OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Mary Ellen Mowery ’61 was honored as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year for 54 years of leadership in KMBC’s Dietary Department with delicious meals, and 30 years as Alumni Treasurer. Mary Ellen has also been mission cabinet director, dorm supervisor, assistant pastor at KMHA Consolation church, and many other areas of service.

ELDON NEIHOFF HONORED

During commencement exercises May 23, Kentucky Mountain Bible College conferred on Dr. Eldon Neihof ’56, honorary membership in Delta Epsilon Chi. The honor recognized Dr. Neihof for his leadership in the holiness movement. Dr. Neihof’s ministries include President of KMHA, WGM Board Member, well-known evangelist in the United States and abroad and author of the book, I Believe in Holiness.

MYERS MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

Dedication of Myers Memorial Garden followed the heart-warming praise service on Alumni Day. Dr. Philip Speas, Dr. Eldon Neihof, Henrietta Griffith, Martha Kirkpatrick and Tim Kirkpatrick participated in the ceremony. Following the loss of her husband, Horace, and their three children, Titus, Phillip and Lela Grace in the 1939 flood, Nettie Myers continued to live and work at KMBI as a beloved faculty member and Dean. Others honored on plaques are faculty and staff who have sacrificially labored at KMBI/KMBC for 30 or more years, and work teams who have made 10 or more trips to update and improve campus grounds and facilities.
50 YEAR CELEBRATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In January, Betty and Don Seymour ‘57 joined others in Papua New Guinea for the 50-year anniversary of the CCCU denomination there. In 1964, The Seymours began digging the church out of jungle territory—physically and spiritually. Primitive living conditions, primitive social and religious culture presented great challenges, but God proved to be the greater power, bringing people out of darkness into His marvelous light and life of full salvation. Today, tribal fighting is gone, there are 85 churches with national pastors and superintendent, an air strip in the remote location where Don, Betty and children began, a Bible college, fully equipped medical center, primary school, youth camp, new generations of believers and much more. The celebration was all about the remaining fruit and fruit God will bring in days to come.

The church’s vision for the future is of a strong, growing national church living and preaching the message of heart holiness.

Three days of the celebration involved different district churches in parade—looking back and ahead—chanting in Pidgin, “God’s Word was brought to us in 1964,” and, “In 1964 God’s Light came to us,” and the last, “God inap,” or “God is enough!” With that confidence, the CCCU churches in PNG face today’s modern-day challenges. Don and Betty’s hearts were thrilled beyond expression to participate in celebrating the marvelous works of God and the people’s vision for the future.
RAYMOND AND RACHAEL HEATER HONORED

During the KMHA annual conference, Raymond and Rachael Heater ’71 were honored for 40 years of outstanding service at Mt. Carmel High School. Ray has been the longest-serving mechanic in the KMHA. He also keeps busy with campus maintenance. Rachael’s nursing abilities have served retired KMHA workers, staff, and students. Raymond also finds ministries in the community, including Vancleve Volunteer Fire Department Chief. Rachael serves as pianist for a church in Jackson.

JIM FANT HONORED

On June 9, Jim Fant ’71 received the Bishop’s Award on Ecumenism at the United Methodist Church Annual Conference Covington District. Jim is Assistant Pastor at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Lakeside Park, Covington, KY. He is deeply involved with outreach/social ministries. Jim and Janet (Curtis ’71) live in Foster, KY.

CHERYL WINTERS HONORED

Cheryl (Gross ’93) Winters received the Excellence in Teaching Award from Campbellsville University in KY. Cheryl is one out of 166 teachers in 58 KY school districts. She teaches middle school language arts at Cornerstone Christian School in London, KY. Cheryl is married to Eric Winters ’91 and is the daughter of Delmer ’67 and Yvonne Brugger ’68 Gross, KMHA pastors at Sinking Creek, near London.

VAN KUIKEN COMPLETES PhD

Jerome VanKuiken ’94 has completed work on his doctorate. He and Lisa (Kunze ’96) will travel to England in October for his graduation ceremony at the University of Manchester. Jerome is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. He has a B.A. from Kentucky Mountain Bible College and M.Div from Wesley Biblical Seminary. Jerome is an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church. He has served as pastor, assistant pastor, pulpit supply preacher, and camp meeting Bible study teacher. He has authored 16 publications, presentations, and distinctives and is a member of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Jerome is the son of Jerry ’64 and Margaret (Wheeler ’68) Van Kuiken; grandson of Marvin ’43 and Frances (Duncan ’42) Wheeler.

NEW ARRIVALS

Tom ’09 and Ashley Skeen welcomed their first child, a son, Ian Thomas, March 27.

Ian (meaning Gift from God) Robert was born to Rob ’93 and Holly (Bishop ’94) Pocai March 28. Happy grandparents are Robert and Karen (Shankland ’65) Pocai and Randy ’75 and Marilyn (Self ’76) Bishop.

OOPS!

LONNIE E. RILEY ’82 is not the author of the book Miracle in the Mountains, as was reported in the last Alumni Footnotes. There is another Lonnie Riley in KY. KMBC’s Lonnie works for Freedom Ministries International. He has authored some books; others are in process. He and his family live in Myrtle Beach, SC.

WEDDINGS

Nicole Copen ’14 and Nathan Hurst ’14 were united in marriage May 31 at Belleville Baptist Church, Belleville, WV.

Melissa Moffatt ’14 and Austin Shuck (student/staff) were married August 2 at Springs Valley Wesleyan Church, French Lick, IN. Austin is the son of Jay and Carla Shuck.

Marie Beakler (student) and Daniel Ossinsky ’12 exchanged wedding vows August 5 at Five Mile Community Church, Vancleve, KY.

ANNIVERSARY

David ’62 and Ann Fruth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 18. Although retired, they are still active in music and preaching ministries.

IN HEAVEN

Stanley Winters ’65 – Feb. 20 - in Newcomerstown, OH. He was a retired minister in the United Methodist Church. Stanley also was pastor in the Wesleyan Church for several years.

Karon (Stitt ’64) Schwartz, PhD, RN - April 8. Karon was Nursing Instructor at Glen Oaks Community College and Western Michigan University. She was also Graduate Program Nursing Director at Bethel College in IN. She served as a nurse at Three Rivers Health and was active in Hospice. Survivors include her husband, James and three sons/families.

Allen Howard ’60 (Mt. C. ’57) passed to his heavenly reward July 7th. Allen was a loving and well-loved pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for 48 years. Among the survivors are his wife Nancy (Singleton ’61) and daughters, Brenda and Anita with their spouses and families. Allen’s sister, Mescal Gross (FS) went to be with the Lord July 9th and her husband, Oscar, on July 3rd.

DID YOU KNOW?

In March, Pat Bowen ’62-’64 and Elaine Kauffman, a friend from MT, spent three weeks in Brazil visiting Elaine’s missionary friends and enjoyed some sight seeing, including Iguacu Falls (pictured). The Falls border Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. They also visited Pat’s nephew and family in Paraguay.

Paul Andrus ’60 assists with visitation and teaches Sunday school at First Church of the Nazarene in Huntsville, AL. Berniece (Beckwith ’61) volunteers at Choose Life, performing ultrasounds. She also helps at a free dental clinic.

Charles 63 and Keet (Rutledge ’62) Winters, retired career missionaries from Bolivia, returned to Santa Cruz in April to serve for three months as World Gospel Mission guest house hosts. Daughters Rachel ’86 /David Kerney and Ila ’87 /Cesar Ordonez and families also serve in the Santa Cruz area with WGM. The Kerney’s son, Micah, graduated from KMBC in May.

Jerry ’64 and Margret (Wheeler ’68) Van Kuiken are having a wonderful time pastoring the people of the Spraytown Free Methodist Church near Seymour, IN. Margret enjoys...
working with the children. The Van Kuikens have seen several people come to the Lord.

Mary Lynn (McIntosh ’75) Blish and husband live in Kenduskeag, ME. Mary studied for her BSN in nursing at Olivet Nazarene University. She works in Risk Management at Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems and is Risk Management Coordinator at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Bill and Marilee (Brouwer) Peed ’75 are in their 11th year of ministry at Kingswood University in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada, a Wesleyan school. Bill is Global Ministries Program Director, Director of the Summer Institute of TESL, and Professor of Intercultural Studies. Marilee works in the Communications Department as editor and writer. Marilee shares, “To be equipping Christ-like servant leaders for global impact is such an honor and privilege. We are so blessed. We are extremely thankful for the Spirit-filled training that we received at KMBC!”

Bradley and Anita (Howard ’77) Caldwell have been reasigned by the Salvation Army to serve for three years at the International Headquarters in London, England. This follows several years of ministry in Russia.

During KMBC’s Field Ministries Day, Steve Richmond ’78 spoke to the students about Social Outreach. This avenue of ministry has enabled Steve and Doris (Turner ’75) to reach children, youth and adults with the Gospel in innovative ways. Some have been saved, many are now regular attenders at the Wesleyan church in Lexington, KY where Steve is pastor.

Gary ’81 and Debra Sparks are pastoring the Blessed Assurance Church in Stanton, KY—his hometown. The Sparks live in Clay City.

Richard ’94 and Jonette Englehardt had the privilege of visiting England from March 23 to April 6. They enjoyed the cultural and historical wonders that are in London, also Wesley sites in London, Epworth, Bristol and Oxford. Dr. Englehardt represented Kentucky Mountain Bible College at the spring meeting of the American Society of Church History at Oxford Brooks University. Richard is professor and registrar at KMBC. Jonnette also teaches.

Doug ’99 and Jill (Kunze ’01) Kraft have moved from the Spencer Fork Community Church (KMHA) to the Wesleyan Church in Shelbyville, KY. Doug and Jill have filled well their KMHA ministries since graduating.

Freddie Finley ’05, 5th and 6th grade teacher in the Mt. Carmel Elementary school for several years, has moved to Baxter, KY. He and Cassie (FS) are serving one of the new KMHA church plants.

Tracy Caldwell ’06/’14 continues on staff in the music department at Mt. Carmel Schools.

Honduran medical staff advised Bill ’07 and Beth (FS) Ryan to return to the States for surgery on Beth’s recently broken hip. God worked miracles on both ends. They are living in Lexington, KY, and are scheduling home ministry services which they will begin filling after her three-month recovery time.

Shawnda Dykoff ’08 is After School Coordinator at Lakeview Christian School in Marion, IN. She also serves as Youth Pastor at Main Street Wesleyan Church in Jonesboro, IN. Shawnda graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in ’11 with an M.A. in Christian Leadership.

Dan ’09 and Charlotte (Chandler-FS) Lorimer visited Japan in March. Charlotte’s sister and brother-in-law minister with the Japanese church in Tokyo. The Lorimers enjoyed seeing traditional sites and beautiful scenery. Different foods, language and customs made their time in Japan a memorable experience. They were challenged to see the great need for Jesus, but encouraged to see how God is working through the lives of believers in that part of the world.

Justin (FS) and Shianne (Jack ’12) Walters are on staff at the Wesleyan Church in Clinton, TN where David ’11 and Caroline (Pelfrey ’12) Speas pastor.

Kolton and Adelle Semrow ’14 joined the staff at Kentucky Mountain Bible College, and will be assistants in the Recruiting Department.

David Munson Jr. ’08 and ’14 continues on staff at Mt. Carmel Schools. He is Director of Development and teaches Physical Science and U.S. History. Carrie ’10 assists with staff duties.

Dan’12 and Marie (Beakler ’14) Ossinsky are on staff at Mt. Carmel.

Nathan Hurst ’14 will be on staff at Mt. Carmel High School. Nicole (Copen ’14) will continue studying at KMBC.

Monica King ’14 will be teaching second grade at Mt. Carmel Elementary school.

ROSS FOLEY ORDAINED

During the KMHA annual conference in June, Ross Foley ’13 was ordained into the ministry. He and Brittany ’13 are serving the KMHA pastor at Woodside in Morgan County. Rev. Bob Stilson ’72, Superintendent of KMHA Churches, officiated at the ceremony.

KMBC APPROVED FOR ON-LINE CLASSES

In July, ABHE certified KMBC to offer on-line classes. Jason Goben ’07, a 2014 M.DIV. graduate from Asbury Theological Seminary, will be the Teaching Assistant for these classes.

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