



Parsons College E-News

SPECIAL EDITION – WOH / REUNION - FALL 2013

Return of Student/Alumni Wall of Honorees to Fairfield Highlights October, 2013, All-Class Reunion Weekend!



William Bangham '70



*Dorothy Topping
Bell '48*



David Elliot '64

Ten (10) distinguished Student - Alumni will be inducted into the Parsons College Wall of Honor at the 5th Annual Ceremony in the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The Wall of Honor festivities will highlight the Parsons College All-Class Reunion weekend and a host of other activities including 1st Friday Art Walk and Oktoberfest. This year the Parsons College Foundation Fund teamed with the Alumni Association and combined the events.

The reunion weekend kicks off Friday with registration at the Fairfield Country Club followed by an extended happy hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday's events include the WOH ceremony, luncheon at the FCC, museum tour, open house with Lee Gobble, Walton Club happy hour, again loaded with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

As in past tradition, Sunday morning we will converge on new Super Hy-Vee (9:00 a.m.-ish) for an informal Farewell Breakfast.

See pages 2-3 for reunion details and registration form; pages 4-11 for WOH Honorees in depth Bio/Profiles



*Edwin Everett
Green '49*

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HONOREES**

**THE CLASS
OF 2013**
**Congratulations!
A job well done!**



David Harding '71



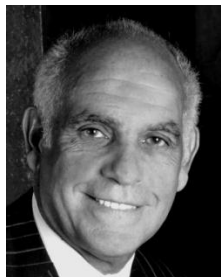
Larry Litwin '67



*Narda Simonsen
Murphy '64*



Ray Stolarczyk '64



Phil Suarez '65



Vera Price Young '46

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Gala Parsons College All-Class "Welcome Back Reunion"



REUNION Pre-registration 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 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, "1st Friday Art Walk" and the kick-off 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 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 and this visit is guaranteed to bring back some great memories. Also, should you wish to visit Mr. Lee Gobble, you may do so at a special "open house" being held at the Sunnybrook Retirement Center Saturday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. The legendary haberdasher and past Parsons Wall of Honoree is moving in on 99-years-young. Lee is looking forward to greeting friends Saturday afternoon.

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.). 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 a 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) or **Nancy Wirtanen** (nwirtanen@yahoo.com) to obtain a registration form and pre-register now for all activities and events.

HOT NEWS! WATCH THE WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY LIVE FROM YOUR HOME!

*So, you can't make it to the October 5, 2013, 10:00 a.m. CDT Wall of Honor Ceremony in Fairfield? **NO PROBLEM....WE'LL BRING IT TO YOU!!!** The Parsons College Alumni Association (PCAA) and the Parsons College Foundation Fund (PCFF) are pleased to announce a new feature for our e-news subscribers and alumni. The 2013 Wall of Honor Ceremony will be available for your on-line viewing. The local access television in Fairfield, Fairfield Media Center, has been able to purchase a state-of-the-art video camera and streaming box with the generous support of the PCAA and PCFF. This acquisition will make available the opportunity to see live from the Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts the 2013 induction ceremony. Simply turn on your computer, then please go to www.fairfieldmediacenter.com and click on the tab "Parsons WOH" and see first hand the induction ceremony.*

**PARSONS COLLEGE FOUNDATION FUND & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2013 WALL OF HONOR AND STUDENT/ALUMNI REUNION
REGISTRATION FORM**

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Who: Parsons College Students/Alumni and Friends
What: 2013 Wall of Honor and Student/Alumni All-Classes Reunion
When: October 4-6, 2013
Where: Fairfield, Iowa

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone numbers: Home _____ *Cell* _____
E-mail _____
Class of _____ *Affiliation(s)* _____
Spouse Name _____
Class of (if applicable) _____ *Affiliation* _____

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- Student/Alumni **ALL EVENTS** Inclusive.....**\$75.00 per person** x _____ = \$ _____
 - Friday Reception (**ONLY**) at Fairfield Golf & CC...**\$25.00 per person** x _____ = \$ _____
 (Includes draft beer, house wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres)
 - Saturday Wall of Honor Lunch (**ONLY**) at FFCC...**\$25.00 per person** x _____ = \$ _____
 - Saturday Reunion Party (**ONLY**) at Walton Club..**\$25.00 per person** x _____ = \$ _____
 (Includes draft beer, house wines and heavy hors d'oeuvres)
- TOTAL DUE** \$ _____

Due to time constraints, please contact Dave Neff to register at neffacres@lisco.com or 641.919.4640. Registration form needs to be returned with check payable to: Parsons College Foundation Fund and mailed to the following address:

Parsons College Foundation Fund, 2272 Glasgow Road, Fairfield, IA 52556

The Parsons College Wall of Honorees

(indexed alphabetically by class)

** CLASS OF 2009 **

Wes Bartlett, '38
Lee Gobble, '37
Rhine McLin, '69
O. B. Nelson, '46
Allen Paul, '67
Edward Rogalski, '65
Robert Scott III, '63
Marcia Wallace, '64
Verle Whittington, '52

** CLASS OF 2010 **

Roger Bachman, '67
Dean Gabbert, '46
Bob Gamrath, '38-'42
William "Biff" Kummer, '68
Richard Lawson, '51
Roger Nielsen, '56
Willard Pedrick, '36
Larry Spencer, '62
Susan Fulton Welty, '26
Louis Wilson, '64

** CLASS OF 2011 **

Doug Billings, '63
John Glotfelty, '48
George Long, '58
Dick Reece, '64
Charles Reed, '42 (cont'd)

** CLASS OF 2011 **

Ida Nakashima Schneck, '46
Steve Smith, '67
Bob Spencer, '57
Robert Stiller, '67
Gene Timmerman, '63-'65

** CLASS OF 2012 **

Frank Challant, '68
Kay McPherson Ferguson, '59
Thom Giuntoli, '63
James "Newt" Greaser, '65
John T. Johnson, '68
Lee Kane, '55
James R. "Bob" Kirby, '70
Meredith James McCarty, '67
David Neff, '69
Jerry Staton, '63

** CLASS OF 2013 **

William Bangham, '70
Dorothy Topping Bell, '48
David Elliot, '64
Edwin Everett Green, '49
David Harding, '71
Larry Litwin, '67
Narda Simonsen Murphy, '64
Ray Stolarczyk, '64
Phil Suarez, '65
Vera Price Young, '46

The Wall of Honor: Meet the Class of 2013!!!

The Parsons College Student/Alumni Wall of Honor has now grown to 49 members with the addition of this year's distinguished class. In alphabetical order, let us now introduce to you the Class of 2013.

William Bangham '70 – Richmond, VA... Bill has had a career in journalism like few others. He is a photojournalist, writer and editor. Bill also serves as director with Media Production for International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention where he is editor of 'Commission Stories' magazine. At Parsons he learned that life is an adventure of the spirit, mind and body. Bill had no idea what was in store. His remarkable career has taken him to over 70 countries. Some of Bill's more notable assignments include covering the Panama invasion, refugees crossing the Florida straits on rafts from Castro's Cuba, multiple stories during the conflict and wars in the Balkans, Iraq, Arab Spring and Arab Revolutions. However, he's perhaps best known around the world for an on-going project: Documenting children exposed to radiation from the Chernobyl nuclear accident. Bill's early reporting resulted in his founding, and the formation of, the American Belarusian Relief Organization. The ABRO is a non-profit organization and has provided assistance for more than 13,000 of those children since 1990. Bill founded FindShelter, a non-profit, that helped survivors of Hurricane Katrina relocate, find jobs and housing. And he also founded CEER, the Center for Environmental Education and Research in Washington, DC. Both organizations served their purpose and have been closed. With success in photography came rewards and recognition. Bill has received major awards in secular and religious competitions, including University of Missouri Pictures of the Year, International and National Press Photographers Association Best of Photojournalism competition. He was photo editor for Cape Town 2010: The Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization; and has also served as faculty, staff, judge and lecturer at a number of colleges and universities. Bill's relationships at Parsons spawned a belief that, "Ideas are important, as they shape our life and our world (but) we are to live in relationship; it is where we find satisfaction, well-being and meaning." Classmate Frank Challant will present Bill to the Wall of Honor...

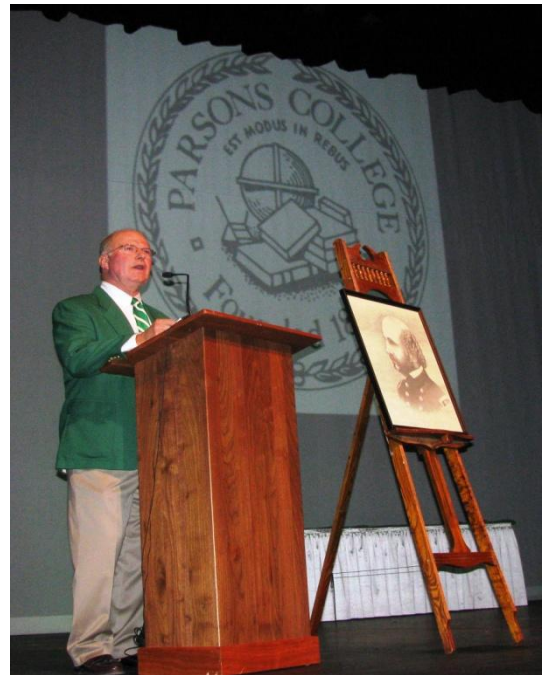
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The Parsons College Wall of Honor was founded in 2008 by John Blackstock and Dave Neff with assistance from John Braidwood. The Wall of Honor occupies the west wall of the Parsons Alumni Hall section of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. The inaugural class was inducted in October of 2009...

Dorothy Topping Bell '48 – Fairfield, IA... Dorothy came to Parsons from Stockport High where she graduated valedictorian of her class and has lived in Fairfield for over 57 years. She majored in history, participated in a number of activities and was a member of Empyrean Sorority (Delta Zeta). Dorothy was instrumental in establishing her husband's veterinary practice in Fairfield after a short stay in South Dakota. And she's been a pillar in the community ever since, in her church, the social community and the cultural development of Fairfield. At the Presbyterian Church, Dorothy's done it all from teaching, editing the newsletter to serving as Deacon. Her dedication earned recognition from the Association of Presbyterian Women when she was awarded Honorary Life Membership. Upon the passing of her husband, Dorothy devoted her time and energies to the arts and schools of Fairfield and the surrounding community. She's spent this period of her life overseeing the cultural development, school meetings while speaking out "for and/or against" issues, as she deemed necessary. In 1966 she became a charter member of the Fairfield Art Association and actually lobbied the governor to expand the arts throughout the state. In 1979, she accepted membership to the Fairfield Concert Association Board. And in 1985, her passion for the arts was also awarded. She was named an Honorary Life Board Member of the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra. Dorothy had been a member of this prestigious organization since 1965. As a means to raise funds for the Fairfield Art Association, she founded "The Fairfield Garden Tour" in 1988. This touring event, showcasing selected gardens throughout the city for public viewing, was renamed "The Dorothy Bell Garden Tour" in honor of its founder in 2011. Naturally her home, which annually features over 800 tulip bulbs imported from Holland is a highlight of the tour. Dorothy's tireless work in the community earned her the "Outstanding Citizen Community Service Award" in 1998, and the first ever, "Outstanding Fine Arts Promoter Award" for 1994-95. She is most proud of her four children who are, not surprisingly, all involved in the arts... Dorothy recently moved to Sunny Brook Assisted Living of Fairfield. Her dear friend, Vera Price Young will present Dorothy to the Wall of Honor...

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PCFF President Dave Neff delivers the opening comments at the inaugural Wall of Honor ceremony in 2009. Photo to the right is that of General Lewis B. Parsons...



Stage and screen star, Marcia Wallace '64, acknowledges her induction to the Wall of Honor with the Class of 2009.

David Elliot '64 – Palm City, FL... Parsons made a lasting impression on David and he made a lasting impression in television technology. David worked for ABC Television Network for 35 years. He held a series of positions in the network's broadcast operations and engineering division as he climbed to Vice President of Engineering Services, a position he held until retiring in 1997. David posted a number of achievements during his tenure with ABC and is most proud of the following: Designing/Developing the Television Mobile Unit 6, setting a new industry standards for mobile production and communication; Appointed Designer/Project Manager for Construction of ABC Studios 57 and 59 in Hollywood, (home of "Barney Miller" and "Welcome Back Kotter" shows); Winning an EMMY AWARD as Director/Supervisor of Technical Operations for ABC's broadcast of the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles; And winning a second EMMY for ABC's Broadcast of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary. David was further recognized with election to a Fellow of the "Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers"; Serving on several Advisory Committees and Boards; And lastly, was a member of the Executive Committee of Advanced Television Systems Committee. On the community front, after several years in the U.S. Army, he joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, later serving as Assistant National Commodore of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, responsible for overseeing the operations performed by 32,000 members of the auxiliary. His commendations include, Coast Guard Auxiliary Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Medal of Operational Merit and the 9/11 Medal. At Parsons, David remembers vividly his role as a debater and the team's win in the prestigious International Competition with Cambridge University, proving again, the high caliber of Parsons students and faculty. To this day, David, who did post-graduate work at Columbia University, lauds praise upon the dedicated and innovative Parsons professors who changed his life and helped prepare him for life beyond academia. David is married to Anne and has a host of relatives. He will be presented to the Wall of Honor by his wife, Anne...

Edwin Everett Green '49 – (posthumously)... Ed was an Iowa kid through and through and attended a one-room school house, but a trip to Europe later in life turned him and the State of Iowa toward a whole new sector of education. While in Europe on a school administration tour, Ed visited vocational technical schools in Germany. As a result of his findings, he, along with two others, put together a proposal for a vocational technical school program in Iowa. The intent was to provide education for individuals who were not interested/able to go to a regular four-year college. They successfully gained approval from the governor and Ed left his Jefferson County School Superintendent job in 1966 and became instrumental in establishing Iowa Tech, Area XV, a 10-county vocational technical school (later Indian Hills Community College). He was named Administrative Assistant and Business Manager and held that post until moving up to Dean/Director of Adult Education and the GED program. Ed retired from Indian Hills in 1982 and turned his focus to farming but continued teaching "55Alive Driver's Education for Senior Citizens." While at Parsons, he met and married his wife Kay, and continued his studies at Drake University and University of Iowa. He taught, coached and served as superintendent in a number of school districts including, Packwood, Frederica, Owasa and Fairfield. Ed holds the distinction of being the "first ever" Driver's Education instructor in Fairfield. He is survived by his wife and a daughter Jo Ellen Crowe, who will present him to the Wall of Honor...

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David Harding '71 – Tallahassee, FL... After a flourishing stint at Parsons with heavy involvement in intramurals, the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, as a resident counselor, as well as finding time to become Fairfield's "first ever" Director of Parks and Recreation, David headed off to Ball State University to obtain his M.A. degree. He followed that up by enrolling at Florida State where he earned a Ph.D. Apparently Florida agreed with David. As of now, he's touting over 25 years experience in applied economic research, statistics, and over 15 years leading and directing the socioeconomic section of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission). The primary objective of the economic section is to maximize the conservation of marine and wildlife resources in Florida through the application of applied economics. A few of their research study projects included, assessing the economic impact and value of Florida's public piers and boat ramps; economic value of public access (recreational boating); national resource damage assessment of BP's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; and a economic and travel route analysis of Hurricane Katrina. David is the Chief Economist at the Florida Marine Research Institute (Fish and Wildlife Research Institute) and has 10 years experience teaching college level economics, policy analysis, problem solving and leadership, with many invited professional presentations under his belt. He is also a visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Florida (Gainesville) and the University of North Carolina (Greensboro). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has awarded David the following awards: Outstanding Achievement in Economics, Superior Job Performance, and Executive Director's Special Recognition Award. In the community, David has contributed his time advising and instructing students/graduates, as a non-paid member, of the Graduate Faculty in Agricultural Economics at Florida A&M University since 1999. Looking back, he credits Parsons as the foundation of his academic enlightenment and achievements. "Parsons allowed me to dream of what might be, and has served me well throughout my career," he said. David is married to Barbara, has one son and three grandchildren. His WOH presenter will be Jim Kennedy...

Larry Litwin '67 – Berlin, NJ... Larry has been from one end of the public relations arena to the other. Between reporter, anchor, editor, assistant director, director, adviser and educator, he's done it all. Larry's accumulated so many awards and tokens of recognition (300 reported) if you lined them all up they'd run from Fairfield to Mt. Pleasant. His lifelong affection for Parsons was born in the mid-60's. His first big gig was at KMCD in Fairfield as Sports Director. He was the voice of the Parsons Wildcats football team when they played in the Pecan Bowl. That assignment carried over to the basketball season and the NAIA tournament in Kansas City. Upon graduating from Parsons, Larry headed back east intent on continuing his education. He stayed in the radio field through Philadelphia and New York before heading to Glassboro State College to pursue his M.A. in Communications and work for the college as Assistant Director of Community Relations. After stops at Haverford Township and Washington Township Public Schools as Director of Community Relations and Public Information, respectively, he went on to the glamour of television. Larry worked in the multi-roles of reporter, anchor and editor at KYW-TV. He was then in-and-out of his own apparel business before landing with the U.S. Department of Labor in Philadelphia as Deputy Regional Director (Information and Public Affairs) before landing at Wilmington University in Delaware as Adjunct Professor (Public Relations and Marketing). Currently he's now back in Glassboro, NJ working for Rowan University in the role of Associate Professor in the College of Communications and serving as an advisor to several related entities. Larry serves on numerous boards and committees and is a member of a number of communication societies and is involved with several community projects such as the Red Cross, DARE, Alliance on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, March of Dimes, Economic Development, and finds time to umpire baseball during the summer. Of all the awards, the most meaningful to Larry are, "The Rowan University Mentoring Award" – induction to "The Public Relations Society of America College of Fellows" – and induction to the "South Jersey Baseball Hall of Fame." When asked by Rowan College students why he wears the green and white at commencement, he proudly says, "Because I graduated from Parsons College and it's my way to pay tribute!" Larry and wife, Nancy, who was a co-ed at Parsons, have been married 45 years. They have two children and three grandchildren. Nancy will present Larry to the Wall of Honor ...



MARK SHAFER, Director of the Carnegie Museum and overseer of the Parsons College Collection, will welcome 'one and all' to an open-house tour of the museum Saturday, October 5th beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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Narda Simonsen Murphy '64 – Williamston, MI... As an Iowa farm girl just taking one day at a time, Narda Kay Simonsen Murphy never realized at the time what an awesome education she was receiving at Parsons College, nor did she realize that during the latter part of her career as a School District Superintendent, she would be impacting the lives of over 1,000 students annually. But when she joined the adult world, she began to understand what a depth of learning she had received. The academic challenges at Parsons prepared her for the 'real world' and paved the way to a very proud and distinguished career in education. Following her graduation from Parsons, Narda's travels carried her from Iowa to Massachusetts to Michigan. Along the way she married Parsons sweetheart, Patrick Murphy, PC'64, and picked up a Master's Degree in Secondary Education Administration with Phi Kappa Phi honors at Michigan State University. From her first day of teaching at the Ft. Madison Junior High School in Iowa, Narda began the journey of touching all the bases on the climb to her current position as Superintendent of the Williamston Community Schools in Michigan. She's taught pre-school, adult education, alternative education, middle school, junior and senior high school, substituted and has even been a homebound tutor. Narda's successes and the impact she's made in her field have been well documented. The awards are plentiful and include: *Master Teacher Award, Quality Begins with the Individual Award, Excellence in Education Award, Williamston Community Schools Impact Award, Champion for Children Award, AND The Presidential Scholar Teacher Award* (a White House Commission on Presidential Scholars). "To this day I miss the classroom, but my current position has blessed me with the opportunity to make an even larger contribution, and gives me the vehicle to support classroom teachers, thereby, broadening - in a 'layer-removed-way' - the impact on our students," Narda says. "Exponentially," she states proudly, "I now touch the lives of over a 1,000 children every year...even if it's not face-to-face." As an experienced grant writer, she is most proud of her efforts to bring financial support to her school district. Since 1985, Narda has written over \$1.0M in grant monies. She is responsible for the \$500,000 received from 1989 to 1991 that provided professional development for

her teachers. In the mid-1990's, Williamston received another \$400,000 to continue the program. And recently, a \$300,000 grant was awarded to create safer bus routes to and from school. She also plans to continue her active role in the community, where she's involved with numerous councils, committees and several social organizations. Recanting her Parsons days, where she was also President of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, Narda says, "I'm certain that nostalgia, plus the fact that I met the love-of-my-life there, has a lot to do with how I feel about Parsons, too, in addition to the great education I received." No doubt, the Williamston School District is a much better place with Narda at the helm and providing the leadership. Narda has two sons (and families) and five grandchildren. She will be presented to the Wall of Honor by Sandy Hermel Parker...

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FAIRFIELD COUNTRY CLUB... *The OLDEST GOLF CLUB west of the Mississippi and site of the Parsons All-Class Reunion's Friday, October 4th Registration and HAPPY HOUR!!*



THE WALTON CLUB... *The BEAUTIFUL Walton will host the Parsons All-Class Reunion's Saturday, October 5th HAPPY HOUR BASH!!*

Documentary Film planned on Parsons

The Parsons College Foundation Fund (PCFF) has been approached by two native sons of the Fairfield area to produce a documentary film highlighting the "Golden Era of Parsons College". Kyle and Terri Henson traveled to Fairfield recently, met with Dr. Bob Tree, Mark Shafer of Carnegie Museum and Dave Neff of the PCFF, and have done considerable research on Parsons. The Henson's will return with Doug Harrison, son of Bob Harrison, PC/SPE '56, to join us for the Wall of Honor Ceremony, luncheon and museum open house. A special area will be set up in the museum at 1:30 p.m. to informally speak with and interview student/ alumni who are interested in sharing their stories from and about the "Golden Era of Parsons College". We look forward to lots of stories and participation.

Ray Stolarczyk '64 – Naples, FL... Ray came to Parsons from the University of Illinois where he regarded himself as a number and had no access to his professors. He quickly found Parsons to be different. The classes were smaller, professors knew your name and they were available upon request. Ray soared to the Dean's List, got his B.A. degree in accounting, graduated with Second Honors and a Marketing Award. After college and a short stint with Northwestern Bell in an accelerated management program, he joined Stangle & Lauber, the premier regional CPA firm in Chicago, specializing in auditing Savings & Loans, which were then called thrifts. Over a 10-year period, Ray climbed the executive ladder, handling clients with assets exceeding \$1.0 billion. He assisted in the conversion of the first Chicago Thrift to a publicly owned company, was awarded his CPA and gained membership to Illinois CPA Society and American Institute of CPA's. He moved onto Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association in 1975. As Vice President/Treasurer, Ray transformed this one office institution into a large company capable of posting major growth. He totally reorganized the Board of Directors, installed a number of significant committees, added management incentives and increased the assets and number of full service locations. Ray then led the conversion from Fidelity to Fidelity Bancorp, and made it a publically held Savings Bank with stock traded on the NASDAQ market. He was promoted to President of Fidelity Bancorp in 1981, and Chief Executive Officer in 1985, serving as Chairman of the Board until 1991. Ray served three terms as an elected Director of Illinois Member Thrifts and was selected to speak in Washington before the Federal Housing Bank Audit Committee membership meeting. In 1993, he joined MAF Bancorp as a Board and Audit Committee member, oversaw the acquisition of Fidelity by MAF and served on the Board, and as Trustee of the Trust of the Illinois League of Financial Institutions, a group of 500 thrifts in Illinois. Prior to retiring in 1997, Ray was promoted to Chairman of the League, chaired a number of committees and became Vice-Chair of the Trusts. His community involvement includes affiliation with Kiwanis, local PTA, Children with Special Needs and the Boy Scouts of America. Ray, wife Bonnie and children, and families split their retirement between Naples, FL and Egg Harbor, WI. Ray will be presented to the WOH by John Blackstock...

Phil Suarez '65 – New York, NY... Born and raised in New York City, Phil's first job was delivering dry cleaning to the affluent in upper Manhattan. He came to Parsons in 1960 on a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1965. Upon returning to New York, Phil worked in public/community relations with the Puerto Rican community for Shafer's beer. His big break came when he learned Trans-National Sports Communications, a marketing, advertising firm, was looking for a fast-pitch softball pitcher and he fit the bill. This connection led to a sales rep job and experience in commercial video productions. Several years later, he met Bob Giraldi and they formed Giraldi-Suarez Productions. They posted award winning video commercials including, the Michael Jackson "Beat It" commercial, Miller-Lite Beer ("Taste Great, Less Filling") and spots for Lionel Ritchie, Paul McCarty and Pat Benatar. Next, he found himself as Executive Producer of a full length movie titled, "Dinner Rush". Phil, always the charismatic entertainer, had a personality and loved the spotlight. His job involved entertaining clients. One of his favorite venues was Fire Island (Long Island, NY). But he became disenchanted with the restaurant choices on the island, so he opened his own. He named it "Le Dock". Actually, Phil's short-lived, due to graduation, first encounter in the restaurant business was a partnership in Fairfield. They called it "Phil and Chick's Wedge Inn," It was a submarine sandwich shop on 4th Street, "wedged" between "The Den" and "Why Not" Taverns. As Phil's New York role and confidence grew, along with his interest in restaurants, he was inspired to take a step into the big city restaurant circle. He traveled to Italy a second time in search of a chef. In the village of Positano, he found that chef, brought him back to NYC, sent him to school, and opened 'Positano's' on Park Avenue South. This laid the foundation for the Suarez Restaurant Group LLC and the evolution of what has become an empire. Phil has grown his collection of restaurants to 32, not only in New York City, but world-wide.



DR. BOB TREE, former Dean and Marshal of the College, who we are continually honored to have participate in the Wall of Honor Ceremony and present the plaques to the honorees.

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In 1990-91 he opened the famed “Jo-Jo’s” on the upper East Side of Manhattan and the following year Esquire Magazine named it ‘Restaurant of the Year’. Other restaurants in the Suarez Group (to name a few) include Jean-Georges in the Trump Hotel & Resort (4 Stars), Vong’s in Hong Kong (Voted #1 Restaurant in the World), Gigino Trattoria, Mercer’s Kitchen, Spice Market, Prime Steakhouse (Bellagio Hotel Las Vegas), ABC Kitchen, and the list goes on. Phil has now partnered with the internationally famous French Chef Luigi Vongenchten, along with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, and Catterton Partners, to create a international multi-concept restaurant and licensing business which they call “Culinary Concepts by Jean-Georges.” At last check, in addition to NYC, the Suarez Group has restaurants located in Chicago, Las Vegas, Paradise Island (Bahamas), Shanghai, Paris, French West Indies, Atlanta, Bal Harbor (Maine), Boston, Kauai, Park City (Utah), San Juan, Qatar, Scottsdale (AZ), Washington DC, Vancouver, London, Bora-Bora and Mexico City, And recently, Phil, a New York Knicks season-ticketholder at Madison Square Garden for 40 years, is exploring a concession and specialty menu business called “Simply Chicken.” This concept would include concession service to all areas of MSG and possibly expand to airports...In the community, Phil serves on the board of the NY Police Athletic League, NY Urban Coalition and John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. He is a member of the NY State Commission on Human Rights, acting President of Catholic Big Brothers Association and is committed to the revitalization of Harlem. Phil’s awards are many and include, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, Outstanding Leadership Award, James Beard Award as ‘Best Restaurant in the Country’, named by ‘Crain’s New York Business’ as one of the ‘100 Most Influential Business Leaders’ in NYC, and in 2007, joined the list of ‘100 Most Powerful Minority Business Leaders’ in NYC. At Parsons, he was a member of the Wildcats basketball team and Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity. Phil has no children and resides with wife Lucy in New York City. John Blackstock will present Phil to the Wall of Honor...

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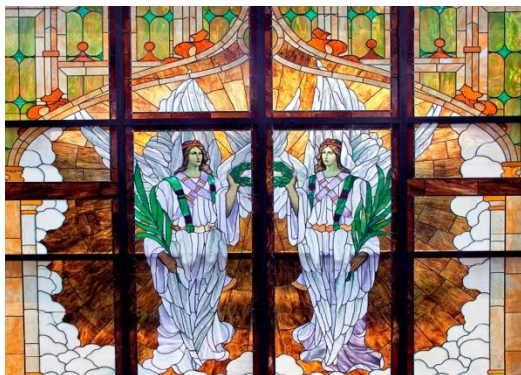
The CARNEGIE MUSEUM will throw open its' doors to all Students, Alumni and Friends Saturday, October 5th, at 1:30 p.m.. Photo above shows a sampling of the great Parsons Collection of old memorabilia.

Vera Price Young '46 – Fairfield, IA... For more than 60 years, Vera has been an inspiration, uplifting and strengthening the lives of others. She's been a pillar in the growth and success of her community. Upon graduation from Parsons, where she was President of her Empyrean Sorority, honored in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" and graduated cum laude, Vera journeyed off to Sigourney High School to teach, but that didn't last. Her alma mater came calling and she accepted a position at the college in the Women's Physical Education and Health Departments. At the end of that first year, Vera received a scholarship from Parsons to take graduate courses at the University of Iowa, while continuing her duties at the college. Upon completion of a longitudinal study and obtaining her Master's Degree in Physical Education and Health, Vera was promptly awarded an Assistant Professorship at Parsons. Her affection and dedication to the college spilled over while working with both faculty and students to resolve, on and off, campus issues. During the final years of Parsons, when they reduced faculty salaries by 50%, Vera and her husband, Tib, who was also a popular member of the faculty, made the sacrifice and stayed on, hoping for the miracle that could save the college. After the inevitable closing of the college, Vera joined the Fairfield High School faculty. For the next 15 years she taught Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, all the while, making herself available to tutor, guide, encourage and support the students needs, and those of community groups also. Vera has served in leadership roles for many organizations within the community. She's contributed countless hours and time to the Presbyterian Church, Hospital Auxiliary Board, Wit and Wisdom Club, Delta Zeta, Friendship Force (hosting exchange families and has been recognized by the American Lung Association for sponsoring a club to educate students on the danger of smoking. Vera is known by many in her community as "The Quiet Philanthropist." She simply walks softly, and spreads smiles and joy throughout as she works her many community projects. Vera has three daughters and will be presented to the wall of honor by Kay McPherson Ferguson....

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