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Notes

Here are EC Class Notes for April 2012. Enjoy!

Shellie Schwanke '87
Director of Alumni Relations

70's

Kip Hayden '76 is lead Bank Technical Analyst in the Data Management group at State Farm Bank, a Division of State Farm Insurance Companies in Bloomington, IL.

Peg Cochran Hayden '76 is Director of the Wesley's Bright Beginnings preschool, located Wesley United Methodist Church on East Washington Street in Bloomington, IL. They are members of Centennial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Bloomington, IL, where Peg is Church Board Secretary and Elder, and Kip is Church Treasurer and Elder, and both sing in Choir and numerous other activities.

80's

Nicolette Cox Granata '82 and her husband Mark live in Durham, NC where Nicolette has been the Director of Triangle Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten for 16 years. She has two boys, both graduates of UNCC and a Grandson on the way in August!!!

Ken Barnes '86 was named Lead Developer at my company (Perfectware Solutions). He recently became an elder in his church (New Hope Baptist), is on the Board of Directors of Excelsior! Homeschool Co-op and is a contributing author to our statewide Homeschool magazine, CHOIS Connection.

90's

Tracy Ahrens '92 was recently interviewed on WGN Radio 720 AM Chicago where she talked about her book, Raising My Furry Children. Host Bill Moller is in the blue shirt. Steve Dale is wearing the hat. She is also announcing the arrival of her first book of poetry titled "Nature Will Heal" (Finishing Line Press). This is her fifth book.



"Poetry has been an escape for me from journalistic writing," Ahrens says. "It's a time to play with words as life moves me. It's the ultimate brevity – a pen stroke – a signature that etches lasting impressions." Ahrens' web site is

www.tracyahrens.weebly.com

Kristen Vetter '94 is a special education teacher for Greenfield Community Unit School District. She resides in Greenfield, IL, with her children Michaela and Kamryn.

Nora Latz Gleason '96 is an art teacher for Peter M. Gombert Elementary. She resides in Joliet, IL with her husband Mike.

00's

Micheal Kieser '00 was selected for below the zone promotion to Major in March (below the zone means ahead of peers). He graduated from the Intermediate Level Education Course at the Command and General Staff College on April 19. In June, he will leave Fort Bliss to attend Illinois State University for a graduate degree in English as part of the Army Advanced Civil Schooling Program. As part of this he will serve as an instructor at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) upon graduation.

David Raffel '01 a behavior intervention specialist in the Germantown Hills School District 69, will be promoted to principal of grades six through eight on July 1, 2012.

Katherine Ludewig '07 is a police officer for the City of Freeport. She lives in Freeport, IL.

Ashley Thomas France '11 is an auditor for Palmetto GBA. She resides in Green Valley, IL.

Kyle Koestner '11 is a Biological Science Technician for the United States Department of Agriculture. He lives in Ames, IA.

Nancy Lee West, wife of former faculty member, Dr. Owen West, has published "*Old Art / New Views*" commemorating her life's creative work, from oil paintings to church program covers. *Old Art / New Views* may be ordered online by going to www.OLDARTNEWVIEWS.COM or available for \$44.95 including shipping by writing to: Old Art / New Views PO Box 153 Eureka, Illinois 61530. E-mail questions or comments to Mary at mcsweeney_east@yahoo.com.

Deaths

Mary Humphrey Martschinke '44

Alice McDonald Puckett '54

Judy Olson '71

Sandy Adkinson Helms '72

Debi Pisinski Taylor '75

Friends

Bill Nichols – Honorary Doctorate '88

Bill Goff - Former Trustee

Glenn Riddell – Former Chaplain and Honorary Alum '07