

# Alumni in touch

## Missing Alumni

We know they're out there. Can you help us locate these people?

George A. Kimber '22

Florence H. (Hokanson)

Coblentz '37

Geraldine J. Gipp '43

Mary O. (Brotherton) Zavodnic '44

Harry J. Corbisier '53

Christopher D. Nyland '67

Karen L. (Poquette) Essig '68

Ann K. Supernault '72

Betty J. Dickey '72

Donna M. Wasie '83

Douglas A. Teugh '88

Melissa D. (Ghiringhelli) Terry '93

Nicole M. Piontek '97

Kelly M. (Davis) Bell '03

Timothy J. Vertin '06

## Lifetime Members

We'd like to thank the following people who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

Lynn M. (Gaunt) Barrette '93

Barbara A. (Wallaker) Bowlby '81

Jeffrey L. Bowlby '81

Patrick J. Cheek '95, '96

Michael A. Gaunt '92

Steven K. Girard '83

Michael Harris '78

Juliet R. Hoffman '94

George W. Hyde, III '90

Richard Ernest Lundin '73

Anna Marie (Nelsen) Lundin '73

Paul J. Millenbach '84

Jean Marie (Horvath) Spodeck '85

John R. Steel '81

Carissa Marie Waters '04

Stacy J. Welling '00, '02

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## And the alumni awards go to...

### Alumni Achievement Award



**Clifford Luft**  
'61 BS, '67 MA

Clifford Luft spent more than 40 years in education before retiring

as superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Marquette Diocese in 2002. A dedicated educator, he steadily rose from teacher to superintendent over four decades, having an impact on the education of thousands of children across Upper Michigan. A true public servant, Luft has held leadership roles in all aspects of his life: professional, civic and religious. The Northern legacy is strong in the Luft family as Clifford and his wife, **Sally '83 BS**, and all five of their children, attended Northern. Clifford and Sally are Lifetime Members of the NMU Alumni Association.

### Distinguished Alumni Award



**Stephen DesJardins,**  
'83 BS

Stephen DesJardins is an expert in the field of higher education

administration. He earned his bachelor's degree from NMU and received both his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. A

tenured and full professor at the University of Michigan, he has had a successful career in research and teaching in higher education. DesJardins has published widely in nationally refereed journals and has contributed numerous chapters to books. He is a well-respected presenter at national conferences and has earned numerous honors. His wife, **Linda (Adamczyk)**, earned a BSN from NMU in 1982.

### Distinguished Alumni Award



**Brig Sorber**  
'86 BS

Brig Sorber is president and CEO of Two Men and a Truck, the nation's largest

franchised moving company. Brig and his brother, Jon, started the business in the early 1980s to earn spending money. Their mother ran the business while her sons were away at college. Brig operated a franchise in the Upper Peninsula until 1996, when he returned home to Lansing to take an active role in re-structuring Two Men and a Truck. The company operates in 33 states and three countries and has been ranked in *Entrepreneur* magazine's Top 500 Franchises for 17 years. It is ranked No. 1 in moving services. Sorber attributes the success of the family-owned business to honesty, trust and hard work. He is married to **Francine (Balduc) '86 BS**.



## What's your story?

"I feel like I am a very confident person due to my experiences at NMU. I was never a risk-taker before Northern, I always stayed within the status quo. NMU gave me the push I needed."

"I believe my life has changed as a result of the experiences at NMU because it helped me to learn communication skills to interact with people of all ages; gave me that 'can do' attitude of confidence aided by a quality education that many employers are seeing in employees."

These are the words of Northern alumni when they share their Northern Story. Over the past several months, we've been asking alumni to tell us about their Northern experience. We've heard from people about everything from life in the dorms to diving at Black Rocks.

Of course NMU memories are usually intertwined with ones about Marquette—the beaches and bars, the scenic vistas and snowstorms, the

favorite foods, the fall leaves...

The NMU Alumni Association Board of Directors sat down and shared some of their memories in mini-movies and we put them on our

website. Many of those memories start with the beautiful environment that is Marquette.

"I'm very passionate about my experience at Northern Michigan University. The beautiful setting that the university is on; there are so many wonderful places to explore," says **Eric Bolduc '94**. "Where my passion really comes from is the academic experience and the community involvement that I was able to do as a student."

You can hear the rest of Eric's comments and those of other NMU Alumni Association board members at [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni).

What's your story?

We want to hear from you.

Send us your memories electronically, via email at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu) (accepted video formats include .wmv, .avi, .mov and .mpg), take our NMU Memories survey (look for the link on our homepage), or stop by our booth at Homecoming to share your NMU experience and tell us how it's a part of your life today.

## Come to Homecoming 2010 Sept. 24-25

### Friday, Sept. 24

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

3 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting  
Political Science Symposium  
Homecoming Parade  
All College Alumni Receptions, Landmark Inn

### Saturday, Sept. 25

10:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

2 - 4 p.m.

4 p.m.

7 p.m.

NMU Alumni Association Homecoming Awards and Foundation Scholarship Brunch  
Barracks Boys Historical Marker Dedication, Outside University Center  
Tailgating at the Dome  
NMU vs. Ashland Football  
Fifth Quarter Reception  
Holiday Inn

Homecoming reunions include: 1975 National Championship Football Team

Watch [www.nmu.edu/alumni](http://www.nmu.edu/alumni) for more events!