



2017

Another Company Bites the Dust!

Rich and Joanne Miller, by way of Philip Swanson, forwarded this tidbit along to us:

The J. M. Smucker Co. will acquire the Wesson Oil brand from Conagra Brands Inc. for approximately \$285 million. Conagra will continue to manufacture Wesson products and provide certain other transition services for up to one year. After the transition period, J.M. Smucker expects to consolidate Wesson production at its existing oils manufacturing facility in Cincinnati, OH.

2016

Pete Cowles & Bruce Bayless – Alum Reunion Recap

The adage "if you build it, they will come" is still working for Hunt-Wesson...15 years and a big crowd stills shows up. The venue is cozy but provides the opportunity for everyone to meet and greet.

One of the best things about the event is that people from all departments in the company show up and there are people that travel a distance to be there like Steve Hasselbeck who flew in from Chicago and John Martinez from Arizona.

No one takes attendance but here are a few of those who were there: Bruce Bayless, Carl Woodard, Bob Isaacson, Dave Woodruff, Barry Sheldon, Jack Wallace, Bill Maginnis, Ed Snell, Arlene Kossler, Mike Mindiak, Pete Seitz, Pete Cowles, Bill Tragos, Glen Smith, Steve Hasselbeck, Rick Pike, Steve Henig, Norm Frazier, Ash Hussain, Denise Jackson, Mike Fitzpatrick, Chris Paquette, Tom Dickman, Steve Stredler, John Martinez, Rick Cummings, Bob Hybki, Stan Lewczyk, Jeff Fried, Carol Hayslip and dozens more, bringing total attendance to well over 100 Alum!

Bill Taubert – Logistics/ISS

Bill's daughter, Jennifer, made the Fortune Magazine's List of Most Powerful Women, coming in at #45 this year. [Photo and story are available here.](#) She is currently Johnson & Johnson's Company Group Chairman. Proud Dad Bill recounts that he sometimes would bring Jennifer to work with him and she play Elaine Gidcombe's 3D tic-tac-toe game on one of the IBM terminals.



2015

Patty Gray (Stoddard) - ISS

I'm sorry I won't be able to join you, but this is the same night as my twins' Back to School night for Walker Jr. High. It's their first year there, so it's lots of new routines, teachers, etc. Hope everyone's doing well. Hugs all around. You can find pictures of the family and me on Facebook under "Patty (Stoddard) Gray".

John & Elaine Gidcombe - ISS

What have we been doing?

- Downsizing our library – donating books to the Huntington Beach Central Library.
- Recycling eyeglasses – donating several pairs of obsolete frames and lenses to the Lions Club. Did you know that this is the Lions' club's charitable project?
- In our quest to recycle stuff (CFL lights, batteries, old/obsolete medications, eWaste) and help save the environment, I found that www.earth911.com is very comprehensive, and has recycling locations for just about everything! The students who tend the Cal State Long Beach recycling center gave me this information.

Patty Vaccaro (Anderson) – Oil Trading

Can't make it. I'll be away on business. Say a big Hello to everyone for me. I still have such fond memories of my colleagues from Hunt-Wesson.

Steve Brunette – Legal

Just wanted to let you know that Lou Wann, Harold Wann's wife (Oil Trading) passed away late this Summer. They were married almost 71 years! It is also worth noting that the Wanns set up a memorial fund in honor of Emmet Wells' son Phil who passed away after a lengthy bout with cancer. If anyone is interested here is the information: Phil Wells Memorial Scholarship, Attn: Sharon Lynch, UC Davis Athletics Development, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616.



2014

Lori Sabella - Facilities

Thank you so much for all your hard work in keeping track of the alums, sending out the newsblasts, and organizing the reunions. I am hoping that one day I will actually be able to attend. Thank you - hope you have a great turn out and my best regards to everyone!

Would be thrilled to be there, but can't make it.

Don Jameson - Purchasing

Would be thrilled to be there, but can't make it. BTW, Bill Mitchell would like to hear from his old friends. If you wish to contact Bill, please email Info@HWReunion.com

Jeff Fried - Marketing

Had back surgery at Memorial Hospital. Doing fine!

Manuel Rodriquez - Accounts Payable

Only a few lines to let you know that I have been out of circulation for a bit. I had a subdural hematoma and had surgery and stayed in ICU for more than 4 days. Recovering process will be slow. But everything is looking OK. If you wish to contact Manuel, please email Info@HWReunion.com

2013

Vicki Rotureau (Roach) - Refinery Operations & Industrial Sales

Although I am no longer a HW or ConAgra employee, I continue to work for ConAgra Industrial Sales and Foodservice. I mainly sell Industrial Wesson products for Memphis Refinery. I am married to my wonderful husband Joe (28 years and counting!!), and we have 2 wonderful sons (of course!) who are students at Georgia Southern. We live in the country just outside of Savannah.

John Estes - ISS

I have moved to Portland. Enjoying life. John Estes



Ginny Henry – Facilities & Sales

Unfortunately for me, I live in Ft. Jones, which is actually 60 miles from the Oregon border, and so I only make it down to OC once a year to see my kids and grandkids. I did that already this year as all four of my grandkids were graduating from their respective schools. My granddaughter, Whitney, graduated from YL High School, my grandsons, Drake, Nolan and Ryan graduated from middle school and grade school respectively. It was fun to enjoy all their different kinds of ceremonies, but I won't be back again until next year. My boys come up to see us once a year so I get to enjoy "reunions" with them when I get to see them.

Mary Nordstrom - Finance

Mary has a long-term illness and is currently residing in a local care home. If anyone is interested in visiting, calling or writing to Mary, please contact Info@HWReunion.com and request her contact information.

John “Hutch” Hutchinson – Kansas City DC

I will not be making the trip from Kansas City this year but wanted to say HELLO and Thanks to all!