

# Alumni in touch

## Missing Alumni

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

Katherine (Tihonen) Goheen '37  
 Bessie G. (Williams) Mitchell '42  
 George S. Gurchanoff '51  
 Clara C. (Farwell) Saastamoinen '55  
 Dale V. Cuculi '61  
 Robert S. Drake '69  
 Susan A. (Socha) LaFave '71  
 Dino DeRosa '75  
 Roberta (Crothers) Priebe '76  
 Gary H. Kalbfleisch '82  
 Diane M. Chartier '85  
 Ricky J. Keto '86  
 Matt A. Roth '90  
 Dawn M. Watters '93  
 Christine J. Korhonen '97  
 Jarrett M. Spice '00  
 Amalea K. Karavias '02  
 Veronica J. Howard '05  
 Ryan M. Scarlett '07

## Lifetime Members

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

Jennifer R. Hurst '99  
 Robert J. Bartkowiak '72  
 Arthur J. Tessier '86  
 Bryan '03 and Rachel Wislocki Lyde '68 & Dianna (Davison) '78 DeHooghe  
 Rebecca L. White '00  
 Keith C. Hug '94  
 Rebecca (Ennis) Normington '90  
 Ernest Telford '69  
 Vincent Doyle '82  
 Linda M. (Pittsley) VandeVoort '93, '99  
 Rick D. Hacht '69  
 Thomas J. Sobeck '90  
 Renee LeBlanc '08



Michael Roesner, Cynthia Peck, NMU President Les Wong and Ronald Stump

## Alumni honored

Three NMU alumni were recognized for their achievements as part of the Homecoming 2009 activities.

### Alumni Achievement Award

**Cynthia Peck '76 BS** of Saginaw is a well-respected chemistry instructor at Delta Community College. She spent 14 years in the industrial arena as a quality control and analytical chemist, earning awards for her efforts in laboratory robotics, before beginning a new career in education. Peck has participated in nationwide curriculum development with the National Science Foundation and has served as a reviewer for a number of textbooks and online support materials.

### Distinguished Alumni Awards

**Michael Roesner '74 BS** of Prudenville is a retired rear admiral whose distinguished U.S. Navy career spanned 39 years and a broad range of missions, from control of aircraft to command of the Navy's largest logistics and procurement center. He saw combat duty in

Vietnam and in the Persian Gulf/Iraq and Afghanistan engagements. The majority of his career was in combat-related activity and support, but Roesner also was involved in a number of humanitarian relief efforts, most recently Hurricane Katrina. Roesner has several personal medals to his credit, culminating with the Distinguished Service Medal. Roesner is now associate partner for global supply chain management with IBM Corp.

**Ronald Stump '69 BA, '71 MAE** of Boulder, Colo., began his career in academia at NMU, first as a residence hall director and then in student affairs positions (he was also MVP of the Wildcat football team his senior year). He has been a higher education administrator for more than 40 years. Now at the University of Colorado at Boulder, he serves as interim director of the alumni association. Previously he was vice chancellor for student affairs, responsible for more than 30 departments, 1,000 employees and a budget of \$125 million.

## Welcome, new board members

The Alumni Association is pleased to welcome a new group of enthusiastic board members. They are (from back, left):

**Paul Millenbach '84 BS** of Farmington Hills is an attorney at Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. He volunteers as a coach for the Grosse Pointe Little League.

**Alan Swanson '05 BS** of Marquette works as project manager for Menze Construction Company. He was a four-year letter winner on the NMU hockey team and named to the CCHA All-Academic Team.

**Frederick "Fritz" Nelson '73 BS** of Newark, Del., is a geography professor at the University of Delaware. In 2007 he was awarded the NMU Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award and he shared in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize as a contributor to the Intergovern-

mental Panel on Climate Change.

**Eric Bolduc '94 BS** of Scottsdale, Ariz., works for Federated Insurance as a field manager. He volunteers with the Special Olympics.

**Julee Kaurala '05 BS, '07 MPA** of Marquette, is a congressional aide for Congressman Bart Stupak. She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Marketing Committee of the United States Olympic Education Center.

**Kris Day '94 BS** of Dearborn has served on the board since 2002, but now takes on the role of president. Kris is the assistant director of the University of Michigan-Dearborn university center and director of



student activities and programs.

**Rebecca Thompson '09 BS** of Washington, D.C., is the program manager for the District of Columbia Youth Advisory Council in the Executive Office of the Mayor. She has been featured on C-Span, in the *Washington Post* and *The New York Times* discussing higher education access and affordability issues. She enjoys mentoring youth.



NMU's classes of '58, '59 and '60 celebrated their 50th anniversary during Homecoming 2009. More than 60 members of the reunion class visited Marquette. Activities included a campus tour, class dinner, tailgate party and Wildcat football. At the time of their graduation, NMU was known as Northern Michigan College and Edgar L. Harden was president. The group is shown on the steps of Cohodas Hall with President and Mrs. Wong.

## Upcoming Summer Reunions

### Dakota House Reunion

July 9-10  
 Contact: Dave Bonsall  
 dbonsall@nmu.edu

### NMU '87 Football Wildcats

July 16-18  
 Contact: Chuck Whelpley  
 whelps76@sbcglobal.net

### NMU '80-'85 Football Wildcats

July 16-18  
 Contact: Rich Tegge  
 richard.tegge@wealthstrategygroup.net

### Halverson Hall 1984-88 Reunion

July (date TBD)  
 Contact: Elly Wemus Plaggemars  
 ejplaggemars@cmsenergy.com