



October Newsletter 2016

A Special Thank You to Walt Smith, Process Engineer and Brad Casale, Regional Sales Manager from [Nordson Xaloy](#) for their presentation at our last Technical Event on October 18th. Below are some highlights from our meeting.



Thanks to all our members and guests and students who joined us!

Nordson XALOY is one of the world's leading manufacturers of components and melt delivery systems for injection and extrusion machinery and offers advanced process testing and training services.



2016 Educational Foundation Bob Mehn Scholarship Award Winner

Congratulations Darcy Davis on the 2016 Education Foundation Scholarship Award. Pictured is Jack Hill (SPE Education Foundation Treasurer) and Darcy Davis. Darcy is the 2016 winner of the Bob Mehn scholarship award winner in the amount of \$2000.

[Read more on our website.](#)

In Memory of Michael Krauski

Michael "Mike" Krauski fought a brave battle against pancreatic cancer for over 2 years but it ultimately overtook him at the age of 67 on October 10, 2016. He leaves behind a family that loved and adored him, friends that enjoyed his companionship and loyalty, members of the Oconomowoc community, and trusted colleagues in engineering and business with whom he worked over the years.



Mike is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marjorie "Margie," his children Kristyn (Jeffrey) White of Libertyville, IL, and Jonathan (Jessica) Krauski of Kenosha; his grandchildren, Audrie and Jonathan "JJ" White and Nola and Ford Krauski; his sister Dr. Lois Fisch of Sarasota, FL; and other cherished family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norbert and Mary Krauski.

Born April 25, 1949, Mike spent his formative years in New Berlin and graduated from NBHS in 1967. He earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering (1972) and an MS degree in Structural Analysis (1974), both from Marquette University. He then pursued doctoral engineering coursework at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In 1991 he received an Executive MBA degree from UWM.

He met his future wife through a mutual friend resulting in their first date on Valentine's Day 1970, marrying on July 8, 1972. In 1984 they moved to beautiful Lac La Belle in Oconomowoc, where they raised their family and became involved in school and civic organizations. Aside from his family and work, Mike's passions included attending the Indy 500 (50 of the past 51 races), water sports, his beloved Green Bay Packers and ice hockey (he was a key creator of the Naga-Waukee Park Ice Arena and an assistant coach of the inaugural OHS hockey team). Mike's engineering career began with design and analysis of Bucyrus-Erie's strip mining products and then progressed to finite element analysis software marketing for industry-leading companies. He was extremely proud of his ties to the lead engineers of Detroit's automobile industry, major Midwest manufacturers, and aerospace firms. As a transition to retirement, he worked at UWM as the Director of Corporate Relations for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, a job he performed with zeal until July. He facilitated engineering-based research between area corporations and UWM's faculty and graduate students. Mike also launched UWM's Product Realization class and Student Start-Up Challenge.

Throughout his lifetime Mike was very active in the field of engineering and belonged to numerous organizations: American Society of Civil Engineers (since 1972), Structural Engineering Institute (charter member), The Water Council, and he served on the local boards of the Society of Plastics Engineers, the Society of Automotive Engineers International and the Midwest Energy Research Consortium.

Mike's family wishes to thank their extended family, friends and neighbors who helped in untold ways during his illness. Special recognition is warranted to the staff of the Froedtert Cancer Center, especially Dr. Paul Ritch, Dr. Kathleen Christians, RNs Lori and Helen, and also the staff of Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore where Mike participated in an immunotherapy clinical trial.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates contributions to two charities that were very close to Mike's heart: Froedtert Hospital Foundation for the Clinical Cancer Center at froedtert.com/giving/foundation and the Oconomowoc Area Foundation that supports local institutions at oconomowocareafoundation.com.

Services will be held on Saturday, October 29 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (995 S. Silver Lake St, Oconomowoc) with visitation from 10am-1pm followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. A luncheon will follow at the Oconomowoc Community Center. *May his memory be eternal.*



**In Loving Memory of Sue
Darlene (Meinert) Thomas
November 2, 1945 - August 19,
2016**

Sue Darlene (Meinert) Thomas was born in Chicago, IL, Nov. 2, 1945 to Raymond and Elsie Meinert. Besides her parents, her big sister, Diane, welcomed her into the world. The family lived in Lombard, IL, where she attended elementary and high school. She was a graduate of Culver-Stockton college in Canton, MO. After receiving her degree in education, she returned Lombard to teach

second grade at Peter Hoy Grade School. She also spent 14 years teaching pre-school at Mothers' Day Out in Brookfield WI.

She met the love of her life, Michael (Mike Thomas), in 1970. In the following years, they resided in New Jersey, Cleveland and Brookfield, WI, where they lived for 30 years. In 2010, they retired to Georgetown, TX (Sun City) where she passed away Friday, August 19, 2016.

Survivors include husband, Mike, son, Jason and daughter-in-law, Anna, six grandchildren, Halie, Courtney, Hunter, Sophie, Samantha, and Cooper, and three great grandchildren, Holdyn, Levi, and Landon; her sister Diane Curran; daughters; Lauri, Kim, Amy and five grandchildren; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bob and Marie Disibio, their son, Rob and Nancy and daughter Kath-erine and Jane; brother -in-law Joe and sister-in-law, Debbie Thomas and their children Matt, Sara, Zach and Leah. She is pre-deceased by her parent, Raymond and Elsie Meinert.

Sue's favorite times were spent with husband, son and numerous grandchil-dren and great grandchildren. Besides family time, she loved quilting and was an active member of Sun City's Fabric and Fiber Club. Sue also played bridge, golf and Mexican train.

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