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## 21 Members Of The Wall Of Honor Return To Fairfield



A smashing 21 previously inducted members of the Parsons Wall of Honor returned for the 10<sup>th</sup> and final ceremony. What a tribute to the honorees, to the WOH program and to the lasting memory of Parsons College.

*Returning members of the Parsons College Wall of Honor: Front Row L/R: Larry Litwin, David Harding, Bob Spencer, Jim Nield, Vera Young, Kay McPherson Ferguson, Richard Tallin, Biff Kummer, David Neff. Row 2 L/R: David Switzer, Lindsey Shannon, Jim Cornick, Linda Bane Frizzell, Mike Gilpin, Sandy Konrad McCullough, Lois Stuflick Johnson, Bill Burger, Jerry Staton, Don Butterbaugh, Dick Barton. Not pictured, Dan Breen.*

### *The Wall of Honor Finale: And What A Grand Finale It Was*

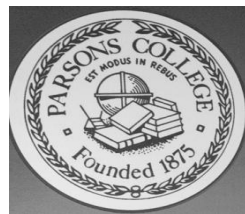
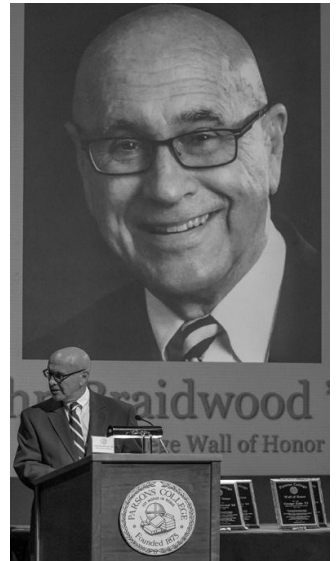
A record crowd of Parsons College Alumni and friends gathered at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, Saturday, October 6, 2018 to savor the memories and to salute the 10<sup>th</sup> Class of honorees to be inducted to the Wall of Honor. It was estimated that nearly 150 attendees witnessed the final chapter of the Parsons College Foundation Fund sponsored Wall of Honor program.

A Friday afternoon Happy Hour and registration kicked off the weekend of events and many attended the Friday evening "Tribute to John Denver" concert at the Sondheim Center. Adding to the Saturday morning WOH ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon at the FA&CC, was the Biennial PCAA Reunion, Fairfield's monthly Art Walk and the kickoff of Oktoberfest. Alumni and friends roamed the streets and the town square in chilly and wet conditions and many visited the ever developing Carnegie Historical Museum on South Court Street. The weekend concluded with a Farewell Breakfast at the HY-VEE Restaurant... There are hopes that a yet to be identified Alum or friend will step up to continue the Wall of Honor or develop a new concept of recognition... (Photos by Werner Elmker next page)

***A HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ONE AND ALL!!!***



**Wall of Honor Class of 2018**



## The Lee T. Gobble Legend Lives On: “Flowers For Mr. Fairfield!”



**Dennis Hammel**, left, and **Terry Klein** of Oakwood Nursery remove sod around the base of the **Lee T. Gobble II** statue outside the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center. In place of the grass, the two men planted flowers: six perennials, six boxwoods and two spireas. The Fairfield Art Association paid for the floral installation. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF WERNER ELMKER)

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### PC Alum Retires After Storybook Career Working His Way To The Top

**John Weissheier** graduated from Parsons in 1973. The college virtually closed its doors on his graduation day. He ventured from the east to attend Parsons, met his wife to be in Fairfield and they were married.

In 1974 John was offered a job with the Nelson Company, Inc in Fairfield. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> employee to be hired. John basically started ground floor from sweeping floors to becoming president of the company's full service machine shop. His initial job was production, then he worked in the tool room and was promoted to shift foreman in 1997. In 2003, he was named Supervisor of Technical Support, promoted to VP of Technical Services in 2007 and named Executive VP the following year.

John's final position was President of the Nelson Company. He took over in 2012 and remained at the helm until his June, 2018 retirement.

John's story falls right in line with so, so many other outstanding career success stories of Parsons graduates that continually come to our attention. CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!!!

### *“Mr. Fairfield” Comes Through In The Clutch*

There are lots of **Lee T. Gobble** stories out there to be told. Here's another one, submitted by **John Wardour, PC'62-'66...**

Personal story... It was 1964. Homecoming Chairman, **Bob Emmerick** and I were told by the administration that I needed to have proper clothes, a suit, etc, for the parade, and the dance, in preparation for meeting **Gerald Ford**. Actually, I did not have a dime. My mom and dad were scrapping since dad had started a new business, so I couldn't ask them.

Lee heard about my plight from someone and invited me to the store. He said something like, "young man, I hear you need some clothes for Homecoming?" I told him I had no money, but had a job at the Elks Lodge bussing tables and working on the campus crew.

Bottom line, he outfitted me and I paid him back a little every week at a very "discounted" price. Needless to say, he has a special place in my memory bank and heart. (What a great, caring, thoughtful and generous man... Lee T. Gobble!)

# NEWS & NOTES

## Robert E. Fox Joins PCAA Board



**Robert E. Fox**

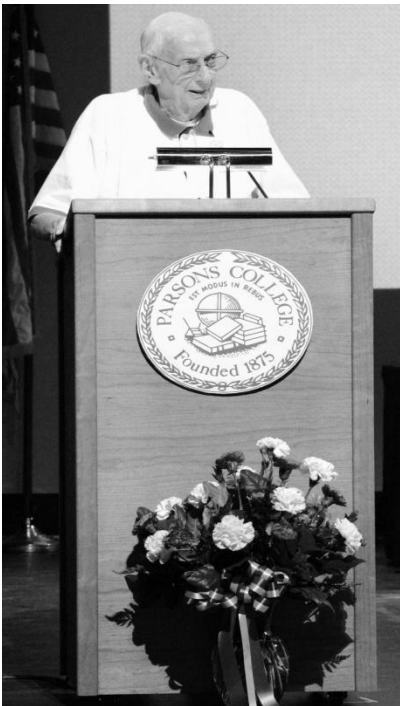
We are delighted to announce that **Robert E. Fox '66**, has joined the Parsons College Alumni Board of Directors, effective immediately. Robert graduated with a degree in Philosophy and Religion, went to work for Parsons upon graduation and became Dean of Men and Students. He attended Harvard University and worked briefly in Minnesota before moving to California where he became Vice President and Dean of Students and ultimately Vice Chancellor at Fresno City College. Robert was recently named to the Parsons College Wall of Honor. He replaces Richard Ivins who, after seven years on the board, resigned due to illness. WELCOME ABOARD, ROBERT!!!

## MUSEUM SPONSORED UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOURS COMING SOON

It will happen! Underground Railroad tours will be offered and coordinated out of the museum in the near future. The extensive research regarding the history of the Underground Railroad has been completed. Currently, there is a committee, museum volunteers and members of the PCAA who are working on the project. Local resident **Dick DeAngelis** has been a major contributor and is in the midst of doing an 8-part video series documentary on the history of Fairfield and the surrounding southeastern Iowa area. The first chapter, "Life Before Fair Field" received excellent reviews. Chapter two, "Heroes of Fairfield" was completed this summer and also received positive responses.

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## Parsons "Wildcats Spirit" Award Honors 3 New Members



*Dr. Robert Tree passing on congratulations to the Parsons Wall of Honor Class of 2018.*

The Parsons Foundation Fund, along with the Alumni Association announced the addition of three new members during the WOH ceremony weekend in October. The name plates of **Sheri Neff, Rhonda Blackstock and Bob Glocke** have been added to the master plaque which hangs in Alumni Hall at the FA&CC. This award was initiated several years ago to honor those persons who have contributed time and service over-and-above to our mission of carrying on the legacy and spirit of Parsons College. Recipients of this award exemplify the spirit, dedication, love and support of our programs. Neff and Blackstock were integral parts of each and every WOH program, from preparation, to ceremony day execution. Their contributions were invaluable. Glocke is a local resident of Fairfield and has been a huge supporter of the Barhydt Organ installation and maintenance project and has contributed heavily to the development of the Cultural Arts of Fairfield. Previous honorees of the Spirit Award include: **Nancy Wirtanen, Ray Ham, John Braidwood, Suzan Bates Kessel, Rustin Lippencott, Mark Shafer and Dr. Robert Tree...**

## **Carnegie Historical Museum Moving Forward With Support and Exposure**

**Dr. Kay Ferguson** and **Dr. Biff Kummer** continue to throw their hearts and souls into the budding development of the CHM to a landmark destination. They visit Fairfield frequently and assist curator **Mark Shafer** with every possible task. The progress seems to be very good. The cost to bring the building up to required code will be large. It will require the city of Fairfield to step up and to place the salvation of this historic building as a priority. Noting that the “powers that be” cannot even agree on a sign proposal design identifying the building as THE CARNEGIE HISTORICAL MUSEUM, that appears to be a major concern. In the meantime, Shafer works diligently with the resources he has and the few helpers and volunteers available to continue moving forward while receiving more and more memorabilia /artifacts each and every day. Why should Parsons Alums be so concerned? Because in addition to the museum housing the local city, county and regional history, including items from the Civil War, it also is the last remaining home of PARSONS COLLEGE memorabilia and artifacts. If the CHM goes away, so does our history.

## **SOCIAL HOUR DRAWS BUSINESS LEADERS**

Other events and happenings at the museum included, two very successful *Social Hours*, each attended by 200 Fairfield business leaders. Community and museum reports are presented during the evening. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served and many new friendships are being developed. There are a number who have indicated this was their first time to the museum.

## **Museum Logo T-Shirts for Kids +++**

An anonymous donor has produced and provided tie-dyed T-Shirts with the very distinct CHM Logo and they are being distributed at the First Friday Art Walk. The children are wearing the T-Shirts around town resulting in colorful advertising for the museum.

## **REGION REUNIONS – OPEN INVITATION**

Discussions continue regarding the initiation of Regional Reunions. Nancy reports she's got commitments from a number of Alums who are willing to step up to represent their states. If you are interested in getting involved and/or have any ideas regarding the project, please contact Nancy Wirtanen at [nwirtanen@yahoo.com](mailto:nwirtanen@yahoo.com).

## **THESE PEIRA YEARBOOKS MUST GO!!**

Currently the PCAA is sitting on a large number of Parsons College Peira Yearbooks. Quite simply, we need to unload these books. **Ed Longanecker** has put together a program. He is looking to combine a yearbook from yesteryear, say 1908, which is one of our oldest books, with one of the later years. The value and the history of the older books, the campus looks and what was happening in those years is invaluable. If you purchase one of the later books, 1962-1972, then, for an additional \$15.00 you will be able to add-on one of the older books represented between 1908 and 1961. What an excellent means to look back in history, but also look back at what the looks were during the teens, the roaring 20's and the depression years as well. Here's what's available.

1968, 1967, 1966 (supplement), 1965, 1964,  
1963, 1962, 1960, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1947,  
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## *Bet you didn't know??* by John Braidwood

In 1955, at the age of 37, **Millard G. Roberts** arrived at Parsons College. He brought with him a consuming personal ambition, a flamboyant personality and a flair for making headlines. Attacking many of the educational "sacred cows", he attracted wide attention with his revolutionary ideas. "Few men outside the ranks of education ever received as much publicity," it was said. His supporters praised his innovative, practical, pragmatic approach. A genius in his own right he captured the attention of academia throughout the country. Dazzling, intelligent, tireless, and an orator by all measures, Roberts could elicit enthusiasm for his ideas with the "force of a bull dozer and the guile of a snake-oil salesman." **Dr. Robert Tree** has been quoted as saying that Roberts mastery, delivery, and fluency, often created so much enthusiasm for his progressive ideas that the educational community was in awe. He initiated the trimester system, making it possible for students to reduce the time they would spend in college while enabling the college to make year-round use of its facilities. Rejecting the idea that colleges should admit only those students who ranked near the top of their high school classes, Roberts won for Parsons a reputation as America's "second chance" school. He streamlined the curriculum, increased the student-teacher ratio, and dispatched an army of recruiters across the United States to recruit students. Those students turned away at other colleges began to see attending college as a new hope. They flocked to Fairfield by the hundreds. By 1964 enrollment had reached 2,500 students, nearly a ten-fold growth in nine years. Remarkably, as early as 1960 Parsons had doubled in size. It touted a TIME magazine article as, a college for "marginal students." It was with this philosophy and second opportunity dynamic that this writer, after having received an edict from the University of New Mexico to never return, benefited from Roberts innovative prowess. Parsons College turned out to be my "messiah"! I am a product of a second chance opportunity and I will be forever grateful!

There were so many misconceptions regarding the demise of Parsons College, foremost was the matter of the loss of accreditation in April of 1967. Perhaps to the amazement of most Parsons graduates is the discovery that our *academic accreditation* was never in dispute! However, the North Central Association was adamant that they had issues with Robert's financial management of the college, which prompted our loss of *administrative accreditation*. The genius of Dr. Millard G. Roberts's progressive academic prowess unfortunately was no match for his business naiveté! His persistence to spend more money than he was earning provided the genesis for monetary failure! In 1966, Robert's was quoted by the Wall Street Journal as saying, "We expect Parsons to show a 5.3 million dollar profit in 1967," when in fact, the college's debt was growing at an average of nearly 1.0 million dollars a year! Following is a chronology of events as they happened from the revocation of accreditation in 1967 to the reinstatement of accreditation in 1970.

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### **THE YEAR 1967...**

**April 6** - The North Central Association of College & Secondary Schools voted in Chicago to revoke the accreditation of Parsons College, "because of the persistent failure" of the college to correct serious weaknesses.

**May 17** - Parsons charges "arbitrary action" in a formal appeal filed with the North Central Association.

**May 24** - By a vote of 101 to 58, Parsons faculty members expressed "no confidence" in President Millard G. Roberts and requested that he be removed from office.

**June 28** - The executive committee at the Board of Trustees meeting in Chicago, voted to fire Roberts. **Dr. William B. Munson**, Vice President for academics affairs was appointed to the office of interim president.

**July 22** - **William E. Weiss Jr.**, New York City, was elected chairman of the board of trustees, succeeding **W. Clyde Wright**, Oneonta, N.Y.

**July 26** - Following a lengthy hearing in Chicago district court, federal judge **Julius J. Hoffman** denied Parsons Colleges request for a temporary injunction to prevent the North Central Association from revoking its accreditation. The decision came only a few hours after the college had voluntarily withdrawn its suit.

**Sept. 4** - The commission on colleges and universities of the NCA., meeting in Chicago, turned down a final bid by Parsons to retain its accredited status.

**Sept. 17** - The Board of Trustees appointed **Dr. Wayne E. Stamper**, chairman of the biology department, to the office of provost, succeeding Dr. Munson as chief executive officer of the college. **Dr. Charles B. O'Hare** was also named dean of the college, succeeding **Dr. Jack Brown**.

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**Oct. 8** - Members of the faculty gave approval to a pay reduction plan proposed by the college administration.

**Dec. 9** - Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., the executive committee voted new powers to Stamper together with the title of Acting President. The action ended a move within the committee to name **Keith E. McWilliams**, Des Moines attorney, to the office of president.

**THE YEAR 1968**

**Feb. 5** - A new evaluation of the college was conducted by an NCA examining team headed by **George R. Wagoner** of the University of Kansas.

**Mar. 27** - The North Central Association at its annual meeting in Chicago, voted to give Parsons a new status of "recognized candidate for accreditation".

**May 10** - Stamper announced his resignation as acting president for health reasons.

**June 17** - **Dr. Carl W. Kreisler**, former head of the department of education took the oath of office as 16<sup>th</sup> president of the college.

**August 7** - President Kreisler announced a long-term refinancing agreement between the college and its major secured creditors. The agreement covered more than 50 percent of the college's total debt.

**THE YEAR 1969**

**Oct. 10** - Inauguration ceremonies for Dr. Kreisler.

**Dec. 2** - An NCA examining team, headed by **Dr. Morris Keeton** of Antioch College conducted a two-day evaluation of the college.

**THE YEAR 1970**

**April 8** - Upon the recommendation of the executive committee, delegates to the annual meeting of the North Central Association voted full accreditation to Parsons College.

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It begs the question as to why, upon Roberts firing, the board of trustees for the college insisted on only naming presidents from the college's pool of academia. It was well documented that the college was on a path of financial demise. Why then was the board not insisting on candidates with strong business credentials with a proven record of recovering businesses from financial uncertainty to favorable resolution? The answer to that question is quite simple according to a recent conversation with **Dr. Everett Hadley**, former Director of Curriculum, who was named president and served for six months prior to the college's termination in 1973. "The college just didn't have the money to attract such a candidate. The college was for all intensive purposes, financially bankrupt," said Dr. Hadley. Remarkably in that short six month period, Dr. Hadley managed to raised \$100,000 (equal to nearly \$600,000 in today dollars), as a result of his own efforts. Sadly, it just wasn't enough to appease the creditors. In 1970 Parsons was \$17 million in debt. Astonishingly, that would translate to approximately 111 million dollars today!



*"In 1973, the college was, for all intents and purposes, financially bankrupt," said acting president, Dr. Everett Hadley.*

As a note of interest, at a meeting a few days after the NCA's 1967 decision to remove our accreditation, Roberts claimed he did not understand what their claim to "persistent weaknesses" were, or why they had not been made clear to him, although, a reading of the NCA team report would have told anybody what the weaknesses were. Later Roberts commented on some of the criticisms, but neglected to mention the NCA's major concern(s), which was the excessive spending. And that eventually caused the millions of dollars of indebtedness that would culminate with his firing, and lead to the fatal closing and the end of our beleaguered college!!!!

# Looking At The Iowa Conference Today *by John Blackstock*

I was overcome a few Saturdays ago by a burst of nostalgia which thrust me back in time. Thinking of college football and remembering the Iowa Conference, the teams.....and our great Parsons College teams.....which, of course, no longer exist. It hurts to look back and wonder what could have been. But curiosity bit deeply into my psychic and I felt compelled to do a round-robin check of those teams of old. Here's the results of my weekend search and what I found in the 10th and final week of the 2018 football season: **Iowa Wesleyan (the toothless) Tigers** had a near perfect season...1-9 to be exact. They got burned 28-0 by Northwestern (MN) in their finale. Reminded me of 1962 when we burned their Homecoming floats on Friday night and torched their team on the field Saturday afternoon... BTW: How does a college of 570 students get to become a university??

Good thoughts abound when remembering the **Simpson College Storm** (that's a stretch for a nickname!). However, we must forever applaud Simpson as they were one on the first schools to welcome Parsons transfers when it shutdown. You could also halfway applaud their 7-3 record and the 56-7 whipping they put on Buena Vista last week. But I must ask, with nearly 1,400 students why is Simpson NOT a university?? ... If you've ever been to Storm Lake, Iowa the home of the **Buena Vista College Beavers**, you've been to the mythical neighborhood of Timbuktu. They're both isolated and in the middle of nowhere. The closest notable lake to Storm Lake is 150 miles away at the Clear Lake memorial site where Buddy, Richie and the Big Bopper went down in a 1959 plane crash. The closest the isolated Beavers team could come to a respectable season was a 3-7 record.



*The Wildcats dominated in 1961. They won the Iowa Conference, went 9-0 and were ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the N.A.I.A. L/R: Coach Gary Nady, John Bankus, and John Huston savor the Championship Trophy.*

The **William Penn Statesmen** also ring a bell...a winning bell for Parsons. Traveling to Oskaloosa, home of the Statesmen and one of the last Maid-Rite sandwich shops selling krumbly burgers, was a tasty experience of loose ground beef and a WIN on the football field. It was like going to a Fairfield Trojans Field home game. A quick 50 miles up and 50 back, sandwiched around a big old W, as in an easy win. Things haven't changed much. They lost their finale to Grandview 23-20 and finished 4-7. ... Further up the road another 20 miles in Pella, lurked another easy turnaround victory at the **Central College Dutch**. Its Colonial Dutch roots led to their nickname, Dutch. The pride of the Dutch also led to a stellar 8-2 season, including a last game season ending 37-34 win over Loras College.

**Dubuque University** was the college home of the Red & White colored Indians in our day. But with over 2,000 students and graduation to universityhood, they've been political nickname-corrected to the Spartans in today's world. Aside from decent skiing in the area, those Indians, turned Spartans, have also posted an excellent Spartanic 7-3 football season. Unfortunately, their playoff hopes were squelched by Wartburg College in week #10, 47-28. A fraternity bus trip from Fairfield, up the River Road for a Saturday game in Dubuque was always a messy thing of beauty.

But the real powerhouses of the day were the **Luther College Norsemen** and the **Wartburg College Knights**. The year 2018 showed no signs of power from the Norsemen of Decorah, Iowa. Their 1-9 season's record may have been the supreme definition of a power outage. Luther was the door mat of the Iowa Conference (now America Rivers Conference). No sympathy for this little school which bestowed humiliation on Parsons coach Gary Nady in 1961. Nady's divorce from then Miss America Marilyn Van Derbur, had just hit the paper. The hosting Luther student body picked up on it and the pep band spent the afternoon behind the Wildcats bench playing strands of "Here she comes (there she goes) Miss America!" However, the real humiliation was administered on the football field as Nady's team annihilated the Norsemen on the scoreboard... But it was the Knights of Wartburg which always seemed to play the role of David and launch the menacing stone at the superior Wildcats. The boys from Waverly were always a challenge. And today they still represent the cream of the crop in Iowa's Division III class category. The recent 47-28 victory over Dubuque sealed their American River Conference Championship and sent them to play Bethel University for a playoff game in Arden Hills, Minnesota with an 8-2 record. ... (*Wartburg lost to Bethel University 41-14 in the first round of the playoffs.*)

Had Parsons College regrouped and slid back into the Iowa Conference as a Division III team, one can only imagine the impact the Wildcats would have made on the conference. As a Parsons Alum, it kinda brings a tear to my eye. Go Wildcats!!!



# Parsons Alum Returns To Recant Memories One Last Time...

**BY PHIL COMO '67**

I left Parsons for the first time on June 11, 1967, in the company of my friend **Steve Dimarco**. Steve was a Phi Sig and I a TKE and we had graduated the day before Steve did all four years at Parsons and had graduated on time. I had one year at a New York college-with desultory results-and spent three years in Fairfield, also graduating on time.

Steve and I packed my VW Beetle, took a quick spin around for a last look and headed home to Long Island where we arrived the next day. Both of us had plans; Steve was going to work in the insurance industry and I was headed to Kentucky in the Fall to start grad school. At the moment, life was very good for both of us. We both managed to get back for Homecoming that Fall, but we agreed that since we were no longer students at Parsons things had a different feel. Steve married, had kids, enjoyed a successful sales career and, sadly passed on ten years ago without having made it back to Fairfield again.

For me, the next half-century has moved right along sometimes causing me to wonder where it actually went. After grad school, our friends from Selective Service came calling and I spent the better part of the next four years as a member of the US Marine Corps-including a year in Vietnam. I was gratified that I made it home OK and greatly saddened that people like **Roger Bachman**, a classmate and friend, had perished in that war.

So after all these years, I'm headed to Fairfield for one more visit carrying the baggage of a nice sales career, a terrific marriage, children, grandchildren and a happy retirement along with me.

I've been back a few times in the last decade. In 2010 I was honored to present Roger as part of the second Wall of Honor class. In 2015, to present my buddy and fellow TKE, **Jim Nield**, as he was inducted to the seventh class. It was a wonderful experience to present Jim and to see the great work being done by the PC Foundation Fund that had conceived and accomplished the creation of the celebration of so many distinguished Parsons alumni. These fellow members of the Parsons family had taken on a thankless job and breathed new life into the Parsons story.

So I'm headed back for one more trip this October. It's been a long time since Doc Bob's people beckoned and

figuratively said, "It's OK,, pal. Let's take a mulligan on that first year of college year. Come to Parsons and we'll help you get it together. If you let us, we'll work with you to make it a great experience." For me and so many others, Parsons was an introduction to the wildly possible. The experience has left an indelible imprint. All of it, the campus, the teaching staff, the chance to interact with people from all over the country,

Greek life, and the friendships that were born-has left literally thousands of us better for the experience. To an outsider, it may seem like nothing more than a small liberal arts college that had its run in the cornfields and then got derailed by overreach, hubris and bad management. It never was-and never will be-that simple.

I'm going back because I feel a strong sense of gratitude for my personal experience at Parsons. I think the place provided so many of us with a transformational time of life. And while it is certainly true that a lot of the physical plant is now gone, one can still feel that once, in the Springtime of our life, something important and really great happened there. I am sure that on this last trip out, if I close my eyes for just a second, **Biff Kummer** will lead a group of WTBA's past on their Hondas, that the Wildcats will electrify Blum Stadium one more time, that the Parsons contingent on "College Bowl" will do better, that those beautiful Homecoming floats with lovely sorority members riding atop will roll through the square and that our beautiful campus will be electric with activity

A lot of us are now in the evening of our life weighed down by our very personal histories. Our Parsons experience is best explained to fellow alumni. They understand how it all had such a purchase on the lives we have all had since those days. They will no doubt agree with the simple premise that...There Will Always be a Parsons College...

## NEW YEARS

Have a Cool Yule, and A Cheer Year.  
Toast Each Other With Wine and Beer.  
Everything Will Be Just Fine.  
When We Sing Auld Lang Syne!

Lee Kane - 55'

In all honesty, three words suffice: “Fairfield offered everything.” We researched the 1962-70 Peira yearbooks, noting /photographing the Fairfield retail establishments who were supporters of Parsons College. We then compared this to a vintage 1970 Fairfield telephone directory with yellow pages. In short, there were as many as 28 retailers who truly supported the college annually. We would guess that today 90% of ENews Alums will remember 95% of the establishments mentioned. Believe it or not, some of them are still in business today.

So, pretend you’re back in college and are in need of personal things or more. Well, you could go to the PC Bookstore at the James Camp Student Union, as it supplied just about anything we needed. The Student Union, Circa 1963-up, also had plenty of entertainment downstairs. Or you could venture to the friendly town square stores – plus, Fairfield’s many miles of retail establishments along Highway 34 (east-west) and a few on Highway 1 (north-south).

The Pre-1963’s student majority hailed mostly from mid-western rural communities. By 1965, enrollment had nearly tripled and we’d estimate that most of the increase were from larger, eastern and southern seaboard locales. We mention this because back then we never remember anyone complaining about Fairfield’s physically lacking anything except more television entertainment. For the record, we distinctly recall the three TV channels in 1962-63 received on the Commons TV: (A). Corn Report channel, (B). Hog Report channel and (C). Lawrence Welk.

Back then, if you needed to know anything about Fairfield, a visit to the Chamber of Commerce produced lists of everything – including rental properties. It always amazed the town folks how strong Parsons’ sororities, fraternities and social organizations were and all the rented party houses in and out of Fairfield’s city limits! For your fun review, we have assembled a list of Parsons College-supporting, Fairfield retail establishments, covering 11 shopping and entertainment venues. All photos were first published in Peira yearbooks. This story and accompanying list is certainly not inclusive. We hope they jog your memory and bring back some enjoyable thoughts of your years in Fairfield. Where did you shop? What stores were your favorites. Read on, please!!!

- 1). INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT: PC Student Union and James M. Camp Student Center, CO-ED Movie Theater, Flamingo Bowling Lanes.
- 2). SUNDRY PURCHASES: Places Super Dime Store, Gibson’s, Parsons Book Store.
- 3). OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT: Ben’s Honda & Kawasaki, Duke’s Cycles, Jerry Smith’s Cycle Ranch, Fairfield Sports Shop (hunting/firearms).
- 4). NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES & READING MATERIAL: Fairfield News Agency.
- 5). FURNITURE & APPLIANCES: Bradshaw’s, Foster’s Auction, Robinson’s Appliance, Wulff’s.
- 6). DINING: Parsons Student Union, Woody’s Café, Broadway Café, George’s Pizza, Pagliai’s Pizza, The Hilltop, Pizza Hut, Capri, Family Café, Maid-Rite, Samuelson’s Café, Stever House, Meatball Sandwich Shop.
- 7). CLOTHING: Brown’s Shoe Fit Co., Gobbles’s, Hang Ten, Inez Fashion, JCPenney’s, Perry Clothing, Seifert’s.
- 8). SOCIAL HOUR, ETC: The Den, The T&C, Flamingo Lanes Shadow Room.
- 9). AUTOMOBILES: Boldt Chev., Olds, Jeep; C&O Motors; Clevenger Buick, Pontiac, GMC; Courtney Rambler, Dodge: Danielson Motor Co; Jefferson Motor Co.
- 10). MUSIC: Schaefer’s Music Box.
- 11). JEWELRY: Gimbel’s Jewelry, Svacina’s Jewelry.

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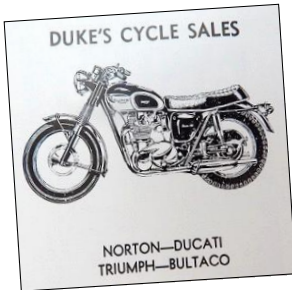


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## Greek & Social News...

### The Sig Eps Are Making it Happen!!!

Omaha, Nebraska.... The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Iowa Zeta Chapter, has been gathering every two years since 2006. A new city is chosen every two years and plans are made for those members of the fraternity to join together with their spouses to get caught up on the past two years and hear the same stories that they have rehashed over the past decade. This year, Omaha, Nebraska was chosen because of its central location in the United States. We had brothers from San Clemente CA, Philadelphia PA, Michigan, New Jersey, Arizona, Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska join together for two and a half days of brotherhood. The committee was composed of Rick and Maxine Romano, Hobie Bannister and Dave Neff. The brothers arrived during the day on Friday and began to gather later Friday afternoon for snacks and refreshments. Pizza and salad were delivered to the hotel for the Friday evening meal. Saturday breakfast and an early start for the Iowa Hawkeyes vs. Indiana began at 11:00 a.m. Shopping in the Old Market district of Omaha was available for the ladies along with the museums and other cultural areas visits in the downtown area. Saturday evening was a night on the town at a top-rated restaurant and everyone gathered following the



*The Lucky 13 who gathered in Omaha: Sitting: Ron Lawson, Bob Habetler, Gene Calvin, Ron Langner; Standing: Dave Neff, Rick Romano, John Nair, Larry Blixt, Hobie Bannister, Ernie Eveland, Jim Purdy, Don Palmer and John Bankus.*

meal to decide that Las Vegas, NV. should be the next port of call in 2020. Those brothers attending were; **John & Mary Bankus, Larry & Beth Blixt, Hobie & Dawn Bannister, Gene & Karen Calvin, Ernie & Susan Eveland, Bob & Mary Habetler, Ron Langner & Patti Winfrey, Rob Lawson, John & Karen Nair, Dave Neff, Gary & Toni Olson, Don Palmer, Jim Purdy and Rick & Maxine Romano...**

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## Sharpchuters Rally To Fairfield for Weekend Reunion

The Parsons Sharpchuters held their 2<sup>nd</sup> reunion in three years at the WOH weekend October 4-7, 2018. There were 6 members who arrived on Friday. Two others, **Steve Greenfield** and **Ray Bundy**, who were on our list and intended to attend cancelled due to health problems. The rainy weekend may have also limited travel. The members attending were **Alan Wein**, **Jeff Mazer (Rita)** from Florida, **Rick Young** of Maryland, **Tony Stroh** of Boulder, Colorado, **Joe Hartman**, Iowa and **Dave Ferling**, Huntington Beach, California. **Dave Williams** and his wife met the group at the Des Moines airport for a brief visit but did not make the trip to Fairfield.

Mazer made a short speech on the history of the Sharpchuters at the Wall of Honor Saturday afternoon luncheon. A slide show of the photos, articles and press clippings of the club produced by Ferling accompanied Mazer's speech. The dual production brought back many great memories for those looking on. It was noted that Mazer's high altitude jump from 35,500 feet on a cold February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1967, still stands as an area freefall record.

While in Fairfield, the Sharpchuters toured the old campus remains and had a great time reminiscing their many adventures. George's Pizza received the group's full support and served as one of the many stopping points where the group gathered to share stories of old, and reminisce with laughter.



*Sharpchuters visit Alumni Hall - L/R: Alan Wein, Joe Hartman, Rick Young, Tony Stroh, Jeff Mazer and Dave Ferling.*

This unique group originated in 1964 with 5 students. They were 20-21 years old and had a vision of a parachute club. The group grew to 40-50 members at height of enrollment and purchased their own airplane and became a home game highlight parachuting in the football game ball at Blum Stadium.

Mazer also announced that a wooden plaque of a skydiver and a bottle of champagne was delivered to the Carnegie Museum. That plaque and champagne will remain at the museum so that the last standing Sharpchuter will be able to uncork the bottle and hoist a toast in memory of the club and its' members of the past.

Although no date has been schedule, the Sharpchuter's are already looking forward to their next get together and they have their sights possibly on Florida.

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## Zeta/Sig Eps Working On 65 Years Of Friendship

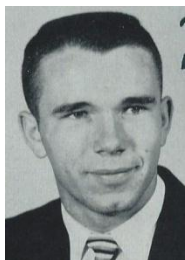
For the past few years, a small group of men who attended Parsons College In Fairfield have been meeting for lunch/breakfast on a somewhat regular basis every month or two. All are fraternity men of the Zeta Theta Gamma group, which later became the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Fraternity. The men hail from the greater Des Moines area and down into Ottumwa. Since Pella is a midway point between the two cities, that location has been the site selection of the most recent gatherings. All of these men graduated during the 1955-1958 time period. As a group, they also played on the various Parsons athletic teams (football, basketball, baseball, track), so that provides an abundance of common subject matter on which to reminisce at their gatherings.

Remarkably, all of the men are in their 80's and it is highly possible they will most likely not meet as frequently as in the past. But thus far, health issues have not slowed them down and are not a point of concern. The one thing that really stands out is the camaraderie. These men are united, enjoy each others company and really like each other. They were good friends 60-65 years ago and they remain close friends today. The fraternity membership back in the 1950's bought them together then and those bonds are every bit as strong today. One of their proudest lifetime achievement moments was back in 1955 when the basketball team, captained by senior **Lee Kane** set the school record with a 109 points game...and there were no 3-point shot in those days. The mainstay regulars of this special group in addition to Kane are **Dan Guillon, Bob Spencer, George Long, Bob Vanderzyl and Fred Bankus**. A seventh member, **Ron Kester** passed away... (Ed's Note: Information submitted by Lee Kane '55)

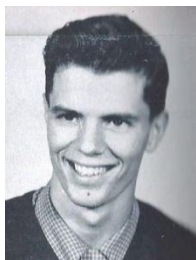
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*Zeta's LOOKING GOOD then!!*

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*Kane*



*Long*



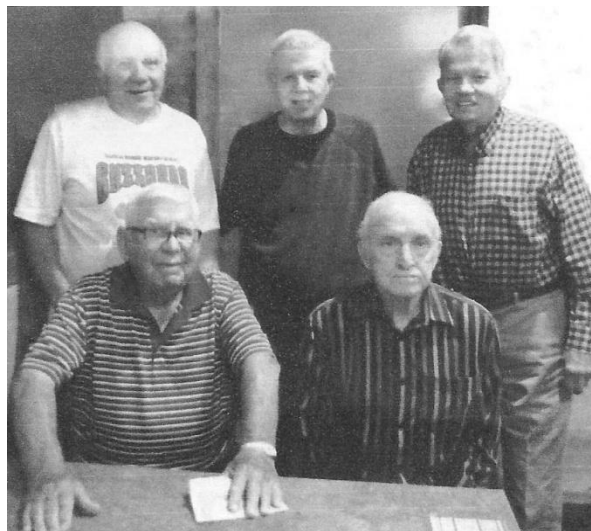
*Guillon*



*Spencer*



*Vanderzyl*



*The members of this prodigious band of alumni are –Standing L/R: Fred Bankus, Lee Kane and George Long. Sitting L/R: Dan Guillon, Bob Spencer; (Not pictured, Bob Vanderzyl)...*

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**It's a WINNER!!**

## Enthusiastic “Rummers” Return to Revisit Their Old Haunts



“Rum and Chowder Gentlemen’s Society” L/R: Mike Carlson, Bob Hunt, Kip Walsh, Frank Fontana, John Braidwood, Steve Hektoen. Missing: Steve Swanson

“Rum and Chowder Gentlemen’s Society”..A small but enthusiastic group of Rummers participated in the final 2018 Wall of Honor/Reunion in Fairfield. The group consisted of John Braidwood (Wall of Honor recipient), Mike Carlson, Frank Fontana, Steve Hektoen, Bob Hunt, Steve Swanson and Kip Walsh. The group had a good time touring the old campus, favorite watering holes, old Rummer house sites and Libertyville.

## TKE’S SWARM TO THE DESERT LAND OF ARIZONA

All reports from the desert land of Arizona gave a thumbs up to another outstanding gathering of the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Hosted by **Gary Ratkin** with a little help from brother **Barth Holohan**, several dozen TKE’s attended the multi-day events in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. We have no names to report but thanks to Billy Jordan, here is a mini collage of photos from the late spring event... The TKE’s in action!!!



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## The Alumni Write...

Well, after 10 years I certainly believe the Wall of Honor was a great success. Many thanks to you, Sheri, John, Biff and everyone who did such an outstanding job. I was fortunate to be honored in 2013 and will always be grateful for this recognition. Barbara and I made 7 out of 10 ceremonies and truly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the induction of new members. Well done my friends.

*David and Barbara Harding* - [dhardingfsu83@gmail.com](mailto:dhardingfsu83@gmail.com)



Thanks and much applause to **Dave Neff** and the Parsons Foundation Fund and **Nancy Wirtanen** and the Parsons Alumni Association for making this great Parsons weekend happen...The Sharpcutters hope to gather again soon, possibly in Florida...

*Jeff Mazer & Dave Ferling, PC'Sharpcutters*

Many thanks for the Wall of Honor photos. I thought they represented the day very well. The whole weekend went very well and there was a good turnout. Also, the weather cooperated. All in all, very good show.

*Bob Tree, PC Faculty 1955-73*

I enjoy the Newsletters you send and I read them over and over. Always glad to get "news" and articles on Parsons and Fairfield. While at Parsons I had a business course that involved the class splitting into teams to work on related projects. Several of us were to meet at the Leggett Hotel. That hotel was a story in itself. As the two of us crossed campus near Trustee Gym, a big black car pulled up beside us and stopped. Inside was President Roberts behind the wheel. He offered us a ride to the Leggett. I dreaded that I would say something wrong and embarrass myself and say something stupid, but we got in. He talked non-stop about Parsons, Fairfield and the future of both. The man was a dynamo and we were mesmerized. The incident will stay with me the rest of my life. Dr. Roberts termination was very difficult for me. I really believed Parsons would have survived had he remained and been a part of its future. Time has a way of putting things into perspective. The portrait of Dr. Roberts painted by John Braidwood and others may be accurate but it is sad that the vision he saw for Parson College did not materialize. And a Medical College?

(Spring/Summer 2018 Newsletter). Can you imagine? I can only wish!! I just want to wish you all the best for the holidays!!!

*Paul Emery, PC'n/a*



*Courtesy of Dennis Marandos*

**"Eat LESS, Move MORE!!"**



## *In Memoriam...*

**Ronald Cayler, PC'n/a...** Passed away in July of 2018. Ron resided in Des Moines. He graduated Valley High School in 1958 and later attended Parsons. Ron and Nancy Nesselroad met at a square dance in Booneville, IA and were married in 1960. He was a foreman at Delavan Manufacturing, a Snap-On Tools dealer and finished his career at Townsend Industries. During retirement he worked for the Glen Oaks Country Club in West Des Moines, "mowing the rough" with great pride, as he put it. He and wife Nancy raised their family in the Maple Grove United Methodist Church where they were active members. Ron's love for music led him to spending many weekends with "The Hi-Fi's" dance band playing throughout the state of Iowa. He was an outdoorsman, loved to travel and a great family man. Ron is survived by his wife, three children (families) and eight grandchildren. A funeral service was held at McLaren's Chapel in West Des Moines...



**Charles F. "Charley" Barnett, PC'49-'53...** He was 87, resided in Ottumwa and died October 27, 2018 at Ottumwa Regional Health Center. He was born in Quincy, Illinois. A graduate of Parsons College, he served 16 years in the Iowa National Guard, retiring as Captain. While serving as Director of Admissions at Parsons, Charley was very instrumental in building the Parsons Admissions department to one of the largest and most encompassing in the country. At one time, the Parsons Admissions Department was ranked second to only Stephens College of Columbia, MO. Charley later became Executive Director of the Fairfield, Yuma, AZ and Ottumwa Chambers of Commerce.

He had been a member of the First Christian Church in Fairfield and was a member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge #347 in Ottumwa and was an avid golfer. Surviving are his son, Mike (Terry) Barnett of Keenesburg, CO; four grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and a nephew. Charley was preceded in death by his wife, Jean and a sister. His body has been cremated and a memorial service was held at Reece Funeral Home with Rev. James Wakelin officiating...

**James Edmund Small, PC'70-'73...** Jim was 66 and lived in rural Farmington, Iowa. He passed away October 28, 2018, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic in Iowa City. He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Parley D. and Virginia L. (Edmund) Small and married Mary Ellen Sabatka in Croton, Iowa. James was a 1970 graduate of Pekin High School. He attended Parsons College. He worked as a farmer, business owner and caregiver. James enjoyed fishing and hunting, and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. Survivors include: his wife Mary; one daughter; one grandson; and and one special cousin. His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation. Per his wishes no services were planned...

**Robert "Bob" Fletcher, PC'65...** Bob passed away at his home in San Ramon, California on October 23, 2018 after a brief illness. He was 78 yrs. old. Bob was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Shortridge High School in 1958. Bob served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1959 to 1965, including two years active duty in the Far East on the USS Topeka, a Missile Cruiser. He graduated from Parsons in 1965 with a BA in Business Administration and remained at the college for three years following graduation working as an Academic Advisor in the Office of the Dean. In 1968 he moved to California and joined Wells Fargo Bank as a Management Trainee and worked in banking until 1976. He then began a career in equipment leasing and in 1990 he became a Burger King franchisee and owned restaurants in the Bay Area and New Mexico until 2014. He was married to Ann Davies for 44 years. They have two daughter. Bob has always been involved in his community and he was a member of a number of clubs, including the Rotary, was active in his church and also served on a number of Board of Directors. He is survived by his wife, Ann and daughter. A Celebration of Life was held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Danville...

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**Susan Klein Allen PC'68**, a graduate of Parsons College and valedictorian of the class of June 1968, died Oct. 17, 2018, at home after an illness. She was 72. She was born in Chicago but moved to Milwaukee while in her teens. Aside from college and several years after graduation, she never left Milwaukee, a city she loved. Susan entered Parsons in fall 1964 on a full scholarship. She pledged the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, was a member of the honorary societies Omicron, Green Key, Monx Head and served as Secretary of Student Body in 1967-68. Susan also served on the Student Center Board, was a member of the national honorary society Phi Kappa Phi, which recognizes superior scholarship, was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and she graduated

with a 4.0 GPA. But while Susan was a scholar and campus leader, she was also very social and a lot of fun. She participated in Stuffing & Fluffing during Greek Week, attended parties and mixers, and loved to hop on the back of a motorcycle. While she would be the first to admit her singing was painful to hear, she participated in AGD serenades and performed in Greek sings. It seemed that Susan was everywhere, knew everyone and did everything. She was an English major and student taught at Ottumwa High School where she met a fellow teacher, whom she married and later divorced. She worked for Allis-Chalmers, the agricultural machinery company, as a training manager, retired early and spent much of her time traveling. For almost 10 years Susan was an amateur ballroom dancer, entering and placing in local competitions. She was active in her church, supported many festivals in the city of Milwaukee, including Summerfest, which she rarely missed. Susan loved Parsons and attended the All-Class reunion in 2013. Although she developed health challenges, Susan lived life to the fullest and under her own terms. Susan is survived by a sister and a niece, a long-time companion, many friends, and her AGD sisters. A memorial service was held on November 5 at West Granville Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee...

**John Keith Liljedahl PC'69-'73...** went to meet our Lord and Savior on August 8, 2018. He just turned 69 on August 4, 2018. Per John's wishes, he will be cremated and no services are planned at this time. He was born in Ottumwa to Harold and Alberta (Hill) Liljedahl and married Susan Saladion on July 20, 1991. John graduated from Parsons in 1973. He worked at the University of Iowa research and cancer department, and Tulane University of New Orleans in the Animal Science & Research for Cancer Department. John enjoyed fishing and a good BBQ. He will be missed by those who called him husband, son, brother, uncle and friend. Survivors include, his wife, Susan, his parents, Harold and Alberta both of Fairfield, a sister, close friend Kent Metz and a host of relatives...



**Frank Fabian Schmidt**, 76, of Wilbraham, MA, passed away at home Thursday, September 13, 2018 with his loving wife, Geraldine, by his side. Frank was born in New York City to Fabian and Katharina (Hum) Schmidt who were immigrants from Engelsprunn, Austria-Hungary. He graduated in 1959 from Scarborough School in Briarcliff Manor, NY and Parsons in 1963. Frank took over his father's business, The Ornamental Iron Shop, in Springfield, MA upon his death, one month before his college graduation. He managed the business for 18 years. After selling the shop in 1981, he became a partner in the Wilbraham Spirit Shop & Plaza Package Store in Springfield and retired in 2010. Frank was an exceptional athlete in all sports. He attributed his success, and the man he became, to his affiliation

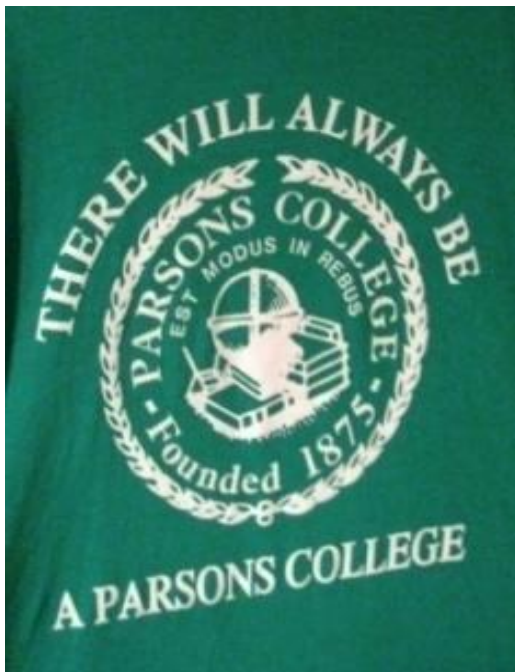
with the Colts Youth Club in Yonkers, NY and coached many teams over the years. Frank was married for 54 years and is also survived by three sons (and families) and a brother and a host of relatives. He was a GREAT "Pop" to his eight grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Wilbraham Funeral Home in Wilbraham, MA...

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**Robert "Bob" H. Harper PC'70...** of Keosauqua, passed away September 5, 2018, at Van Buren County Hospital. He was 71. Bob was born January 23, 1947, in Wiesbaden, Germany. He married Rita Curtis June 4, 1966, at Lutheran Church in Fairfield, IA. This year they celebrated 52 years of marriage. Bob graduated from Fairfield High School Class of 1965. While attending Parsons College he worked nights at American Chain & Cable, delivered milk for Hometown Dairy and also worked at Brown's Shoe Fit in Fairfield on the weekends. Bob graduated in 1970 from Parsons College on the Dean's list. He lived in Fairfield until 1972 when he moved to Texas where he was a salesman for Majestic Fireplace until he retired in 2008. At that time, Bob and Rita moved back to Iowa and made their home in Keosauqua. Bob was an outdoorsman who also enjoyed riding his 4-wheeler and tractor with his dogs, Susie & Rosie, by his side. He loved going to auctions and keeping in touch with his classmates and friends. Left to share Bob's memories are his wife, Rita Harper of Keosauqua, his son, one grandchild, a sister and numerous nieces & nephews. A Celebration of Life service was held at Behner Funeral Home with remembrances given by family and friends...



**Frank J. McClurg PC'58...** of Bettendorf, IA died August 23, 2018 at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf. Frank was born in Fairfield. He married Shirley Kessel and graduated from Parsons in 1958. He worked 33 years for Deere and Company after starting his career in Ottumwa. Frank later worked for Deere in Dubuque and Davenport and retired as manager of the Parts Distribution Warehouse in Milan. Following retirement, he served as Vice-President of Development for Teikyo Marycrest University in Davenport. He also volunteered at the United Way and had a 30-year association with Junior Achievement. He was a regular at the Drake Relays for 35 years. Frank is survived by his wife, three daughters (families) and a host of relatives. The funeral arrangements were handled by the Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory in Rock Island, IL...



#### WINTER

Winter Has Arrived, the Winds Are Blowing  
Skies Are Graying, Soon To Be Snowing.  
The Wind Index and the Winter Chill.  
Definitely affect the Utility Bill.  
When the Sun is Shining, the Snow Is Bright  
Creating A Wonderland at Night.  
There's Skiing and Sledding, Snowmen To Build.  
Fireplaces are Burning, and Tummies to Be Filled.  
Icicles Hang From the Eaves and Trees  
One Can Hear an Occasional Sneeze.  
There are so Many Items Winter Can Bring.  
But they All Fade Away as We Head Into Spring.

Lee Kane '55

***"These ARE the GOOD OLE DAYS!!"***



## Barhydt Organ Endowment Fund Drive

November 30, 2018

Dear friends of the Parsons College experience:

The Barhydt Organ Endowment Fund was established by the Organ Committee for the future maintenance of the organ. Our goal is to increase the organ endowment fund to \$40,000 or more. The endowment fund is now \$13,062.00. The donations are invested to insure perpetual funding that will keep this valuable musical instrument operating. Annual average maintenance costs can exceed \$600. The interest will provide the needed funds. We are asking you to help us meet this goal with your generous donation to the Barhydt Organ Endowment Fund.

Please make your tax deductible contribution to the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center and indicate that it is for the Barhydt Organ Endowment Fund. Our IRS number is 42-1471055.

The Organ Committee raises an annual budget of \$10,000 to present 4 concerts on the Barhydt organ. We are excited about the variety and quality of the Barhydt organ performances we have been able to bring to the Fairfield community, and we look forward to continuing this tradition.

The Organ Committee, as well as the many people who attend our concerts, appreciate your support. If you require additional information or have a concert suggestion for the Sondheim Organ Music Spotlight Series, please contact Rustin Lippincott at 641-472-2000 or [rustin@fairfieldacc.com](mailto:rustin@fairfieldacc.com).

Help us to keep the memory of Parsons College alive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Kelenyi".

Ed Kelenyi, Chair, The Barhydt Organ Committee  
Fairfield Arts & Convention Center

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