

EDISON ALUMNI NEWS



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WINTER 2011

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL TO TURN 90 “1922—2012”

90th Edison All Class Reunion Dates Set

It is customary to celebrate milestones with something special and Edison turning 90 years old is one of those times. The ECSF is going to go all out to put together a fun filled weekend celebrating 90 years of Edison and Northeast Minneapolis. Not all the arrangements have been set in stone, but we do have the dates and some of the particulars that can help everyone to be able to attend this wonderful event. The dates will be Friday October 5th, Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th. We are also



potentially looking at doing something with local northeast artists on Thursday the 4th.

Friday October 5th will be the pre-game parade, homecoming football game, spaghetti dinner and variety show all at Edison. All the activities are open to everyone who would like to attend and the variety show will be free. Saturday the 6th is tentatively being set up for an early 9 hole golf tournament and then a huge social gathering on Saturday night. Both will be must attend events that are still being planned out. However, they will both be held in northeast and the ECSF is making sure the activities will be affordable. Sunday morning the 7th will be a pancake breakfast to be held in the Edison lunchroom.

We will be trying to gather as many people as possible who were connected to Edison in some way to this weekend of great activities. All former students, cheerleaders, band mem-

bers, Hall of Fame members, staff, faculty and anyone else who was connect to the school will be contacted and invited to attend. We are also encouraging other classes who are celebrating their reunions next year to also consider connecting up with this reunion.

So make sure you save these dates and if you have any information as to who our committee members need to contact in regard to your class information, please drop us a note. Also, if you have any ambition to help with planning or working at the events, feel free to also contact us. Final details with event times and costs will be sent out soon. So look forward to a wonderful weekend of connecting friends, a school and a community next October.

Save the Dates

*May Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser
Monday, May 7th, 2012 Jax Café*

*Blue & Gold Banquet and
Hall Of Fame Inductions
Monday, May 18th, 2012*

*May Scholarship Awards and
Distinguished Alumni Inductions
May 2012 – TBD*

*Golf Tournament:
Monday, July 30th, 2012*

*Edison 90th Anniversary
All Class Reunion
October 5, 6, 7, 2012*

*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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL IACARELLA

Greetings fellow Tommies,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to an enjoyable holiday season with your families and friends. The school year has been flying by with lots of great things happening at Edison. The Edison Community Open House Barbeque and Picnic, Homecoming/Oktoberfest and Big "E" advertising campaign were huge successes. We served close to 2,000 people from the NE community at the barbeque and we had over 400 Tommies showed up for the Homecoming/Oktoberfest. Both events were well run by committees made up of ECSF members and community volunteers. I also want to give thanks to Kurt Nowacki for all of his effort on the Big "E" campaign which is marketing the school to the Northeast neighborhood via ads in the local Northeast newspaper. The ads highlight the great students and programs at Edison and were

sponsored by local Northeast businesses. They were a great boost to the visibility of the school and work towards connecting the school with the community.

Edison also has some great theater going on in our beautiful auditorium. The Morris Park Players are finishing up their "Hello Dolly" play by time this newsletter will be printed. However, Edison students will be performing "Smokey Joes Café" on December 14, 15, and 16th. It's a great production with a talented group of students doing their best on the Edison stage. Come support the school and community by stopping down and seeing an entertaining show.

I had such a good time this past couple of months attending several class reunions (we even played at a 70th birthday party for the class of 1959) with the Edison Alumni Band this fall. I was so impressed with the spirit and fellowship with each one of them: 56, 59, 61, 66, 71, 76, 81, 86. We played at all of them and they all were great and made me so proud to be a part of

Edison and Northeast.

With that being said, we have finally come up with the dates for our 90th Edison All Class Reunion. In order to accommodate the school, we have changed the dates from what I might have mentioned at some of the reunions where I spoke. We are looking at Friday October 5 thru Sunday the 7th. All the events are northeast and we're also keeping the costs very affordable. I don't care if you have never been to a reunion before. I want to see everyone try and make it down to at least one of the 90th reunion activities. We want to try and make this a once in a life time event and it can't happen unless everyone joins in for the fun. Reunions are not just for "you", but there for the people whom you have connected with and had developed a bond. Not matter how much time has passed, the bond is still there and we all share something that is so special and unique, Edison and growing up northeast. Please read the 90th reunion article to find out more about the events and start saving the dates now for next October. Go Tommies!

We have a new
address

E.C.S.F.
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EDISON HIGH SCHOOL IN MINNEAPOLIS IS GOING GREEN.

October 13, 2011
On Thursday, the school showed off new solar panels that now sit on top of the gym. It's all part of an EcoAd program supported by Boston Scientific and EcoMedia. The project not only promotes new types of energy, but also teaches the students some pretty

important lessons. "The students are today learning about solar energy," said Paul Polizzotta, president and CEO of EcoMedia. "In fact, they're making their own solar panels and they also have a software program that connects to the solar installation on the roof,

and they see the solar production during the course of the day, throughout the course of the season. And I think what these young people learn is the power of the sun." The solar panels will reduce Edison's energy costs and are expected to reduce the amount of

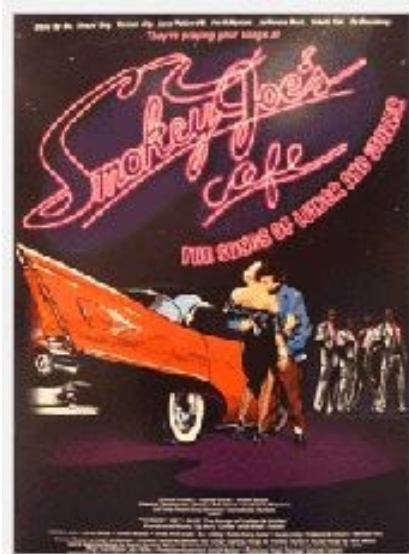
CO2 they produce by about 3,000 pounds.

EcoMedia is a sister company of WCCO-TV. This EcoMedia project was sponsored by Boston Scientific.
<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com>

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

Edison High School Vision Statement:

Through innovation and personal empowerment, the Edison community will partner with our students, igniting a passion for lifelong learning, instilling the ideals of international mindedness, leading our students to succeed at Edison and beyond.



Smokey Joe's Cafe - The Songs of Leiber and Stoller at Edison High School.

December 14th, 7:00pm

December 15th, 7:00pm

December 16th, 7:00pm

Leiber and Stoller, as much as anyone, virtually invented rock 'n' roll, and now their songs provide the basis for an electrifying entertainment that illuminates a golden age of American culture. In an idealized '50's setting, the classic themes of love won, lost and imagined blend with hilarious set-pieces and slice-of-life emotions. Featuring nearly 40 of the greatest songs ever recorded, SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE isn't just great pop music - it's compelling musical theatre.

<http://>

edison.mpls.k12.mn.us/calendar_4.html

CLASS OF '84 EDISON ALUM NAMED NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

October 19, 2011

New Deputy Commissioner Announced

I am pleased to announce that Barb Sporlein, currently the Director of Planning for the City of Minneapolis, will be joining Minnesota Housing on November 7 as the new Deputy Commissioner. Barb brings a rich background in affordable housing and community development, having worked for more than 20 years in the Twin Cities,

including six years at the St. Paul Public Housing Agency as its Deputy Executive Director.

I am thrilled that Barb is joining the agency and wanted to share with you her new duties as Deputy Commissioner, including agency-wide planning, credit risk management, operations and talent management. Barb will take a lead role, working with me and the senior leadership team, to direct the overall planning process for Minnesota Housing including strategic, business and operations

planning. She will also take a broader role of working with Human Resources to develop our talent management strategy including employee recruitment, evaluation, development, retention and succession planning.

We will also staff a new initiative through which we will re-examine all of the policies, programs and processes that we currently use for preserving existing multifamily housing, and then develop a set of recommendations for how we will organize those resources for the future.

These changes will help us to accomplish the important goals that we have set out in the Affordable Housing Plan and to undertake some important initiatives that will help us to position our programs for the future. As the housing finance marketplace continues to be in considerable turmoil, it is our goal to keep Minnesota at the forefront of providing affordable housing opportunities for all.

Mary Tingerthal
Minnesota Housing
Commissioner

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SEEKING 2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATIONS

The Foundation's goal is to honor graduates of Edison High School that have achieved considerable success in their field, contributed significantly to Edison or the community or otherwise achieved recognition. Candidate must have graduated from Edison High School.

Nominations made will be based on, but not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Success in business or entrepreneurship. Professional awards or recognition in their field
- ◆ Consistent contributions or involvement with Edison
- ◆ Recognized community involvement, either as a volunteer or elected official
- ◆ Recognized act of heroism
- ◆ Success in the entertainment industry or in the arts
- ◆ Military honors

Selection Procedure: Applications can be submitted year-round. The Distinguished Alumni committee will screen the submitted applications prior to the February meeting of the Edison Sports and Community Foundation and present the eligible candidates information to the Board members at the February meeting.

The committee will notify the new Distinguished Alumni and invite them to the annual Recognition Day program held at Edison High School each May, where they will be presented with a plaque. If the Distinguished Alumni is deceased or unable to attend, the nominator will be contacted and asked to select a recipient. A duplicate plaque will be permanently displayed at Edison High School.

2012 Distinguished Alumni Nominations are due by February 1, 2012 and can be sent to:

Edison Community & Sports Foundation
 Attn. Distinguished Alumni Committee
 PO Box 68032
 Minneapolis, MN 55418
 Applications can also be found online.

Recipients chosen to receive this prestigious award will be contacted in early April.

2010 Award Recipients

- **John Edward (Jack) Anderson- 1935** Edison High School Valedictorian. Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. UCLA-Bachelor of Arts/Science. Harvard Master of Business Administration. George Fisher Baker Scholar. Loyola J. D. Law Degree. Navel Officer WW11. CPA, Attorney, and Law School Teacher. Has overseen 70 businesses in diverse industries such as agriculture, automotive dealerships, insurance real estate. Member of Forbes 400 Richest Americans since 1988.
- ◆ **D. James Guzy- 1954**
 B. S. University of Minnesota. M.S. Stanford University. Director of Intel 1969-2008. Director of Cirrus Logic 1984. Director of Novellus Systems, Director of the Board Plxtechnology-1986. Director of SRC Computers, Chairman

2011 Award Recipients

- **Ralph Strangis- 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.
- ◆ **Bill Chorske- 1954**
 Mr. Chorske graduated from the U of M 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.

EDISON HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS



The Edison Community & Sports Foundation was founded 26 years ago with one of its purposes to identify and honor outstanding student-athletes. To do so the Edison Hall

of Fame was established and an annual induction ceremony has been held and open to all alumni and friends of Edison. Each of the inductees are recognized with a plaque which is mounted on the Hall of Fame wall in the Edison Community Gym. The HOF selection committee is attempting to improve the selection process for

candidates into the HOF. To get the widest and most complete information about potential candidate we are asking for your help. You can help by identifying your top three female athletes, and your top three male athletes from your class. Submit your selections by emailing them to us at Edi-

sonCSF@aol.com by January 15th, 2012. Your participation will help the ECSF Board to better identify and select the most worthy candidates for inclusion into the Edison Hall Of Fame.

Those chosen will be honored at a banquet on May 18th, 2012.

27TH ANNUAL MAY DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

For the past 28 years Thomas Edison High School alumni, friends, teachers & students have been coming together to reminisce while raising scholarship funds for the hardworking Edison seniors.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us this Spring on Monday, May 7th 2012 for our Annual May Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser.

Ticket includes an exquisite steak

dinner for two, prepared by the talented Chefs at Jax Café and A chance in the raffle drawing. Music, silent auction, and a wine raffle have added to the fun over the years.

EDISON ALUMNI BAND PLAYING THE HOLIDAZZLE PARADE



The Edison Alumni Marching Band was extended an offer and accepted to play in this year's Holidazzle Parade. They will be playing on Saturday, December 3rd in the downtown parade which runs down Nicollet Ave. and starts at 6:30 PM.

The alumni band will be the only band that plays that night and will be glowing with Holiday Cheer wearing lighted uniforms and marching to some seasonal songs as well as your old favorites.

Come on downtown and have some holiday fun with the Edison Alumni band.

For more information regarding the Holidazzle parade check out their website.

<http://www.holidazzle.com/>

Email your class reunion announcement to EdisonCSF@aol.com

Please help us get in contact with classes from the 80's - present.

Class lists are no longer public information and we'd like to keep these Alumni informed of what's going on at Edison too. If you know of someone who may be able to help us get in contact with these classes please pass on our contact information or have them contact us.

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Legacy Giving

*Jacqueline Holmes,
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Edison 1944 Class Reunion

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Chris Dascalos in Memory of
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Kenneth Knutson, Class of '59

25.00 LEVEL

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'63 in Memory of Lynette Larsen
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'52, Martha Michalov '29

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Memory of David Felegy

Colin Masica Class of '49

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John Piwoschuk Class of '47

Phyllis (Wickstrom) Peabody,
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Joanne Wos, Class of '54 in
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Evelyn (Mulvihill) Zukowski
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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:
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WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.EDISONSPORTSFUNDATION.ORG

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.

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 www.EdisonSportsFoundation.com

Michael Iacarella, President
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