

## Long-Time Employee Retires

After 36½ years of dedicated service to National Mutual Benefit, Tom Buege retired on May 31, 2005. Tom began his career at NMB as printing and purchasing manager in 1968. When the Home Office relocated to its present location in 1990, Tom also took on building maintenance duties. He became known as “Handyman” Tom or “Mr. Fix-it”—always willing to lend a hand, no matter what the task. He even jumped dead car batteries, changed tires, and helped diagnose car problems for fellow employees. Tom served his community as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts and was a long-time blood and apheresis donor.

Tom’s wife, Jean, retired shortly after Tom did, and their first retirement project was to build a new home on the 80+ acres they have owned for many years in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin. Hunting, bowling, downhill skiing, and whitewater rafting are just some of the activities that will keep Tom busy during his retirement. He and Jean also enjoy spending time with their adult children and their families, which include five grandchildren.

We wish you both continued good health and much happiness in your new home in the north woods of Wisconsin. Enjoy your retirement! ♦



Tom and Jean Buege (center) are pictured with daughter Paula (left) and son Kevin and his wife, Kim, at a party held in Tom’s honor. Their daughter, Jenny, lives in Germany and was unable to attend.

## New Wausau Area District Manager Named

We are pleased to announce that effective August 15, 2005, Kent L. Stadler, FIC, has



been named district manager of National Mutual Benefit’s Wisconsin River Agency.

Kent earned his bachelor of science degree in business/operations management from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He holds the Fraternal Insurance Counsellor (FIC) designation, has taken the Agency Management Training Council course, and is just one step away from earning his Chartered Leadership Fellow certificate.

Kent brings 13 years of insurance industry experience to NMB—all in the Wausau area. His career began in 1992 as a field representative with Catholic Family, where he qualified for the prestigious President’s Council and the President’s Club. In 1997, he became regional manager in the Wausau area for the Catholic Aid Association (CAA), based in St. Paul, Minnesota. During his eight years with CAA, Kent built an agency from scratch with virtually no membership to over 1,000 new members. He received the

Agency Development Award three years in a row, 1999–2001, and qualified for the President’s Club in both 2000 and 2001.

Kent is enthused with the many opportunities he sees for the future growth of the Wisconsin River Agency and hopes to further develop the fraternal branch system already in place. He is looking to hire agents to better serve members in Stevens Point, Merrill, Tomahawk, Rhinelander, Marshfield, and Wisconsin Rapids. If you or anyone you know might be interested in a professional career with NMB in any one of these areas, please give Kent a call.

Kent and his wife, Kerri, have lived in Wausau for 13 years. They recently adopted a baby boy, Cameron. He is truly a joy to his parents, and Kent is already thinking about when he can take him hunting and fishing! The Stadlers enjoy all things outdoors and spending time with family and friends at their cottage in Crandon, Wisconsin.

To arrange for an insurance checkup or to discuss your insurance needs with Kent Stadler, call him at (715) 845-4300 or toll-free at 1-800-918-1234. Or stop by the agency office, 2402 Stewart Square, Suite 1-B, in Wausau. ♦

## Articles and Bylaws Amended

The Board of Directors of National Mutual Benefit recently made changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Society. These changes were adopted to keep NMB up to date with current practices and norms and, in some instances, to comply with current law. They include:

- The frequency that local branches must hold regular meetings has been changed to once every three months or as often as required by law.

- The mandatory retirement age for Officers of the Society has been eliminated. Employment laws do not permit a mandatory retirement age for any employee.
- The maximum age a Director may serve the Society has been increased to age 72. This reflects the trend of individuals contributing to older ages.

The NMB “Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws,” including these changes, are printed on the following pages. ♦