



Madison Central School Educational Foundation Newsletter

"INVEST IN THE BEST"



Philanthropy Dinner Review



Liz Avery receives Friend of the Foundation Award.

Three hundred alumni and friends of the Foundation came together at the Dakota Prairie Playhouse for the 6th Annual Philanthropy Dinner, "Come Together!" on Friday, November 13. The local band, Rick & Brick and Friends, featuring **Rick Schmidt '67, Jared Jankord '96, Joel Brick, Bob Gale and MMS/MHS teachers Jennifer Richards and Anne Elisa Brown**, DONATED THEIR TALENTS to cover Beatles' songs during the social hour. The Friend of the Foundation Award was presented to **Liz Avery**, long-time MCSEF Board member. The first Performing & Fine Arts Grant awards and Norm Johnson Educator Enhancement Grant awards were also announced--see article on p. 3). Our silent auction tables featured 50 items representing 50 Beatles songs.

MHS culinary students made a variety of gourmet desserts they donated to our silent auction. We played a rousing game of "Ringo" and a special appeal was made to endow the Jim Cordts Memorial Scholarship -- and we reached our goal! Members of

the Class of 1970 announced their plans to start a Glen Wilbur Memorial Endowment honoring their principal--see article on p. 8. The Board of Directors, a.k.a the Grateful Hearts Club Band, thanked Dinner Sponsors, Table Sponsors, Auction Donors and everyone who came out to support the Foundation to make the evening memorable and successful.

**Mark your calendars for this year's event:
Friday, October 28, 2016 –The 7th Annual MCSEF Philanthropy Dinner.**



Culinary Arts students



Our Beatles, promoting the Have A Seat! campaign



Student HELP-ers

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Note from the Director – Beth Knuths

Because of your generosity, we are growing! Thank you! Because of donor support, the Foundation was able to award four new scholarships and one new educator grant in 2015. We provided \$15,525 in scholarships to students and \$7,175 in educator grants in 2015. Memorials given to the Foundation provide a dual purpose of honoring friends, classmates, District staff or loved ones AND making an impact on education in our schools. The Foundation's 501 (c) (3) status allows individual donations to qualify as charitable giving and tax deductions. I hope you'll learn more about our work in this issue. Follow us on Facebook and visit our website to see photos and read about your contributions at work.

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The MCSEF Board of Directors includes the following dedicated alumni and friends: **Jennifer Gross '92, President; Rod Goeman '75, Vice President; Susan Lauck Hageman '73, Secretary; Deb Bloom; Ed Fiegen; Lisa Martin; Charlie Moore; Lori Meyer Norby '78; Lee Threadgold; and Marli Gramstad Wiese '71. Vince Schaefer, District Superintendent and Mitchell Brooks, District Business Manager are ex officio members.** Thank you to these volunteers for their financial support, their leadership and the time they give to the Foundation. Each Board member has their own unique perspective and there is a collective intelligence when it comes to developing and growing the Foundation and making the biggest impact with our resources. I enjoy working for/with this Board because they are generous, involved and passionate about the Foundation...AND we have fun doing this work together.

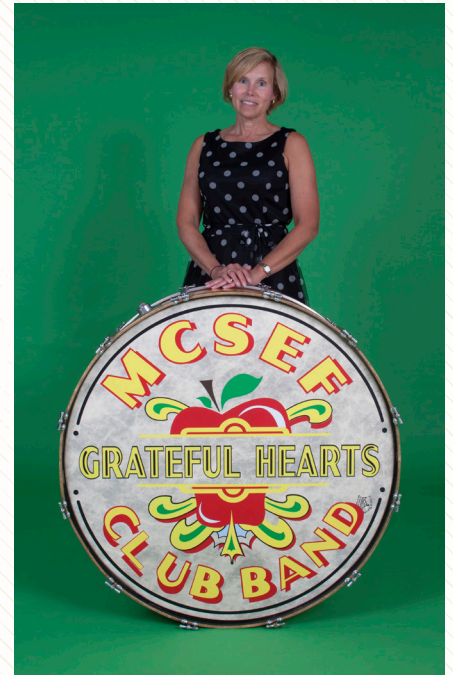
Local alumni and friends are needed to collaborate with us on our fundraising events. The 7th Annual Philanthropy Dinner is Friday, October 28, 2016. If you like themes and being creative, call me to help with our special events. Maybe you're not as creative but you're a great planner. Some people like working with others and others prefer working alone. There are enough projects for everyone to find their perfect fit. Please consider making a difference with your time and talents.

Even if you live far away, tell us about fundraising events in your area. We're always looking for innovative and fun ways to raise money. Please send us your ideas.

Lastly, our Fall issue of our e-newsletter had two errors that I'd like to correct:

Steven Porter was a member of the MHS Class of 1975
Tom Hicks '78 passed away on April 21, 2015

Beth Knuths, Executive Director





MCSEF Grant Programs

Our Foundation grant programs provide professional development opportunities to our educators and program enrichment opportunities for our students which the school budget is not able to provide.

The Fall Norm Johnson Educator Enhancement Grants were announced at the Philanthropy Dinner in November. **Monica Pickard, elementary music teacher**, was awarded funds to attend the Segue Partners Music Workshop in Sioux Falls last fall. Betsy Schamber, Middle School Science Teacher, was awarded funds to attend the National Science Teacher's Conference in Nashville in March. **Kindra Wiese, 7th grade math teacher**, was awarded funds to attend the South Dakota Math and Science Teachers Conference in Huron in February.

The Foundation's first Performing & Fine Arts Grants were also announced at the Dinner. Kindergarten teachers, **Ardana Bruns, Jennifer Englert, Kirstin Johnson, Lesa Lee and Kristine Waba** received a partial award to purchase tickets for their students to attend "Curious George and the Golden Meatball" production at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls in March. **Nick and Renae Prostrollo, Prostrollo All-American Auto Mall**, donated additional funding to meet the full amount requested.

Jennifer Richards received a partial award to defray the cost for high school students to attend the musical, "A Day with Frog and Toad" at SDSU in Brookings in April. **Robb Graham, Be Online** donated additional funding to meet the full amount requested.

Monica Pickard received a partial award for the 5th grade musical, Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* production in January. **Robb Graham, Be Online** donated additional funding to meet the full amount requested.

Anne Elisa Brown received a partial award to purchase costumes for The Little Bulldog Theater Camp she coordinates for elementary school students each fall.



Monica Pickard directs 5th Grade Musical in January in the Auditorium. Pickard received a Performing & Fine Arts Grant for this project.



Foundation Adds Six New Endowment Funds

The Foundation is grateful for donors who value education and the impact education makes on the individual, the community and the world. Donors give back through the Madison Central School Educational Foundation because they are proud of their affiliation with Madison High School, and they want to give back to invest in the future. A minimum of \$10,000 is necessary for any fund to be considered endowed. Interest off the principal is available each year to the MCSEF to fund the corresponding scholarship award or fund a special named program, in perpetuity. Contributions can be made to the endowment by anyone at any time and all of these donations are tax deductible.

The Foundation added six endowments in 2015: the Julian Freitag Endowed Scholarship in February; the Rotary/Don E. Gross Memorial Endowed Scholarship in March; the MHS STEM Endowed Scholarship in June; the Glen Wilbur Memorial Endowment in November; the Jim Cordts Memorial Endowed Scholarship and the Jeff and Trudi Nelson Madison High School Forensics Endowment in December.

Board member, Susan Hageman said, "The reasons for establishing these endowments may vary, but due to the generosity of the donors, scholarships will be giving deserving MHS students the opportunity to further their education in order to achieve their goals."



Alumni Basketball Tournament — March 25 & 26, 2016

Come back to Madison High School to play or watch Madison alumni teams play basketball. The Foundation Board of Directors will be around to welcome you back. Please stop by our table to say hello, hear about our latest projects and sign up for door prizes. The event is Friday evening and all day Saturday—Easter Weekend, as usual.

According to coordinator, Mark Sullivan, the concession stand will be open this year and t-shirts will be sold again.

Contact Mark Sullivan for
Tournament details:
sullysixkiller@yahoo.com



Rod Goeman, '75 visits with Bob Cordts, '84 at last year's Alumni Basketball Tournament



MCSEF Enrichment Programs

Artist Residency

The Foundation co-sponsored an Artist Residency for students in Holly Evans' art classes at Madison High School in January. Artist Marcia Holliway introduced the students to color pencil painting. Art students collaborated on one of four group projects--mosaics of famous artists' self-portraits. They learned color-mixing, layering and texturing techniques from Holliway during her week-long residency. The Foundation applied for an Artists in Schools and Communities grant from the South Dakota Arts Council for this residency. The AISC grant funded half of the residency's expenses. "Providing enrichment opportunities to our students is important to the Foundation," said Lisa Martin, MCSEF Board member and Enrichment Committee member. "We are in the process of applying for the AISC grant for



Madison Elementary School students for the 2016-17 school year. We know these residencies are fun for both the students and their teachers. They provide opportunities for exposure to professional artists, hands-on projects and so much more," Martin added.

Field Trip to Pierre

On February 2, the Foundation sent 12 MHS students and their teacher/advisor, Mrs. Dana Gonyo, to the State Capitol to participate in Madison Hosts the Legislature Day. These students all participate in either Student Council, the student newspaper, *The Maroon*, or are leaders of other school organizations. The group was part of a larger Madison contingency on that day, so they observed community leaders interact with our representatives in both chambers and had their own opportunities to see government in action. This is the fourth year that the Foundation has participated in this Madison Area Chamber of Commerce event.



Upcoming Events

Alumni Basketball Tournament

Fri/Sat., March 25 & 26 – MHS Gym

Awards Day

May/TBA – MHS Auditorium

Graduation

Sunday, May 15 - MHS Gym

3rd Annual Rotary/Don Gross Golf Tournament

July/TBA – Madison Golf & Country Club

(This event has supported the Rotary/
Don E. Gross Memorial Scholarship)

7th Annual Philanthropy Dinner

Friday, October 28 – Dakota Prairie Playhouse



2015 Foundation Donations

Memorials

Jim Nielsen

Madison Middle School Staff

Bev Sieperda

Charla Callahan
Rhonda Johnson
Diane Aus
Beth Knuths

Gerald McDonnell

Madison Middle School Staff

Mark Hartman '91

Burnie & Linda Hegdahl
Lori & Todd Norby
Anonymous
Jennie Thompson
Anonymous
John & JoLynn Goeman

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Kathleen Felker Trandahl
Angie Hinkley Ritzman
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Phyllis Jensen

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Steven Porter '75

Les and JoLynn Bulick
Rod & Cheryl Goeman

Roy Anderson

Susan & Dave Hageman

Ernestine Johnson

Madison Middle School Staff

Natalie Siemonsma

Cotton Koch & Kim Ebsen
Beth & Jon Knuths
Vince & Phyllis Schaefer

Ron Warns '53

Monica & Tim Campbell
Beth & Jon Knuths

Sandy Robson Benson '68

Lori & Todd Norby

Mark Sudenga '96

Paula Kingery

2015 Donations to Scholarship Funds

Aus Family Scholarship

Kay Aus Pederson

Ben Bundy Memorial Scholarship

Joe & Megan Bundy
Jay Niedert

Jim Cordts Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Mathew Wollmann
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Doug Sims
Scott Parsley
Roy Lindsay
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Scott Collignon
Allan & Julie Gross
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Madison Alumni Basketball Tournament T-Shirt Sales
DSU Spring Play donations
Madison Brewing Co./The Pub House
MHS Spring Concert donations
Classic Corner (Employees and Customers)
Inter-Lakes Youth Softball A-Team

Dennis Hegg Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Barb Hegg

MHS STEM Scholarship Endowment

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Mary Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Charlie & Bette Johnson
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Rotary/Don Gross Memorial Scholarship Endowment

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Madison Rotary
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Lori Wilbur

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Marcia Wenk

Glen Wilbur Memorial Scholarship Endowment

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Jeff Larson
Lori Wilbur
Mary Stovall
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Mark Perkins

2015 Donations to other Endowment Funds

Norm Johnson Educator Grant Fund Endowment
Beth Ribstein

Performing & Fine Arts Grant Fund Endowment

BeOnline – Robb & Christine Graham
Prostrollo Motors– Nick & Renae Prostrollo

Jeff & Trudi Nelson Madison High School Forensics Endowment

Jeff & Trudi Nelson

Honorariums

Deann Jensen, 3rd Grade Educator
Joel & Jamie Husher Family

Laurie Macziewski, 4th Grade Educator

Joel & Jamie Husher Family

Education Enrichment Program

Margie Phillips

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Janet I. Weber –Ed & Audrae Weber

Janet I. Weber – Lakeview Runners

Marcia Wenk – in honor of Bill & Gwen Ireland



Class of 1970 Starts Campaign to Endow The Glen Wilbur Memorial Scholarship

The Foundation is pleased to announce the endowment of the Glen Wilbur Memorial Scholarship. Glen Wilbur was a principal in the Lake Central School District for 34 years. This scholarship fund was started by members of the Class of 1970 following their 45th Class Reunion in September. The first scholarship will be awarded in May to a Madison High School senior majoring in education.

The Class of '70 reunion committee had raised some money and discussed using it to honor former Madison School District Principal Glen Wilbur by starting a scholarship in his name with the Madison Central School Educational Foundation. Craig and Vickie (Rindels) Wilbur started the endowment with their lead gift. Craig is the son of Glen Wilbur and like his father, Craig had a career in education and retired after 35 years of teaching Middle School Social Studies in Brandon. Their son, Sam, a third generation of Wilbur family educators, teaches in Minneapolis.

Craig's classmate, Judy Payne said, "We envisioned starting a class campaign to raise funds to endow this scholarship and we contacted Foundation Director, Beth Knuths with our plan. Beth invited us to attend the Foundation's Philanthropy Dinner last November so we could announce our intent and the amount we had already raised for the scholarship fund." Knuths said she was more than surprised when the group announced that they had already raised \$20,000 in donations and pledges. When Mark Perkins, '70, heard about the amount pledged, he sent a matching gift of \$20,000 for the fund in honor of Principal Wilbur and all of the teachers that provided a terrific education. "Mr.

Wilbur and the teachers provided me with an excellent foundation for which I will always be grateful," Perkins wrote in a letter to Craig and Vickie Wilbur.

Beth Knuths said the Foundation Board of Directors is pleased with the success of this campaign and impressed with the generosity of the Class of 1970. "Many people were inspired when Dale Jahr told Philanthropy Dinner guests the reason he and his classmates wanted to 'give back' through this scholarship was that they were grateful for the education they received from our school district. It was a feel-good moment for all and a perfect illustration of Philanthropy," said Rod Goeman, '75, and Foundation Board Vice President. "There are many other alumni that had Mr. Wilbur as their Principal. We encourage others to contribute to this scholarship fund. You don't have to be a member of the Class of 1970 to contribute," he added.

Craig Wilbur said, "My father would be pleased with his legacy, that his 34 years of service to Madison Schools made a difference and scholarships in his name will be awarded to education majors to create a new generation of teachers." Anyone wishing to contribute to this scholarship fund should contact Beth Knuths.



Members of the Class of 1970 at the Philanthropy Dinner last November. Photo credit to Jane Utecht, Madison Daily Leader



From the Desk of Rod Goeman '75

When the Class of 1970 announced that they had raised \$40,000 for the Glen Wilbur Memorial Scholarship Endowment, I was inspired and could only imagine opportunities for other Madison classes to make a difference through the Foundation. There are many other alumni from the 1970s and 1980s that had Mr. Wilbur as their Principal. I'd like to encourage those alumni to contribute to this scholarship fund. But if you have other ideas for making a difference, there is so much that your donation can do for students that the Madison Central School budget can't. Help students take field trips or work with a resident artist. Help us provide educator grants to purchase books, subscriptions, classroom tools that didn't make it in the budget. Support one of our scholarships or start a new one. Madison Alumni, at your next reunion, I challenge you to discuss what cause or project your class could adopt to leave as a Class Legacy. There are many possibilities!



Friend(s) of the Foundation Award Recipients

**2016 – To be announced at the
7th Annual Philanthropy Dinner,
Friday, October 28, 2016**

2015 – Liz Avery

2014 – Monica & Tim Campbell

2013 – Dr. Robert Oas

2012 – Gene & Marilyn Hexom

2011 – Margie Phillips

Our Mission



Our Mission:

To facilitate private and corporate support for Madison Central School District.

Purpose:

The Madison Central School Educational Foundation, Inc. is organized to promote, enhance and enable educational opportunities and school improvement activities in the Madison Central School District.

Contributions:

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