

A GOOD LIFE IS A COLLECTION OF HAPPY MEMORIES

MEMORY BOOK

CHS 1972
45th Reunion
October 6-7, 2017



We Do Not Remember Days,
We Remember Moments!

Thanks for the memories and to everyone for sharing your information, pictures.

It's official - the class of 1972 is the best!!



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Joey Secard and Joe Dick

**Members: Dick Hannum, Sally Meaders,
Diana Newmier, Ken Sternweis, Mary
Tollefson, Michael Varney, Paul Weber**

**A special thank you to Ken Sternweis for
his commitment to keeping us connected!**

Only those classmates and faculty members (or family members of a classmate) that have submitted information for this reunion are included in this Memory Book.

**What's is still on
your bucket list?**

Grandkids and
travel



**Retired?
What's that
like?**

All 14 Days –
Awesome!

Favorite Vacation? Family Road Trips

Rich DeJarlais



What has been the best part of your life so far?

Children and Family



Donna (Hanson) Donoval



Larry & Me!

What has been the best part of your life so far?

Watching our children grow up into great adults that I love spending time with. Having grandchildren is certainly a joy too!

Retired? What is that like?

I am retired as of this past June from the Sheboygan Area School District after 41 years as a high school special education (Learning Disabilities) teacher.

What's is still on your bucket list?

Travel of course, but nothing specific.

Favorite vacation?

We have taken many trips with our kids as they were growing up. One year we went to the '96 Olympics in Atlanta. That was really great. Recently Larry and I have taken a number of trips on our Harley with a group of friends. I guess I really don't have a favorite, as any vacation is great to me!

Donna (Hanson) Donoval

Our daughter Andrea,
her husband Charlie
and their 3 children:
Nadia, Aidric and Reyna



Our son Eric and
his wife Lindsay

Donna (Hanson) Donoval



Our two children all grown up....
Andrea and Eric-

A moment together on his
wedding day!

Larry and I enjoying our Harley



Elaine Dix



Favorite Vacation?

Disney World!

**What's been the
best part of your life so
far?**

Being able to work



Susan (Gropp) Ellis



What has been the best part of your life so far?

Good health and family!

Retired? What's that like?

The 3-year countdown has begun!

Favorite Vacation

Island of Antiqua

What is still on your bucket list?

Any sort of travel would be wonderful!

Joe Finamore

**Retire? What's
that like?**
Not yet.



Music. It keeps me grounded.

Woodworking and home
renovation. 2 hobbies of mine.



Joe Finamore



In the locker room at Lambeau field

Favorite Vacation?

Every vacation
in Colorado
has been my
favorite



Love skiing and love Colorado

Joe Finamore



Skydiving...used to be on my bucket list

What has been the best part of your life so far?

Grandkids, friends

What is still on your bucket list?

Ziplining, travel to Europe, especially Italy

Karen (Baltus) Fischer



Retired? What's that like?

Yes, I am retired, but there is still so much to do that I can barely keep up.

What has been the best part of my life so far?

My family, friends, pets, English Cottage Garden, and Orb Photography.

Favorite family vacation?

Cancun, 1997. Ron got sick from the water, but we still had our son with us, so it was the greatest.

Still on my bucket list?

1) To write a book, and 2) return to the Bahamas/Caribbean (which was my second favorite vacation).



Mary (Poehnelt) Frey



**What is still on
your bucket list?**

Take a trip back
to Alaska

What has been the best part of your life so far?

Gary & I have bought a home on the Holcombe Flowage & we absolutely love it.

Our kids & grandkids are having an awesome time sharing their weekends with us. Family time has never been better.

Clarine (Magedanz) Furey



Christmas with the kids
having fun with table tennis

Dion & I with his 1986 Renault
Alliance (made in Kenosha) at the
South Shore Yacht Club Car Show



**What has been the best part of your
life so far?**

Family, career, traveling & now
retirement. Life is good!

Retired? What is that like?

Retirement has been great though I
have so much to do, I don't know how I
ever had time to work. I do however
have rental property, I volunteer for
things I enjoy & I travel. It's odd not
knowing the day of the week though...

Clarine (Magedanz) Furey

What's is still on your bucket list?

I have gone to every state except Alaska so that's on next summer's list with my children. And I've always wanted to go to New Zealand. I also started playing table tennis & would like to win the gold medal in the Women's Wisconsin Senior Olympics.

Favorite vacation?

So hard to choose - I've been so fortunate to travel a lot. Every other year I chaperone high school students to Brookfield's Sister City near Frankfurt Germany so I have close friends there & have done a number of side trips. I've also been to China, Turkey (beautiful), Israel, much of Europe, all types of trips. Lately I've gone out west skiing again. I'd like to be a professional travel guide/ companion.



Sister Jean - CHS math teacher at School Sisters of Notre Dame retirement home in Elm Grove. I volunteered for their Ice Cream Social & also got to talk to Sister Josephe Marie who recognized me. A few years ago I also talked to Sister Miranda (physics) who has passed away. What a memory these Sisters have. I gave Sister Josephe Marie our reunion info & website. They may be checking up on us!

John Hackman



John & Laura at a Cubs-Brewer game.

Retired? What is that like?

Not yet

Five Generations

Favorite vacation?

Fly in Walleye Fishing
Trip on a remote
Canadian lake or an all-
inclusive week on a
beach in the
Dominican Republic.



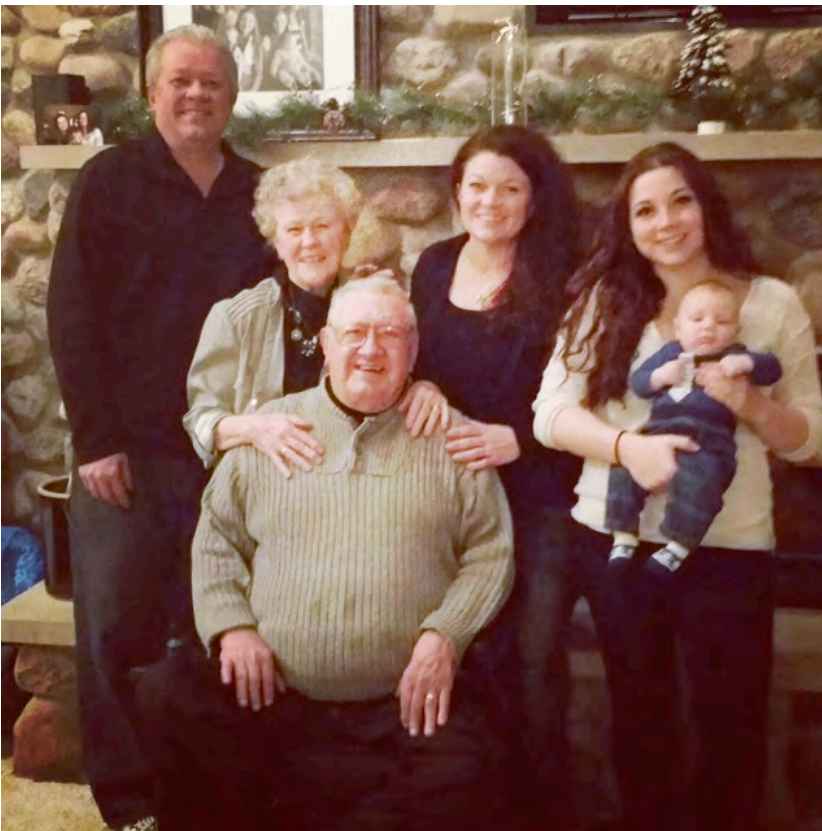
John Hackman



What has been the best part of your life so far?

My marriage to Laura and the birth of my daughters

John & Laura sailing in the Apostle Islands. We were actually married on Raspberry Island in the Apostle Islands.



What's is still on your bucket list?

To be retired and carefree.

Five Generations

Mary Dee Hayden



What's is still on your bucket list?

That changes day to day.

Retired? What is that like?
Highly recommended!!

What has been the best part of your life so far?

I was lucky enough to have a wonderful career in special education, and spend a lot of time with friends and family. I was very fortunate to be of help to and spend a lot of time with our Mom, Dena, who also lived in Milwaukee.

When I think of the CHS Class of 1972, I always think of our parents and our friends, and our house in Marshfield. That's where the good times began!

We could walk up West Sixth Street, and knew the name of every family that lived in those houses. And, thanks to my Father, we also knew whether they were Democrats or Republicans. It doesn't seem that long ago that a stroll down Sixth Street, past the Wittman house and Mounce's Garage, would get us onto Central Avenue and on our way to the Noll Gift Shop, our "family" business.

Much has happened since those days, but the importance of good friends has been a constant since those days of 45 years ago!! There are still a lot of memories to be made, and we've got a great foundation on which to build them!

Joellen (Weber) Heiman

A day in the sun
and on the boat

Favorite Vacation?

Traveling on a catamaran to
and around the British
Virgin Islands

Joellen and Ken



Wisconsin Badger game.
Fun in the box seats!

Retired? What's that like?

Semi-retired. Awesome
wouldn't go back to fulltime.

Joellen (Weber) Heiman

Grandchildren...the best part
of being a grandparent



...You can't take her anywhere.
Jumping on a trampoline



What is still on your bucket list?

Travel more before I can't
because of health.



Guess who this little kid is?



Retired? What's that like?

Two more years!

What has been the best part of your life so far?

My children Raeanna, Shelly, Audra and my grandchildren Nolan, Lennon



What's still on your bucket list?

Scotland and would like to go on an African Safari.

Randy Kraemer

Favorite Vacation?

Canada fly-in fishing



What has been the best part of your life so far?

Childhood and innocence. Trying to keep a child-like outlook in an adult society.

Retired? What is that like?

Under-rated



**What is still on your
bucker list?**

Scotland – gold and
scotch distilleries

Sally (Koenig) Meaders

What has been the best part of your life so far?

I have had more blessings than I can write. I cannot pick just one!



Retired? What's that like?

Still employed. I am an HR Project Manager for Nobis Works. We are a community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) located in Marietta, GA. Our Vision is, "Empowering People Through Employment." We envision supportive communities where people with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to work.

What is still on your bucket list?

Travel to Germany

Favorite Vacation?

It is too hard to pick just one! I have been blessed to travel to Anchorage, AK and all the way to Saudi Arabia, and many places in between!

Jeff Morzinski



Took a “bucket list” vacation to Alaska with my family, Maelynn, Jared and Christian. Lots of fun and did a little fishing and ATV riding too.

What is still on your bucket list?

I’m kind of interested in working with landscaping stone and going fast on a Harley. But my bucket has a few leaks – so maybe I’ll settle for throwing stones and time on my mountain bike.

On occasional I get talked into a round of golf, here with Columbus class of ’70 buddies Bucky, Dave, Tim and Jim.



Jeff Morzinski



Enjoying Lambeau with classmates. What are the odds of running into this group of long-time friends tailgating on a nice fall day? Turns out the odds were good (and as they say in Alaska... the "goods" were odd)!

Retired? What is that like?

Not yet... hoping in the next year or two.

What has been the best part of your life so far?

Time with family and friends – definitely. And knowing that there's more to come, God willing, as work winds down and family, church (community & related), travelling and time up north take over.

Favorite Vacation?

Our recent family trip to Alaska. We've also taken trips to Hawaii that were wonderful.

Diana Newmier



Larry (fiancé) and me this year.
Larry unexpectedly passed away
on September 20, 2017

Retired? What's that like?

That is just not on my radar.
I finally figured out that my
career is my hobby.

**What's been the best part of your
life so far?**

Every experience with family, friends,
travel, career. I wouldn't trade any
of them.

Larry and my grandson Erik



Diana Newmier



My daughter's wedding June '17 in Ireland. Larry's sons and his daughter-in-law to be, my daughter and son-in-law, and grandchildren.



Swimming with the dolphins - Atlantis April '16



Youngest Grandson, Donnchadh, 2



Favorite Vacation?

Hmmm...Atlantis, Germany, Bermuda, Turks & Caicos, Puerto Rico, Australia, etc. I guess all of them.

What is still on your bucket list?

Trip to Africa

Me-off-riding on the coldest Labor Day I can remember - September '17



My dad mowing his lawn at age 98 ½ - August '17

Dorie (Schuetz) Panske

What has been the best part of your life so far?

Tim and I have been together 47 years, married 41. We have been together in our years, newlyweds, new parents, parents of teenagers, empty nesters, and I think by far is GRANDPARENTS!!! We are looking forward to retirement in 2018, another chapter in our life we are very excited about. We planning on moving to the Wausau area and closer to family!

Retired? What is that like?

We have been practicing and we think we are going to like it. A LOT!

What is still on your bucket list?

Fly fishing in Montana, a fishing trip to Canada, many Wisconsin areas we want to visit.



Rosemary (Pelanek) Schwoerer



What's is still on your bucket list?

I would like to travel more, so that's on my bucket list. I would also like to do additional volunteering for causes that I feel are important. I have found it fulfilling to use my Nursing knowledge/experience with hospice patients, as a volunteer. Health issues have sometimes limited our ability to do some things that we'd enjoy doing though.

Rosemary (Pelanek) Schwoerer



Photos of Dan Schwoerer, our younger son

Retired?
What is that like?

My husband and I are both retired, and have been for awhile. We have found it an enormous relief to be retired. It is far less stressful than working, and we have really enjoyed this time in our lives. It sure makes us wonder how we ever got anything done when we were working! We feel busy as ever, but in a good way. We have had more time to do what we want to do. I take water aerobics classes regularly with a good group of people, which is a lot of fun. Retirement just doesn't "pay" as well, but we adapted fine to that.

Rosemary (Pelanek) Schwoerer

What has been the best part of your life so far?

The best part of my life has been meeting my husband, Dennis, and raising our children. Our sons are now 38 and 35 years old. We have had the joy of seeing them become adults, marry, and form their own households. It is wonderful to see the competent adults that they have become!



Schwoerer 's crazy border collie



Our son, Chris Schwoerer and his wife, Nicki.

Jonelle (Joey) Secard



What has been the best part of your life so far?

Life has been one big adventure. There have been ups and downs. I have embraced them and hope I have become a better person because of them. I live in the present and am looking forward to seeing everyone at our 45th reunion.



Jonelle (Joey) Secard



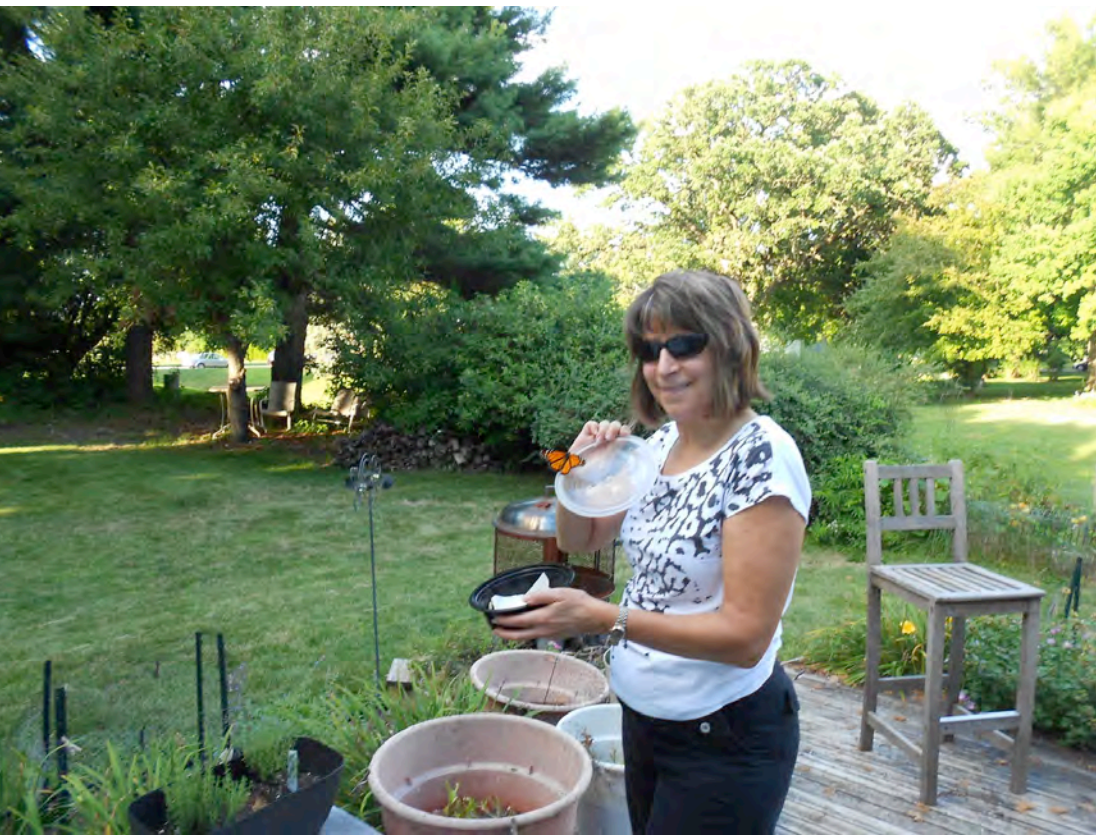
Jonelle (Joey) Secard



Jonelle (Joey) Secard



Jonelle (Joey) Secard





What has been the best part of your life so far?

Although I'm proud of my professional accomplishments, I'm most proud of being a loyal family member, friend and co-worker to those I've met along life's path.

Retired? What is that like?

I retired from Carnival Corporation in June, 2014, but continued to work part-time as a consultant for Carnival. I love being retired. The key is to keep busy, be it with part-time work, travel, exercise or other hobbies.

Ken Sternweis

What's is still on your bucket list?

I would like to see more of our great country visiting as many states as possible and taking in as many baseball games as I can along the way.



Favorite vacation?

My trip to Prague, Vienna and London in 2013 is among my most memorable trips, but I equally enjoy my trips to New York City and all of my visits to good old Marshfield, especially during the summer months.



Steven Sternweis

Dolores (Werner) Sternweis



Our trip to San Francisco

**What has been the best
part of your life so far?**

Our family, 4 kids,
12 grandchildren

This is our farm.
Mara-Wood Farms Inc.
Over 100 years.



Steven Sternweis



Steve and Jordy Nelson

Favorite Vacation?

San Antonio, Texas and
Sedona, Arizona

Dolores (Werner) Sternweis

What's is still on your bucket list?

Washington DC, Alaska,
Hawaii to visit.

Retired? What is that like?

Not retiring for awhile.



Steve with Dana Perino of Fox at Five.

Mary (Pankratz) Tollefson

What has been the best part of your life so far?

Best part is hard to define but I would think that the gift that God gave us was to have time to be with friends and family. Looking forward to the gift that keeps giving in the future.....friends and family

Drew Tollefson - 10
Aubrey Tollefson – 8
Elli Tollefson - 1

Mike Tollefson



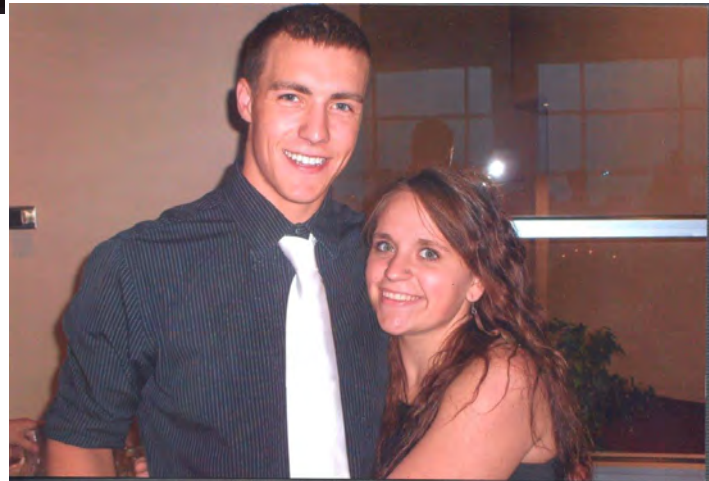
Tom & Kelly Tollefson – Police Officer/Canine Drug Dog Officer/School Liaison Officer for the City of Tomahawk. Kelly is a Computer Tech Teacher for the Elementary School System in Tomahawk. Drew age 10, Aubrey age 8 and Ellie age 1

Mary (Pankratz) Tollefson



Mike Tollefson

All the Grandkids



Abby and Tyler Benzinger -
Shreveport, LA

Abby heads Recruitment and
is in HR at LSU - Soon to have
her Doctorate; Tyler is in
Management for the
Government Forestry in
Louisiana through the
Weyerhaeuser Company.
Both have extremely good
jobs and that is why they
stay there.

Oliver Benzinger, 3
Abby and Tyler's son

Maddy Benzinger, 5
Abby and Tyler's daughter

**Retired?
What's that
like?**

I supposedly
“retired” 14
years ago and
have been
working ever
since!



Me, Marc (daughter Thea's boyfriend), Georgia, Thea, Michael Kennerley, Esther Kennerley.

What has been the best part of your life so far? Marriage and Kids

Favorite Vacation? Any trip with family to England

Michael Varney



Georgia, Michael Kennerley (brother-in-law), Esther Kennerley (Georgia's sister), Beth Bagley-Stanton, me, Tom Stanton.



Georgia and Kirk

What is still on your bucket list?

New Zealand and Australia

Debbie (Hasenhorl) Wiciak



Family picture at the wedding of our son Stephen and his new bride Katie June 24, 2017 at the library in Madison Wis. left to right Ashley Staudenmaier, my son James, George Katie, Stephen, me, Eloise, my son Jonathan, Neil and Val

**What has been
the best part of
your life so far?**
Family and travel

Favorite Vacation?
Cancun

Debbie (Hasenhorl) Wiciak



My son Jonathan and his bride Val at their wedding June 26, 2012 at the Orpheum in Madison WI. From Left to right my son Stephen, me , my son Jonathan, Val, George, and my son James

Retired? What is that like?

Still working

What is still on your bucket list?

Retirement

Debbie (Hasenhorl) Wiciak

**What is still on your
bucket list?**

Retirement

Retired? What is that like?
Still working



Family Christmas Card 2016