Class of 1963 History Project



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Biographical summary

Born 02/11/38

Spokane, Wash.

Spouse

Karolee T. (Olson) Hansen, R.N.

Children

Peter Erik Hansen (deceased at age 32 with brain cancer) Leif Owen Hansen (deceased at age 21 by accidental drowning) Binget Sue (Hansen) Nilsson

Grandchildren

Kjell Erik Nilsson, Bjorn Peter Nilsson and Annika Rae Nilsson

Practicing

Peter Hansen, M.D.

Historical information

Residency

Family practice, including OB-GYN

Ramsey County Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., 1964

Additional training

Radiology, orthopedics, OB-GYN and cardiology (a couple months of each)

Professional activities

Board Certified in Family Medicine since 1972

Past National Officer of the American Academy of Family Physicians

Organizer and Chair/Co-chair of first 12 annual scientific meetings of Alaska Academy of Family Physicians; developed EMS/paramedic programs in two local communities

Active in Alaska State Medical Association, AMA and WONCA (world family medicine movement)

Hobbies and personal interests

Boy Scout Leader; volunteering for many national and international Jamborees

Snowmobiling and winter camping

Riding my Harley-Davidson motorcycle; driving my 1931 Model A Ford roadster bought at age 16

Keeping up with medical science nationally and internationally

Kenai River Marathon organizer

Masonic Brotherhood

Favorite UW faculty members

Assistant Dean, Dr. Blandau

Memories from medical school

Jumping on a King County Hospital elevator and meeting my wife, a new nurse, and marrying her three days after graduation, with plans to move to Alaska a year later.

Living in the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity at 1800 E. Shelby and walking daily in the rain across Montlake Bridge to school; managing the Phi Chi house several years.

Studying with Lee McFarland and Ron Millard; studying nights in the med school canteen with Don Winningham.

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Significant career or personal highlights since graduation

1967, moving from Juneau to Kenai, Alaska, a village with no doctor and no area hospital in the midst of an oil boom; today our local midlevel hospital has more than 60 physicians on staff serving the Kenai Peninsula.

1974, the first family physician from Alaska appointed to a National Commission of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and working my way up to vice president in 1984-1985.

Precepting in my town more than 130 medical students and residents over the past 45 years.

Words of wisdom

Look at every problem as an opportunity, rather than every opportunity as a problem.

Be prepared with a second best in everything you do.

Watch for the book I am writing, The Last Frontier Doctor.

