

Linda Meyer



Linda Meyer was elected as the 2009 President of the South Central Wisconsin Association of Retired Conservationists in November of 2008, after having served as Vice-President in 2008 and as Secretary-Treasurer in 2007. Linda is the first woman to serve as the President of the organization.

Linda retired from the Department of Natural Resources in January of 2005, after working for more than 26 years as a Bureau of Legal Services' staff attorney. As a DNR attorney, she worked primarily with staff in the DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program, Hazardous Waste Program and Shoreland Zoning Program.

Linda was born and raised in Janesville, Wisconsin. She graduated from Janesville Senior High (back when there was only one high school in Janesville) in June of 1966. She attended the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, where she met her first husband, Thomas Wymore. They were married in June of 1969. Linda graduated with honors from UW-Eau Claire in June of 1970 with a bachelor of science degree in broadfield social science. Linda and Tom's first child, Laura Lane Wymore, was born in July of 1971.

After working for a time at the Legislative Reference Bureau Library in the State Capitol, Linda applied for, and was accepted for, admission to the UW-Madison Law School. She received her Juris Doctorate from the UW Law School, magna cum laude, in June of 1977. Linda practiced law as an associate in a private law firm in Janesville for about a year before she was hired by the DNR in September of 1978.

Linda's second child, Karen Emily Wymore, was born in March of 1979; her third child, Michael Elliot Wymore, was born in November of 1980. Linda and Tom Wymore were divorced in 1984.

Linda met Earl Meyer when she joined a car pool organized by Ed Boebel (another DNR retiree and member of ARC). Linda and Earl were married in June of 1986. Earl worked for DNR as a forest ranger and a staff specialist

in the Bureau of Forestry, retiring in August of 1989. Earl died of metastasized esophageal cancer in March of 2006.

Linda's oldest daughter, Laura Lane, was divorced from her first husband earlier this year and was remarried in August in Savannah, Georgia (where she and her family live). Linda's son, Michael, and his wife live in a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana. Linda's youngest daughter, Karen, lives in Monona, Wisconsin.



(Left to Right), 1st Row: Laney Smith (granddaughter), Laura Lane McKinnon (daughter; Laney & Drew's mother), John McKinnon (new son-in-law), Linda Meyer, and Mary Jane Wymore (daughter-in-law who is expecting a baby in November 2010). 2nd Row: Karen Wymore (daughter), Drew Smith (grandson), Andrew Lane (nephew) and Michael Wymore (son).

Earl Meyer had two sons from his first marriage, so Linda also has two step-sons, two step-daughters-in-law and five step-grandchildren.

In order to stay busy, Linda began working as a HospiceCare, Inc. volunteer (assisting hospice patients and their families) and a volunteer usher at the Overture Center in Madison in 2007. Late last year, Linda decided to give up her license to practice law (which she wasn't using) and

took a 3-month nursing assistant course at MATC so that she would be qualified to do more work with hospice patients. She is now employed part-time as a certified nursing assistant at the HospiceCare, Inc. facility in Fitchburg, and she continues to work several times a month as an usher at the Overture Center.



Linda breaking the gender barrier of the Madison Bike and Bowl Team at their April 29th 2010 ride.

When she can find the time in her busy schedule, Linda enjoys bicycling, hiking, kayaking and cross-country skiing. Early in 2010, Linda became the first woman to join "Madison Bike and Bowl" (a group founded by Al Prey and Linda's late husband Earl Meyer). The group meets every Thursday to bicycle in the summer and bowl in the winter.