

Alumni Association President's Notes

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NMU...Coming to a City Near You

In an effort to be more strategic regarding where we hold alumni gatherings, the Events Committee of the NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors met in May and came up with a list of cities with high alumni populations in which we will hold annual activities. Those places are Marquette County (August 1, 2002), Detroit (March 30, 2002), Chicago (TBD), and Tampa, Fla. (March 2002).

In addition, the following cities are targeted for an event sometime in the next three years: Dallas, Denver, Escanaba, Ft. Lauderdale, Grand Rapids, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, Traverse City, and Washington, D.C.

The Alumni Association sponsors Homecoming (October 5-6) as well as a number of volunteer-driven activities such as the hockey pre-game party near Ft. Myers, Fla., on

December 29, last year's Griffins hockey game in Grand Rapids, and this year's football pregame at Saginaw Valley on November 10. Thanks to all of the hard-working volunteers who make these events happen.

Watch for details on all these events in *Horizons* and on the Alumni Association Web site. If you would like to assist us in planning in one of the areas listed, or if you would like to plan an alumni get-together in your community, please contact the Alumni Association toll free at 1-877-GRAD NMU or by e-mail at alumni@nmu.edu.

Sweepstakes Update

Sweepstakes, the Alumni Association's annual membership drive, was a big success. My sincere thanks to those of you who are members! Your support enables us to host the alumni events in the cities mentioned above and to provide all alumni with *Horizons* magazine, in addition to offering many other services to NMU grads. All annual and lifetime members were eligible for the prize drawing associated with Sweepstakes.

Winners of this year's prizes were:

Carol Sarvello '64 BS

Art Carved NMU Gold Insignia Ring

William Jorns '62 BS, '64 MA

Season Hockey or Forest Roberts Theatre Tickets

Dave and Donna (Franz)

Schlemmer '83 MA

Shoreline Resort Weekend Package

Christine Johnston '64 BS, '69 MA

Longaberger Generosity Basket

Bill Bennett '67 BA, '74 MA

PEIF Annual Membership

Carrie Koopp '98 BS

Landmark Inn Weekend Getaway

Aggeliki Karampelas '75 BA

Starbucks Espresso Machine

Allen Salmi '92 BS

Lifetime Alumni Association Membership

Louis Schaut '72 BS

MSU Basketball Memorabilia

Don Stacks '71 BA

\$100 Gift Certificate for Alumni Association Merchandise

Sara '74 MA and Lowell Kafer

Paul Grant "Coming Home" Print

Trent Ferguson '99 BS

Panasonic DVD Player

Get Fit

New Alumni Association membership benefit

Not only does your Alumni Association membership keep you informed and connected, but now it is also keeping you fit. Starting this fall, members can take advantage of a new benefit. In cooperation with Recreational Facilities and Services, Alumni Association members will receive a discount on recreation memberships

to the Recreation and Sports Complex (the PEIF, Superior Dome and Berry Events Center) at NMU. Just show your Alumni Association member-

ship card when you purchase an annual recreation pass and you'll save up to \$60!

Compare the savings below:

Full Year Marquette Community Resident

1st adult	\$255
Spouse	\$165
Family rate	\$600

Full Year Alumni Association Member

1st adult	\$210 (save \$45)
Spouse	\$150 (save \$15)
Family	\$540 (save \$60)

Alumni Awards

Four honored at Homecoming

Four alumni were recognized for their achievements at a special awards ceremony and reception on Friday evening, October 5 as part of Homecoming festivities.

Charlie Nickel '92 BS, '96 MA received the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. Charlie works as a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch. He is active in the Green Bay community and his church, and he volunteers for local civic and charitable organizations. He has been a guest speaker in NMU classes and supports Northern athletic and theater programs. He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman and considers NMU his home away from home.

This year, **Tom Moilanen**, who attended Northern from 1963-1965, received the Alumni Service Award. Tom has supported the university in many ways, most significantly as a dedicated volunteer in the Detroit area. He was involved with annual alumni gatherings there for many years and participated in numerous golf outings to benefit Northern.

Two individuals received the Distinguished Alumni Award for their outstanding professional achievements. This is the first year that this honor was given at Homecoming. In previous years, it was bestowed at Mid-year Commencement.

Dr. Irma Hamilton '71 BA has been a teacher or administrator for 30 years. She has been nationally spotlighted for her achievements at Renaissance High School in Detroit, where she has served as principal since 1993. Dr. Hamilton was featured in *ACT* magazine for having the highest ACT scores of any predominately African American urban high school in the country.

William Keskey's '62 BS

first job after graduation was teaching math and science in the Warren Consolidated School District. In 1964, he began a new career as a chemist for the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan. An expert in the field of emulsion polymers (latex), he developed commercial products used in such items as paint, paper coatings, ceiling tile, and composite flooring. He was issued 13 U.S. patents during his career. Now retired, Bill is an avid woodcarver, enjoys hunting, gardening, fishing, and traveling.

If you would like to nominate an individual for consideration for any of these awards, please contact the Alumni Association toll free at 1-877-GRAD-NMU or by e-mail at alumni@nmu.edu.



Charlie Nickel



Tom Moilanen



Irma Hamilton



William Keskey

LOST ALUMNI

You have helped us find dozens of alumni we have lost track of. How about trying your hand at this list?

Tina Ala '55 BS
Edgar W. Holmgren '55
Carl Vernon Erickson '58 BS
Joseph H. Dahlstrom '59 BS
James W. Gooch '66 MA
Ronald C. Cotton '67 BS
Catherine Ann Hoenig '69 BS
Roy F. Jacobson '69 BS
Bonnie Diane Budd '70 BS
Rane K. Thompson '97 BFA

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LIFETIME MEMBERS

We proudly welcome the newest lifetime members of the Alumni Association.

Kathryn Davis Messerich '79 BSN
Scott A. Markstrom '93 BS
Troy Huggett '92 BS
John M. Showalter Jr. '76 BS
Raymond '88 BS and Christine '90 BS Bowerson
Grant '96 BS & Heidi '94 BS Seaman
Gregory Rathje '95 BS
Peter '93 BS & Nikole '95 BS Drever III
Richard '88 BS '90 MS and Sue '90 BS Popp
Merry Jo Brandimore '73, BS '77 MA
Kathleen Stout '71 BS
Amy Wiljanen '91 BS
Gary Altobello '74 BS
Jon Rasmussen '80 BA
Charles Nickel '92 BS, '96 MA
John Frick '82 BS, '87 MA
Jeremiah Kelly '00 BS
David Mattson '72 BS
Lyman Echola '94 BS
Bill '97 BS & Lyn DeGroot Joseph '76 BS, MBA and Denise '77 BS, '83 MA Huss
Lora Bruder '74 BS
Jean '75 BS and Michael Horvath