



GARY REISTAD

Gary Reistad began working at WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee in June of 1978, right after graduating with a B.A. in Journalism from The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Starting as a newswriter and film editor, he began producing newscasts a short time later. He worked with John McCullough on the 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts in the 1980s, worked with John McCullough and Melodie Wilson when the station decided to go with co-anchors for the 10 p.m. news. From there, Gary moved to producing the 5 p.m. show with Mike Gousha, as well as producing *Sunday Night with Mike Gousha* for 17 years. He now produces *Live at Five* with Mike Jacobs and Carole Meekins.

Gary received recognition from the Milwaukee Press Club through the years for producing "Year Enders" for newscasts and live coverage of breaking news events. He was nominated for an Emmy for producing the 2004 Democratic Presidential Debate at Marquette University. The debate was carried nationwide. Gary also earned an Emmy for producing *Rebirth of A Legend*, the live TV coverage of the rededication of the renovated Lambeau Field in 1994.

When not writing, watching or reading news, Gary enjoys playing guitar in two different trios. His favorite topics of conversation are his family, music, and the Green Bay Packers.

Gary and his wife, Denise Callaway, have been married for 28 years. They have three children: George, Kelsey, and Sonja.