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# EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

#### Hall of Fame Induction

by John Banisky

Fall 2017, Issue

The Edison Community and Sports Foundation has set the date for the 2017 Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony. The event will be held at the school on Friday. October 20 with social hour at 5:30 in the Alumni room. Dinner and induction program will follow. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door. Those interested in attending can contact John Banisky at 651-402-5918 (Banisky33@gmail.com) so we can get an accurate count for the dinner. As always we would love to see past inductees attend the event as your presence and stories always enhance the event.

This year's inductees include an athlete from the 80s, 90s, and 00s as well as a team from the 80s.

**Tim Dziedzic** (1986) lettered 7 times while at Edison and was selected to 6 all city teams in the sports of Football (2) Hockey (3) and

Baseball (1). In football, Tim was a team captain and two way player on a city championship team. As a senior, Tim played in the All-State football game and continued his football career at Mankato State starting there for 3 years as a defensive Linebacker. In hockey, Tim was a leading scorer in the state (8<sup>th</sup>) with 48 points in 23 games.

Darrin Johnson (1995) lettered 7 times while at Edison in the sports of football (4) and baseball (3). In football, Darrin was a 3 year starter, team captain, was selected to 3 all-city teams, 2 all-metro teams, and played in the all-state game. Darrin was voted the 1994 city conference MVP and holds school records for most rushing yards (3,043) and career touchdowns (31). In baseball, Darrin was a 3 year starter and all city and all metro his junior and senior year as a pitcher. Darrin was a football

assistant coach at Edison from 1997-2002.

**Kia Xiong** (2004) was a 4 year letter winner and all city selection in the sport of badminton. In her senior year, Kia was the state champion in the individual division.

The ECSF is happy to honor the 1988-89 Edison Hockey team into the "Circle of Champions". The team won the first city conference hockey title in school history finishing undefeated in city play. During the season, the team played a competitive game against Bloomington Jefferson, and lost in the region semi-finals to Bloomington Kennedy 5-3. Two players from the team played division 1 and professional hockey (Derek Herlofsky, Joe Dziedzic) and many others went on to play division 3 hockey at Hamline (Chris Melek, Dan Lee, Wes VanVickle, John Schroeder).

#### ECSF "Oktoberfest" Indeed-We-Can Fundraiser

It's time again to start thinking of fall and the fun that comes with the harvest season in Nordeast Minneapolis. Indeed Brewery is again sponsoring the "Indeed-We-Can" Oktoberfest fundraiser for the ECSF. The festivities will be held on Wednesday, October 4th from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Indeed brewery located near the corner of 15th and Monroe in the Solar Arts Building. All profits from beer sales that night will go to the foundation. We have a lot of fun things planned for the night including an appearance by the Edison Alumni Band who are trying to raise funds for their trip to Chicago for St. Patrick's Day next spring. So grab a few friends or just bring yourself down to Nordeast and try out some of the best beer in the country and help support your favorite high school.

SAVE THE DATE

OKTOBERFEST - OCTOBER 4

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION OCTOBER 20



### The Art Solz / Frank Rog Memorial Golf Tournament

### by John Vandermyde



Jerry Kondrak, Arnie Lubrecht, John Vandermyde with Bob Nehotte's (48) Sponsor Banner

On what could be described as the perfect day for a golf tournament, we "SOLD OUT" Columbia Golf Course with 144 Edison Tommie Alumni, Students, Teachers, Coaches and Friends to take part in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual ECSF Golf Tournament. Columbia was in great shape, the generosity of the community to donate prizes was outstanding, the Italian style meal catered by Stanley's was enjoyed by all, the help of the Edison Students was appreciated, and the organizing done by many volunteers was excellent!

This year's Golf Tournament produced a record 62 Sponsors (see Sponsor Thank You list in this Newsletter). As a special event, we had a \$20,000 Hole-in-One contest underwritten by 7 NE Realtors (unfortunately, no one won). We increased the number of Pro Sponsors (\$1000) to 4 including Bob Nehotte '48, The NE Lions, The Family of Paul Ohlin, and Sunrise Banks. The many sponsors including businesses as well as some Edison Alumni that bought family sponsorships (Ohlin, Rog, Solz, Solem, & Tanner) and the Grand Gang of classmates from the late 50's ) and others that used the occasion to memorialize someone special to them (Dick & Faye Yates, Arnie & Marilyn Lubrecht, Norma (Tanner) Nelson, ECSF for Vicki Matthes (Marino). Also, the classes

of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1982 chose to sponsor a hole in honor of their classmates.

With all of this help and support, including golfers, sponsors, the silent auction and raffle, we expect to raise \$18,000 or more for scholarships for deserving Edison students. The

ECSF Scholarship criterion is that the recipients must be good students that also participate in the life of the school and community. Over

the past 32 years, the ECSF has awarded almost 265 scholarships totaling approximately \$775,000. This has had a huge impact on the life of these young people. Not only with the financial help, but also with the feeling of support they receive from their school! It becomes something to live up to and eventually give back. A special highlight this year was to have the Paul Ohlin family join us as a tribute to their Father, Uncle, and grandfather. Paul graduated in 1952 from Edison and was always a proud Tommie. He passed away last year. He served on the Edison Community & Sports Foundation Board of Directors for many years. One of his passions was to help with the golf tournament. As his son, Tom said "I hope you have someone on the committee that is good at hustling up prizes. That was dad's specialty!" We do not have anyone as good at that

as Paul was. He is missed. Tom (son) and Cheryl (daughter) and the Ohlin family sponsored the Edison Student Golf team which was comprised of 2 of the 2017 ECSF Scholarship recipients.

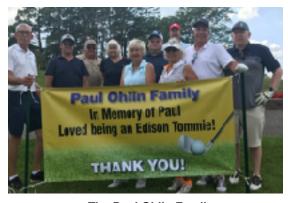
As in the past few years, we enjoyed music from Edison. A high school band ensemble under the umbrella of a program at Edison called "Harmony Bridge" and directed by Lesley Earles, band teacher/director, played the golfers back into the club house with such songs as the Edison Blue/Gold Fight song, When the Saints go marching in, and Root Beer Barrel Polka. Harmony Bridge is a program that connects small ensembles of high school musicians with activities and groups in the community. This golf tournament was their first performance and they did great. Guest performers were Mike Levine developer of "Harmony Bridge on Trombone and Doug Schmitt from Schmitt Music on Tuba.

The Alumni Marching Band led by Drum major Dan Kuch '78, arrived during dinner and almost blew the roof off of Columbia Manor. This group has been playing together for about 40 years. They show up at almost all of the Class Reunions. Give them a call and invite them to your reunion!

Lots of thanks go out to the many people that helped to put the

tournament on again this year, including the Edison football team and their coaches. They helped golfers with their bags and conducted the Hole-in-One contest on hole #3. Special thanks to Jerry and Audrey Kondrak '58, Arnie '56 and Marilyn Lubrecht '58,

Doug '57 and Nancy Tanner '58, John '58 and Darlene



The Paul Ohlin Family



COED Winning Team - Maureen Faber, Pat Faber, Dick Volner, Kathy Wakaruk

Vandermyde, Beth Fairley '82, Mary (Sedesky) Dalbec '75, John Lawson, '82, Amy Lee ' 94, Polly (Warhol) Stave '73, David Salzar, coach & teacher at Edison, Bob Erickson '59, Steve Varichak '73, Anita Monette '58, Bev Warren '58, Joanne Rau '58, jerry Hinderman '58, Dick Myslajek '58, Ed Kocon '58, Rick Eskola '73, Mike Iacarella '76, to mention a few.

We are already planning for th 33rd Annual Golf Tournament and hope to expand the sponsors in all categories, especially Family, Classes, and Memorial. Save the date for next year on July 30, 2018 at Columbia Golf Course. This year was great - Next year will be even better. GO TOMMIES!!

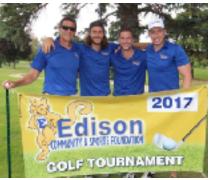
This year's planning committee will be intact for next year's tournament; however, WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PEOPLE TO HELP. IT IS LOTS OF FUN! If you would like to join in the planning and make the 2018 Tournament even bigger and better, contact John Vandermyde. Email is johnwvan@gmail.com. Phone is 612-781-9839.

"Like Branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet our Root's remain as one." Together as Tommies, we make it better for all!

To see an Edison student produced video of the tournament with the help of teacher/coach David Salzer – go to You Tube and type in "ECSF 2017 golf tournament" It's fun and you will enjoy it.



Senior Winning Team - Gerry Ballot, James Walsh, Rick Ballot, John Walsh



Under 65 Team Winner - Mike, Iacarella, Collin Iacarella, Joe Scott, Jerimiah



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#### Letter from President Iacarella



Greetings fellow Tommies,

Where did the summer go? One minute we were excited about packing the car up or getting ready to jet somewhere for a nice break with the family. The next minute we're buying clothes and school supplies for the kids going back to further their education for another new school year. As we start looking towards fall, I want to remind everyone that we have our "Oktoberfest" Indeed-We-Can fundraiser at Indeed Brewery on Wednesday October 4th from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM in the tasting room. All profits from beer sales during that time frame will go directly to the ECSF. It's a great place to come and meet fellow alumni and have a few for a great cause. We have a lot of great activities planned and there will be an appearance by the Edison Alumni band around

7:00. Try to get a group of friends together and make it a special night!

I want to personally thank the ECSF Golf Tournament committee for their outstanding work on the tournament this year. We completely filled out the foursomes with 144 golfers and were able to add 4 corporate sponsors to make it one of our most successful tournaments ever. The weather was perfect and the play was fast, fun and competitive. Plus they added a "Hole-in-One" element to every par 3 on the course with one hole having a chance at \$25,000. Stanley's did a marvelous job with the catering and the Edison Alumni Band took care of the music at dinner. We even had an appearance by the Edison High School band, as they played songs while the golfers finished up on the course. The golf committee has made this an event you cannot miss next summer.

On the school front, Edison also found out this summer that 5 students received diplomas from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. The IB Program

requires students to take a series of very rigorous classes that must be passed at a high level to qualify for a diploma. In many schools, one student completing the coursework with scores to qualify is an accomplishment, but 5 in the same class at Edison is a wonderful achievement. Congrats to these students and the teachers for a job well done. Many of the credits earned at the high level can be used for college credit.

The Northeast School Welcome Back Community BBQ at Edison was held on August 24th. It is one of the largest northeast gatherings with close to 3,000 people served and all food donated, so no cost to those who attended. An open house was held showcasing some amazing changes at Edison!

Go Tommies! Mike Iacarella President Edison Community and Sports Foundation



Pulltab and bingo sellers needed at Edison's pulltab sites. Call 763-200-3126.



# Support Edison Community and Sports Foundation and local businesses and have fun too! Bingo, meat raffles and pull-tabs!

Stanley's Northeast Bar Room: Sundays, Meat Raffle at 2:00 pm, Bingo at 3:30 pm

<u>Gasthof's:</u> Bingo to resume in fall, No meat raffle <u>Broadway Pub & Grille</u>: Pull Tabs only

### **REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Class Of 1949 - 68th Reunion

Friday September 14, 2017, in the Alumni Room at Edison, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Roast Beef Luncheon Catered By Ralph Matthes / Marinos Deli. For Information Contact Dick Anderson 612-788-3991.

#### Class of 1948, January and June

Saturday, September 15, 2017 at Elsie's Restaurant, 729 Marshall St Ne, 12:00 noon social, 1:00 Lunch.

#### Class of 1955 – 80th Birthday celebration

Saturday, September 16, 2017. 4:30, Elsie's Restaurant, 729 Marshall St. NE.

#### Class of 1987 - 30th Reunion

Saturday, September 16, 2017, 7:00 PM, The Moose on Monroe, 356 Monroe St NE, Mpls MN 55413. See Minneapolis Class of 1987 Facebook page for more info or Email

EdisonClassof1987@gmail.com.

#### Class of 1951 - Annual Luncheon

Tuesday, September 19, 2017. 11:30 AM at Jax Café. For more info contact: Al Knutson, 612-789-0904, Chell Lundren, 651-483-5356, Barb Ammend Johnson, 651-484-9198, or Mary Ann Sarich Erickson, 612-787-6750.

#### Class of 1968 - 50 Year Reunion

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 22, 2018, Mermaid Event

Center, Mounds View. Details to follow. Follow us on Facebook: Edison High School Class of 1968, or web site Edisonhighschool-68.com.

#### Class of 1962 – 55th Class Reunion

Saturday September 23, 2017 at Elsie's Restaurant starting at 6:30 PM. Contact Ken Johnson 651-341-4712.

#### Class of 1977 - 40th Reunion

Saturday, September 23, 2017, 7:00 PM at Darby's Pub & Grill, 315 N 5<sup>th</sup> Av, Minneapolis. Cost is \$10 if paid by 9/9 and \$20 after and includes appetizers and one drink ticket. Contact Chuck Super, <a href="mailto:csuper@usiwireless.com">csuper@usiwireless.com</a> or 612-789-6394.

#### Class of 1954 - Annual luncheon

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at Sarna's, 40th Ave NE & University Ave, Columbia Heights. We will order from the menu - cash bar. Questions or comments - Jack Anderson <a href="mailto:phyliacka@gmail.com">phyliacka@gmail.com</a> 612-695-5256.

#### Class of 1982 - 35th Reunion

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 7:00 PM at Elsie's Bowling Center at 7 pm . Appetizers included and cash bar available. Price before September 1<sup>st</sup> is \$30 per person payable by check to EHS Class of 1982. Mail checks to Mary Nelson 425 Post Road, Lino Lakes, MN 55014. A Facebook page has been set up to post updates – look for 1982 Edison Tommies or @82tommies. Or Email us at 1982edisontommies@gmail.com. Please spread the word!

#### Class of 1957 - 60th reunion

Friday, October 6th, 2017 at Elsie's, 729 Marshall St NE, 10 AM-3 PM, NY Deli Sandwiches with cash bar. For more information contact Mary (Wegner) Nelson, <u>maryrnelson2700@yahoo.com</u> or Terry Krinke, 651-636-4383.

#### Class of 1972 - 45th Reunion

Saturday, October 28, 2017, 6:00 PM at Elsie's. Contact Scott Schneider at 612-789-9515 or <a href="mailto:thenerds@usfamily.net">thenerds@usfamily.net</a>.

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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 NE Minneapolis. You can participate with the Foundation at the annual Hall of Fame Night, Distinguished Alumni Award Event, May Dinner, Art Solz Memorial Golf Tournament, the Homecoming/Oktoberfest or with a scholarship contribution or Legacy Program.

Board of Director meetings are held at Edison High School on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Changes will be posted on our website www.EdisonSportsFoundation.org Michael Iacarella, President Niles Schulz, Vice President Rick Eskola, Secretary John Lawson, Treasurer

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The ECSF would also 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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