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Every day of his life, Jim shared WWA with people young and old, always educating others about WWA's goals and success, including through local radio shows with Darrel Toliver, who also shared many of Jim and the Valley Chapter's successful educational program stories in articles in the Post Crescent newspaper. Jim also wrote an article published in WWA's magazine entitled, "Are You an Ethical Hunter".

During this time, Jim also joined up with WWA's Appleton area Valley Chapter Chairmen Gary Milske and Dan Witthuhn and began volunteering on the banquet committee. In 1999 he accepted the title of Chapter Chairman, which he held for 16 years until "retiring" in 2015, turning the chapter over to current co-chairs Brad Miller and Pete Strenn, who have continued the trend of very successful banquets that Jim built over the years. Jim still continues on as a banquet committee member to this day, with over 26 years of service.

Jim is honored beyond words to be inducted into the WWA Hall Of Fame and to join with such a high level of outstanding Hall of Fame Members. Jim says he could not have been so successful in his volunteer career with WWA without his Valley Chapter Committee, including Treasurer and Secretary Kevin and Mickie O'Brien, Dusty Bouch, Dan Engle, charter committee member Doug Helm and Jim's beautiful daughters, Jessica and Kristi.

Jim would like to thank all WWA volunteers and wants you to know that you are all a very big part of our success and encourages you all to continue to get involved, because you do, and will, make a difference in people young and old FOREVER!

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WWA Hall of Fame

The History...

In 2016, WWA's Board of Directors wished to honor those that have gone above and beyond to create, enhance and/or further the mission of our Association. Later that year a motion was made, and unanimously passed, by the Board to create the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to the recognition of the outstanding WWA Members, Sponsors, Board of Directors and/or Staff who, through their exceptional service, educational and legislative input, high personal standards, dedicated principles and contributions, have thereby enriched the general welfare of WWA.

Please join us in welcoming the 3rd Annual Class of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Hall of Fame.

Nutro Products, Inc./Marty Young – Sponsor

Marty played an integral role in developing a sponsor partnership between WWA and Nutro Products, Inc. Nutro has been an invaluable sponsor of the Organization, providing cash and/or product donations for well over a decade to help support our fundraising efforts and mission. Marty has been attending and volunteering at WWA banquets (he numbers them at 100+) since 2005 when Nutro began its support of WWA. He says that he has met a lot of great people from all over the state, and assisted quite a few of them with information on how a quality dog food can make their hunting experience better.

According to Marty, "I kept coming back because of the people, really a great group! I enjoy helping out any way I can because I know my efforts are appreciated and DO make a difference just as the WWA does in our State."

Wayne Folske – Board Member

Wayne joined the Board of Directors in June of 2010 and served until January of 2014. Wayne was also the Chapter Chair of WWA's Oshkosh Chapter for seven years, but his crowning achievement with the Organization was coming up with the idea for the Conservation Calendar Raffle. According to fellow volunteer John Regan, "while everyone was telling him it would not work, he never the less persevered and jumped through all the hoops to get it done. It was a rough couple of years at the start, so he brought in another organization to help support the calendar. Eventually, Wayne got sales to the point where the calendar could almost sell itself." To this day, some 10 years later, the Calendar Raffle remains one of our highest producing fundraisers each year and Wayne's sales efforts with the calendar also helped to earn him the award of Volunteer of the Year.

Jim Rogers – Volunteer Member

Jim began his volunteer career with WWA in the early 1990's, attending a weekend seminar at the WDNR's Mackenzie Center, where he worked with both the WDNR and WWA to learn how to put on a new program called Wisconsin Waterfowl Skills Clinic (WWSC). Jim returned home and began preparing for a clinic held at the Outagamie County Conservation Club. Jim ran this very successful clinic for several years and also immediately began sharing his love and skills for conservation, and for WWA, by running several weekend youth hunts at the WDNR's LaSage property in Stephenville, WI. Coordinating Eagle Scout projects, building handicapped duck hunting blinds at the LaSage property, and organizing and assisting in handicapped waterfowl hunts through "Challenge the Outdoors" program.

Jim took the skills he learned through the WWSC and started sharing them by putting on Waterfowl Identification seminars at local sports shows, even presenting Ted Nugent with a WWA shirt and hat at one show.

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