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Happy Holidays to all of you!!

My thanks to all of you who sent in news notes and photos. I find your news very interesting, as I’m sure our classmates will too. It’s amazing to read of your travels and accomplishments. I hope to encourage more of you to share in the future newsletters.

The reunion is coming ever closer at this point…May 30 to June 1, 2014 is not that far off. Please make plans to join your classmates on the hill for this milestone reunion – our 50th!

My news includes a wonderful reunion with Judy Tidemann Parin last month at Mama Maria’s restaurant in North Hudson (right). It’s amazing that we knew each other in North Dakota in high school, then met again in our freshman corridor at Mellby Hall at St. Olaf. We both moved to Wisconsin (15 miles apart) and married, raised two children each, and are active community members. Judy is still subbing at White Bear Lake High school and administering advanced placement tests, as well as college entrance exams. I am active as President of the Hudson Women’s Club, singing in several choirs, and accompanying a men’s group. I am also the arts correspondent for the local cable channel, conducting interviews and promoting the arts. The Christmas Festival was a highlight this month and the King’s Room dinner with all the Norwegian foods. I, however, skipped the lutefisk. In my defense, I did master the making of lefse last year!

Remember to make plans to attend the reunion!!!

Roberta Aasen Pominville
Class News

Rosella Berg Kameo spent the 2011-12 fall semester at Eastern University, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, where her husband served as a visiting scholar for the Indonesian Ministry of Education. Rosella has retired from a 34-year career with the ELCA, as an educational missionary to Asia and the Middle East, and has published a book of meditations entitled *Light for the Journey: 75 Devotional Reflections from Cross-Cultural Experiences* (WinePress Publishing 2011). The book is drawn from her own experiences and is available on amazon.com. Encouraged by positive reviews, she’s already working on her next book. “Those Ole composition courses really served me well,” she says. Rosella continues to enjoy retirement in Central Java with her husband and Indonesian extended family, dogs, cats, and koi.

Rosie suggested that we form a Class of ’64 group on Facebook.

Norris Nordvold writes: I was working for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in a program called the CORDS program in Vietnam from 1968-1973. I had two years of language training at the State Department Foreign Service Institute prior to leaving for Vietnam. After 40 years, I returned to Vietnam for a two week trip and also spent three days in Siem Riep in Cambodia, visiting Angkor Wat. One of the highlights of the trip was meeting members of an English class that I taught with a Foreign Service officer, Larry Grossman, who was working with me in Vietnam during that period. I spent an exciting day visiting the homes of class members and learning that one of our former students went on to Saigon University and received her teaching degree. She then returned to her home town and taught high school English for 35 years. She just retired. I also enjoyed visiting with the Priest who served the same church from 1964-2005 and is still working at the age of 84. While working in Vietnam, I had spent Christmas Eve and Easter at his services and had organized numerous programs to distribute food and clothing though the church. We also visited the orphanage, where we had assisted with money, and food, and also the city swimming pool, which we had reconstructed in 1972. Most of my two weeks in Vietnam were spent speaking Vietnamese and having a great time. I hope to take my two daughters back next year and serve as a guide.

I’d like to share a couple photos.

The first (right), which seems like a larger group photo is actually only a part of our English class from 1971-72, which met two nights a week from 6 until 8 p.m.
The second, smaller photo (left), which is from this trip, is Larry Grossman, his wife Linda, and myself, and three members of the class, which were called the Golden English Language Club. Larry’s Vietnamese name was Anh Nam, and I was Anh Hung (hero). One of the women opened a shower sandal factory outside of Ho Chi Minh City and traveled to Europe, India, and China, and plans to visit us in the U.S. in 2013.

Additional notes from Norris: I just completed my 15th election monitoring mission, this time to Belarus for the Parliamentary elections on September 23, 2012. I was one of 24 Americans selected to join 200 Europeans in monitoring one of the most corrupt elections I have seen so far. The best part of volunteering for these gigs is that I was able to travel in Europe.

I spent three days in Riga, Latvia and attended an organ music concert in the Riga DOME cathedral. The organist, Alexander Fiseisky played Bach’s Fantasy in G Major on an organ built in 1884 with 6718 pipes, 124 registers, 4 manuals and 28 wind chests – this information is for our classmate music majors. It is considered the fourth largest organ in the world, and Riga Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of the ELC of Latvia. So an “Ole” felt at home and didn’t know it until I read the program!

From there, my travels took me to Rome and Tuscany; Rome looks very tired these days due to economic crisis, but Tuscany is the most beautiful part of Italy. I took a train to Chuisi, Tuscany to visit friends from Tucson who were doing a wine and cooking tour of the region.

After Latvia, I flew to Rome, caught the Leonardo Express to Rome Terminal Train Station and took a train to Chuisi, Tuscany to visit friends from Tucson who were doing a wine and cooking tour of Tuscany. Most beautiful part of Italy however Rome looks very tired these days due to economic crisis.

I’m looking forward to my next trip to Albania next year to cover another election. I had total knee replacement surgery at the age of 70 and want my old knee back so I can run marathons again. Also, our oldest daughter, Alexis, having received a liberal arts education and not finding a job, graduated from the Mayo Nursing Program in Arizona and now is employed as a nurse at the age of 26.

Andrew Ragnes writes that his wife, Pam Ragnes, and he will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on December 19. He is doing Social Security disability advocacy in retirement from Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company, while Pam is enjoying tutoring post retiring from first grade teaching. They enjoy the coastal Marin county weather and their five grandchildren.
IN MEMORIAM

Blessed be the memory of these dear departed classmates.

Barbara Anfinsen Eichler, an adventurous loving wife and mother, from Glen Ellyn, Ill., passed away July 1, 2012, after her courageous battle with cancer. Barb was born August 20, 1942, in Aurora, Ill., and had lived in Glen Ellyn for the past 34 years. She received her B.A. in English at St. Olaf (1964), M.S. in Linguistics at Illinois Institute of Technology (1970), and Ed.D in Adult Education at National-Louis University (2001). Dr. Eichler co-authored Technology and Society: Issues for the 21st Century and Beyond, a textbook used in universities throughout the U.S., as well as numerous publications and professional presentations. Barb was a recognized Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2002); director of the Academic Support Center, which she founded; and proud chair of the D'Arts Council, which she also founded. Barb retired after 26 years as senior professor at DeVry University. She enjoyed traveling, painting, harp playing, and was an avid gardener who loved to be outdoors. She was also a member of the P.E.O.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Eichler, son Tad, and brother, Roger (Carol). She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Anita (Nelson) Anfinsen, and her brother, Laurel Anfinsen (Nanci). In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Loyola Cancer Center and Loyola Hospice.

Jane Hoyt Rich, from Fitchburg, Wis., passed away on December 29, 2011.

June Thorson, from Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., died on January 11, 2012. She was born June 15, 1942, in Withee, Wis., to Alvin and Agnes (Madsen) Thorson. “Jiji” graduated from Goodrich High School in Fond du Lac, Wis. After graduating from St. Olaf, June was a teacher for the Wisconsin Rapids Public School District at West Junior High and Lincoln High School for 30 years. During June’s lifetime, she had many interests. She especially enjoyed traveling – with her trip to Norway being a highlight, leaving her with many happy memories. Door County was special to her, too, as she and a friend spent many hours riding bicycles on trails there. She left family and friends many beautiful examples of her cross-stitch, needlepoint and knitting. Her hands were always busy, before her illness made that impossible. Reading was also one of her favorite past times, with hundreds of books left behind as evidence – most of which were donated to AAUW or the Wisconsin Rapids Public Library. June was a member of the Sons of Norway, Retired Teacher Association, AAUW, and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

June is survived by one sister, Joyce (Norman) Powers; four nieces and nephews, Jeanne (Mike) Lautenschlager and their children: Katie, Emily, and Joey; Ron (Sheila) Powers and their children: Tyler, Samantha, and Tommy; Kathy (Bill) Diedrich and their children: Jacob, Abigail, and Luke; Mike (Kimberly) Powers and their daughter, Claire. She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be designated to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. or the Wisconsin chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.