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EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

34th Annual ECSF Golf Tournament

We packed Columbia Golf Course with Edison Tommies and friends and made nearly \$20K for scholarships! On what could be described as the perfect day for a golf tournament, we nearly SOLD OUT Columbia Golf Course with 140 golfers taking part in the 34th Annual ECSF Golf Tournament. The generosity of the community was outstanding. The Pig Roast meal catered by Divine Swine was enjoyed by all. Help of Edison students was appreciated and organizing done by many volunteers was excellent!

This year's Golf Tournament produced a record number of sponsors (see Sponsor Thank You list in this Newsletter).

We recognized the memory of Niles Schulz, Bob Nehotte, Walt Dziedzic, Frank Rog and Paul Ohlin. We had a number of Pro (\$1000) and businesses sponsors, as well as some Edison Alumni that were family sponsorships and class sponsors. We encourage more classes to become sponsors next year!

Friendly Chevrolet of Fridley provided a Chevy Malibu Hole-in-One contest on Hole 17 (one golfer was so close!).

With all the help and support, including golfers, sponsors, contests and raffle, we raised nearly \$20,000 for scholarships. Scholarship criterion is that recipients must be good students that also participate in the life of the school and community.

Over the past 34 years, the ECSF has awarded almost 300 scholarships totaling approximately \$800,000. This has had a huge impact on the life of these young people. Not only with financial help, but also feeling the support received from their school! It becomes something to live up to and eventually give back. **(cont. on p. 2)**



Jane (Milewski) Hill '76, Terri Fellegy '76, Krista Norling Larson '76 and Julie (Milewski) Carter '76



Carlus Scott, Javonni Grimes, Andrea Tripp, Bernie Kunza, Javon Northington, Toby Carr and Aliyah Jabbar

Hall of Fame Dinner to Honor Ron Solberg and Joe Hanzlik Championship teams from 1970 and 1971

Friday, November 8

Two Athletes have been selected for the Hall of Fame induction class of 2019. Ron Solberg (1964 Swimming), and Joe Hanzlik (1970 Baseball, Basketball) will be honored at this year's dinner. The event will take place at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights on Friday November 8. Social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner and the induction ceremony to follow.

Along with the inductees, Edison's championship teams from 1970 and 1971 will be honored into the circle of champions. In 1970 Edison won championships in Golf, Skiing, Wrestling, and Baseball. The 1971 seasons saw championships in Wrestling, Tennis, and Golf.

We would like to connect with past players from these teams. All are welcome to the event as well as the general public. The event is free of charge with reservation. You can attend by leaving a text message to John Banisky at 651-285-3618 or email banisky@icloud.com or at the foundation at EdisonCSF@aol.com

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Andrea Tripp and Aliyah Jabbar
Serena Poisson, Leah. Amv and Ellanor



Jeff Hall, Cheryl Ohlin, Linda Tapsak
and Tom Ohlin



Winning team in Regular Division
Chad Chrzanak 90', Willi Wentland 91', Dan Lee 90'
and Brad Eskro 90'

The Alumni Marching Band arrived during dinner and almost blew the roof off! This group has been playing together for about 40 years. Give them a call and invite them to your reunion!

Thanks go out to the many people that helped put the tournament on again this year, including the Edison Baseball team, the cheerleaders and Scholarship recipients. They helped golfers with their bags, conducted the "Closest to the Pin" contest on Hole #3, putting challenge on the putting green, and grilled and served brats.

Special thanks to the helpers and organizers:

Arnie '56 and Marilyn Lubrecht '58, John '58 and Darlene Vandermyde, Julie (Milewski) Carter '76, Jane (Milewski) Hill '76, Peter Harris '89, Mary (Sedesky) Dalbec '75, John Lawson, '82, Bernie Kunza '72, Lynn (Johnson) Miskowic '73, Polly (Warhol) Stave '73, David Salzar, coach & teacher at Edison, Steve Varichak '73, Anita Monette '58, Bev Warren '58, Joanne Rau '58, Dick Myslajek '58,

To see an Edison student produced video of the tournament with the help of teacher/coach David Salzar – go to YouTube and type in "ECSF 2019 golf tournament" Or follow the link on our website – www.edisonsportsfoundation.org

Pat (Godava) Myslajek '60, Ed Kocon '58, Rick Eskola '73, Mike Iacarella '76, Lisa (Knutson) Rekuski and her sister, Linda Knutson, Ramon Angeles '14, Shari Seymour '89, John

Vandermyde Jr '85 just to mention quite a few.

We are already planning for next year's 35th Annual Golf Tournament and hope to expand the number of sponsors in all categories, especially Family, Classes and Memorial sponsors. Save the date for July 28, 2020. Next year will be even better.

GO TOMMIES!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PEOPLE TO HELP PLAN & ORGANIZE FOR THE 2020 TOURNAMENT.

We have LOT'S OF FUN doing it! If you would like to join the planning and make the 2020 Tournament even bigger and better, contact John Vandermyde, johnwvan@gmail.com or phone, 612-363-4752.



Travis Saros '89, Peter Harris '89, Karl Bjorklund '87, Shawn Ferguson '87, Skip Biorn '84, Mark Fresonke '89, John Chiodo '87, Shane Thorn



Jim Johnson, Class of 1954 Selected as 2019 Distinguished Alumni

The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented at the 35th annual Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner, to Jim Johnson Sr., a 1954 Edison graduate. Jim Johnson Sr. is a passionate and very accomplished cross-country skier. He skied on the Edison team that placed 3rd in the 1954 State Tournament. Since high school he has won numerous nationally recognized races, he retired from competition at the age of 71. Professionally, Jim achieved extraordinary success and recognition counseling troubled youth. Often, in an effort to reach out, he combined his passion for skiing and counseling with great success on the slopes! The ultimate tribute to Jim's career came from the Registrar at the school where Jim

worked as a counselor. She was quoted, "he was credited with saving the lives of countless students". The highest complement to a remarkable career! Today at 81, Jim continues to give back to his community through working with physically and emotionally challenged children in the Special Olympics. Jim also overcame a couple of personal struggles and always displayed toughness in the face of adversity. Finally, one of Jim's greater recognitions was to be selected as one of the Olympic Torch bearers for the 2002 Games at Salt Lake City. Congratulations Jim, our most recent Distinguished Alumni!



Letter from Jim Johnson

To the Edison Community and Sports Foundation: I am overjoyed at being selected by you to receive the 2019 Edison High School Distinguished Alumni Award. This is the greatest honor of my life!

Alcoholism hangs like a dark cloud over my family of origin. I was damaged physically and emotionally as an infant and a small child by my alcoholic father. My father, grandfather and great grandfather were all alcoholics. Addiction is an illness and a curse! I, myself, was hooked shortly after I took my first drink. I lost a marriage, several serious relationships and 2 good-paying sales jobs because of my drinking.

I slowly learned to use daily exercise as a key element in my recovery from alcoholism. When I was an Edison junior, I was coached in cross-country (X-C) ski racing by Norm Oakvik. Norm was a member of the US Olympic, Nordic-Combined Ski Team. I was blessed to be Norm's first Edison student skier. Norm taught me how to ski, compete in X-C ski racing and how to properly wax my racing skis. As a result of Norm's coaching and a lot of hard work by me, I won the regional cross-country ski championship by over 6 minutes during my junior year at Edison. I had been a downhill racer before I committed to cross-country skiing. And I was not scared by the steep hills of Bush Lake like the other competitors.

During my senior year on the Edison ski team, David Moe and I placed 3rd out of many high school teams in the state championship at Chester Bowl in Duluth. The year after my Edison Graduation, Norm coached Lenny Smith and David Moe to Edison's first state championship in X-C skiing!

So, competition was key in my struggle to become clean and sober. As an adult X-C skier, I continued the ski racing I had learned at Edison. I raced in Norway, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Some of these races, like the American Birkebeiner race in Wisconsin, were 33 miles long! I was blessed with winning many races. During warmer weather, I ran in 10-k running races like the Bolder-Boulder for 6

consecutive years. These skiing and running competitions were a major asset in helping me disregard my former alcoholism. And racing helped me to build up my self-confidence. And when I counseled teenaged students, skiing was an effective bridge that bonded them to me. Some of my very best counseling occurred when I rode the long chair lifts to the mountain tops with a teenager about 8 inches away from me. These students forgot I was an adult counselor, and really trusted another skier to help them with their problems.

Finally, after 25 years of drinking, I was able to "climb the mountain" of sobriety. I was blessed by God, my wife, Janet, and the AA 12 Step Program. But I wanted to pay back to God and other people for the help I had received to become sober. Therefore, at the age of 50, I entered Graduate School to become an addiction therapist. I did this while working full time as a sales rep who traveled thousands of miles to customers in southwest Texas. This was the most-difficult task of my entire life. And Janet made my 2 jobs possible by working full time as a teacher in the San Antonio School District caring for our family of 5 teenagers while I was selling on the road.

Finally, after 2 ½ years in graduate school, I graduated with an MSW (Masters in Social Work) Degree and I became a licensed therapist. I had committed to counsel and help struggling addicts, alcoholics and the mentally ill. A high point in my counseling career came in January of 2002, when I carried the Olympic Torch in the Salt Lake Winter Olympics. The school district where I had worked for years had nominated me for "saving the lives of countless students and family members from addiction."

I labored in my counseling work until June of 2007 when I suffered a debilitating stroke from the stress and long hours of my job. I was no longer able to perform arduous, full-time counseling duties any longer. I was 72 years old.

Today I have volunteered to chair a 12 Step Meeting Group here in Flagstaff for almost 8 years. I still volunteer to help others because it is my life's purpose.

We Need Your Help!

The Edison Distinguished Alumni Award was first presented in 2010 to honor living graduates for personal achievements. Since 2010 the award has been presented to 17 alumni. The following criteria is used to evaluate and select a candidate:

- Success in business or career
- Professional awards or recognition in their field
- Contributions or involvement with Edison
- Recognized community involvement
- Act of heroism
- Success in the arts
- Military honors

The Distinguished Alumni Award Committee is reaching out to Edison Alumni to solicit candidates for future consideration. With thousands of graduates over the years, we know many are deserving of this prestigious award. We need your help to identify those candidates! We need to hear from you so please send your Distinguished Alumni Award nominations to:

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Letter from President Iacarella



Excitement is in the air around Edison with the start of the new school year, not only for seeing the new group of students coming in for their first taste of high school, but also for the new things that are happening around the construction work that was done this summer on the school building and campus grounds. The front plant boxes

have been removed and replaced by a deeper cement façade with new bike racks and new wheel chair ramps. There is a new front entry into the building. The entire front entrance to the school and principal office walls is now all glass, for both security and aesthetic reasons. All people entering the building between office hours of 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM will have to go through the principal's office. It allows for everyone to be seen who is coming into and out of the building. Also, two new gender-neutral bathrooms were added to the front lobby area of the entrance. This now means that you won't have to go for a block walk down to the opposite end of the hall if you have the use a restroom if you are seeing a play at Edison.

The construction was also completed on the Guzy Family Alumni and Leadership room. We now have a new prep-warming kitchen in the room which can be used for small reunions or civic events. There is a nice pass through

wall counter and added storage cabinets. We also added a new warming oven, perfect for catering in food, and a prep-sink. Plus, the new bathrooms that I previously mentioned are right next to the room for easy access. So please consider using this space if you have a small reunion in mind or maybe a planning meeting for a larger reunion.

Also, the beautiful fountain on the corner of 22nd and Monroe NE that I mentioned in our last quarterly newsletter, has now been finished. It stands 25 feet high, has three water cascading tiers with florescent lights and can be seen from as far away as 22nd and Fillmore! It is quite the addition to the school campus and will be one of the things to come and see in the northeast neighborhood.

Lastly, I want everyone to put Wednesday October 16th, 2019 down on your calendars. That is the date of our ECSF Oktoberfest "Indeed-We-Can" fundraiser at Indeed Brewery from 3:00 PM to 11:00. All profits from beer sales that day go to the ECSF. There will be live music, games and a food truck. There will also be an appearance by the Edison Alumni Band around 7:00. MEA is the next day so a lot of you can sleep in after a fun time with friends or anyone you know who enjoys great beer and northeast Minneapolis! The more the merrier!!!

Go Tommies!
Mike Iacarella (75)



Oktoberfest for ECSF at Indeed

Fall is in the air and it's that time to break out the lederhosen and have a few beers with friends at the "ECSF Oktoberfest" at Indeed. Indeed Brewery, located one block east of 15th and Monroe Street, has again selected the Edison Community and Sports Foundation (ECSF) as one of their special

community northeast non-profits to participate in their "Indeed-We-Can" community giving program. Indeed has committed to donating all of profits raised from beer sales the night of **Wednesday October 16th from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM** to the ECSF. It is so nice to see a local company committed to helping out community organizations such as the ECSF. We have lots of fun things planned for the night, live festive music by Joe Macko and there of course will be food trucks for those wanting a little to eat in between beverages. The Alumni band will be performing at around 7:00 PM for those who might want to hear a little "Blue Gold". It's free to get in and MEA for schools starts that Thursday so some of you can sleep in the next day. Bring your friends and anyone one who enjoys some of the best craft brew in the country. Please put Wednesday October 16th on your phones, spread the word on your social media pages and come to Indeed Brewery to help support the ECSF. You'll have a ball Oktoberfest style!

Ziggy Zoggy Ziggy Zoggy Oyi Oyi Oyi!!!



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REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class of 1979 – 40th Reunion

Saturday, October 12th, Banquets of Minnesota, 6310 Highway 65 NE, Fridley, MN 55432. Reception – 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m. Music to follow

\$42.00 per person – includes a bar drink.

See Edison1979.com website

Class of 1999 - 20th Reunion

October 5th 2019 from 6 to 10pm at Broadway Pizza, 2025 West River Rd Minneapolis Mn 55411. Pizza buffet with salad subs and pop. We will have a photo booth and other fun things. \$22.00 per person. Two ways to pay follow the links for PayPal or Venmo.

Deadline to buy a ticket is September 21st. <https://venmo.com/i/tommies> or <https://www.paypal.me/>

Correction from Summer Newsletter:

Donation from Peggy (Regan) Vancura, '51 and Robert Regan, '57 and Ed Regan is class of '53

In Memory Of

George Budulak, '68

Sandra Burge, '73

Ann Margaret Herbert, '81

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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, Niles Schulz Scholarship 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
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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 will include it. Interesting historical photos, class reunion announcements, or anything to do with Edison school will be considered.

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.

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