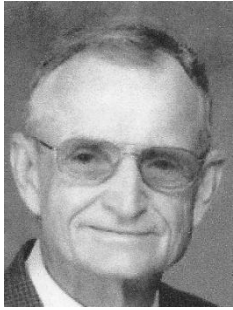


**Jim McConville,  
PC'60-'64**

**Jim McConville, PC/SP'60-'64**...passed away April 30, 2013, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, MI, while surrounded by family. Jim was originally from New York City. During his Parsons days, he joined the Sigma Pi Fraternity and maintained those relationships over the years. He served as pledge master in 1964 and proudly owned a Triumph Bonneville Motorcycle before moving on in later years to the Harley-Davidson's which carried he and his wife, Linda, to Sturgis, SD a number of times. Jim was an engineer all his life and became a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He worked for a number of companies while living in Michigan and eventually ran his own business, McConville and Company, from 1986 to 1996. Most recently, Jim was employed by Abtrex of South Bend. He was also a lifetime member of the NRA and active at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Friends remember Jim, as having a "good heart", the strength to see things through, enjoyed life, made people smile and was a friend to many. He is survived by Linda, his wife of over 40 years, three children and five grandchildren. The Florin Funeral Service of St. Joseph assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

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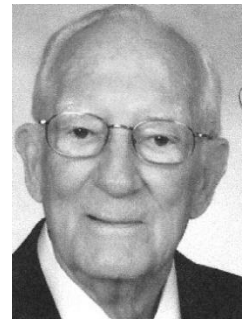
**PARSONS FOREVER!!!**



*Jim Miksch,  
PC'62*

**James “Jim” Miksch, PC'62...**of Washington, IA died April 29, 2013 at his home following a year-long battle with cancer. Jim grew up in Washington, married Lynda Moore in 1961 and graduated from Parsons in 1962. He worked as a computer programmer for Bendix Corporation, and for Caterpillar Tractor, Inc., where he became a systems analyst. In 1972, Jim left Caterpillar and moved to the family farm west of Washington and spent the rest of his life farming the land. Over the years, he served as Washington County Supervisor, President of the Washington County Farm Bureau Board, a member of the Federal Land Bank Board, the New Alliance Farm Service Board and was a past member of the Rotary Club. Jim was a member of the Methodist Church at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Lynda, three sons (and families) and six grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by Jones & Eden Funeral Home in Washington, IA...

**Gene Arthur Sanders, PC'n/a...**of Council Bluffs, IA died June 16, 2013 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital. Gene was a life-long educator in Southeast Iowa and Eastern Nebraska. He served numerous schools as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. At the time of his retirement in 1986, Gene was a member of the administrative staff at Pottawattamie County Schools and served on the Area Education Agency 13 Administrative Staff. He was a charter member of Southwest Iowa Education Foundation and served on a number of Boards. Gene's life-long commitment to educational excellence and career achievement was awarded with induction to the Lewis Central High School Hall of Fame. He was born in Grand Island, NE and saw action in World War II with the U.S. Navy. Gene is survived by his wife, Florence, four daughters, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Cutler-O'Neill Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home's Bayliss Park Chapel...



*Gene Sanders, PC'n/a*



*Sharon Kay  
Hudgell Stater, PC'71*

**Sharon Kay Hudgell Stater, PC/AGD'71...**passed away May 2, 2013 at Sunnybrook Living Care Center in Fairfield surrounded by family. Sharon was born in Mason City but moved to Fairfield at a young age and attended the local schools prior to entering Parsons where she majored in Elementary Education. Sharon met her husband **Edwin Stater, PC'56** at Parsons and they were married in 1957. She then became a grade school teacher in Fairfield and later taught first grade at Washington Elementary School for over 30 years. Sharon was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Retired Teachers and the Alpha Gamma Delta alumni. She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Presbyterian Church in Fairfield...

**OTHER DEATHS...** **Paul Farnham, PC/SPE'60's** died June 3, 2013. That news was received and passed on by **Larry Marino** via an email from Paul's daughter, **Betsy Coyne**. No further information is available at this time.... **Don Faster, PC'65-'68** of Crown Point, IN passed away April 10, 2013. **Sam and Sandy Polonsky**, Keosauqua, IA, reported this sad news...



# **LEE GOBBLE'S INVENTORY OF PARSONS COLLEGE MEMORABILIA OFFERED TO ALUMNI...**

**HURRY! INITIAL RESPONSE CONTINUES TO BE FANTASTIC!!** If you've ever thought about or contemplated owning a piece of Parsons College memorabilia, there's no time like the present. While this supply lasts, you can own a Parsons T-shirt, sweatshirt and golf shirt. The Parsons beer mugs have sold out but we hope to locate the source and replenish. Our beloved friend, **Mr. Lee Gobble, PC'37**, who has celebrated his 98th birthday, has generously passed on the remaining inventory of his Parsons T-shirts, sweatshirts, golf shirts to the Parsons College Foundation with instructions to liquidate at a fair and reasonable price. So, on a first come, first serve basis, here are the available styles, sizes and listed prices of these Parsons treasures:

Description	Price + Packaging/Shipping *	Sizes Available					
		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Sweatshirt - green w/white Parsons logo	\$25.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweatshirt - white w/green Parsons logo	\$25.00		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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T-shirt – white w/green Parsons logo	\$15.00				Yes		Yes
T-Shirt - blue w/white list of schools – Harvard, Parsons, U.S. Army, etc.	\$15.00			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Golf Shirt - green w/white PC embroidered logo on left breast	\$20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Golf Shirt - white w/green PC embroidered logo on left breast	\$20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hooded sweatshirt – green w/white Parsons logo	\$25.00						Yes
Hooded sweatshirt – white w/green Parsons logo	\$25.00			Yes	Yes		

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