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EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS

Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner Monday, October 4, 2021

This year the Edison Scholarship Dinner will be held at Quincy Hall, 1325 Quincy Street NE, Minneapolis. In honor of Niles Schulz, the dinner was renamed in 2019 to the Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner. Niles loved attending the event and visiting with former students and athletes. He will be missed at the event but certainly not forgotten. We will also honor the Distinguished Alumni from 2020 and 2021.

Tickets are available now for \$175/couple and can be purchased from an ECSF Board Member or my Emailing us at edisoncsf@aol.com. The dinner ticket includes dinner for two, a chance in our cash raffle, Silent Auction, cash bar and other surprises.



Schedule:

- 6:00 – 7:00 Cocktail and Social Hour (cash bar)
 Silent Auction
- 7:00 Dinner (your choice of steak, chicken or Butternut Ravioli)
 Program
 Recognition of Distinguished Alumni
- After dinner Wine and booze raffles
 Bingo and cash raffle
 Silent Auction closes

Can't attend but would like to help?

Donations can be made via check or on our website. We are also looking for Silent Auction items and sponsors. To find out more information or to arrange an item pick-up, email us at edisoncsf@aol.com



Quincy Hall



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2021 Hall of Fame Induction Dinner



The 2021 Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Monday, November 1st at Murzyn Hall in Columbia Heights. Social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner and a program to follow.

The four inductees into the Hall of Fame are:

- Annliv Bacon (60) Swimming, Badminton, Tennis
- Mike Sedio (71) Track, Football
- Kevin Hanzlik (71) Baseball, Basketball
- Denny McGowen (Staff)

Championship teams from 1972 through 1974 will be honored into the circle of champions. The last undefeated team at Edison, the 1971/72 football team, will also be honored as special guests at the event.

As always, the event is free to attend and is open to all who participated as a player, coach, or fan of the Edison community. Please spread the word as this is a fun event and a chance to catch up with former teammates and classmates. If you have any questions or concerns about the event, or plan to attend contact: John Banisky, 651-285-3618 (text if no answer) or edisonhof@gmail.com

Topics for your radar:

Big plans are in the works for the Edison Centennial Celebration, September 29-October 2, 2022. Many fun events will take place and HOF members will be asked to give back to the students participating in events at the school Friday. We would like to take a group photo of as many of you as possible to put into our Touchpro system. More information will be available in future newsletters and at other ECSF websites.

Oktoberfest for ECSF at Indeed

Fall is in the air and it's that time on the calendar for breaking out the lederhosen and having a few beers with friends at the "ECSF Oktoberfest" at Indeed. Indeed Brewery 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 13th from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM** to the ECSF. Indeed Brewery is located one block east of 15th and Monroe St. 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 6:00 PM for those who might want to hear a little "Blue Gold". So, bring friends and anyone one else who enjoys some of the best craft brew in the country. Please put Wednesday October 13th on your calendars, 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



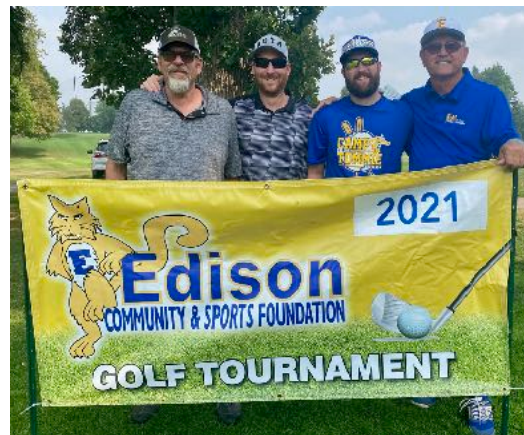
2021 Golf Tournament

The Edison Community and Sports Foundation annual Golf Scramble was held on July 30, 2021 at Francis A. Gross Golf Course. It was a beautiful day to be outside, catch up with old friends, and get some exercise. The scramble was followed by a dinner catered by Divine Swine.

Edison Community and Sports Foundation would like to extend a Hardy Tommy Thank You to the following list of sponsors and all of our golfers without whom, we would not have been able to raise nearly \$12,000 for the many good things that the foundation funds.



- * Elliot Law
- * Palisade Asset Management (Bob Lawson)
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- * Patriot Ins Agency (Mark Gilbertson)
- * Class of 1965 (Doug Jones)
- * Rosen's Diversified (Rob Hovde)
- * Stanley's



The Great Eastside Get-Together

Strong Schools = Strong Communities.

Over 15 years ago, a small group of people created the Eastside BBQ, an event that quickly became a beloved neighborhood tradition. Hosted by the Edison Activity Council (EAC) and supported by local community groups, the event regularly draws thousands including local Minneapolis Public School families, community leaders and neighbors. Ever evolving, this year the EAC hosted what is now called The Great Eastside Get-Together. The event provided a casual, fun opportunity for local MPS students and families, staff and area residents to come together and build relationships that ultimately strengthen both schools and our neighborhoods.

MPS Street Eats food trucks fed students for free and a complimentary “Tommie Trio” meal from the concession stand was included with the football game admission. Attendees enjoyed live music and dance showcases on the Edison plaza, along with a variety of activities on the field before the game and during half-time. The Great Eastside Get-Together is partially funded by sponsorship donations from the community and local businesses.

There were about 600 in attendance and the Tommies Football team had a victory over Brooklyn Center (14-6)! The boys soccer team did a shoot out contest during half-time and there was great food by a variety of food trucks. The event successfully connected community to Edison and welcomed a new year. Thanks to ECSF for their sponsorship and looking forward to the **Tommie Telethon on Oct 16, 1-6**. Viewing available on Edison Activity Council YouTube channel.



Principal Update

Edison has a new Mission and Vision statement to guide us as we return to school this month. Over the course of a few sessions with staff this past Spring, several drafts of possible mission and vision statements were created. Staff felt strongly that our new Mission and Vision focus on Edison's strong tradition of inclusivity and togetherness, and that it highlight the genius and power of our amazing students.

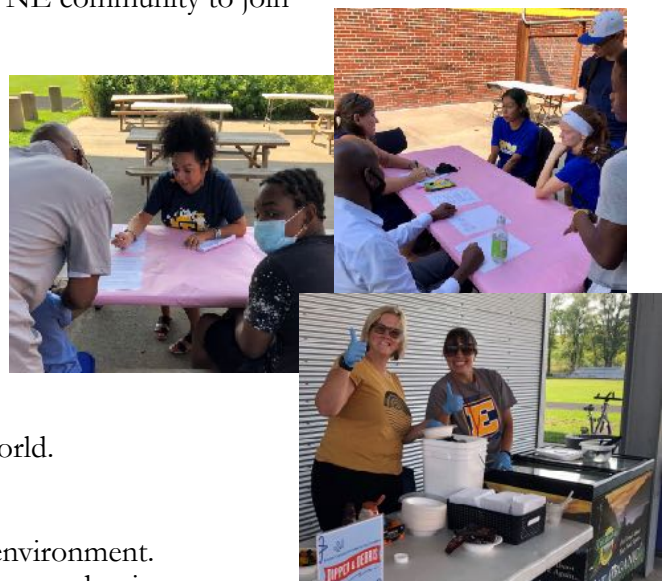
In August, we invited students, family members and the NE community to join us on the plaza to give feedback on the future direction of Edison and vote for their favorite Mission and Vision statement. Our students and families told us that the words belong, believe and become (or school motto) should be included in the final draft. Thanks to our friends at Dipped and Debris, we were able to thank participants with a free scoop of frozen custard.

Vision

Edison is a place where we **belong** to an inclusive family; **believe** in our ability to make change; and **become** a positive force in our communities and world.

Mission

Together, we create an equitable and inclusive learning environment. Together, we honor and cultivate our creativity, intelligence and uniqueness. Together, we discover our power to positively shape our future.



Letter from President Iacarella



Greetings fellow Tommies and friends of Edison,
Abraham Lincoln said, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships." It is important to emphasize that this notion of friendship is not just a nice idea to pursue. Friendship is at the very core of our nature. While we can

communicate with our friends in a variety of ways (texting, e-mailing, calling), nothing is better than an encounter in which we can see our friend's facial expressions, read their body language, and hear the tone of his or her voice. In a face-to-face friendship meeting, we can have a true conversation. Therefore, I feel reunions and celebrations with fellow classmates is so important to not only the physical and emotional health of oneself, but to everyone involved in the gathering. We all feed off each other. I feel there is a lot of truth to the saying, "the more the merrier." That is why I am so excited about our Edison Centennial Celebration which will be

happening in late September and early October of 2022. Let us all try to do our best to make it to as many events as we can for the celebration. You will be doing yourself, your fellow classmates, and the current students of Edison a big emotional and healthy boost!



Speaking of gatherings, we will be celebrating our **"Indeed-We-Can" "Oktoberfest" fundraiser at Indeed Brewery on Wednesday October 13th from 3:00 to 11:00.** All profits from beer sales on that day will go to the ECSF. We will have live music, food trucks, games, and an appearance by the Edison Alumni Band at 6:00 PM. So, put it on your calendars and tell some friends and come down to Indeed Brewery near the corner of 15th and Monroe for some of the best beer brewed in Minnesota, share some fun with friends and to help a great cause!

Go Tommies!

Mike Iacarella,

President,

Edison Community & Sports Foundation

In Memory Of...

Mark Ahlquist, '60
Robert J. Anderson
Tom Duffy
Joyce Hegstrom
Susan (Hanna) Howitz
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Robert Huble, '56
John Hunter, '51
Gene Jaster, '49
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Bruce Richard, '47

Charles Rosow, '48
Helen (Burkholder) Schleicher
Joe Stanek, '49
Patrick M Stevens
Nancy (Ward) Struble, '57
Kristie Lynn (Wyandt) Wilkens, '88



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YOU Make A Difference!

EDISON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 2022

"Celebrating 100 Years of Bright Ideas!"

Thursday September 29th (Two Events)

Tommie Twirl – at the Hollywood Theater featuring the “Rockin Hollywood’s”

Edison Band Night at Shaw’s – Featuring bands with Edison Roots – Gypsy, Hipsters/King Kustom and the Cruisers, Popbang, Sparta

Friday September 30th - Edison

Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Day at Edison with the Students,

Homecoming parade, Edison Campus Open House, Spaghetti Dinner,

Homecoming Football Game, Edison Centennial Show, Edison Class Night Out

(Off campus)

Saturday October 1st - Nicollet Island Pavilion

Edison Centennial Gala at Nicollet Island Pavilion with special musical guest appearance by Mick Sterling.

Sunday October 2 - Northeast Armory

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

Please go on the ECSF website and register for our database. We are trying to build a current data base for contacting Alumni. You will be able to register and then make any updates if your contact info changes.

Your information will not be shared edisonsportsfoundation.org OR edisoncommunitysports@gmail.com



REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Class of 1953 Luncheon

Thursday, September 23, 2021, Elsie's- 729 Marshall St.NE.

Contact Roger Barrett at 763-544-3827 with questions

Class of 1954 Annual luncheon

Wednesday, September 22nd 1:00pm at Sarna's.

40th Ave NE and University Ave - in Columbia Heights.

We will order from the menu - cash bar.

Questions or comments - Jack

Anderson phyljacka@gmail.com 612-695-5256

Class of 1971- 50th Class Reunion

Saturday, October 9, 2021, The Delta by Marriott Hotel, 1330 Industrial Blvd NE, Mpls, MN, 55413. Contact Debi Swenson Espe at debiespe@gmail.com

Class of 1975

October 23, 2021 at Elsie's, 6pm. Contact Mary Sedesky Dalbec at 763-245-0299.

Class of 1976 - 45th reunion

Saturday, October 9, 2021. Elsie's

Contact: Cathy Bishop at clbishop60@gmail.com

CONTRIBUTORS CARRYING ON THE TOMMIE SPIRIT!

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John Kuduk, in memory of Vernon Kuduk, '48 and Edward Kuduk, '51

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Katherine Boosalis, in honor of Class of '77

Jacqueline Grindatti, in memory of my 2 sisters Gwen

Carlson Caron, '51 & Jocelyn Carlson, '53

Aleda Jacobson, in honor of Class of '59

Kathleen Kelly

Beverly Kowalik, in memory of Patti (Novitski)

Heideman

Jack Novak, in memory of Paul Ohlin and Dick Yates

OTHER

Candice Alexander, in honor of the Great class of '68

David Bakun, in honor of Class of '77

Ronald Christenson, in memory of Bill Murphy, '59

Gigi Decker, in memory of Peter Ostronshko and

Craig Sulem

William Grivna

Patrice "Patty" Holm

Karen Johnson

Kenneth Knutson, in honor of Class of '59

Carol Larson, in honor of Class of '62

Elisabeth Nelson, in memory of Chell Lundgren, '51

Lou Paff, Friends of Thomas Edison High School Theater

Phil Podany, in memory of John Kollar

Katie Schmidt, in memory of Bill Murphy, '59

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Donate online at www.MplsEdsionAlumni.com

EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Edison Community & Sports Foundation is to engage students, staff, alumni and community to direct resources to support programs, facilities and opportunities that advance Edison.

Support our
Gambling Sites



Market Bar-B-Que

220 NE Lowry Ave
Electronic gambling
Pull tab machine



The Howe Daily Kitchen & Bar
3675 Minnehaha Av S
Pull Tab machine

The Edison Community & Sports Foundation is looking to expand Gambling Operations. If you have contacts with any local establishments please contact our Gambling Manager Lynn Miskowic at 612-296-7283 or email us at



2500 University Ave NE
Gift Card Raffle - Sundays at 3:00pm
Bingo - Sundays at 3:30pm
Electronic gambling
Pull tab booth: Mon-Thur 3pm-10:30pm, Fri 11am-11:30pm, Sat 10am-11:30pm and Sun 10am-10:30pm
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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
Michael Iacarella, President
Beth Fairley, Vice President
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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.

Send your information to:

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