

## UPDATES

### 1970s

**Penny Schaubel '70** is a volunteer for the Keep Kenosha Beautiful organization, an 11 person commission appointed by the mayor of Kenosha and approved by the City Council.

**Gregory Fowlkes '72** has authored his second book, *The Laws of Magic*, which has been released by The Fictional Press.

**Richard Kizewic '72** was inducted into the Horlick High School Graduates of Distinction.

**Phillip D. Wehrmeister '72** is co-owner of Mars Cheese Castle on I-94. The business re-opened in March in the new castle-style building.

**Susan Borger '74** helped organize the Root River Chapter of Wild Ones sixth annual Native Plant Sale at the Kenosha County Center.

**Marsha Connet '74** is Tempo International Racine president. Tempo International is a network of women business owners and executives.

**Dennis Parkinson '74** won a blue ribbon and grand championship for his wood carving of a red-bellied woodpecker in the handcrafted wood category of the Kenosha County Fair.

**Susan Richardson '74** was recognized by the YWCA as a Woman of Distinction. Richardson was also elected treasurer of the Society for Human Resource Management's Racine/Kenosha Chapter.

**Fred Schmidt '76** vice president of North American operations of Twin Disc, volunteered for a car wash to benefit the United Way of Racine County.

**Mark Sheldon '76** is the newly assigned dean of students at Burlington Catholic Central High School.

**Linda Swartz-Truesdell '76** has been named assistant library director for the Kenosha Public Library.

**Mark Sockness '77** has been named Chief Financial Officer with Alpha Technology Corporation (ALTEC), a full service zinc die-casting manufacturing and design facility in Howell, Mich.

**Steven R. Torcaso '77** is president of the Italian American Society in Kenosha.

**Harry G. Fischer '78** has been promoted to market research director, international markets with SC Johnson.

### 1980s

**Bill Robbins '80 and Elizabeth Snyder '96** earned second place for the entertainment pages of the Kenosha News Get Out section in the annual Wisconsin Newspaper Association 2010 Better Newspaper and Advertising contests.

**Kenneth Harris '81** has joined Image Management LLC as I/T director.

**Kathy Barth '82** was honored in *SHE* Magazine as a past recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award. The award is given to exceptional Kenosha County women who have worked to inspire leadership in other women.

**Theresa Gilliland '83** authored "In a Moment," a book about overcoming struggles in life. Gilliland is also a motivational speaker and advocate for people who, like herself, are visually impaired.

**Susan Marcinkus '83** Kenosha Joint Services Director, will retire on January 25. Marcinkus worked to get the addition to the Public Safety Building for the new 911 center.

**Peter Jackel '84** staff writer for the Journal Times of Racine, earned a first-place award at the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation's annual meeting for his article on a record-setting fish caught during Salmon-A-Rama. He also was awarded third place for three local sports columns, which included an article on a UW-Parkside golfer who served with the Marine Corps in Iraq.

**Todd Molbeck '84** and his business partner, Bob Greenfield, have created High 5 Gear, a company that specializes in custom bowling shirts with eye-catching designs.

**John Bloner '85** was an organizer of the Big Write-Kenosha event in November as part of National Novel Writing Month.

**Jonathan Helstad '85** took a trip to Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya that included a safari and tracking mountain gorillas.

**Nancy Hill '86** faculty member at DePaul University in Chicago, is a recipient of the Spirit of DePaul Award.

**Melanie Becker Hovey '87** was nominated for a 2010 Governor's Award in Support of the Arts.

**Rachel Klees-Andersen '87** is curator of exhibits at Kenosha Public Museum. She and co-workers recently created a life-size mannequin for the Civil War Museum. She also creates dolls with elaborate costumes designed from history, literature, and fantasy.

**Nancy Ramsey '87 and Donna Rhodes '87** are part of a team that works on the Juvenile Justice Report, an annual compilation of statistics about juvenile crime in Kenosha County. Ramsey was recently promoted to lead supervisor in the Division of Children & Family Services of Kenosha County.

**Peggy Schofield '88** has been hired as Program Support Teacher in special education with Kenosha Unified School District.

**Noelle Mauer '89** is music director at Wesley United Methodist Church in Kenosha.

**Brian Paragamian '89** has been selected by DittoTrade.com, a new social networking broker/dealer, as one of four master traders.

**Angela P. Riley '89** recently made a trip to the Middle East with a group from Bethany Lutheran Church in Kenosha. They departed from Egypt just hours before tanks rolled into the cities to attempt to quell the protests.

### 1990s

**Linda Bevec '90** is a volunteer speaker for the Wisconsin Donor Network. She wrote an inspirational article published in the Kenosha News about the search for a kidney donor for her daughter.

**Janet Days '90** is the recipient of the 2010 Attorney Theodore Harris Humanitarian Award.

**Marta Kultgen '90** has been elected vice president of membership with the Society for Human Resource Management Racine/Kenosha Chapter.

**Heather McGee '90** owner of Sock Grams, has been recognized by StartupNation & Infusionsoft as the country's best mom-owned business of the year.

**Attilio "Jim" Cicchini '91** was honored for his service to the community at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Day Banquet at the Italian American Society.

**Karin Henkes '91** has been promoted to vice president of business operations with Ruud Lighting in Racine.

**Rebecca Matoska-Mentink '91** has been re-elected for a second term as Kenosha County Clerk of Circuit Court.

**Anna Marie Hoeft Smetana '91** appeared in Racine Theater Guild's presentation "Southern Hospitality."

**Kristine Neiman '91** is the head of administrative services with the Kenosha Public Library.

**Shawn Wolf '91** is children's services library assistant in the Southwest Library in Kenosha. Wolf shared her favorite holiday book, "The Nativity," in the Dec. 24 edition of the Kenosha News.

**Thomas W. Hasko '92** has accepted a position as a revenue agent with the new Large Business & International-Global High Wealth division of the Internal Revenue Service.

**Sharon Kelley '92** is Burlington High School Key Club adviser and social studies teacher.

**Crista Kruse '93** is coordinator of the Mentor Kenosha and Racine program, which is administered by the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Parkside.

**Karen Grabher '94** received the UW-Parkside Classified Staff Distinguished Service Award.

**Matthew Koehler '94** was named 2010 Grassroots Activist of the Year by the Fund for Wild Nature for his work protecting public forests and wild lands in the western U.S. Koehler is the executive director of the WildWest Institute in Missoula, Mont.

**Oscar Toscano '94** is president of the Ace Soccer Club of southeastern Wisconsin.

**Stephanie Kubarth '95** is owner of Midwest Therapeutic Riding Program in Paris, Kenosha County. The program enables children with a range of disabilities to accomplish things they would not be able to do at other stables.

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**David Fleury '96** is a proposal engineer at Racine Metal Fab and received CPSM certification through the Institute of Supply Management.

**Shauna Hodges '96** has been hired as school counselor at Bradford High School in Kenosha. Hodges previously was assistant director of residence life at UW-Parkside.

**Jan C. Michalski '96** was a cast member in the RG Production's radio-theater version of "Casablanca" at the PM&L Theatre in Antioch, Ill.

**Gregory Anderegg '97** has been promoted to director, community leadership with SC Johnson.

**Dan Buschmann '97** is a counselor at Kenosha Unified School District's Harborside Academy.

**Kristine A. Hansen '97** wrote an article "Worthy Diversions Along the 94 Corridor" that was published in the July/August 2010 issue of Wisconsin Trails magazine.

**Anna Kojvic-Frodl '98** was a featured performer in the Music & More summer concert series at First Presbyterian Church in Racine.

**Allison Barta '99** has created a line of knitwear for competitors in the American Birkebeiner and Kortelopet skiing races in Hayward, Wis.

**Trudy Biehn '99**, adviser in the UW-Parkside School of Business and Technology, received the university's Advising Excellence Award.

**Russell Blaha '99** was a cast member in The Racine Theatre Guild production "Treasure Island" in March.

**Emily Freitag '99** has been promoted to paralegal with Steimle Birschbach, LLC in Manitowoc, Wis.

## 2000s

**Simone N. Fletcher '00** has been awarded the Volunteer Excellence Award for December from Junior League of Racine.

**Molly Schmaling '00 and Michael Piro '06** were awarded first place by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation for an out-of-paper niche publication, Scene 262, a web-site print product that focuses on the nightlife scene in Racine and Kenosha counties.

**Daniel Wienke '00** has been promoted to detective with the Kenosha Police Department.

**Brian Coffman '01** has opened his own law firm Coffman Law Offices, P.C. in Chicago. His firm represents seriously injured parties in Illinois and Indiana.

**Nicole McQuestion '01** received two first-place awards at the annual Wisconsin Newspaper and Advertising Contests in Appleton for the best use of color and for best online advertising with a single ad.

**Steven T. Beranis '02** has been promoted to sergeant with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department.

**Jill Plaisted '02** performed at the Poerio Pond Folk Festival.

**Andres J. Cerritos '03** launched his second law office in Chicago in January. Andres Cerritos Law Office also has a location in Waukegan, Ill. His firm provides immigration legal services.

**Rachael Baker '04** has joined St. Norbert College as program coordinator of residential education and housing.

**Nicole Totoni '04** has been appointed as adjunct faculty for the Judicial Services department at the College of Lake County. Totoni wrote and designed a class for the court system that will hold youth accountable for their actions when they have been arrested for ordinance violations, she will be the first to teach the class.

**Cornie Pfarr '05** has been promoted to manager in the tax department of Clifton Gunderson LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

**Leah Grasty '06** has achieved certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential in the field of teaching. Grasty teaches at Forest Park Elementary in Kannapolis, N.C.

**Cathleen J. Sederberg '07** was elected president of the Society for Human Resource Management's Racine/Kenosha Chapter.

**William Bevly '08** is a pharmacy solutions partner with Abbott Laboratories.

**Tyson Fettes '08** has been hired as director of marketing at Real Racine (Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau). Fettes also serves on the UW-Parkside Alumni Association board of directors.

**Aimee Miller '08** performed with the Racine Concert Band in its 87<sup>th</sup> season at the Racine Zoo.

**Lisa Rodriguez '09** is a teacher with the Racine Unified School District.

**Adam Schemm '08** has been named director of athletic marketing at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

**Michael Snider '08** narrated "Casey at the Bat" at the Racine Concert Band's free concert at the Racine Zoo in August.

**Nicole Hunt '09** will serve a one-year term as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA with the Nonprofit Development Program team at UW-Parkside.

**Heather Knudson '09** has been hired by Image Management as a graphic designer.

**Kellie Malsch '09** has joined Image Management LLC as an on-site graphic designer with the team at Diversey, Inc. in Sturtevant, Wis.

**Vladmir Mocan '09 and Ion Gira '10** have launched a new business in Racine, Lien Formation Services, a company that manages notices and construction liens for construction companies in Wisconsin.

**Jonathan Pietkiewicz '09**, an analytical engineer with ZF Electronics Corp. in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., is a mentor at Lincoln Middle School. The mentorship program is administered by the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Parkside.

**Bradley Walters '09** is a newly hired probationary police officer with the Kenosha Police Department.

## 2010s

**Lisa Casey '10** is a tax associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Chicago. Casey played softball for four years credits her business professors for extra help and working with the travel and practice portion of the softball schedule.

**Samira Gdisis '10** is founder and owner of the Black-Eyed Press LLC.

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