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Mark your calendar:
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 23, 2017

Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, Sept. 22, 2017

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20 Inducted into RHS Hall of Fame

Under the glittery lights of the Hilton Ballroom chandelier, twenty Teddies were inducted into the Roosevelt Hall of Fame. The 250 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner before emcee Dennis Schulstad, '62 and 2014 Hall of Fame inductee, began the program.

The 20 new inductees were introduced, in order of graduation year. Schulstad and co-emcee Gina Rodriguez, '80. summarized their accomplishments, as a huge picture was projected on the center screen. Each then was given an opportunity to respond; most of the new Hall of Famers told of the life lessons

they had learned while at Roosevelt or their memories of teachers or friends.

Current science and math teacher Jim McComas-Bussa said, "I was very inspired by all the stories told by these amazing people. It made me want to recommit to the idea of being that teacher who 50 years from now some HOF inductee will remember fondly as a person who made a difference for them." As guests left, many stopped and said

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Golf tournament enjoyed by largest number ever

Weathermen predicted a 40% chance of rain. It was drizzling during check-in. But right before the golfers took to their carts, the sun came out, and it turned out to be a perfect day for golf.

Teddies from six decades and their friends arrived at Crystal Lake Golf Course in Lakeville for the Fourth Annual Roosevelt Foundation Golf Tournament. More Teddies than ever participated. The first year there were only 75; this year, 140.

Under the chairmanship of Tim Martin '84 and his wife Alanna Carlson Martin '87, a dedicated group of golfers have developed the tournament into one of the larger money-making events for the Foundation. The committee expresses its great appreciation to

all the sponsors who made the event possible. [See list of all the sponsors on p. 3-5]

After what one participant called "a glorious day for the game," the golfers returned to the club house for a delicious buffet and were entertained by longtime U of M announcer Dick Jonckowski. Former coach and teacher Bob Anderson updated the group on the work of the Foundation. Roosevelt PR Coordinator Christol Kjome '87, who has been another one of forces

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Photos above from left: Golfers Joanne Vestal, Karin St. Jacques, Chris Bue and Shannon Daly. Center: New Hall of Famer Reed Larson with PE teacher Jacki Wincek. Right: Golfers Jeff Norblom, "Peach" Larson, Bill Sullivan and Jamie Erion.

Where your money went: 40 scholarships awarded

Last spring we told you of the grants which were awarded to the school. The Foundation also awarded 40 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to 2016 graduates.

These are the scholarships provided by individuals or families. Some are alums, “paying back” for what they have received. Some are provided in memory of a person who has passed, and others are generously offered just to help current Teddies.

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Torres and PaKou Yang

Class of 1991 Scholarship: Kelly Nava Torres

When you check “scholarship” on your donation slip, your money is put together with others who have also designated scholarships, called simply “**Foundation Scholarships.**” This year ten students received Foundation Scholarships: Fernanda Gauman, Nicholas Hastings, Alejandro Hernandez, Katie Jones, Will Kendall, Sarah Lawrence, Phong Mai, Quinn Martin, Mohammed Sheikh, and PaKou Yang.

Additionally the **Kopp Foundation** provides money for five scholarships: Antonio Barrera, Sam Gardner, Ali Mattson Benjamin Pioquinto, and Caitlyn Venne.

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From the Athletic Director: Fall sports news

By Dennis Stockmo, RHS '78, Athletic Director

Greetings to all Roosevelt alumni and friends. The fall sports season is off to a great start. First, the Teddy football team won their season opener on the road by defeating South 25-0. After this victory, head football coach Junior Eugene was declared the Coach of the Week by KFAN radio

Then, to add to the good news, the girls tennis team is on a three-game winning streak. The volleyball team has won four out of its last five matches. And looking forward to more good news, the adapted soccer team returns two All-State players to our defending state tournament team.

Remember that we always like to see our alums at our games. We will never guarantee a win, but you will see athletes giving it all they have. You can find a schedule at roosevelt.mpls.k12.mn.us and click on "athletics."

A special thanks to Dr. Joe Rosenfield, a longtime coach at Roosevelt. Due to health reasons, Dr. Joe had to retire from his coaching duties at RHS. A well-deserved special thanks to Dr. Joe and his wife Bonnie for all they have given to RHS athletics.

This fall there were two Foundation events which involved athletes and I was pleased to attend both. The

Foundation golf tournament and the Hall of Fame Induction were both fantastic. It is amazing the bond that Roosevelt alumni have with each other. It was great to see athletes including Dave Mona, Reed Larson, Charles Stenvig, Ronald Naslund, Al Gowans, Joey Sandberg, and Monte Moir get inducted into the Roosevelt Hall of fame. Interestingly, most who played at Roosevelt were inducted for other life-long accomplishments. However, many athletes and non-athletes spoke of what participation in Roosevelt activities meant to their growth and success.

I want to thank all of you who, in the past, have filled out the donation slip on p. 7 and indicated that your donation should be designated for athletics. The money is used wisely. Sadly, all sports cost money and we can use your help. Be sure to check off Athletics when you return your Foundation donor sheet. Any gift of money that you contribute to the Foundation and earmark for athletics will go directly to help our student athletes.

To close, I have a very unusual request. I was wondering if anybody would be interested in donating a golf cart to aid in setting up for football and soccer games and to transport our trainers equipment back and forth from the main building to the fields. If anybody can help me out, please email me @dennis.Stockmo@mpls.k12.mnus.

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20 new Hall of Fame members inducted: Continued from p. 1

stopped and said, "This was a fantastic evening," or "This was the best banquet I've ever attended."

The evening had been in the planning for two years, since the first induction in 2014. A large committee, under the direction of Dan Dymoke '81, solicited nominations, organized a selection committee, which was chaired by Roger Wenschlag '59, selected the winners, and then took all the steps necessary to contact the winners, plan and produce the 20 plaques, hang each in the school, and invite guests. Barbara Hanson Pederson '78, competently planned and coordinated the banquet.

These are the distinguished inductees whose plaques now hang in the Roosevelt front hall. *For further information about each, see either the website roosevelthighfoundation.org or the spring 2016 newsletter:*

The Honorable Robert J. Sheran, '32. Supreme Court Chief Justice, legal scholar.
Peggy Marz England Nevers, '34. Early businesswoman, mentor of career women.
Bettye Johnson Olson, '41. Prominent painter.
Gloria Tew, '41. Noted master sculptor.
Douglas Hanson '46. Teacher and counselor at Roosevelt from 1950-1992.
Richard Lack, '46. Famous painter, portraitist.
Charles Stenvig, '46. Police officer, Minneapolis mayor.
Bob Jenkins, '56. Musician with Woody Herman, Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey, and the Omaha Symphony.

Dr. Carol M. Anderson, '57. Scholar in family therapy.
Robert J. Hoyle '57. Organizer of Festival of Nations, worker with immigrants and refugees for 40 years.
Dr. Gail Omvedt '59. Committed social change agent, scholar, consultant to governments.
Dave Mona '61 Radio, tv, and newspaper reporter. Businessman and community volunteer.
Ronald Naslund '61. Hockey player in the Olympics, successful businessman, and supporter of charities.
Dr. Bruce E. Adams '62. Developer of rural emergency medical services, head of trauma center.
Dr. James Ehlen, '62. National leader in the health care industry, creator of Medica and president of Allina.
Al Gowans, teacher, 1937-65. Teacher and successful football coach from '37-'65.
Reed Larson, '74. NHL hockey player, top defenseman, member of NHL Hall of Fame.
Monte Moir, '76. Musician who played in The Time, as well as with Prince, Rhianna, and Janet Jackson.
Joel Sandberg '82. Police officer, RHS liaison officer, and crime investigator cited for excellence.
Lita Malicsi, teacher 1982-2007. Theater director and civic leader in arts and then Asian community.

Besides those mentioned previously, committee members include Principal Michael Bradley, Dennis Stockmo '78, Bob Anderson, retired coach and teacher, John Ramberg '80, Ron Fannes, '59, Sharon Faanes '59, Paul Gorgas '57, Phil Hafvenstein '81, Jason Wenschlag '89 and Mary Lathrop, former staff.

Fourth golf tournament draws large number: Continued from page 1

behind the tournament, told the golfers about the school today. Winners were announced, prizes received, and golfers pledged to "do it again next year."

The winning foursome included '88 friends Jeremy Jensen, Scott Houston, Erik Toftner, and Pete Sax. The Men's Closest to the Pin and Over 60 Longest Drive were won by Mike Lanigan '63. Women's Longest Drive was by Alanna Martin '86.

Men's Longest Drive was by Troy Goodman '86. Women's Closest to the Pin was by Wendy Wilde '76. The two Long Putt Hole prizes were won by Brian Nelson '84 and Rodger Bakke '72.

The raffle for a large-screen television donated by Tina Shaughnessy '91 and sound system donated by Billy Sullivan was won by Brian Zustiak.

The hard-working Tournament Committee, in addition to Tim and Alanna Martin and Christol Kjome included Bob Anderson, Tom Draper '81, Diane Flanders Hutchison '84, Jeremy Jensen '88, and Jeff Norblom '85.

Pictures of the event (taken by Tina McAbee and Sue Jones) can be found on the Roosevelt High Foundation Golf Tournament page on Facebook and on the Foundation website: roosevelthighfoundation.org.

Volunteers are needed both by the committee for the next tournament. Contact Tim Martin at timmartin84@gmail.com.

Christol Kjome, who solicits prizes for the silent auction and raffle, can be contacted at christol.kjome@mpls.k12.mn.us. The committee would love to have you or your business represented next year.

Meet the newly inducted members of the Hall of Fame



Seated: Patti Bluml Timmons for Gail Omvedt, Barb Peterson for Doug Hanson, Gloria Tew, Bettye Johnson Olson, Lita Malicsi, Daughter of Robert J. Sheran, Sister of Dr. Carol Anderson, Robert Hoyle, and Wife of Richard Lack. **Standing:** Joel Sandberg, Ronald Naslund, Dave Mona, Bob Jenkins, Monte Moir, Dr. James Ehlen, Spokesman for Al Gowans, Reed Larson, and Dr. Bruce E. Adams.

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Reunion News

Arizona Reunion

More than a hundred Teddies gathered at the Arizona Golf Resort on a bright, sunny February 24, 2015, for the 19th annual RHS Reunion in Arizona. Begun by Dolores Stanko '43 in 1995, the event has grown and changed as more Roosevelt grads move to the Valley of the Sun or come down for a few weeks during the Minnesota winter.

During a salute to the inaugural Hall of Fame recipients, it was discovered that recipient Major General David Rataczak '62 was present and he gave a short talk of his experiences.

Plenty of memories were shared — favorite teachers, sports events and favorite hang outs. Photos of the event are available at www.rhs-az.com. Teddies who manage to be in Arizona in late February should check it out! Please email organizer Andy Wangstad, andy@rhs-az.com, with any questions.

Class of 1957

60th Reunion

Saturday, August 26, 2017
Embassy Suites by Hilton, Mpls. Airport
7901 34th Ave. S. Bloomington
For additional info call
Jane Hagen Hess 952-933-3865

If you have a reunion coming up, please let us know. Notices of summer and fall reunions really have to be received by March 1, the spring issue deadline.

Below: Arizona Reunion: Ardith Huller Bergman, Sharon Cziok, Andy Wangstad, and Diane Olson Michalik, all members of RHS'65.

