

Larry Crone

"Mr. Turtle - The Founder" by Don (Ace) Henderson, 1st Turtle President

The Turtles was his idea based on an offshoot of an organization his brother belonged to in college. Larry Crone "The Orangeville Flash", "Crane", graduated from Carthage College in 1956 and went on to Rutgers University for his Doctorate in Plants Pathology which he received in Jan 1962. He worked at Lipton Tea Company in the research department at Hoboken, NJ for a short time and then started teaching at UW Whitewater in the fall of 1962. He spent the first three summers working for the Natural History Dept/Museum in Madison.

In 1967 Larry married his wife Susan who had a two year old son, Dan, from a previous marriage and Larry and Susan had two sons who are currently studying law-- John in Colorado and Andrew at Hamline University in St. Paul MN. Dan died in an avalanche accident at a ski resort in New Zealand in 1991. They are grandparents, two sons from John and one from Andrew. Larry joined the Masons and is active in the Shrine Band in Madison and also is involved in a band called the "Retro Swing Band." After a trip to Branson and buying a time share Larry and Sue are ready to do some traveling in the near future.

He hasn't had any contact with Turtles recently but is looking forward to the 55th Turtle Reunion at Homecoming this fall. (BE THERE!!!) Larry has good memories at Carthage College about Dr. Kibbe (Biology) and a great one about Dr. Brick (Band). After graduating he was walking with him and he asked Larry what he was going to do and put his arm around his shoulder and counseled him --teachers who care.

As we talked about our favorite Turtle memories, we had the same ones: The two southern Illinois (Anna) trips and the banquets we had (yes, there were restaurants in the Carthage IL area). Larry takes pride in knowing a great bunch of guys and is proud to be a Turtle.

As we signed off we invoked our old saying --- "A good time was had by all. Oh boy!!

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