

# Cloquet Educational Foundation News

Supporting Cloquet students and their education.



*The Cloquet  
Educational Foundation  
provides opportunities for academic,  
artistic, athletic, cultural, and social growth  
for children and youth in the Cloquet School  
District by financially supporting  
programs and activities.*





*"Wild is the music of the autumnal winds amongst the faded woods."*

—William Wordsworth

## Music Is...

With music, the possibilities are endless. In Cloquet, the CEF is very proud to support the various opportunities that engage students in musical expression; from bells for elementary students to senior high choral folders. Music allows a group to move in one direction, and gives those who need space to be alone, but not lonely.

Music has inspired generations in Cloquet, beginning as kindergartners gathered around the piano to singing as a Madrigal in a winter performance.

Memories are made by singing the school song as a fan in the stand or more informally bouncing modern "electronic dance beats" off your buddy on the weekend. Whatever your style is, we know music is good for your brain and body. Thank you everyone in the district who work so hard to keep the legacy of exceptional music alive in Cloquet.

**Cloquet students, in their own words, express what music means to them:**

*"Music isn't just a one-word adjective. It's a whole story from its own words... whether it's told through a trumpet, violin, piano, choir, one singer. Music is the story."*

— Nicole Buscher

*"As beautiful as Autumnn."*

— Lily Summar

*"Like poetry, and saying what you think and feel out loud."*

— Olivia Goeres



## Tribute to Russ Smith

With fondness we remember Russ Smith, CEF board member and former Cloquet School Superintendent, who passed away August 9, 2021. Russ helped to establish the Cloquet Educational Foundation in the 1980's and served on the Board until his passing. For almost forty years, Russ gave generously to the CEF his time, resources, and leadership. Through his ongoing stewardship the Cloquet Educational Foundation continues to support important educational opportunities in Cloquet.

Russ was the Cloquet Educational Foundation's biggest cheerleader. We remember him not only as one of the founding "pillars" of the foundation but for guiding us from our infancy to present day. He was a joyful person with an easy smile. He was truly dedicated to education and as we work to enrich the lives of the students of Cloquet, we will think fondly of our friend.

Russ's full obituary can be found on the Nelson Funeral Care website: [Nelson Funeral Care.net](http://NelsonFuneralCare.net).



Russ Smith and Dick Brenner  
Co-Founders of the Cloquet  
Educational Foundation.



## CEF supports Washington School: A Minnesota School of Excellence



Washington students enjoy a great day celebrating their hard work.

## The Gordy Ahlgren Future Fund

The Gordy Ahlgren Future Fund has been established within the Cloquet Educational Foundation as a lasting legacy to support Cloquet students who are committed to lifelong learning, dedication to athletics, and pride in their hometown.

Many who knew Gordy counted themselves lucky, remembering him fondly as a favorite uncle, fun friend, and loving husband.

Gordy began his life as a hometown boy, enjoying the many activities and events of the 1960's that Cloquet had to offer, from dances and cars to football and hockey games. He was known for his athletic abilities as well as his commitment to continuing his education. While a student at CHS, Gordy was a three-sport letter winner (football, hockey, and track) and was a member of several memorable teams. After graduation in 1967, Gordy went on to receive a degree in education and coaching from UMD. As time went on Gordy's interests revolved around coaching and mentoring students in Hayward, Wisconsin, the district where he was a teacher. According to his wife, Linda, "Students were important to him. He taught, coached, and mentored generations of students. He was thrilled when he saw a former student succeed."

Life, to Gordy, was not a spectator sport. He enjoyed the company of active friends and a loving family and will be remembered as putting a little "life" into whatever activity he was involved in – hunting, fishing, fast cars and playing pool, to name just a few. His nephew, Jason Ahlgren, remembers fun times in Hayward goofing around, using pool sticks as air guitars to play Beach Boys songs, as well as his uncle's passion for cars – especially the high horsepower "family car" Gordy and his brother Bruce convinced their mom to buy.

Gordy was clearly a fun and light-hearted guy, but as Jason points out, "The one thing that was clear early on, and he made sure we knew, was that family was always the most important thing in life."

In addition to his love of family, Gordy's fundamental beliefs were that education is vital, athletics are healthy and Cloquet is a special place.

You can take the boy out of Cloquet, but you can't take the small town out of the boy. The Gordy Ahlgren Future Fund leaves a legacy for many Cloquet students, who, like Gordy, embrace the challenges of high school sports, academics, and activities full-on. Gordy's legacy has come full-circle, right back to where he began – Cloquet.



Gordy Ahlgren

## Lumberjack Lessons:

**Sam Baker supports students in Cloquet and has fun doing it**

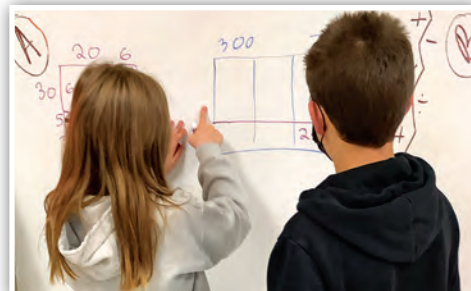
Sam Baker, Class of 2021, joined the CEF Golf Tournament this year offering to "get your ball on the green" for a donation to the CEF. Noted for his golfing achievements including MN Class AA Boy's State Champ (along with the rest of the CEC



Sam Baker

Boy's Golf Team), US Junior Amateur League participant and now a commit to Florida Gulf Coast University. Baker acknowledges that so many have helped him along the way and being a part of this outing was a great way to pay it forward. Sam Baker is an excellent golfer, but an even better young man who his community admires. Thanks Sam!

## Cloquet Kids Collaborate



A new grant funded by the CEF: Whiteboard Walls for Student Collaboration.

## LET THE SHOW GO ON!

CEF is proud to support the High School musical,

### Beauty and the Beast

**Nov. 18, 19, 20, 7pm and  
Nov. 21, 2pm Matinee**

Cloquet High School Auditorium  
Cloquet High School



# Cloquet Educational Foundation Donors from May 2021



## GORDY AHLGREN FUTURE FUND:

Ron & Kathy Ahlgren\*  
In Memory of Gordy Ahlgren given by Don & Sue Hanson  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson '51 given by Mike & Jody Acers  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson given by George '49 & Elaine Ahlgren  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Jason, Tammy, Nicole, and Sean Ahlgren\*\*  
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In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Tom & Michelle Brenner  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Donna Burgau  
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In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Roy & Diane Charon  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Chris & Beth (Anderson) Chartier\*  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Cindy & Randy Crotteau  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Tayna Curtiss  
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In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Lynette Fleischer  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Finlandia Beach Club Members  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Ronay Frank  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Virginia & Ray Hatinen  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Lorraine Henschel  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by John & Sara Johnson (Family Tradition)\*  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Peter & Tracey (Schubert) Kolar\*\*  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson '51 given by Paul Koski's Family – Kevin & Jen, Mark & Lisa, Mike & Gail, Connie, and Karen  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Curt & Mel Leno  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson '51 given by Monty & Mary Jane Lundberg  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Dan & Kelly Lundquist  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Rosa Manderfeld\*  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Steve & Lorna Mangan  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Co-workers at MN Energy Resources  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Jim & Barb Osvold\*  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Robin & Karrie Osvold & Families  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Brenda (Putnam) Pallin '78  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Doug & Sue Plante\*  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Mary Kay Perttula  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Del & Penney Prevost  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Maxine Putnam  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Jan (Anderson) '86 & Kevin Richardson

In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Tami Rodd, Denise (Rodd) McKinzie & Tif Rodd  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Linda Rogentine  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Cathy Schroeder  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson '51 given by Mick & Cindy Singpiel  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson '51 given by Dick & Lynn Vukonich  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Harry Weiss, Jr. and Family\*  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson '51 given by Cheryl Wight  
In Memory of Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson '51 given by Mary Kay Wihela  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Ray & Judy Wiles  
In Memory of Arlene Anderson given by Ken Young



## GORDY AND JACKIE NELSON MEMORIAL FUND:

Elizabeth B. Anderson\*  
In Memory of Irene Bromberg given by Glada Kermeen  
In Memory of Andy Coathup given by Glada Kermeen  
In Honor of the Class of 1980 given by Peter Szyman\* '80



## THE TOM AND PHYLLIS WALSH MUSIC AND EDUCATION FUND:

In Honor of Don & Pauline Schroeder given by Peter Szyman\* '80



## KENNY JOHNSON AND THE JOHNSON COMPANY MEMORIAL FUND:

The Gerald M. Starkey Family



## PREVOST FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Ilene Bromberg given by Mitch & Jackie Ahiers '68  
In Memory of Ilene Bromberg given by Del '68 & Penney '77 Prevost  
In Memory of Andy Coathup given by Mary Gerlach\*  
In Memory of Bob Gerlach given by Mitch & Jackie Ahiers '68  
In Memory of Marian and Clarence Hagen given by Susan Hagen\* '70  
In Memory of Dewey Johnson given by Del & Penney Prevost  
In Memory of Gordy Lundquist given by Del & Penney Prevost  
Mr. Neal Lahti  
In Memory of Russ Smith given by Mary Gerlach\*  
In Memory of Russ Smith given by Del & Penney Prevost  
The Gerald M. Starkey Family



## JOHN BUYTAERT FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of John Buytaert given by Karen Buytaert\*\*  
In Memory of the Class of 1980 given by Peter Szyman\* '80



## '61 CHS CLASS OF 1961 MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of Carl Burggraff '61 given by Terry Nydeen '61 Roland Grider\*\*\*  
In Memory of James Hella '61 given by Terry Nydeen '61  
In Memory of Jim Hella '61 given by Carol Perttula '61

*Although every effort is made to ensure donation information is accurately recorded, please let us know if a correction needs to be made.*



# '63

## CHS CLASS OF 1963 MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of 1963 Classmates given by Susan Gillespie  
 In Memory of Dennis L. Breitbarth given by Pam Breitbarth\*\*  
 In Memory of Kathy (Ross) Lengol given by Elizabeth B. Anderson\*  
 In Memory of Kathy (Ross) Lengol given by Barbara Renshaw '63  
 In Memory of Jim Osen given by Stephen C. Anderson\* '63  
 In Memory of Afton Schmidtke given by Morry '61 & Lauren '63 Berg  
 In Memory of Dave Sylvester given by Morry '61 & Lauren '63 Berg



## CLASS OF 1964 MEMORIAL FUND:

Bob Gerlach given by Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan  
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 Patsy (Swenson) (Halvorson) Nordskog '51 given by Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan  
 Russell O. Smith given by Steve '64 & Lorna Mangan



## RICHARD C. NORDHOLM FAMILY FUND:

In Honor of Pete Mills for his instruction and knowledge of the game of bridge given at the Cloquet Senior Center given by Marianne (Ann) Nordholm  
 In Memory of my Dad, Richard C. Nordholm, given by Sarah (Nordholm) Davis\*  
 In Memory of Richard C. Nordholm given by Marianne Nordholm\*  
 In Memory of Jimmy Osen '63 given by Jolane (Bernicke) Stoddard '68  
 In Memory & Honor of Ted Weyerhaeuser given by Marianne Nordholm\*



## SHIRLEY and GEORGE OAKES FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Curt Oakes given by Jolene (Oakes) '78 and John Altrichter\*



## PETE and GRACE PLANKERS FAMILY FUND:

Mr. Neal Lahti  
 In Memory of Butch Newby given by Tom & Kathy McFarlane  
 The Gerald M. Starkey Family



## DON and PAULINE SCHROEDER FAMILY FUND:

In Appreciation from the Szyman Family\*  
 In Memory of Louise (Blomster) Peterson '55 given by LeAnne Rutherford



## SZYMAN FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Bart Gray given by Peter Szyman\* '80  
 In Memory of Marlene (Trettel) Salls '65 given by Robert Salls\*  
 In Memory of Charles Szyman given by Michael Medich\*\*



## HARRY NEWBY SR. FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Jay Newby given by Charles Williams '69  
 The Gerald M. Starkey Family



## JIM YORSTON FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Russ Smith given by Sandy Yorston  
 In Memory of Jim Yorston given by Sue & Don Hanson

## RETIRED/FORMER CLOQUET SCHOOL STAFF:

Marilyn (Olson) Gilchrist  
 Pamela Schimenek\*

## FRIENDS:

Nicole Belpedio  
 Jana Perkins  
 Betty Sherwood\*

## ALUMNI:

1946 Donald Eldien  
 1953 Peter Harris\*  
 1957 Richard & Velma (Manthey) Matteson\*\*  
 1959 Marilyn (Olson) Gilchrist  
 1971 Forrest Gray\*  
 1971 Class of 1971 50th Year Reunion \*\*  
 1972 Kenneth D. & Marie E. McCuskey\*  
 1975 Paul Wolner\*  
 1976 Tim & Susan Palmer – T.S. Palmer Family Charitable Fund\*\*  
 1979 Dave & Paula (Medich) '80 Kaufman\*  
 1984 Ross Meisner - Ross Meisner Foundation\*\*

## In honor of...

Carol Bromme given by an Anonymous Donor\*\*\*\*  
 DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson for his outstanding career as an artist, art teacher, and a coach in the Cloquet Schools given by The Jons Family\*\*  
 Judge Robert Macaulay given by Monty & Mary Jane Lundberg

## In support of the 2021 Blue Jean Ball

Neil Erickson  
 Heather (Lundberg) Lisson '05

Mary Jane Lundberg '77  
 David & Gail Wangen

## Make your gift to the CEF count in 2021!



## Still need to make your required minimum distribution for the year?

Your gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement up to \$100,000. Take action now-you must make the transfer by December 31 to ensure your gift qualifies for 2021. (If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA account, please mail your check by December 20 in order to give us time to process your gift before the end of the year.) If you have any questions, please contact our office at (218) 879-3806.

# In memory of...

Our Parents given by Mary (Loisel) '76 and Scott Bakken '77  
Lori (Petersen) Alaspa '80 given by Mary (Mangan) Cook '78  
Lori Alaspa given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
Lori Alaspa given by Julie Johanson  
Lori Alaspa given by Carolyn & Craig Kedrowski  
Lori Alaspa '80 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Lori (Petersen) Alaspa '80 given by Steve & Lorna Mangan  
Lori Alaspa given by Karrie (Anderson) Osvald '78  
Lori Alaspa given by Ailie Otterson  
Lori Alaspa given by Cathy Rikkola  
Donald Anderson given by Rosemary Anderson\*  
Donald Anderson given by Roy & Diane Charon  
Donald Anderson given by Family & Friends\*  
Donald Anderson given by Jean Lewis  
Donald Anderson given by Robin & Karrie (Anderson) Osvald  
Donald Anderson given by Ailie Otterson  
Donald Anderson given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd  
Don Anderson given by Carol Sedor  
Donald Anderson given by Jack & Sheila Tario  
Estelle Jonni Anderson given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Randy Backe given by Gene & Barbara Fulton  
Randy Backe given by Don & Sue Hanson  
Randy Backe '61 given by the Gerald M. Starkey Family  
Randy Backe given by Barb Suominen  
Mary Lou Bagne given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
Donald Bourdeau given by Charles Williams '69  
David Boyer '71 given by Carol (Boyer) Peterson\* '61  
Ilene Bromberg given by Frank Asperheim  
Ilene Bromberg given by Evelyn & Tom Bond  
Ilene Bromberg given by Myles & Katie Brandt\*  
Ilene Bromberg given by Dick & Liz Brenner  
Ilene Bromberg given by Roland Bromberg\*\*\*  
Ilene Bromberg given by Bruce Debele  
Ilene Bromberg given by Don & Mary Grant  
Ilene Bromberg given by Robert & Mary Jo Grossman  
Ilene Bromberg given by Ray & Virginia Hatinen  
Ilene Bromberg given by Steve & Linda Jankowski  
Ilene Bromberg given by Beverly Kinghorn  
Ilene Bromberg given by Ann Knuti  
Ilene Bromberg given by Leslie & Bonnie Knuti  
Ilene Bromberg given by Mariclare Malmin  
Ilene Bromberg given by Jeff & Mary Kay Mayer  
Ilene Bromberg given by Sandra (Shipley) Nelson  
Ilene Bromberg given by Bill & Sandra Raisanen  
Ilene Bromberg given by Gail Schmidt  
Ilene Bromberg given by the Loren & Judy Renze Families\*  
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Bob Carey given by Dick & Liz Brenner  
Bob Carey given by Mary Carey\*\*  
Bob Carey given by Dan & Lisa (Carey) Lamirande\*  
Bob Carey given by Monty & Mary Jane Lundberg  
Bob Carey given by Steve & Lorna Mangan  
Bob Carey given by Cathy Rikkola  
Denise (Locke) Cassidy '73 given by Deborah Locke '71  
Andy Coathup given by Clarence Badger  
Andy Coathup given by Family & Friends\*  
Andy Coathup given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
Andy Coathup given by Jim Hansen '61  
Andy Coathup given by Denny & Sue Modec

Andy Coathup given by Ailie Otterson  
Andy Coathup given by Bob Pollard\*  
Andy Coathup given by Catherine Schroeder  
Andy Coathup given by Ken Young  
Bob & Eileen Cresap given by Douglas & Ardis Johnson  
Austin Davis '96 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Kathi (Schubert) Davis '79 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Pat Dickson '52 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Benji Franklin given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Bob Gerlach given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Bob Gerlach given by Peter Szyman\* '80  
Gus Gillespie given by Harold Shimmin\* '66  
Katie (Modoc) Hall given by Don & Sue Hanson  
David Hennum given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
Todd Hennemuth '75 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Brian C. Johnson given by Rick Nelson '67  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Diane Felde-Finke  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Mary Gerlach  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
DaWayn Johnson given by Joan Hakala  
DaWayn Johnson given by Jean Johnson\*  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by the Jons' Family  
DaWayn Johnson given by Ruth Juntunen  
Dewey Johnson given by Mary Jane Lundberg  
Dewey Johnson given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Steve & Lorna Mangan  
DaWayn Johnson given by Julie McMerty  
DaWayn Johnson given by Kris Nelson\*  
DaWayn Johnson given by Janice Nyberg\*  
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DaWayn Johnson given by John & Christine Skalko  
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DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Maxine & John Trolander\*  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Charles Williams '69  
DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson given by Ken Young  
Eleanor (Charon) Johnson given by Diane & Roy Charon  
James W. Johnson '53 given by Barbara Deroche  
Lyn Johnson given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Lyn Johnson given by Phil & Nancy Maunu  
Lyn Johnson given by Karrie (Anderson) Osvald '78  
Lyn Johnson given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd '83  
Ron Johnson '76 given by Linda Johnson  
Rose Kaner given by Charles Williams '69  
Karl Kaufman given by Joanne Kaufman\*\*\*  
Kathie Kemi given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
Kathy Lengol given by Linda Holmstrand  
Marlene Majjala given by Barbara Deroche  
Marlene Majjala '57 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Marlene (Schelonka) Majjala given by Mary (Luke) Plante '56  
Marlene (Schelonka) Majjala given by Catherine Schroeder '69  
Elmer J. Malinen '41 given by Eric Malinen\*

Irja (Edgett) Malmi '49 given by Mike & Jody Acers  
John Manisto given by Cliff & Marilyn Gilchrist  
John Manisto given by Jean Lewis  
Sharon Merrill given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Dorothy Mettner given by Mary Jane Lundberg  
Pete Mills given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Phyllis Moilanen given by Charles Williams '69  
Doris Naslund given by Kerry & Ann Kolodge  
Kim Nelson '73 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Patsy (Swenson) Nordskog '51 given by Steve & Lorna Mangan  
Nona (Engen) Okerstrom given by Lee & Marlene Engen  
Dennis William Olson given by Dorothy Olson\* '65  
JoAnn Oswell given by Mary Jane Lundberg  
Lost loved ones, especially Robert Oswald '67 given by Jane Oswald '68  
Kimmer Pederson '70 given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Doug Plante given by Karrie (Anderson) Osvald  
Doug Plante given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd  
Jim & Judy Proulx given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Jim & Judy Proulx given by Peter Szyman\* '80  
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Gary & Vicki Ross given by Linda Holmstrand  
Howard & Irene Ross given by Linda Holmstrand  
Afton Schmidke given by Carolyn & Craig Kedrowski  
Carol Schubert given by Karrie (Anderson) Osvald  
Carol Schubert given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd  
Don Seabury given by Dick & Liz Brenner  
Donald Seabury given by Phil & Nancy Maunu  
Dee Dee Setterquist given by Anne Coldwell  
Dee Dee Setterquist given by Mick '67 & Cindy (Colburn) '75 Singpiel  
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Tom Skare given by Ailie Otterson  
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Dave Sylvester given by Terry (Blackwood) Kirchoff '75  
Edward & Hazel Williams on their 75th Anniversary given by Charles Williams '69

**Class of 1971 50th Year Reunion \*\***



# Thomas III and Phyllis Walsh Music and Education Fund

In partnership with the Cloquet Educational Fund, the children of Phyllis and Thomas Walsh have established the Thomas III and Phyllis Walsh Music and Education Fund as a tribute to the many educational contributions of their parents. Lifelong educators, the Walshes instilled the values of education, as well as a deep love of music, in their children, Cloquet students, and the local community. Their commitment to teaching, as well as the expression and appreciation of music, transcends generations in Cloquet.

Tom and Phyllis are most remembered as a "perfect pair," complementing each other in both personality and talent. After receiving their respective undergraduate degrees in philosophy and music, Tom, a Minnesotan and Phyllis, an Oregonian, met on the other side of the world, in Okinawa, Japan. Tom was serving there as a Captain and Tank Commander in the United States Marine Corps, while Phyllis toured as an opera singer for the U.S. Army's Special Services. Following Tom's retirement from the USMC, the couple married and moved to Minnesota where they had their two children and Tom obtained his doctorate in Education. In 1971, the Walshes moved to Cloquet where Tom took over principal of Leach Elementary School and Phyllis taught elementary music throughout the district.

Sandy Crowley taught elementary music at Churchill Elementary School, while Phyllis taught the same at Washington Elementary School. They became fast friends. Sandy fondly remembers her friendship with the Walshes. "They were two people who were perfect for each other," she observed. "They were dedicated



Tom and Phyllis Walsh

teachers, devoted parents, and good friends." She remembered Tom for his intellect, "tender heart," and appreciation of classical education. As co-workers and friends, Sandy fondly thinks of Phyllis as "bubbly and full of life." "We had a lot of fun," she mused.

Over the course of more than 25 years, the couple taught thousands of students in Cloquet, spanning multiple generations of Cloquet families. Tom is remembered by former students as kind, measured, and committed to nurturing an environment where all students, regardless of background or skills, could learn and grow. Phyllis is remembered as joyful and always excited to share her passion for music with her students. Their children, Tom IV

and Cate, remember their father's quiet intelligence, dry humor, and unrelenting patience. They remember their mother as exceptionally kind and giving, with an operatic soprano that rivaled any voice in the professional opera circuit of which she was once a part.

The Walshes shared the philosophy that passion ignites joy, with education comprising the first step to achieving one's passion. As a couple, they brought out the best in their family, friends, and the entire Cloquet community.

Their son, Tom, remembers them as engaged parents who felt everyone had gifts to share. By giving to CEF, the family of Tom and Phyllis Walsh wish to promote and encourage music and educational opportunities for Cloquet students. By emphasizing music and education, this fund will continue in perpetuity, paying forward the values of music and education to Cloquet students for years to come.

*Each gift we receive is meaningful and appreciated, and memorials are a wonderful expression of support for education in Cloquet. We would like to recognize Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson, Donald Anderson, Ilene Bromberg, DaWayn (Dewey) Johnson, Gordy Lundquist, Russell O. Smith, and their families for selecting the Cloquet Educational Foundation to receive gifts made in their memory.*

## In memory of Gordy Lundquist

Judith A. Berntson\*  
Tom & Michelle  
Brenner  
Kelly Burggraff  
Joyce Butters  
Roman Byrka  
Adam Carlson '01  
Jon Carlson  
Annette Christian  
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Family\*  
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Nila Freeman-  
Fontaine  
Mary Gerlach  
Norma Gerard  
Cliff & Marilyn  
Gilchrist

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Greden\*  
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James Hansen  
Jim & Lori Hatch  
John & Sheryl Homan  
Bob & Janet Johnson  
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John & Lizette  
Lawien\*  
Monty & Mary Jane  
Lundberg  
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## It's history, it's hand-crafted and it's for auction on February 5

In 1974, two brothers had an opportunity in Gerhart Lutter's woodworking class to craft a canoe from redwood and pine. It took the Medich brothers – Mike, a senior, and Christ, a sophomore – a whole year under the watchful eye of Mr. Lutter to shape one-inch strips of wood into a beautiful piece of form and function: A 17-foot, tongue and groove boat that soon found its way to the shores of Big Lake where the family had a cabin.



Mike and Christ Medich work on the hand-made canoe with teacher Gerhart Lutter (1974).

The canoe was used briefly at the family cabin on Big Lake. It then found its way to safe storage at the Medich home in Cloquet where it stayed for more than 20 years. Recently Mike and Christ decided to give this special canoe a new home and will offer it for auction at the annual Lumberjack Blue Jean Ball in February 2022.

"It's a great way for us to give back to the community," Christ said.



The CEF is honored to accept the canoe as a premier auction item of the Blue Jean Ball, and hopes it generates a lot of excitement for the event in February.

If you would like to bid on the hand-crafted canoe but cannot be at the Lumberjack Blue Jean Ball in February, please contact the CEF office at (218) 879-3806 or jacers@isd94.org.

Thank you, Mike and Christ for your decision to donate such a beautiful piece of CHS history to the CEF. We are honored.

## Golf Tournament

Twenty-five teams enjoyed a beautiful day in support of education on Monday, August 2, raising over \$11,500 in support of education in Cloquet. The CEF Board of Directors are thankful for the support from the community, especially Ameriprise Financial for hosting the event at the Cloquet Country Club. Taking home the trophy this year was Team State Farm-Lenny Conklin Agency. It was a day to remember!



2021 CEF Golf Tournament Winners -Team State Farm-Lenny Conklin Agency: Brayden Tyman, Dane Stoyanoff, Aaron Moore, Keagan Poppenberg, Andy Acers.



Cloquet teachers having fun on the links in support of CEF.

## Lumberjack Blue Jean Ball

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Otter Creek Events Center  
Black Bear Casino

5 pm – Doors Open  
6 pm – Dinner

- Auctions
- Games
- Social Hour
- Fun
- Support Education in Cloquet

Tickets  
\$40



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