

# 100 for 100

## 100 Alumni Stories in Celebration of Dunwoody's 100th Anniversary

As Dunwoody celebrates its Centennial, we honor the people who are most responsible for building the College's proud history: our alumni. Dunwoody's reputation, legacy and heritage were created by our students and graduates, one story at a time. As President Rich Wagner says, "Those stories cascade together to create a powerful stream of achievement."

These 100 stories hardly begin to measure the impact of thousands of alumni. This is not a "Top 100" list: We merely hope we start to tell a greater story about the collective impact that Dunwoody has had on individual lives and businesses, and on the region's economic vitality during its 100 proud years.

As one alumnus told us recently, "Dunwoody is a vast family of people in diverse occupations." We hope you enjoy reading about what a small part of your family has been up to.

Remember to share your own news with us by sending an e-mail to [alumni@dunwoody.edu](mailto:alumni@dunwoody.edu).

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### Proving them Wrong John Adamich '54 AUTO SERVICE

John says he was considered "least likely to succeed" by teachers at Hibbing High School. He started his career as a mechanic with Northside Mercury, but after being seriously burned in an accident while working, he switched to sales. Now he's owner of Dodge of Burnsville. "[Dunwoody] gave me the basic ingredients and added polish to my dream," says John, who received the Alumni Achievement Award in 2010.



John Adamich

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### Railway Woman Terri (Heaney) Anderson

'96 ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

When a train goes down on a BNSF Railway mainline, Terri gets it running

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and out of the way to keep traffic moving. As a locomotive engineer and rapid responder, Terri's job includes chasing trains from La Crosse, Wisc. to Galesburg, Illinois, and from Kansas City, Mo. to Chicago.



Gerry Betz

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### Rising to the Top Gerry Betz

'76 BAKING

Gerry is co-owner of Tree-Top Baking on Whidbey Island, Wash. Tree-Top hand-makes more than 40 varieties of bread plus scones, coffee cakes, cookies and more for sale at local farmers markets. Gerry baked his first cake when he was six years old and has been a professional baker, bakery manager, product developer and bakery owner since 1975. Betz and partner Larry Lowary are the owners, operators and only employees.

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### Big Wheel Keep On Turnin' Brian Bielke

'13 WELDING

Brian travels the world for his job as a steam turbine technician/welder, making onsite repairs on General Electric's power and water turbines. "I owe everything to Dunwoody and the amazing staff that helped me change my life for the better," says Brian.

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### Ladies First Ann Bollmeier

'76 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATING

Ann was the first female chair of the Dunwoody Alumni Association and won the Alumni Achievement Award in 1993. She's now a professional services manager in Venice, Fla.

Anne Bollmeier  
in the 1970s

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### Sharing Expertise Chuck Bowen

'66 AUTO ELECTRICAL

Chuck taught at Dunwoody for nearly 40 years and chaired the automotive department for 20 years. When he retired, colleagues, former students, and friends contributed funds for a scholarship named in his honor. "I'm proud of how everybody feels about the facility, faculty, and program," says Chuck. He remains an active member of the Alumni Association Board of Managers.

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### Work-a-Day World Linda "Lynn" Brekke

'79 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATION

Lynn says she uses the skills she learned at Dunwoody every day as president of Le Pas Design, a structural engineering firm she owns with her husband. Like many Dunwoody alumni, Lynn launched her career at Fabcon Inc., a prestressed, precast concrete manufacturer, where she worked while attending school. Fabcon president and CEO Mike Le Jeune serves on the Dunwoody College Board of Trustees.

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### IOSilver Away! Darrell Brommer

'54 AIR CONDITIONING

15 years ago, Darrell and his wife Sadie got the thoroughbred horseracing bug when a friend invited them to an afternoon at Arlington Park in Illinois. Not long after, they were the proud owners of IOSilver, a big gray who became a regular at Arlington. These days Darrell and Sadie's



Darrell Brommer (center in tan jacket)

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### Recycle much? Jarod Charzewski

'06 ADVANCED METAL FABRICATION

Jarod created his sculpture *Don't Breathe* (above) with glass from



Jarod Charzewski

*With a Twist* is tearing up the track. It's a change of pace for Darrell, who sold Bloomington, Illinois-based Conrad Sheet Metal Company and retired in 2007.

Goodwill held together with clear silicon. Jarod is a visual artist and assistant professor of sculpture at the College of Charleston, South Carolina, and has received grants from several US and Canadian arts organizations. In 2007 he received a Puffin Award for the environmental content of his work.



Eve Christianson

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*Targeted Design*  
**Eve Christianson**  
'02 GRAPHIC DESIGN

Eve is art director and graphic designer for the apparel and accessories division of the Target weekly ad. She also casts models, directs photo shoots and works with Target's imaging team on retouching and color correction. "Dunwoody taught me the basic layout and design, pre-press and Adobe Suite skills needed to get my first job, and so much more," says Eve. "I looked

at design and community colleges in California and Minnesota," she remembers. Eve's dad, John Swailes, '80 Computer Technology, made sure Dunwoody was on the list of contenders. "After seeing many schools, Dunwoody seemed to get you into the 'real work' right away. The accelerated program (18 months) was a bonus." Eve is part of Dunwoody's current marketing campaign: Watch for her face on billboards around the Twin Cities!



The Cluffs

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*Where Generations Collide*  
**Craig, Steve and Billy Cluff**  
'60, '83 AND '14 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

Billy is the third generation of Cluff men to graduate from Dunwoody's Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing program. Grandfather Craig is retired from Aitkin Autobody in Aitkin, Minn., and Billy's dad, Steve, now co-owns the company.

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*Worth His Salt*  
**Kevin Coons**  
'73 ENGINEERING DRAFTING AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

After graduating from Dunwoody, Kevin earned a degree in industrial scientific photography. He put it to work in Arizona as an industrial photographer and engineer at Salt River Project, one of the nation's largest public power utilities, where he worked for more than 28 years.

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*With Honor*  
**Quentin DeNio**  
'46 PRINTING

Quentin serves as flag bearer on the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling Cemetery. He arrived in Pearl Harbor three months after it was attacked and went on to serve in Saipan and Okinawa before enrolling at Dunwoody. He founded DeNio Designs, which produced invitations, announcements and envelopes.

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*Flying High*  
**John Dolny**  
'41 ENGINEERING DRAFTING AND DESIGN

A retired Major General, John was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame in 1998. In recognition of his service in WWII he earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Air Medal-7 Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, two Presidential Unit Citations, and many campaign ribbons. After the war he took over command of the Minnesota Air Guard, eventually retiring in 1981.

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*Breaking the Mold*  
**Charles and Michael Donatelle**  
'65 AND '67 MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

In 1967, the northeast Minneapolis brothers launched a company focused on designing and building precision injection molds. "Dunwoody provided us with the direct training and education related to the tool and mold building industry," say the brothers. After several expansions, in 1998 Donatelle moved to a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and received the Business of the Year award from the City of New Brighton, Minn. In 2000, Dunwoody presented the brothers with the Entrepreneur of the Year award. Today, Donatelle is a one-stop medical device contract manufacturer with a mission to "create possibilities to improve quality of life for humankind,

one person at a time." Its capabilities include product design, prototyping, component manufacturing, finished device assembly, packaging, and sterilization management. The company is unique in that it focuses 100 percent on the medical industry, with medical device manufacturing expertise in such areas as cardiac rhythm management, neuromodulation, cardiovascular surgery, diabetes, and spine.



Charles Donatelle



Michael Donatelle

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*What's the Scoop?*  
**William Eckert**  
'73 AIR CONDITIONING

Bill is sales manager, Northwest, for WCB Ice Cream, one of the world's leading manufacturers and suppliers of ice cream equipment. WCB's ice cream equipment includes filling, extrusion, molding, and wrapping of products, like molded sticks, cones, bulk/cups, sticked slices, cakes and sandwiches. YUM!

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*Land of Opportunity*  
**Ahmed Egag**  
'09 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

When Ahmed Egag was a refugee in Somalia, he sometimes went three days without eating. Now he's earning a good salary as a senior electrician. When he came to the U.S. at age 18, he knew that getting a good education was key to his success, so after earning an associate's degree in electronics and working for five years, he enrolled in Dunwoody. Look for his book, *Optimism in the Face of Death: A Somali Success Story*, online.

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*Did You Know?*  
**Joel Eftmann**  
'60 MACHINE TOOL

April 10, 1987 was Joel Eftmann Day, as declared by Governor Rudy Perpich. That same year, Joel received Dunwoody's Entrepreneur of the Year award. Joel founded FSI International in 1973 and served as its chairman until 2002. In 2000, Joel became the first Dunwoody graduate to serve on the Board of Trustees. Today he is president and CEO of Custom Fab Solutions, which provides specialty fabricated components and products to the semi-conductor industry.

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*Planning to Give*  
**Larry Enerson**  
'73 MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGIES

Larry, a retired maintenance technician for Hutchinson Technology, is a model-train aficionado, gardener and square dancer. He's also one of many generous alumni who have included a gift for Dunwoody in their estate plans.

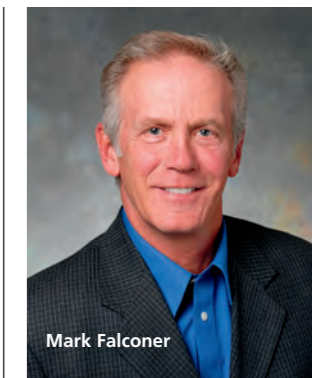
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*Baking Pioneers*  
**Charles, Robert and William\* Entenmann**  
'49, '49 AND '50 BAKING

Charles, Robert and William have baking roots going back to Stuttgart, Germany, where their grandfather learned the trade from his father before immigrating to the U.S. in the late 1800s. In 1959, Entenmann's pioneered the "see-through cake box." In 1961, the Entenmann brothers built a baking facility in Bay Shore, N.Y. that was the largest of its kind in the U.S. until it closed in 2014. The Entenmann's brand is now part of Bimbo Bakeries.

\*deceased

*Entenmann's*<sup>®</sup>



Mark Falconer

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*Not Just Hot Air*  
**Mark Falconer**  
'68 WELDING

Mark is president of the Alumni Association Board of Managers and president and owner of Minneapolis Oxygen Company. The company provides customers in many industries with welding supplies and gases such as acetylene, argon, carbon dioxide, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, propane, propylene and specialty mixes. "Our customers expect us to have expertise and be able to recommend the right equipment, filler metals and applications," explains Mark, whose company contributes equipment and products to the College. In recent years the company has been hit by a worldwide shortage of helium, which it sells to customers in the manufacturing, medical and balloon industries. "By 2017, the demand for helium will far exceed the volume available around the world," says Mark.

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*Got Blueberries?*  
**Debra (Johnson)  
Filipovich**

'76 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING  
AND ESTIMATING TECHNOLOGY

Debra grows blue-ribbon winning organic blueberries and sells them under her Berries ETC label at Duluth-area farmers markets. When she's not tending her produce, she works in the Lands and Minerals Division of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, where she is a steward of public lands.

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*Engineering Success*  
**Norb Fischer**  
'51 MACHINE TOOL  
TECHNOLOGY

In 1983 Norb and two investors bought the tool division of Andrew Engineering and founded Plymouth, Minn.-based Andrew Tool and Machining, an ultra-precision, high tolerance manufacturing company that served the medical, electronic,

and aerospace industries. "Doing things right, working hard, respecting the equipment, respecting fellow workers—these are what lead to success," says Norb, who eventually bought out his investors and, in 2000, sold the company to his two lead managers. "We always found that Dunwoody graduates made the best workers." For more than a decade Norb led youth groups from his church on mission trips and adventures to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

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*Keeping U.S. Data Secure*  
**Linda Flewelen**

'81 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING  
AND ESTIMATING TECHNOLOGY

After attending Dunwoody, Linda became a U.S. Navy weather and oceanography observer and forecaster. She retired from the Navy in 2002 and now manages corporate security for defense contractors and protects classified assets.



Norb Fischer



Les Goetzke

PHOTO: STAN WALDRHAUSER

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*Carved in Wood*  
**Bernie Gaffron**

'51 ENGINEERING AND DRAFTING  
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Bernie is a woodcarver and collector. His work includes full-size carousel horses and a parade-size pipe organ (complete with 97 pipes, snare drum, bass drum and cymbals) that plays from paper rolls using a pneumatic vacuum system. Prior to his retirement, Bernie's work at 3M led to several patents.

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*Arts Patron*  
**Les Goetzke**

'57 MACHINE TOOL  
TECHNOLOGY

To Les, the acts of creating art and machining aren't that different—they both end up with a finished product you can appreciate once you're done. Goetzke is founder and owner of New Hope, Minn.-based Midtown Manufacturing and Pneumatic Motor, niche manufacturers of prototypes, experimental machining parts and air motors sold to customers around the world. He's also an art collector, mentor and



Les Goetzke

a patron of the arts and artists. His collection includes 55 bronze sculptures and over 500 paintings and statuettes by renowned masters such as Chagall, Dali and Remington, as well as those by local and international artists working today. He often shares his welding and machining knowledge with artists. "I get calls from artists all



Bernie Gaffron

over the world asking me to explain how things go together," he explains. Goetzke thinks that people have forgotten how to relax, and that taking time to enjoy music, books and art soothes people's anger. "It's a joy to help someone appreciate art," says Goetz. He often welcomes neighbors, artists and friends into his backyard sculpture garden, which includes 17 life-size bronze pieces. In addition to supporting Dunwoody, Goetzke has bequeathed his entire art collection to Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. "You can't just take from the community," he says of his planned gift. "You have to give back."

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*Concrete Parenting*  
**Tom Graf**

'83 CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT

**David Graf**

'13 GRAPHIC DESIGN

Tom owns Hudson-based Concrete Arts, a commercial, industrial and residential concrete company, and Lifetime Floors, which distributes architectural flooring and precast mixtures to

contractors. His son David builds larger-than-life fanciful animals, fish and birds for outdoor theme parks with Oakdale-based Motion Tech Automation Systems.



Ben Granley

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*Youthful Leadership*  
**Ben Granley**

'04 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION  
DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT  
'10 APPLIED MANAGEMENT

"Gee, when did they start letting interns be president?" That's what Ben heard from a joking contractor when he was named president of Werner Electric Supply in 2012 at the age of 31. In 2013, he was named to the 30 Under 35 list of rising stars from across the industry by the National Association of Electrical Distributors. Ben also serves on the Alumni Board of Managers.

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*License to Sell*  
**Don Grendahl**

'68 AIR CONDITIONING

Don is founder and co-owner of Grendahl Mechanical, Alta Mechanical and DGA Mechanical—and also a commercial land and condo developer. He's licensed in HVAC, steam boilers, refrigeration and natural gas, which he sees as an asset in helping potential leasers and buyers understand their options.

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*Life Lessons*  
**Dan Grider**

'62 AIR CONDITIONING

Back in the day, Dunwoody friends looking for Dan might have found him at Grider Sales, the temperature control equipment sales firm he started at age 27. He sold that business in 1985 and branched out to sandwich shops, strip malls, casinos and other property, mostly in Sioux Falls, S.D. "I haven't been involved in my 'real career' [skills he learned at Dunwoody] since 1990, but that's still who I am. I'm a trouble-shooter." Today he's also a volunteer golf teacher who tries to develop not only good golfers, but good people.

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*Going For Thirds*  
**Jeff Hawthorne**

'89 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE  
'11 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION  
AND MAINTENANCE  
TECHNOLOGY

Jeff is one of those who just can't get enough of Dunwoody: He is studying at Dunwoody for the third time, now in the B.S. in Industrial Engineering program. Jeff is vice president of the Industrial Controls Group of Egan Company,



Jeff Hawthorne

a single-source contractor based in Brooklyn Center, Minn. He's also a member of the Alumni Association Board of Managers.



PHOTO: STEPHEN GEFRE

Cathy Heying

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*Giving Others a Lift*  
**Cathy Heying**

'10 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE  
TECHNOLOGY

Cathy likes to give others a lift now and then. As a social worker at St. Stephen's Human Services in Minneapolis and an advocate for homeless people, Cathy saw firsthand that a lack of reliable transportation to get to work often spiraled into homelessness. She decided to do something to help people who couldn't afford to get their cars fixed. The only problem was that she didn't know how to fix cars. So she enrolled at Dunwoody. "There were a dozen times I wanted to quit in that first quarter but I just kept holding this vision of a place that not only helped fill that gap for folks, but was also a place of hospitality for people," she says.

"I envisioned a safe space that had affordable car repair to help clients remain self-sufficient."

After graduation she founded The Lift Garage, a Minneapolis nonprofit that provides low-cost car repair for people in need. Customers are referred by a case worker or complete an income verification form. They pay for parts and just \$15 an hour for labor, which covers part of the cost of the garage rent and other expenses. The rest of the resources needed to run The Lift come from a small foundation grant, individual gifts and lots of elbow grease. Approximately 35 people volunteer at The Lift, including several Dunwoody alumni. Dave DuVal, '94 Automotive Service Technology, who was one of Cathy's instructors at Dunwoody, serves on the Board of Directors. John Buttner, '13 Automotive Service Technology, is a part-time staff member. "Even though we're fixing cars, it is about helping people balance the economic injustice they've been faced with," says Cathy.

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*A Dunwoody Tradition*  
**Hudoba Family**

The Hudoba Family has a proud history with Dunwoody College. "Dunwoody is a big part of my family and has provided direction and careers for many of us," says Pat Hudoba, '89 Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology, who is a member of the Alumni Board of Managers and the Mechanical Engineering Program Advisory Committee. Pat is a product sales manager at Crown Iron Works, a chemical engineering company that sells equipment to the oilseed industry. Pat's grandfather, the late Ed Hudoba, '41 Sheet Metal, also served on the Alumni Board and was an instructor at Dunwoody for eight years following WWII. "He was a leader in the local union of sheet metal workers," remembers Pat. Other family members connected to Dunwoody include Tom Hudoba, '69 Electronic Systems Technology; John Hudoba, Mechanical Drafting; James Hudoba, '68 Automotive Service Technology; Jeff Rusinko, '03 HVAC; and Dennis Barry, '71 Auto Electrical. Nick Brenk, Pat's nephew,

is enrolled in the Computer Networking Technology Systems program.

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*And ... Action!*  
**Dag Hvang**  
'78 PRINTING

Dag is head of business development and producer for Eyeworks Dinamo, a Norwegian TV production company that develops and produces entertainment and large-scale events such as the Nobel Peace Prize Concert, the Norwegian Oscar Awards and the Norwegian Grammy Awards.

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*A Dynamic Life*  
**Dave Kalina**  
'70 MACHINE TOOL

Dave met his wife skiing, but their life together has been anything but downhill. "We've shared our enjoyment of the sport with our three children and seven grandchildren," he says. Dave is owner and co-founder of Dynamic Engineering, Inc., a Ramsey Minn. precision molds and molding manufacturer that employs 120 people. Dynamic was a finalist for the 2013 Small Business of the Year Award, *Minnesota Manufacturing*, from *Minnesota Business Magazine*.



Jeff Keljik



Dag Hvang

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*Master Educator*  
**Jeff Keljik**

'74 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

Jeff, a longtime Dunwoody instructor, department chair and director, is now director of education for the Minnesota Electrical Association and a member of the executive board of the North Central Electrical League. He's the author of several textbooks on motors and motor controls, power generation and distribution, and DC and AC fundamentals. He's also co-author of many courses for National Electrical Code updates and exam-preparation courses.

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*Could I Have an Estimate?*  
**Scott King**

'01 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATING TECHNOLOGY

As a senior estimator at Mortenson Construction, Scott is part of a team of estimators for large commercial construction projects. He was the lead estimator in charge of self-performed concrete on Target Field. For the TCF Stadium project he collaborated on the conceptual estimate. On the Minnesota



Dave Kalina

Multi-Purpose (Vikings) Stadium project he was the co-lead estimator in charge of self-performed concrete, working with Greg Dietz, '05 Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology. Scott's also a member of the Alumni Association Board of Managers. Mortenson Construction employs hundreds of Dunwoody alumni.

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*More Power*  
**Ken Konrad**

'64 MACHINE TOOL

Powerful marine stern drives built in Hudson, Wisc. are at work around the world, thanks to Ken and his wife Kathy, founders of Konrad Marine. Konrad drives are on patrol boats, water taxis, commercial fishing vessels and survey boats around the world. About 60 percent of Konrad Marine's



Ken &amp; Kathy Konrad

business is international, but all manufacturing is done in Hudson. Customers include the U.S. Navy and the Hong Kong Police Force, which uses boats equipped with Konrad stern drives to cruise waters at 40 mph and intercept smugglers at 70 mph. The company boasts the world's largest underground marine testing facility, which is built below grade to allow year-round testing in sub-zero weather.



Dennis Lanning

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*A Life of Rich's*  
**Dennis Lanning**  
'63 BAKING

Between February and April 2014, Dennis spent just five days and six hours in his home state of New York. He was busy elsewhere: Mexico, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, China and Malaysia, to be specific. As senior vice president of Rich Products Corporation Global Bakery Division, Dennis travels the world serving as a coach, mentor and ambassador for the \$3.3 billion food company. After celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary this summer, he and his wife headed off to Brazil, Columbia and Peru. During 46 years with the company—the longest tenure of anyone except the chairman—Dennis has traveled to every continent many times over. His favorite place in the world? Hawaii, which he has visited every year since 1973, and where he and his wife now own a vacation home.



Ed and Pat Hudoba

## The Dunwoody Super Fruit Cake

*Yield: Makes 5 pounds of fruit cake*

Measure nuts and fruit into large container.  
6 cups jumbo pecan halves  
3 cups whole pitted dates  
3 cups whole glazed cherries

### Batter formula:

1/2 cup flour	1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup shortening	2 tbsp. corn syrup
3/4 cup flour	4 eggs
2/3 cup sugar	1/2 tsp vanilla

### Procedure:

1. Cream the 1/2 cup flour and shortening.
2. Add the 3/4 cup flour, sugar, corn syrup, two of the eggs, and vanilla and mix four minutes at medium speed.
3. Add remaining two eggs, one at a time, mixing batter until smooth after each addition.
4. Add batter to fruit mixture and mix by hand.
5. Place batter in suitable paper-lined loaf pans or round tube pans. Fill pan until completely full.
6. Pack the batter firmly into the pan by hand.
7. Place pans on baking sheets to be certain bottom does not get too brown.
8. Place a 9x13 cake pan filled with water in the bottom of the oven to provide moisture to the fruit cakes during the cooking process.
9. Bake at 325 degrees F. for 60 to 75 minutes.

### Glaze formula & procedure:

1/4 cup corn syrup  
1/4 cup water

1. Bring to good boil.
2. Glaze cool cake with hot mixture.

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### Holiday Goodies Gerald Letty

'61 BAKING

As a Dunwoody Baking instructor, Gerald spent many holiday seasons helping students bake 80 fruitcakes a day between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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### Fun with Welding Peter Morales

'92 WELDING

Peter sculpts large-scale zoomorphic creatures in stone, steel and cast iron. His work can be found at the Franconia Sculpture

Park in Shafer, Minn. and at public locations around the Twin Cities. In 2013 he was a fellow at Franconia and was profiled on TPT's *Minnesota Original* program.

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### Come Sail Away Jack Mowry

'71 ENGINEERING DRAFTING AND DESIGN

In 1978, Jack started a machining business in the basement of a strip mall. That company, Metal Craft, is now housed in an 85,000 square-foot building in Elk River, Minn., where it employs more than 110 people. The company

employs another 75 people at Riverside Machine and Engineering in Eau Claire, Wisc. Jack is still involved in the company as a senior advisor, but the company is owned and operated by his daughter Trisha (CEO), and his son Sean (President). Trisha and Sean learned the business early: "I would bring parts home for them to assemble," says Jack, "and then they would work in the shop during the summertime." Now that he has more time to relax, Jack has taken to the seas. He sailed his 40-foot boat, *Breagan*, from Bayfield, Wisc. out the St. Lawrence Seaway, to Norway, through Europe, the Mediterranean and on to Africa. Then Jack sailed across the Atlantic again to the Panama Canal, the Galapagos and Mexico.

Jack Mowry right,  
on the deck of *Breagan*



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### Wheels for Kids Jim Muellner

'56 MECHANICAL DRAFTING

Jim brought Smarte Carte self-serve wheeled luggage carts to airports around the world, but things really started rolling when he sold the company in 1993. That's when Jim started long-distance biking. His journeys include bicycling from one coast to the other twice and circling the periphery of the United States. In 2006, Jim and his nephew traveled down the Mississippi from St. Paul to New Orleans on a recumbent water bike. Jim also founded Just Two Bikes to manufacture and sell his recumbent bike designs

and build custom bikes for people with disabilities. Now he works with other volunteers to repair and donate hundreds of bikes to East Metro area families in need.

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### Doors to Success Ralph Nordick

'58 CARPENTRY

Ralph is the proud grandpa of 27, great-grandpa of three, and founder of several companies, including Midland Garage Door Manufacturing Company. When daughter Lisa Donabauer, president of Twin Cities Garage Door, spoke at

the 2010 Kate Dunwoody Luncheon, she said, "One of the best lessons I learned from my dad: 'Whenever you start thinking you're important, try showing up alone.'"

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### Electrifying Leadership Dale Nordquist

'74 ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Dale has turned around several companies and is now president and CEO of Stewartville, Minn.-based Geotek, an internationally recognized designer, manufacturer and distributor of reinforced fiberglass pultrusion products for the electric utility and animal containment markets.

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### Wired for Success Doug Olson

'68 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

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Doug Olson

Jim Muellner



PHOTO: JOE KIMBALL

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*Going Home Again*  
**Peter Paye**

'80 LAND SURVEYING AND CIVIL  
TECHNOLOGY

After finishing at Dunwoody, Peter returned to his home in Liberia to work as a mine surveyor. When Liberia broke into civil war, Peter was exiled for 11 years and worked as a lead surveyor on topography projects for highway corridors near Liberia. He returned to Liberia in 2006, and now works for Arcelormittal Liberia, which is rebuilding the nation's iron ore industry.

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*The Road to Success*  
**LaTanya Pendleton**

'11 WELDING

With the help of Dunwoody College and WomenVenture, LaTanya moved from a dead-end job driving a school bus to being a member of Pipefitters Union Local 539. Now she's working with Harris Mechanical on the Minnesota State Capitol renovation.

LaTanya Pendleton



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*Down to Earth*  
**Robert Pribnow**

'68 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE  
TECHNOLOGY

Robert and his wife live in a fully earth-sheltered home they built in Lake Elmo in 1983. Robert estimates that the stucco and brick house cost 20 to 25 percent more to build than a conventional house, but the gas and electric bills are half that of their neighbors.

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*Proud Legacy*  
**Raasch Family**

Larry Raasch, '77 Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology, co-owner of Prime General Contractors, has at least eleven family members who attended Dunwoody. "At family reunions, we stand around the keg and talk about Dunwoody," says Larry, who received the Alumni Achievement Award in 2011 and is a

Robert Pribnow's earth-sheltered home



member of the Alumni Board of Managers. Pictured are Larry; his wife Diane; son Kevin; daughter Kristina, '08 Interior Design; son Kyle, '10 Construction and Estimating; and Kyle's wife Michelle.

Other family members with Dunwoody connections include Larry's nephew Brian Henrich, '13 Construction Management; cousin Steve Johnson, '73 Electrical; nephew Patrick Balmer, Architectural Drafting and Estimating; cousin Frank Faschingbauer, '70 Electrical Construction; cousin Clarence Faschingbauer, '70 Refrigeration; cousin Wayne Swenson, '65 Electrical; cousin Dean Swenson, '71 Electrical Construction; brother-in-law Larry Czarnecki, '75 Machine Tool; and Andy Baltgalvis, '78 Electrical AC Controls.

In addition to Larry, three Dunwoody alumni are involved in Prime General Contracting: co-owner Greg Paschke, '83 Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology; vice president Derek Clarkin,

'05 Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology; and project manager Jason Haraldson, '12 Construction Management.

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*In Case of Emergency*  
**Jamie Radford**

'08 ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS  
TECHNOLOGY

Next time there's a security threat or severe weather at the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis, Rochester or Duluth campuses, thank Jamie for installing and programming the system that alerts the entire campus via indoor and outdoor speakers. Jamie is the only technician at his branch of Siemens Industry Inc. to have completed the mass-notification training that allowed him to take the lead on the project. "Having completed this job was by far the most rewarding accomplishment of my career, but I look forward to more opportunities to expand my knowledge of safety systems," says Jamie. His job also includes installing,

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*Passing the Torch*  
**Bridget Reynolds**

'00 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING  
AND ESTIMATING



Jamie Radford

wiring, and programming new fire safety panels for commercial buildings. "The basics I learned in the electronics courses at Dunwoody helped me a great deal," says Jamie. "I am very happy with my career at Siemens and I have Dunwoody to thank for preparing me for my future."

Dunwoody is fortunate to have 39 alumni faculty like Bridget who continue the College's proud tradition of alumni sharing their expertise with the next generation. Bridget is dean of Construction Sciences and Building Technology, a member of the Alumni Board of Managers and co-chair of the Kate Dunwoody Society Luncheon, which celebrates the women of Dunwoody College. Bridget's father, Randall Adkins, '66 Mechanical Drafting; grandfather, Jack Adkins, '47 Air Conditioning; and uncle, Tim Murphy, '73 Electrical, are Dunwoody grads.

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*Martial Arts for Peace*  
**Jason Ritenour**

'04 COMPUTER NETWORKING  
AND TECHNOLOGY



Bridget Reynolds

Jason and his spouse spent three years as Peace Corps volunteers in the Republic of Vanuatu, an island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean. They are now working on a martial arts exchange program between the U.S. and developing countries.

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*Job Retooling*  
**James Rowell**

'14 MACHINE TOOL  
TECHNOLOGY

When the St. Paul Ford plant closed in 2013 after 86 years of operation, James got the opportunity to retool for a different career. He says he spent a lot of time in the Elftmann Student Success Center, but he graduated in 2014, and now helps run the machine shop for mechanical engineering students at the University of Minnesota. "You're never too old to learn," he says. "I look forward to what lies ahead."



The Raasch Family



Greg Ruth at Cupid's Undie Run

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*Cupid's Undie Run*  
**Greg Ruth**

'07 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING

Greg is the Minneapolis Run Director for Cupid's Undie Run, which raises funds for the Children's Tumor Foundation to find a cure for neurofibromatosis. The Undie Run is a four-month long fundraising campaign that culminates in a "brief" fun run. When he's not running around in his underwear, Greg is lead designer/draftsman for Cook Brothers Design/Build Remodeling in the Washington D.C. area. "Without the education and connections I gained at Dunwoody I wouldn't have been able to land the internship that ultimately led to getting hired," says Greg.

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*Loyal Service*  
**Wayne Simoneau**

'57 AUTO SERVICE

Wayne is the public representative on the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Board. He served in the

Minnesota State Legislature from 1974-1995, was commissioner of Employee Relations and commissioner of Finance from 1995-1999, and was a state labor negotiator during the Ventura administration. Wayne also serves on the boards of the Minnesota Self-Insurers' Security Fund, Crest View Lutheran Home, and Anoka County Economic Development Partnership.

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*Changing Things Up*  
**Sarah Smook**

'11 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING

Sarah Smook attended the U of M for mortuary science, but made a career change and turned to Dunwoody. She's now a project engineer at JE Dunn Construction in Eden Prairie.

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*Community Leader*  
**Andy Snope**

'89 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Andy is a business representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical

Workers Local 292 and a member of the Golden Valley City Council. Many Dunwoody alumni are past and present city council members, legislators and other public servants.

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*Man on a Mission*  
**Tom Stertz**

'73 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

"You never really leave Dunwoody," says Tom. "It gets in your blood." Tom recently retired from a career that included 23 years of teaching at Dunwoody College and 12 at the University of Minnesota, where he headed up the Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher-preparation program and developed graduate teacher education programs in CTE to be offered in China. Now Tom volunteers as president of China Service Ventures (CSV), which provides medical, education and cultural services to people in the rural area surrounding Xinyang City in Henan Province, one of the poorest areas of China. "It's a calling," says Tom of his work. CSV helps children pay for school expenses, offers summer youth camps and provides social support for stay-behind children whose parents work in cities and see their children as rarely as once a year. CSV staff also teach conversational English at two area colleges. Tom became involved in CSV after working with the Hospitality Center for Chinese, a service organization that helps Chinese students and scholars get settled in the Twin Cities. "You fall in love with Chinese people," says Tom, who leads CSV groups to China at least once a

year. "Also, the Party and government people in the Xinyang City, PRC area are very welcoming and a delight to negotiate with."

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*Written in Stone*  
**Steve Stone**

'77 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Steve is vice president of electrical service for Minneapolis-based Parsons Electric. "Our job is to help make our customers more successful," says Steve. "Providing the highest quality of service on a daily basis takes dedication and a conscious effort." Steve's also an active Dunwoody College volunteer and a member of the Alumni Association Board of Managers.



Bob Strom

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*Be Prepared*  
**Bob Strom**

'63 MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGIES

Bob's career preparation was a multi-stage process. He first studied tool design; then returned to Dunwoody in 1968 to study mold design in the evening program; and finally took an evening program in electrical mechanics a few years later. Today he's a

dedicated volunteer leader with Dunwoody College and the Boy Scouts of America, helping to prepare others for successful careers and lives of service. Bob, who is president of Olsen Tool and Plastics in Chaska, Minn., is a past member of the Dunwoody Alumni Association Board of Managers and a current member of the Board of Trustees. He has served the Boy Scouts as scoutmaster, district chairman, executive board member, and a key leader of the Northern Star Council's annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. Among other awards, in 1996 Bob earned the Silver Beaver Award, which recognizes distinguished service rendered at the council level and is given to Scouters of exceptional character.

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*Teacher and Leader*  
**Jim Swanson**

'55 SHEET METAL

Jim, a former Dunwoody instructor and department head, served in the Minnesota State Legislature from 1969 to 1984. James Derrick "Jay" Swanson, '08 Electrical Construction, is Jim's grandson.

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*Devoted Alumnus*  
**Chris Swingley**

'81 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATING

Chris, project manager with Swanson & Youngdale Inc., is past chair of the Alumni Association Board of Managers. "We all have a common goal to continue the legacy of this great College started by William Hood Dunwoody 100 years ago,"

says Chris. His hobbies include sporting clays and trapshooting, hunting and fishing, boating and water sports, and gardening.

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*Trawling the Waters*  
**Donn Thomas**

'64 MACHINE TOOL

Donn went to work in his father's company, Thomas and Johnson Seal Service, and grew it to 600 employees. When his father was ready to retire, they sold the company and Donn created another successful company, Thomas Precision Machining. In 2007, Donn took his 34-foot trawler from Bayfield, Wisc. through inland waterways to New Orleans, the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts, the upper Hudson River, the Erie Canal and St. Lawrence River, through the Great Lakes and back to Bayfield.

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*It's a Small World*  
**Duane Treiber**

'58 MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY

Duane founded Custom Mold and Design in 1965. The company evolved and grew by building high precision single cavity and multicavity molds, prototypes and special machining services related to the injection molding industry. Treiber retired in 2001 and has since put his precision crafting skills to work making miniature ships—and the miniature tools and machines he needs to make the ships.

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*A Jolly Noble*  
**Ed Victorsen**

'40 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION

Ed started working for Northwestern Bell after graduation and stayed with the telephone company until retiring in 1980—except for four years during WWII when he searched for German submarine docking and holding positions while stationed in Iceland. His knowledge of Swedish helped the Allied Forces communicate with the locals. Ed has played the same trumpet—a valuable Stradivarius Model 7—Vincent Bach (serial number 1888)—since 1937, and has been a member of the Minneapolis Zuhrah Temple Shriner's Band since 1952. He also plays in an old-time band known as the "Jolly Nobles," which donates their fees to the Shrine Children's Hospital. Ed has worn thin the trumpet's brass in spots, but continues to practice and play. Ed hopes that his grandson, also also a trumpet player, will one day play the Stradivarius. A generous

donor to Dunwoody, Ed has included the College in his will to help future Dunwoody students.

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*Painting the Town*  
**Veown Victorsen**

'49 PAINTING AND DECORATING CLASSES

Veown learned painting and wallpapering at Dunwoody to help with the carpentry business her late husband Stuart, '47 Carpentry, started after WWII. She attended before women were allowed to earn formal credentials at Dunwoody.

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*She's a Cut-Up*  
**Marcy Vonne**

'93 MECHANICAL DRAFTING AND DESIGN

Marcy is principal mechanical designer at Toro, where she helped design the Groundsmaster 5900, a 16-foot wide machine that can cut an acre of turf in five minutes.



Marcy Vonne's Groundsmaster 5900



Morrie Wagener

#### Want more?

There are two ways to see more of Morrie's collection:

- Visit [www.dunwoody.edu/blog](http://www.dunwoody.edu/blog) for more photos.
- Attend Dunwoody's 100th Anniversary Gala on October 4 to bid on a chance to tour the collection in person.

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#### *Automotive Preservationist* **Morrie Wagener**

'57 AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

When Morrie was five years old, he fell in love: with cars. He saw a Cord at the local garage and was a goner. (Cords, which were built from 1929 to 1932 and 1936 to 1937, were known for their streamlined designs and innovative technology such as hidden headlamps.) A preservationist at heart, Morrie now owns four Cords and more than 200 other perfectly restored cars—mostly roadsters, two-door coupes, and convertibles from the 1920s through '60s. The collection, which Morrie built over a span of 45 years, is exhibited in a pristine 50,000 square-foot private museum in the west metro. The collection boasts immaculate Chryslers, Oldsmobiles and Duesenbergs; Ford Roadsters and Woodies; a Lincoln that transported presidents and celebrities; a 1904 Cadillac Wagon; and a 1911 Stanley Steamer. Jaguars and Mercedes are parked not far from Alfas and Bentleys. Across the aisle are vintage Corvettes, race cars, and much more. The collection also includes approximately 100 U.S. and Canadian gas pumps from the early 1900s, classic motorcycles, midget cars, Sherman tank engines, historic advertising for cars and oil companies, and a library of books and manuals. "Morrie's car collection is a hidden treasure," says Scott Lambert, executive vice president of the Minnesota Auto Dealers Association. "It speaks a lot about his character

that he likes to collect and restore these vehicles but doesn't have a lot of interest in showing them off."

#### *The Dunwoody Difference*

Morrie founded Morrie's Automotive Group in 1960 and grew the company to 15 unique dealership franchises and two body shops. Some of the 900 employees have been with him 40 years or more. "We have some really good people," says Morrie. Many of the technicians are Dunwoody trained. "Without my Dunwoody education, I couldn't have figured out how all this stuff worked," says Morrie, who serves on the Board of Trustees and is past chairman. "But Dunwoody's mission was never just teaching technical skills," he continues. "There has always been a big emphasis on values. I have never forgotten the lessons I learned."

#### *What Matters Most*

Morrie met the true love of his life, his late wife Ginny, when he was just starting his business. On their first date she held a flashlight for hours while he finished fixing a customer's car, and he knew she was a keeper. He's quick to say that the secret to his success was hard work, big risks and Ginny's understanding. "You have to pay your dues," says Morrie, who worked 15 hours, six days a week for most of his career. "You won't be a success by working just 40 hours a week." His advice to current students? "Be honest. Be credible. Don't be afraid to admit you don't know everything, but stand behind what you do know."

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*Keepin' it Cool***Elmer Wedel**

'74 AIR CONDITIONING

**Jeremy Wedel**

'11 HVAC SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Elmer started as a draftsman and is now president/owner of Eden Prairie based Allan Mechanical, which provides HVAC solutions for office buildings, semi-conductor plants, clean rooms, plating and manufacturing facilities, foundries, warehouses, malls and retail space. Son Jeremy is a project manager at Allan.

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*Building Family***Joe Weis**

'52 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATING

Weis Builders, founded by Joe's dad as a one-man carpentry shop in Rochester, Minn., is now a fourth generation, \$400 million company that employs 250 in four locations. "[Going to Dunwoody] was the best move I could have made for my career," says Joe. "It would have taken me eons to learn on the job what I learned there." That's why he made both of his sons go to evening classes at Dunwoody after they'd earned four-year degrees elsewhere. Weis Building is known for both new construction and renovation of medical facilities, commercial projects, retail, and housing of all shapes and sizes. Joe's own expertise is in affordable housing, but one of his favorite clients is Michael's Restaurant, a Rochester landmark with which he's worked since 1952. He's taken Michael's from a 22-foot wide store-

front to 130 feet of frontage and managed multiple renovations along the way.

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*Hopping the Pond***Denis White**

'67 ENGINEERING DRAFTING AND DESIGN

More than fifty years ago, Denis left his home in England for the U.S. in search of adventure. After working for several years (and several very cold winters) in Minnesota and Wisconsin, Denis enrolled at Dunwoody as an older student. "I took my diploma home to show my father, and he was speechless," remembers Denis. "No one in my family had ever achieved so much." His career took him to Minneapolis Moline, American Hoist and Medtronic. Today, he and his wife Molly (also from "across the pond") live in St. Louis Park.

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*Fore!***Alan Wussow**

'69 MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGIES

Alan worked in the maintenance shop at Mayo Clinic in Rochester for many years and now is basking in retirement. "Dunwoody gave me the education I needed to get a good job that I loved doing," says Alan, who has included Dunwoody in his estate plans. "I'm just paying back what I got out of it." Now retired, he plays 40 to 50 rounds of golf on as many as 30 different golf courses each year.



Jeff Ylinen

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*Making Dunwoody Work***Jeff Ylinen**

'79 HVAC

Jeff has served Dunwoody College for 33 years as an HVAC instructor, chairman of the HVAC Department, dean of learning and provost (his current position). One of 39 alumni currently on the faculty, Jeff started his career at Lindsay Brothers Company before joining Dunwoody. "We're proud that many of our talented faculty are loyal alumni who return to the Dunwoody family as teachers after working in their chosen professions," says Jeff.

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*Design-Building the Future***Dave, Mark and Chris Zeman**

'62, '83 AND '86 ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND ESTIMATING TECHNOLOGY

Dave Zeman and his sons Mark, John and Chris founded Zeman Construction

in 1989. Grandson Alvin, '14 Construction Project Management, recently joined the company, making Zeman a three-generation family business. The Zemans must be doing something right: Nationwide, only about 30 percent of family-owned businesses survive into the second generation, and only 12 percent are still viable into the third generation, but Zeman Construction is thriving. The company's portfolio features several thousand commercial projects and includes country clubs, restaurants, office buildings, churches, grocery stores, retail, and industrial structures. Mark has served Dunwoody as a speaker at new-student orientations and in the classroom, and Chris is a current member of the Alumni Association Board of Managers.