



EDISON ALUMNI NEWS

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SPRING 2011

BILL CHORSKE AND RALPH STRANGIS TO RECEIVE THE 2011 DISTINGUISHED EDISON ALUMNI AWARD

The Edison Community and Sports Foundation is again Honored to Announce the 2011 Distinguished Edison Alumni Award Winners for 2011: Bill Chorske, and Ralph Strangis.

These enterprising gentlemen both from the class of 1954 have truly left their mark in the world not to mention northeast Minneapolis.

These gentleman will be recognized at our Annual May Scholarship Dinner/Fundraiser to take place on May 2nd at Jax.

The official award ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Edison High School Scholarship presentation on Thursday, May 26th at 9:00 in the Edison High School Auditorium.

Please check out our website for more information on these outstanding gentleman.

www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org



Bill Chorske
Edison Class of 1954

Mr. Chorske graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He went on to work for Hewlett Packard. Mr. Chorske went back to school where he attended Harvard and got his MBA. After graduation he went on to work for a high-tech company on the east coast, spent ten years at Medtronic, first as their Chief Financial Officer and then as President Medtronic Europe. After retiring he started the William and Gayle Chorske Family Foundation which awards Scholarships to Edison students. So far every Chorske scholar has graduated from College, due in some part from Bill's mentoring.



Ralph Strangis
Edison Class of 1954

Mr. Strangis received B.S.L. and Juris Doctor degrees (1960 Magna Cum Laude: order of the coif) from the University of Minnesota. He was an editor for the Minnesota Law Review, founding member of Kaplan, Strangis, and Kaplan, PA. Professional activities include serving as a member of the Minnesota Secretary of State's Advisory Task Force on corporate law matters which drafted the current Minnesota Business Corporation Act (1979-1981) and as past chairman of the Minnesota Bar Association Business Law Section and the Hennepin County Bar Association Securities Regulation Section.

Save the Date

May Scholarship Dinner /Fundraiser:
Monday, May 2, 2011
6:00pm Jax Caf 

Edison Hall of Fame
Friday, May 20, 2011

Edison High School Scholarship presentations & Distinguished Alumni Awards
Thursday May 26, 9:00am

Golf Tournament:
Monday, July 25th, 2011

Please be sure to check out our website at www.edisonsportsfoundation.org for further information regarding these events.

EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION Mission Statement

The Edison Community & Sports Foundation was established to further the efforts and achievements of student athletes at Edison High School. To further the aims and objectives of the foundation.

The Board may seek to provide opportunities for the Northeast community to become involved in the Edison High School programs through cooperative activities with the Foundation.

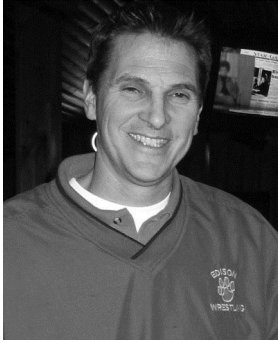
The primary goals and mission of the Edison Community & Sports Foundation are:

To strengthen and expand our scholarship and scholastic efforts.

To consider proposals which enrich the athletic experience for Edison community students.

To support other educational and school related activities in the Edison community as the Board deems appropriate and financially feasible.





President,
Michael Iacarella



In Memory of

Paul Harstad '76
Joseph M. Mokres- June '38
Floyd Newham
Richard M. Rajtar '52
Terry Dean Utpfall '68
Thaddeus "Ted" Wlazlo '40

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL IACARELLA

The school year is flying by and progress is being made at Thomas Edison High school toward another great year. The building received a new makeover in the school's entry area and is getting some new blue and gold paint on the walls along with some new art murals in specific areas of the school. The school will preview it's new school digital display sign in April on the corner of 22nd and Quincy. kitty-corner from the new girls' softball field which will be dedicated this spring. Thomas Edison auditorium is hosting two plays this spring. The high school is putting on "Footloose" which will already have run by the time this newsletter is printed. However, the Morris Park Players community theater will be staging "Grease" in May. If you want to see some great community theater you should

make a point of seeing this play in a wonderful theater setting in NE Minneapolis. The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is now on its way to establishing the "Legacy Fund" drive. Our foundation would like to establish a fund that would give financial support to every student from northeast Minneapolis graduating from Thomas Edison High School. We would like to give a scholarship to help with their post secondary ambitions. Please think of how much you could help your old neighborhood and the school.

The Foundation is having our annual May Dinner on Monday May 2nd at JAX Café. It is a great community event which raises money for the Art Solz scholarship fund. Only 125 tickets are sold and they go very quickly so if you are interested in attending please contact a board mem-

ber or let us know via the web site.

Also, Monday July 25th is the ECSF annual golf tournament at Chominix golf course. It is a must do event if you're a golfer and a Tommie. If you have a foursome or just want to play with some fellow Tommies, contact Shaun Wakaruk for information.

Lastly I want to thank everyone who helped out with the Edison Alumni Bands trip to New Orleans. It was an experience that I will always remember and cherish. It mostly showed me how special it was to go to school like Edison. Where everyone cared about each other, it meant more to people to help us then to help their own needs. If the world was little more like that we would be in much better shape. I think going back to community schools would go a long way to becoming like that again!

Go Tommies!

COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EDISON

KURT NOWACKI, VOLUNTEER & PARENT OF TWO FUTURE TOMMIES



Keep an eye out for an upcoming full page Edison ad in the May 5th issue of the Northeast. The ad will highlight past, present and future Edison students, introduce the new Green Resource program funded by actor /

comedian Chevy Chase & wife Jayni Chase and promote six (6) of the award winning instructors currently teaching at Edison High School. Plus, the advertisement will prominently display each of the ad sponsors. The cost of the ad will be paid out of proceeds from the sale of donated restaurant gift certificates. Seventeen Northeast restaurants & the Eastside Food Cooperative are collectively donating 216 (\$10) gift certificates to be sold at face value

with 100% of the proceeds going toward the cost of the ad. The May 5th ad is sponsored by the following Northeast establishments. Amici, Anchor Fish & Chips, Chimborazo, Crescent Moon Bakery, Eastside Food Cooperative, Elsie's, Emily's, Erte, Hazel's Northeast, Holy Land, JAX Café, Marino's, Mill City Café, Modern Café, Northeast Social, Red Stag Supper Club, Sen Yai Sen Lek, and The Sample Room! You can thank the generous

sponsors by choosing to frequent their fine establishments as often as possible. When you do so, please take an extra moment to thank them for sponsoring the big "E" ad in the Northeast.

In the meantime, anyone can be a salesperson and everyone is welcome to be a buyer. If you or someone you know would like to purchase gift certificates please contact Mike Iacarella by phone at 612-408-1748 or at iacarella75@msn.com

THE THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL IS A BUZZ WITH EXCITEMENT

There is an exciting Buzz at Thomas Edison High School from the numerous school building improvements both inside and out to the amazing students and staff making great things happen daily!

We encourage you to check out this buzz at the schools website www.edison.mpls.k12.mn.us There is no doubt times have changed, today's Tommie's are competing in robotics competition, working to become a green school by promoting

environmentally friendly programming. However, the thing that has not changed is that Tommie's are still making NE Proud and they themselves have pride in being a Tommie!

NEW Edison Cookbook

Over 100 Recipes from around the world courtesy of Edison staff, students and local restaurants.

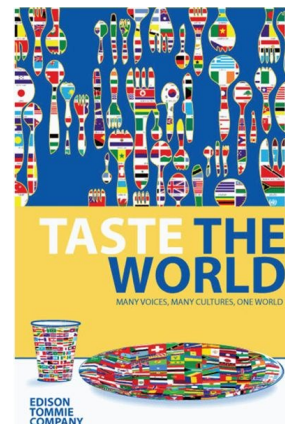
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EDISON ALUMNI BAND PERFORMS IN NEW ORLEANS

The Edison Alumni Marching Band Goes to New Orleans

The dream finally came true... after 34 years the Edison Alumni Marching Band from Northeast Minneapolis played the Basin Street Blues on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. After one and a half years of planning, fundraising and practicing the band went on a trip of a life time for Mardi Gras festivities from March 4th thru March 8th (Fat Tuesday). The band participated in three major parades: Tucks Napoleon and Proteus. Each parade was at least 6.5 miles in length and was lined with thousands of people. It was estimated that the band played for almost 1 million people for those three parades and then countless more people on TV and the internet live feed.

The bands purpose for making the trip was three fold. One was to promote Edison High School as the community school for the Northeast area. By showing how much they still feel part of community and care what happens to each other after all this time, it shows

how being part of a community can really be. With the support of the northeast community, the band at Edison will grow and will be a viable part of the school again. Second, the 27 members of the band that made the trip feel that music is an important part of education curriculum and should be supported by the school district and community. Third, we wanted to help support the New Orleans area in their efforts to recover from the damage done by Katrina. On all three counts we did what we set out to do.

"All three parades we marched in were amazing, no politicians or other distractions, just floats, bands and lots of beads being tossed to the crowds" said Jeff Bednark '75. "We had never marched more than 2 miles before these parades, but we fed off of the energy of the crowd and we completed every parade with every band member still standing". The Alumni band is one of the few true high stepping marching bands and the crowds just loved it. The parade crowds were also enamored with the Viking helmets given to them by the Murphy-

Goode winery from California. "They would see the Viking Helmets and then see our Alumni Band banner on the support vehicle and see we were from Northeast Minneapolis" said Ron Herrmann '76. "After they would see the sign, the people were very appreciative that we had traveled all this way to play for them...lots of" please come visit us again" came from the crowd."

The Alumni Band would like to thank all people who helped support the band with this endeavor. The Edison Com-

munity and Sports Foundation, class reunions, people who attended the fundraisers and others who just wanted the Alumni Band to enjoy themselves on their trip. Without your belief in us and financial support, we could never have achieved what we did. The trip was a big task to take on, just knowing we had everyone behind us, we were willing to see it out. Thank you so much for allowing the Edison Alumni's Band dream to happen! It took a community to get us there and the community needs to share in its success! We are so proud of being Thomas Edison High School



2011 EDISON HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



At its March meeting, three new members were elected into the **Edison Community & Sports Foundation's Hall of Fame**. They will be honored and inducted into the HOF during the Edison spring athletic banquet on May 20th.

This year's inductees are Tom Ashley, class of 65; Dave Kalina, class of 68, and Pam Schwartz, class of 78. To earn this distinction, each inductee had to go through a preliminary selection held during the February meeting during which all of the nominated candidates were discussed. Ten finalists for consideration were advanced to the final selection process. During the selection process, a candidate

had to receive 70% of the votes cast to attain selection to the HOF.

Tom Ashley was a standout athlete at Edison. He led the basketball

team to the city championship in 1965. Tom was team captain and voted MVP. He also was elected to the All City team in 1964 and 1965. Tom continued his basketball career at the University of Minnesota. Additionally Tom has won several amateur golf championships. An Edison alum stated that in the history of Edison basketball, "Only Tony Jaros (who went on to play for the Minneapolis Lakers) may have been a better basketball player." Tom is described as "a great leader, great student, great person." He worked as an executive at General Mills for many years.

Dave Kalina has an impressive athletic history. He was an

outstanding skier: member of the 1968 City Conference, City Slalom, and City Cross-country champion teams. Dave was a 3 year letter winner and co-captain. He won 1st place in the 68 City Slalom and placed in the State Slalom. Dave also lettered in golf at Edison. He continues to ski and has won multiple awards from 21 years of participation in league ski racing, including winning 1st place in the 2008 NASTAR ski championship for his age group (55-59). Additionally, Dave has completed 40 marathons. Dave is the CEO/co-founder of Dynamic Group (90 employees, precision molds & moldings).

Pam Schwartz graduated in 78 with stellar athletic accomplishments: all conference in volleyball in 76, 77, 78; all conference in basketball in 76, 77, 78; all city in track and field, 78. Pam continued her record of achievement after graduating with winning the National Tournament Class AA Home

Run Championship in 1990 and the National Tournament Class AA Batting Champion in 1996. Pam was named to the National Tournament All American team on 6 different years. That's just a partial list of Pam's athletic accomplishments. Pam was offered scholarships at the University of Denver and the University of Iowa. She chose to attend Dunwoody and received a degree for Auto Mechanics. After a few years, Pam changed trades and became an electrician. She has worked for the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation for the last 25 years. Laura Pilon (Kuchinski), who herself is a HOF member, said; "Pam always set a good example for fellow teammates. Pam had a great calming effect on everyone and was a great leader on the court or playing field"

Join us on Friday evening May 20th at Edison High School for the induction ceremony.

27TH ANNUAL MAY DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

BY DICK ANDERSON



For the past 27 years Thomas Edison High School alumni, friends, teachers & students have been coming together to reminisce while raising scholarship funds for hardworking Edison seniors.

This years event will take place on Monday, May 2nd, with the

social hour starting at 6:00pm, and dinner at 7:00pm. The event is held at Jax Café 1928 University Avenue. Tickets are \$150.00 per couple and includes an exquisite steak dinner prepared by the talented Chefs at Jax Café and a chance to win many prizes in our raffle drawing, top prize being \$2,000.00!

We also feature a Wine Raffle, Bingo fun, music by the Almost

Dixieland Band, and an amazing Silent Auction with items from many local northeast businesses and generous alumni.

If you would like to attend please call Chairperson Dick Anderson today at 612-788-9771 this event always sells out. If you might be willing to donate a bottle of wine, or an item for the silent auction, please email us at EdsonCSF@aol.com.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

The Class of **1971** will be celebrating it's 40 year reunion on October 22nd, 2011. The celebration will take place at Columbia Manor Columbia Golf Course at 3300 Central Ave NE. Fellow classmates check out our facebook page— search for Edison High School Class of 71. You can also track this website for more reunion news: <http://www.edisonhighschoolclassof71.com>.

"We are great and we are fun, we're the Class of '71"

Class of 1961—50 years "Fun & Memorable"

Thursday, September 15th —starting out the morning with golf at Columbia, a tour of Edison High School, followed by a casual evening get together at Elsie's Restaurant .

Friday, September 16th -Sit down dinner, with great entertainment at The Bridgewood Please contact Ron & Judy (Rosell) Anderson (763) 566-2605 ronandjudy2@comcast.net

Reunion information is **also available for download on our website**
www.edisonsportsfoundation.org

*Email your class
reunion announcements
to
EdisonCSF@aol.com*

Seeking alumni addresses from classes starting in the 80's. If you know of someone please let them know to connect with us so we can help keep everyone connected.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



It's never too early to start putting together your foursome for the annual Edison Alumni Golf Tournament.

This years tourney will take place on Monday, July 25th at Chomonix Golf Course in Lino Lakes.

If you want to lend a hand,

we are always seeking hole/sign sponsors \$100.00, where you can advertise your business, or your graduating class. We are also seeking small gifts/treats for our golfers.

This tournament brings alumni back together, not to mention it provides some generous

scholarships for our hardworking NE kids attending Edison High School.

Watch our website for more information. If you'd like to make a donation or if you have questions please contact Shaun Wakaruk (763)286-1830 or at EdisonCSF@aol.com

2011 EDISON ALUMNI GOLF TOURNEY

A LEGACY TO BUILD

February 7, 1984, the Edison Community Sports Foundation was founded and incorporated through the efforts of Richard (Dick) Yates, Frank Rog, Walter Grivna, and Bruce Tetzman. The corporation was "organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and specifically to establish a Pete Guzy scholarship Fund, and including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as (tax) exempt organizations..." 2011 will mark the 27th straight year that the Foundation has awarded scholarships to deserving Edison students. In addition the Foundation has been proud to sponsor all-school reunions, the Alumni Marching Band, youth sports teams for Northeast girls and boys, the

Northeast royalty, and many other organizations/ activities.

Fund-raising activities in the early years was done through efforts such as pancake dinners. With the expansion of charitable gambling in 1985, the Foundation got into the "pull tab business," which proved to be a boon to the fund-raising efforts. Pull-tabs became the Foundation's main source of raising funds that supported our annual scholarships and community building contributions. Today it appears that the pull tab well is running dry.

With this realty, the Foundation's board has embarked on a Legacy Fundraising campaign. Our hope is that this campaign will allow the

Foundation to continue to thrive. We dream of expanding all of our involvement from scholarships to community-building programs. We believe that many Edison alumnae, Northeast neighbors, and friends of Edison will endorse the Foundation in this campaign. The Foundation has been proud to sponsor all-school reunions, the Alumni Marching Band, youth sports teams for Northeast girls and boys, the Northeast royalty, and many other organizations/ activities. It is our goal to expand these efforts.

We owe much to the founders of the ECSF. Let us meet today's challenge and continue their great vision. Look to hear more from us soon.

CONTRIBUTORS.....CARRYING ON THE TOMMIE SPIRIT!

BLUE LEVEL

Edison Class of 1960

Ken Allen '72, Bill Allen '70, Jeanette-Peanut (Allen) Nibouar '68 in Memory of Clare Allen. Go Tommies!

Mary Litterman '70

Bob & Gerry Nehotte in Memory of Sally Modeen '48

TOMMIE LEVEL

Bemis Tape- in Honor of Edison Athletics

Ray J. Mlinar- in Honor of George J. Mlinar '25

Laurence Niederhofer

FRIEND OF EDISON

 Erna (Wallin) Bachtold '34

John Bloomquist in Memory of Doug Solz '60

Yvonne (Selen) Brundrett '46 in Memory of Dorothy Moore '46

Ronald L. Christensen '54

Betty (Johnson) Ernst Jan. '43

Joseph Kohanik '58 in Memory of classmates Bruce Guzy & Jo Ellen (Lundell) Lindman

Gregory Schultz '76 in Memory of Robert Germundson '76

Barbara (Johnson) Telander '54 in Memory of Judy Wiles Lasser '54

John Vandermyde '58

Class of '59 to the Edison Alumni Band for their trip to New Orleans

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Jeff Daugherty '69

Gordon Hesselroth Jan '46 in Memory of Warren Hesselroth '44

Edward Kolinski June '36 in Memory of son Ed Kolinski Jr. lost at sea US Navy '66 & Lt. Tom Kolinski -Vietnam '68

Marlene (Wedin) Hood '68 in Memory of Larry Wedin

Diane Loeffler '71 in Memory of Ruth Loeffler- Edison staff & Alumnus

Kay F Lubansky '69 in Honor of Muriel (Lind) Shoff '37

James Manthis in Memory of Doug Solz '60

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Audrey (Johnson) Mahr '53 in Memory of Carol D. (Johnson) Peterson '52

Helen Pietrowski

Thomas & Marlene (Neuman) Schonebaum '52

Paulette (Lucker) Sproull '72

Diane (Karbo) Swanberg '57 in Memory of twin brother Jerry Karbo '57

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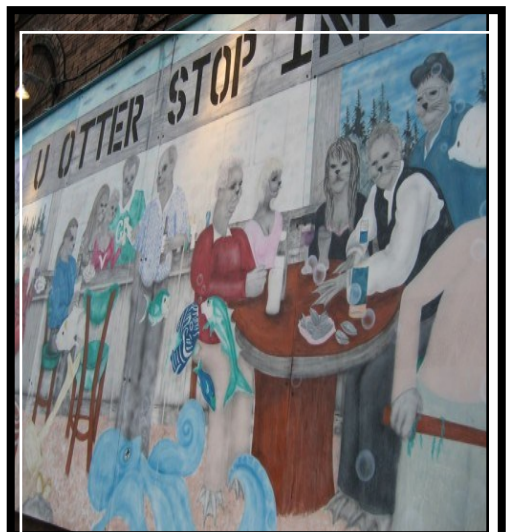
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Do you have something to share? If you have an item of interest to Edison alumni, please send it to us and we'll include it. Interesting historical photos, class reunion announcements, or anything to do with Edison school will be considered. Also the ECSF would like to offer classes the opportunity to utilize our mailing services and non profit mailing permit. Please contact us for more information. Send your information to:
 Mike Iacarella, c/o Edison High School
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 Minneapolis, MN 55418

EDISON COMMUNITY &
 SPORTS FOUNDATION

The Board of Directors meet at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Northeast Park. Changes will be posted on our website
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The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is made up of 30 Board Directors who volunteer their time and efforts to support Edison High School students and organizations with scholarships and other charitable commitments. It started as a way to honor former teacher/coach and great athlete — Pete Guzy and has become a lasting tribute to his spirit and Edison's alumni's dedication to the school and Northeast Minneapolis.
 You can participate with the Foundation at the annual Hall of Fame Night, Distinguished Alumni Award Event, May Dinner, or Art Solz Memorial Golf Tournament, the Homecoming/Oktoberfest or with a contribution directly to the scholarship fund, or Legacy Program.