

## STAYING CONNECTED BETWEEN THE PAST AND PRESENT

## EDISON COMMUNITY & SPORTS FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWS



### Please join us for the *Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner*

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

TIME \*6:00 pm Social hour \*7:00 pm Dinner

Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN

Tickets are \$175, includes dinner for two and a \$50 raffle ticket  
for a chance to win up to \$2,000 cash!

It's our favorite time of year to celebrate Distinguished Alumni from Edison and the current graduating class of 2023's Scholarship recipients! Our goal is to raise \$40,000 to give to Edison students graduating in 2023!

Call Mary Dalbec at 763-245-0299 if you would like to donate to the silent auction, have any questions or want tickets. Dinner tickets include: dinner for two and raffle ticket

Can't attend but would like to help?

Donations can be made for our scholarships via check or on our website. We are also looking for Silent Auction items and sponsors. We would love to have a few sponsors to help with the event and offset costs and raise more money for the Scholarships! To find out more information or to arrange an item pick-up, email us at [edisoncsf@aol.com](mailto:edisoncsf@aol.com).

RSVP to Mary Dalbec, 763-245-0299 or mail your check to PO Box 68032, Minneapolis MN, 55418 and we will send your tickets. You can also contact one of the other board members for tickets by April 1, 2023.

### Registration Open for 2023 Edison Community and Sports Foundation Golf Scramble

Join us for the The Edison Community and Sports Foundation Golf Scramble which will take place on **July 31, 2023** at Columbia Golf Course.

Registration begins at 9 AM and Tee off will be at 11:00 with dinner to follow in the Columbia Chalet. Register at [www.eventregisterpro.com/event/edisonhighschoolgolftournament](http://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/edisonhighschoolgolftournament).

Keep your eye on the ECSF web site, [www.edisonsportsfoundation.org](http://www.edisonsportsfoundation.org) and "Like" the ECSF Facebook Page, [www.facebook.com/MplsEdisonAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/MplsEdisonAlumni) for updates. If you haven't registered an account on the ECSF web page, please do at [www.edisonsportsfoundation.org/user/register](http://www.edisonsportsfoundation.org/user/register) so we can send email updates as they become available.

We welcome golfers of all abilities (my team typically finishes at or near the bottom), but we will also be looking for opportunities for non-golfers to

participate. If you would like to volunteer as a non-golfer, reach out at the email address below. There will also be a "Dinner Only" option for \$25 on the registration page as always.

For those that have participated in the past, we look forward to seeing you again. For those that haven't, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with old classmates, alumni, and friends of Edison High School, enjoy a beautiful summer day in the Minnesota summer sun, and raise money for the many scholarships and programs that ECSF funds.

For questions reach out to

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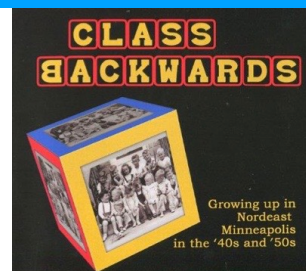
## The Edison Authors Reflect on the Past and the Future



2022



2015



2012

The Edison Authors' Committee had good objectives for organizing our group and for writing the three books *Class Backwards*, *Class Forwards*, and *Fast Forwards*. First, we wanted to capture memories of growing up in Northeast and attending Edison High School and record those memories and historical facts in book form. Then, we hoped to use the proceeds from the books to go towards EHS student scholarships.

The quest to collect and enter the stories from various former Edison students, besides our own, started about 15 years ago. This idea came from a small group of us from the Class of 1958. We were motivated to move forward as other graduates from the 50's and other classes were eager to share stories, donate their time to help, and to purchase the books. During this endeavor, we became more aware of the importance of Alumni support. This is one way to positively impact and help deserving Edison graduating students to further their education and maintain Edison as a strong school (which it is!) in NE Minneapolis.

We were delighted with the response and demand from the Edison Alumni of the latest book, *Fast Forwards*, at the Centennial Celebrations. It is a collection of memories and events celebrating Edison's 100 years in NE Minneapolis. After the first printing of *Fast Forwards* sold out during the Centennial Celebration, we reordered it to fill the

requests from the Newsletters and word of mouth excitement over the book. It is nearly sold out again! It was a thrilling occasion for us to reach our goal, once again, by presenting the ECSF Scholarship Fund last month with a donation from the proceeds of *Fast Forwards* as we have done with the other two books' sales.

We want to recognize Barbara Lyons who left an inheritance to her cousin Carol Lyons Larson '58, (who is also a cousin of Anita Wiggins Monette '58) one of the organizers of the Edison Authors. Carol donated some of it towards the publication of *Fast Forwards* knowing Barbara's strong interest in education. This was a wonderful way to share their good fortune for a worthy cause such as the Edison Scholarship fund.

Our next plan is to dedicate the final proceeds from the sale of the 3 books by the Edison Authors to award a scholarship for the next 3 years to an Edison student that has shown an interest in literature, writing, teaching, drama, theater and poetry (Literary Arts). Opportunities may be explored to see if there is interest in taking on such a project to continue this type of scholarship funding source.

Thank you to all our supporters that have helped us reach our goal. It has been an enjoyable adventuresome journey of fellowship, learning and accomplishment for all of us. The Edison Authors hopes our three books will be memorable vehicles for many generations to come and an inspiration to others to pursue a similar idea.

### The Edison Authors

David & Carol Larson, Arnold & Marilyn Lubrecht, John Vandermyde, Larry Kohout, Dick Myslajek, Norman Solberg, Rodney Nelson, Carolyn Hagford, and deceased Cathy Kohout and Jean Strong



Left to right: Arnie & Marilyn Lubrecht, Pat & Dick Myslajek, Anita Monette, Carolyn Hagford, Norm Solberg, Carol & Dave Larson, Darlene & John Vandermyde, Larry Kohout

## Update from Edison Principal Warne



Tommies have tradition! As staff and students continue to celebrate our 100-year anniversary, we have been reflecting on the traditions that are part of Edison's legacy. Ask almost anyone—current students and staff, alumni, community members—what their favorite Edison tradition is, and they will tell you that they are most proud of our traditions of diversity and welcoming. From the flags in the hallways that represent the nations our students are from, to the graduation ceremony welcome message delivered in the native languages of our students and families, Edison values the diverse perspectives and experiences of our entire school community.

Every Wednesday at 2PM, I meet with our Student Leadership Team in the Alumni room. This group of young leaders represents the diversity of Edison perfectly. Black, brown, indigenous, and white students; students who speak Somali, Spanish, Oromo, and English; students who live in northeast, on the Northside, the Southside, the suburbs—they come together collaboratively, with distinct points of view, with varied histories, and with a shared love for their school community. These bright and bold student leaders inspire me, advise me, and make me a better Principal for Edison.

The Alumni room, where we meet each week, is beautifully decorated with artifacts and photographs that reflect our shared love for Edison and our shared capacity for leadership. What the Student Leadership Team and I hope it might *also* reflect, is the tradition of diversity at Edison of which we are all so proud. Just as our students are inspired by the legacy of the Guzy family, the Larson family, and other great leaders and

contributors to Edison, we hope that they also might be inspired by images and artifacts that represent our diverse history; that students on the leadership team might see themselves reflected in this room where they come together to build Edison's future.

As we learned from History teacher David Salzer and his storytelling crew's series "The Bulb", Edison is home to a plethora of special and inspiring stories. Our students are most inspired by the stories of people like Dr. Melvin Bates, Edison's first Black teacher who wrote his doctoral thesis on desegregation in public schools. In 1966, the Editors of *The Wizard* dedicated their yearbook to him. Or the story of Caroline Wanga, a Kenyan woman who graduated from Edison in 1995 and went on to be an entrepreneur and the CEO of *Essence* magazine. And the story of Nari Miller, 2022 graduate, who was the first female state champion in wrestling. What if their pictures, their stories, their letter jackets, hung alongside the pictures of our incredible Distinguished Alumni? What inspiration, hope, and affirmation might that provide our students?

Mr. Iacarella and I are ready to work together with our Student Leadership Team to make the Alumni Room a space that better reflects our tradition of diversity. We would love to hear from you—what stories, ideas, artifacts do you have in mind for inclusion in Room 104? Please send me your thoughts! Email me at [eryn.warne@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:eryn.warne@mpls.k12.mn.us), and our team will add your ideas to our design considerations.

Thank you for your continued support of Edison's beautiful traditions of diversity and welcoming. We are so excited to learn more from you as we work to make Room 104 a space more representative of our history.



### Mike "Mr. Ike" Iacarella Retirement Bash at Shaw's

After 29 years of teaching at Edison, Mike Iacarella is finally leaving his alma mater and he is going out with a bang! Join us at **Shaw's Bar on Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 10:00** to hear two great Edison bands: **Popbang and King Kustom and the Kruisers** as they rock the tent again! There will also be an appearance by the Edison Alumni Band to add to the festivities. He would love to see everyone so the first beer or wine is on Mike if you stop by Shaw's and say "Go Tommies"!



## Reunion Announcements

### Class of 1966 - Tommies are turning 75 years old this year!!

Join us for an informal birthday celebration at the Moose on Monroe, 356 Monroe St NE Mpls noon till?? on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023. \$15 at the door gets you a wings and pasta buffet from 1-3 pm. Cash bar, happy hour prices. Please RSVP for an accurate headcount. We would also like to know if you know of any of our classmates that have passed away in the last couple of years. Contact: Les Hogetvedt, [hogiesmn@gmail.com](mailto:hogiesmn@gmail.com); Sandy Novak, Peterson, [sandypetersn@gmail.com](mailto:sandypetersn@gmail.com); John Hoyny, [onebigfish.jh@gmail.com](mailto:onebigfish.jh@gmail.com)

### Class of 1973 Reunion - SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, September 23, 2023, Elsie's Northeast. Check in 5:30 pm., 6:00 pm start. Cost: \$50.00/\$55.00 at the door. RSVP by September 9, 2023. Make checks payable to: Gina Chiodo Bauman, 1385 Mississippi Street, New Brighton, MN 55112. More details to come. For additional information: [edison73reunion@gmail.com](mailto:edison73reunion@gmail.com).

### Class of 1978 - 45 year class reunion

September 30, 2023 at Krause Hartig VFW. More details in the coming months. Follow the facebook page, "Edison - Class of 17978"

### Class of 1983 - 40th reunion

Tentative date: Sept. 30th. Details are in process of being planned. Please contact one of the following classmates to provide contact information and/or to help with planning: Kris Solz, [ksolz@msn.com](mailto:ksolz@msn.com), Dave Beeksma, [daybeek@charter.net](mailto:daybeek@charter.net), Mary Fran Schwartz, [mfs904@aol.com](mailto:mfs904@aol.com), Chris and Dave Bjorge, [Bjorge.chris@gmail.com](mailto:Bjorge.chris@gmail.com), [dabjorge@msn.com](mailto:dabjorge@msn.com), Heidi Bell, Sue Ann Westfall, Lisa Hill Demars, or Jeanette and Joe Fedors



### Edison Alumni Hockey Game

**April 15th, 2023, 2:30-4:30 pm**

Parade South

600 Kenwood Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Social to follow at a soon to be named location.

Raising funds to provide a scholarship in  
Willie Wentland's honor.

For updated information check the Edison Community &  
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651-285-3618. (Leave a text message)

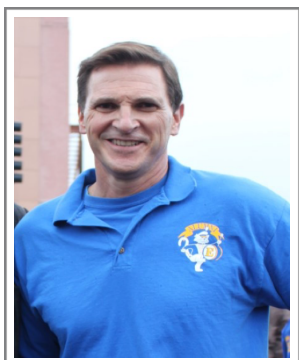


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### Letter from President Iacarella



February 13, 2023

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou  
Greetings Fellow Tommies and Friends of Edison High School,

I thought I would start my letter with this quote from Maya Angelou. It is a fitting piece because this is the last article I write as a person still teaching at Edison. By my next letter I will be retired and looking at life from a whole different perspective. I have had a great run of 29 years at my alma mater, and I hope during that time I was able to have students feel good about what they were learning and that they were prepared for whatever the world will throw at them, good or bad. That is one reason why during my entire time at Edison, I not only served on the scholarship committee but got involved with the Edison Community and Sports Foundation; to help make it possible to give kids the opportunity to have a chance to go to whatever post-secondary aspirations they might have. I think students that go to Edison know they have people who care about them and that makes them feel loved. What more can you do for someone in these crazy times?

If you are wondering, I will still be connected with ECSF, Edison and Northeast in some capacity which makes me more excited because now I can focus on a few things I did not have time for when I was either teaching or coaching. This is still the

school's centennial year, and it would be great if every one of our alums could contribute to the **Niles Schulz \$100 for 100 fund drive**. I always feel good when I think of Niles!

Also, I am going to have a retirement celebration and you're all invited! You all have made me feel good all these years with your generosity and energy towards your school and fellow classmates, and I want to close out the centennial year with a bang on **Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 10:00 under the tent at Shaw's Bar on University and 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will have two bands that always made me feel good: Popbang and King Kustom and the Kruisers playing under the tent. Of course, there will also be an appearance by the Edison Alumni Marching Band! They always make me feel good! There is no cover and the first beer is on me!

Finally, we have our **Niles Schulz Scholarship Dinner coming up on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at Murzyn Hall** catered by Sarna's. This is one of our major fundraising events for scholarships so if you are looking for a great evening out for a wonderful cause please attend. Tickets are \$175 and that includes dinner for two and a chance to win a \$2,500 drawing. Please come and support our cause for raising scholarship dollars for our Edison students.

Go Tommie's!

Mike Iacarella, President,  
Edison Community & Sports  
Foundation



### **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast**

The NE Kiwanis will have their Spring Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 30th from 7 AM to 1 PM at the NE Armory at 1025 NE Broadway. Tickets are \$10 for those over 12 years of age and \$5.00 for those under 12. If you have a Large group or Class mini reunion contact Doug Jones ( at 612-272-5600 or [doug.jones6@comcast.net](mailto:doug.jones6@comcast.net)) so we can make special arrangements for you and your group. The Kiwanis support a host of NE Community Activities including Scholarships for graduates that live in the 55413 and 55418 area codes. This breakfast is one of their important fundraisers and we are hoping that you will continue to support this event by your attendance and financial support.” Thanks for making this happen for us and our NE Community.



## In Memory Of...

Robert Anderson, 45  
Theodora (Molumby)  
Arnesen, '62  
JoAnn (Vincent) Brinda, '55  
Nathaniel Burkland, '49  
Lois (Bloomer) Felt, '52  
Gary Hanson -- Teacher  
Richard Hara, '47  
Suzanne (Kuehn) Holm, '57  
Dennis Jasicki, '60  
Ellery Johnson, '57  
Theodore Kobs (Also  
Teacher), '51  
**Correction**-Dennis Kuduk, '75  
Dennis Lacina, '69  
Evelyn (Landry) Larson, '46  
Donna (Thomas) Lindstrom, '46



Tom Malone  
Keith Marcouiller, '76  
Donna (Bergman)  
Nelson, '57  
Gerald Nelson, '49  
Duane Nowlin, '54  
Clarence Ohman, '48  
Larry Olson, '63  
Karlyce (Bath) Pestello, '61  
Barbara (Geiger) Robertson, '53  
Carolyn (Lindholt) Schiffer, '59  
Margaret (Worcester) Stefansky, '49  
James Upton, '46  
Janet (Painter) White, '65  
Mary Burkland (Lohn)  
Youngberg, '50  
Marian (Dedeluk) Zack, '42

Janet Painter White, our friend and 1965 Edison classmate, passed away in January 2023. Jan was instrumental in planning reunions and special events for her Edison Class of 1965. She also helped create a scholarship in memory of Wes Hendrickson, funded by her classmates, to honor 1965 graduate Wes Hendrickson. Wes was killed in Vietnam while attempting to rescue one of his platoon members. ECSF, in conjunction with the Class of 1965, has granted four scholarships in Wes' name to deserving Edison students. Jan asked that donations in her memory be contributed to ECSF for the Wes Hendrickson Scholarship fund.

Jan supported ECSF and participated each year in its golf tournament. Deep condolences go out to her life partner, Mick Kelzenberg, and their combined families.

## CONTRIBUTORS CARRYING ON THE TOMMIE SPIRIT!

### Super Star

Dave Iacarella, in honor of the Edison Alumni Band  
Laurie Malone, in memory of Tom Malone '75  
RoseMary, McDonald, in honor of the Nierengarten  
Family-all 6 children attended Edison  
Anonymous  
Larson Dental/Cory Larson, Larson Dental  
Scholarship

### Gold

Frank Kircher

### BLUE

William Chorske, Ramona Harristhal, in memory of  
Janet Painter White '65, Dave Iacarella, Edison  
Alumni Band, Karen Karkula, Class of 1963  
Scholarship Fund, in memory of Karlyce Bath  
Pestello, '61, Robert Lawson and Barb Sporlein, in  
honor of the Class of '84, Mary Smaczarz Klitterman

### TOMMIE LEVEL

June Anderson, on behalf of the Class of 1955 in  
Memory of Art Solz & "The Little Men," Tennant  
Foundation, gift Match for Susan Luke, John Lawson,  
Jeanette Nibouar (Allen), Kelly Sartell Bliss, Lori  
Sawyer Bye, in memory of Dawn Sawyer, class of '78

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Anonymous, Peg Carlson, in memory of Kelly  
Carlson Reller, '75, Marguerite, Dillon, Barbara Ducat,  
in memory of Niles Schulz, Laurie Eskola Zurbey,  
David Hanna, Sue House Allen, in memory of Bill  
and Millie House, Mike Iacarella, in memory of Tom  
Malone, '75, Adam Johnston, in honor of Class of

1988, Kathryn Koenigsmark, George Laun, in  
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Lubansky, in honor of Donna Polaski Hansen, '69,  
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of Marlys Jorgenson Nelson, '51

### OTHER

Anonymous, David Bakun, in Honor of the Class of  
"1977", Terri Benick, Wes Hendrickson Class of  
1965 Edison Scholarship Fund in memory of Janet  
Painter White, Jonathon Brown, in Memory of  
Delores Brown, '39, Kristy, Cottle, Karen, Derr, Marian  
Ginther Hatlestad, in memory of Darrin Ginther, '40,  
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Gliniany, Eileen Grabanski Simi, Richard Guentzel, in  
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and Vietnam Army Veteran, Janice Khan Howard,  
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