

## Two Long-Time Home Office Employees Retire



**Clockwise from top left: Jerry Schwier receives one of many retirement gifts from fellow employees at NMB. • Jerry and his family enjoy a presentation in his honor at his “Shake, Rattle and Roll into Retirement” party on January 31, 2010. • Recent retiree Jerry Schwier congratulates Diane Mead on her retirement at her party last spring. • University of Wisconsin mascot Bucky Badger and NMB mascot Benny Beaver stopped by to wish Diane the best on her big day. • Diane poses with her family at her Badger-themed retirement party held April 30, 2010.**

National Mutual Benefit extends sincere appreciation to recently retired Home Office employees, Jerry Schwier and Diane Mead. Jerry and Diane, both hired in September 1978, will be missed by their co-workers for their warm personalities and professionalism in their respective departments. President George Yanna reflects, “Employees who have been around for a long time become invaluable because of their experience. When they leave, we lose that valuable resource and their experience.”

NMB is especially thankful for the invaluable experience that former Senior Systems Analyst, Jerry Schwier, provided during his 32 years of employment as a programmer and analyst. Members of his department recall Jerry’s strong leadership,

the vast scope of his technical expertise, and how he readily shared his knowledge to facilitate skill development in his team. Other employees speak fondly of their friendship with him, noting Jerry’s kind, gregarious personality, and his love of helping and spending time with people. NMB New Business Coordinator, Jeri Relph, speaks for many, stating, “He is the most thoughtful, caring man I know.” After his January 31, 2010, retirement, friends and co-workers gathered at the Home Office to wish Jerry the best.

Friends and co-workers gathered again to celebrate the April 30, 2010, retirement of former Human Resources Administrator Diane Mead. During her employment at NMB, Diane wore many hats, working positions such as

Clerk/Typist, Executive Secretary for Corporate Secretary, Executive Assistant for Vice President, and Supervisor of Image Processors. In addition, Diane also served Branch 400 as a Trustee (1997-1998) and as President (1999-2000). NMB Member Services Specialist, Paula Schoenike, shares, “She was always caring and friendly and let you know that she was there for you.” True to these words, Diane never hesitated to set up Home Office benefits for fellow employees in need, and is remembered at NMB for her generous spirit of friendship and gracious service to others.

We wish both Jerry and Diane wonderful, well-deserved years of happiness. ♦

## Using the Online Payment Feature

We are excited to announce the new online payment feature is now available on NMB's Web site! Members with active policies are able to:

- 1** Visit [www.nmblife.org](http://www.nmblife.org) and click on the "Make a Payment" button located on the top right of the page. Select either "Premium" or "Loan Payment."
- 2** Enter the policy number and zip code from your premium notice.
- 3** Make a payment using your bank account (savings or checking) or credit card (MasterCard, VISA, or Discover).

- There is no extra fee for payments received online.
- After submitting payment, you will have the option to print a confirmation page for your records.
- Crediting cutoff times each day are 7:30 p.m. CST for bank accounts and 9:00 p.m. CST for credit cards.



If you have any questions or problems with online payments, please contact the Payment Processing Department at [premium@nmblife.org](mailto:premium@nmblife.org) or 1-800-779-1936. ♦

## Election Drawing Prizes Awarded



Vice President of Fraternal Services Anne Rogers and President George Yanna draw names for prize recipients.

Ten lucky NMB members received special prizes for their participation in the 2010 election. In addition to the grand prize winners listed below, six NMB gift packs containing a flag set, cookbook, and water bottle, were also distributed. Congratulations to all of the prize recipients, and thank you to all members who participated in this important election!

**iPod Recipients:** Betty Feltmann - Lester Prairie, MN • Verna Valley - Germantown, WI  
**Digital Camera Recipients:** Deloy Larson - Amery, WI • Walter Brager - The Hills, TX