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Scholarship applications for the 2023 – 2024 academic year will be available on our website beginning in January 2023!



2022 Year-End Newsletter

December

A Message from our President



As I complete my first year as President of the LRSF, I look back at a very successful year, due to the generous donations of all of you and the hard work and outreach of our office staff and board of directors.

Our fall fundraiser, the Pumpkin Figure Contest, held in October, continues to grow in participants and creativity. We hope you had a chance to see some of the entries displayed throughout Laconia, Gilford, Meredith and Tilton!

In conjunction with our Fall Harvest Raffle, which continues to be a very successful fundraiser for us, we held a Cake and Cookie Calendar raffle to the delight of many. We are again participating in the Light Up Laconia Christmas, as part of our giving back to the community. We hope you get a chance to check out all of the beautifully decorated trees in downtown Laconia.

The year's end brings the beginning to an exciting new season, as we have already begun planning our 2023 year. Our updated scholarship Application Form will be available online, starting in January. We will also be continuing our Annalee Thorndike Student Art Exhibit and Competition held at the Gilford Library in April. I would especially like to extend thanks to our executive director, Karen Switzer and assistant director, Chris Guilmett for all of their time coordinating our projects, applications, donations and so much more. Their attention to details, with the help of Maggie Gibbs and April Morgan, and former executive director and volunteer, Paulette Loughlin, keep everything running smoothly and efficiently.

On behalf of our Board and Staff, I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and it is my sincere hope the new year brings you all good health, peace and purpose!

Joan Frates



Our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest was a smashing success! Above is the entry from The Taylor Community! Hopefully you were able to check out many of the displays throughout the Lakes Region!



LRSF was pleased to sponsor a Christmas Tree in Rotary Park in Downtown Laconia for Celebrate Laconia's 3rd Annual Laconia Lights Festival! LRSF Board members, Judy Ball, Joan Frates and James Waldron took some time out to help decorate our tree!

2022 New Funds, Memorials or Additions to Already Established Funds

NHBB Manufacturing Excellence Award - The Astro Division of New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc. is located in Laconia, NH. An industry leading supplier of aerospace bearings, machined components and assemblies. They have been manufacturing products in Laconia since 1968 and remain very grateful to be located in a close knit and progressive community. To support growing business, NHBB continues to invest in multi-million-dollar computer controlled machines and utilize Robot and Cobot technology. NHBB core business supports commercial and military aircraft, aircraft engines and space technology. Products are manufactured using a broad range of materials including aluminum alloys, bronze alloys, corrosion resistant steel, super alloys, exotic alloys and titanium. NHBB is especially proud to support our active military employees, veterans, our troops and defense systems that protect our country. NHBB plays a key role in helping to design bearing systems for applications like drones, fixed-wing and rotary aircraft, missile systems, satellite guidance technology, tanks and weapon systems. All of which result in parts proudly made right here in Laconia.



Opeechee Garden Club in Memory of Virginia Clifford - A group of volunteers dedicated to the beautification and preservation of our environment. Since 1982 (through LRSF) they have awarded scholarships to students majoring in forestry, horticulture, botany, landscaping or a related environmental field. This year the award was made in memory of one of their members: Virginia Clifford. Virginia "Ginny" Clifford was the absolute center of her family's universe, but never sought to be the center of attention. Ginny lived life to the fullest and enriched the lives of many in the Lakes Region area and beyond. After graduating from high school, Ginny chose the University of New Hampshire for her college education. Her love of plants and gardening led her to major and earn her Master's Degree in horticulture at UNH. Ginny also took classes at Plymouth State College toward a Master's Degree in teaching. Ginny was hired as the Belknap County 4-H Agent through UNH Cooperative Extension Service. Ginny had been a 4-H member from childhood and later became a leader of one of the largest 4-H clubs - Cherry Valley - in the 60's and early 70's. Ginny was a special soul who always offered unconditional love. Her humble example showed how to be steadfast in the face of difficulty, how to be committed to family, friends and community, how to be patient and charitable, how to be firm but gentle, and how to always look for the good.

Jo-Ann Nolan Memorial - Jo-Ann E. Nolan was a "dedicated, compassionate and caring registered nurse" and devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother. She passed away following a courageous battle against breast cancer. Jo-Ann was a stay at home mom until her youngest went into 1st grade, at which time she started her schooling in Nursing. She attended NHTI and graduated in 1997 as a Registered Nurse. Upon completion of her degree, she went on to serve as nurse, for 22 years, at Lakes Regional General Hospital and then the Laconia Clinic until her diagnosis.

Although Jo-Ann's career was very important to her, family was the center of her life. She and her husband, Michael shared their love of travel with their children, making trips to Ireland, Italy, Hawaii and their ultimate favorite Cape Cod and the National Sea Shore. Jo-Ann shared her special joy of life with so many and touched the lives of friends, family, patients and her community. To continue her legacy of giving to others and caring, Jo-Ann's family established this scholarship to help others pursue their dream of a career in nursing.



Virginia M Simond Memorial - Virginia M. Simond, was a 1947 graduate of Laconia High School. Her first job was as an usher at the original Colonial Theater in Laconia. She then became the Food Service Director for 32 years for Belmont schools. For 9 summers she was the Food Service Director for Camp Wanakee in Meredith. She was a member of the American School Food Service for 32 years and attended several national conventions. She served two terms as Central Chapter President for NH School Food Service and President of the State of NH Food Service. She was very active in her church and community. Virginia was a leader for Belmont's 1st Brownie troop, continued on to Girl Scouts, and was active in organizing the first Cub Scout program in Belmont. She was an active member of the Belmont Friendly Club and a member of the Red Hat Society while in Florida. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, bingo, and many different types of crafts.

Margot C Thomas Memorial - Margot Charlotte Thomas was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and grew up in nearby Heidelberg where her family owned a butcher shop. After graduating high school at 16, she moved to Sussex, England to work as an au pair. In 1955 she graduated from the Fritz Gabler School in Heidelberg, where she studied restaurant and hotel management. She next "wanted to see what the U.S. was like," and after a brief stint as an au pair in Edinburgh waiting for her visa, she traveled to the United States in 1959 where she worked at the St. Moritz Hotel in New York City and the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. She eventually moved to Laconia, NH. Never one to sit still, after "retiring" she took a part time job baking her delicious breads and desserts at the St. Francis Nursing Home. Margot loved the lakes, mountains, and seashore, and sailing on Lake Winnepesaukee and motorcycling around New England, and later the southeast.



Philip G Bragg Firefighter Award - Since 1997, Phil & Claire Bragg have donated scholarship funds in honor of all firefighters and to benefit fire science students. Fighting a fire was a more difficult job, according to Phil Bragg, who began his career with the Laconia Fire Department in 1962, with no breathing apparatus or fire-retardant clothing, no chemical or hazardous material training and little, if any medical knowledge. During his 24-year career, Mr. Bragg became a Firefighter First Class and a certified EMT, trained in all phases of both, but he especially enjoyed the ambulance work. In 1979, he was awarded the Merle Sargent Award for bravery for injuries suffered in the line of duty. Philip Bragg passed away on February 10, 2022.

Bert & Anita Morin Family Award in Memory of Frank Mills – The Bert and Anita Morin award was started by the family in memory of Bert Morin. With the passing of various family members, monies have been added to the fund. Bert & Anita Morin worked as a team for the betterment of their community, church, children and family. This year the family lost another family member, Mr Frank Mills. Frank may have been a man of few words but his devotion to his family rang loud and clear. After graduating from Elliot High School, he proudly served over six years with the United States Marine Corps, including a tour in Vietnam. Following his honorary discharge, he and his wife Marie Anne, returned to New Hampshire. Frank wore many hats when it came to enjoying life. While his name itself may not resonate with the community, his house over the holidays will stand the test of time. Situated on the corner of Country Club Road and Cotton Hill in Laconia, his homemade creations caught the eye of generations of families who'd drop off notes and gift certificates in appreciation for his creativity. Armed with a wife capable of climbing heights outside her comfort zone in tandem with their daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren, their tradition soon became a holiday watch party for what new designs emerged from Frank's workshop. Each segment of the property carries meaningful family experiences and idiosyncrasies and would by design alternate from one area to another keeping visitors attuned to what's new and what's missing. Two acres with unencumbered views and dotted with Mother Nature's pines make for a stunning rendition of what a family working together can accomplish.



Jonathan Calley Memorial in Memory of Gloyd Calley - At the time of his untimely death, Jonathan Calley (1965-1982) was a LHS Junior and a former member of the Babe Ruth Baseball League, Lakes Region Youth Hockey and the First United Methodist Church. Known as "Jon" by all, he was mechanically inclined, interested in Math and loved competitive games. The first recipient of the Jonathan Calley Memorial Scholarship was chosen from the LHS Class of 1983 from which he would have graduated. Over the years this fund has grown from additional family gifts and offerings in loving remembrance of Jonathan, as well as offerings in memory of other family members. This past year, Jon's father, Gloyd, passed away. Gloyd was a Korean War Veteran. He was hardworking, kind, generous, loving and fun.

George & Beryl Boisvert Award in Memory of George Boisvert - This scholarship fund is in recognition and honor of George and Beryl's support and encouragement to each of their daughters' higher education. George instilled a strong work ethic and personal integrity in all of his daughters. Although he didn't have the opportunity to complete high school due to family obligations, his hard work and support enabled all three of his daughters to graduate from college. Beryl's unfailing encouragement and sacrifice was also instrumental to her daughters' college degrees. After her three daughters graduated, she took part-time classes and is now herself a college graduate. George Boisvert passed away August 15, 2022.



Freda Whittemore Memorial - Freda was born August 13, 1916 in Partridge Green, Sussex England and passed on August 24, 2022 at 106 years young in Laconia, NH. She grew up in England and at the age of 16 she graduated from secondary school and worked at a children's home until she turned 18. At 18 she entered nursing school and received her nurses training in England. Freda nursed in various hospitals before and during WWII. It was at a Red Cross dance during the war, that Freda met her future husband and after the war, in 1946, she came to America and they were married at the Episcopal church in Franklin. Freda volunteered and served as a Cub Scout den mother, a Brownie leader, and taught Sunday School at church. She also served on many church committees and boards and affiliated church organizations. During her final years she lived in the Taylor Community and would always express the importance of nurses and aides who cared for the residents.

Alan C and Jean N Beard Scholarship Fund – Both Alan and Jean were active community members. Jean was an elementary school teacher and reading specialist. Jean passed away in 2004. Alan, a graduate of Laconia High School in 1966, had many interests over his lifetime. He loved anything with a motor and wheels. Whether on one of his Vespa scooters or on his Harley, he was always riding with a huge smile on his face. For over 36 years he was a salesman at Manter Oldsmobile and Pontiac. Alan passed away in April of 2022.



The Following Funds Celebrated Benchmark Anniversaries in 2022 – We Are Honored to Recognize Them:

5 Years (2017)

Glenn Gary DePine Memorial Fund - was established by his family in 2017. Glenn began his music career in 4th grade at Sacred Heart School in Laconia. He loved playing the trumpet. Glenn enjoyed teaching and passed on his love of music to his many students, whether it be in public schools or private lessons. He also worked as a professional trumpet player working in many diverse areas. This fund was created to assist a Laconia or Gilford High School graduate, majoring in music or has been a long-time member of the music program, to fulfill their educational goals.

AZ Gordon Memorial Fund - was established in his honor by a long-time best friend. Mr. Gordon (1930-2017) was respected in the Lakes Region as an astute businessman. He had started five IGA stores, including the one in Laconia, that he built and developed with his cousin. Following the sale of these stores, he was involved in a number of other successful entrepreneurial pursuits. He also enjoyed playing golf, flying his plane, boating and reading. Both Arthur and his wife and soul-mate, Irene, were staunch supporters of Laconia and its Jewish community and were involved in many worthwhile community programs.

Don Kimtis Community Scholarship - was established by the Laconia Police Officers' Association. The police officers serving the city on a daily basis wanted to give back to the community in a different way, and what better way than investing in our youth through a scholarship. The scholarship was named after Don Kimtis, a retired Laconia Police Officer. "Donny K", as he was commonly called, worked as a patrolman for Laconia PD for nearly two decades, and he served as the city's DARE Officer for many of those years. Donny has also dedicated much of his own time to community events. Whether he has been DJ-ing at school or city functions, or promoting the NH Special Olympics, Donny K was always willing to help out, always willing to give of himself for the betterment of the group. In this community spirit emulated by Don Kimtis, this scholarship is offered to deserving youth with the hope that as they progress in life's journey, that they will give back to their community, where ever that may be.

Vincent Charles Ladd - Born in Laconia on May 29, 1967, Vincent was the son of Keith and Etta Ladd. Vincent was a happy, loving and courageous young man, with a real sense of humor. Garfield the cat was his favorite character. Vincent's smile lit up a room. He grew up in Belmont, attended Belmont High School and died of a brain tumor on April 30, 1985 during his junior year at BHS. Vincent sang in the BHS chorus and really enjoyed music. He owned a substantial variety of albums and cassettes and loved to sing along with them through his karaoke microphone. Vincent was a member of the United Baptist Church in Lakeport, its youth group and junior choir. He loved people, his Savior and spending a week during each of nine summers at Camp Sentinel in Tuftonboro (serving as a junior counselor his last year there). People said of Vincent, that he always tried to make a person's day brighter.

Lakes Region Art Association Award - was established to encourage students who will be pursuing a degree or certificate in the field of Visual Arts or Art Education. The award is open to any student who is a resident of Belknap County in addition to graduates of the Winnisquam, Franklin, Moultonborough and Newfound school districts. The LRAA (formerly the Laconia Art Association) was founded in 1940 by five local artists to provide a supportive and educational forum for local artists, both amateur and professional. Members explore the use of various techniques, mediums and styles. Their intent is to nurture the creation and appreciation of the visual arts in the Lakes Region and promote exposure of artists' works to the public. The Lakes Region Art Association has also been a supporter of the Loran Percy Memorial Art Award through LRSF for many years.

Lakes Region Girls Softball - The LRGS League was established in 2011, offering an opportunity for girls from the towns of Canterbury, Belmont and Laconia (and the surrounding towns when applicable) ranging in age from 4 to 18. The success of the league has increased on a yearly basis, seeing positive growth in the amount of teams, players and activities that they offer. The success of the league is based on the hard work of volunteers and the board of directors. As a league they are dedicated to providing the best opportunity for every player that joins the LRGS family with the objective of providing a supervised and competitive softball program for the girls. LRGS promotes the ideals of good sportsmanship, skill development, self-confidence and fun in hopes that its participants grow to be healthy, involved adults.

Ruth & Leonard Stockwell Award - The Gilmanton American Legion Auxiliary, Ellis-Geddes-Levitt Unit #102, has created an endowment fund through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation to perpetuate the Stockwell Scholarship, which has been awarded by the group since 1982. The award was named for Ruth and Leonard Stockwell, who served respectively as first President of the Legion Auxiliary and Commander of the Legion. The American Legion Auxiliary, was founded in 1919, and is the world's largest patriotic women's service organization meeting the needs of veterans and keeping those needs front and center in the minds of the American public. The Ellis-Geddes-Levitt Unit was chartered in 1956 in honor of three young men who died during World War II, the sons of Gilmanton families. This generous gift will continue to help college-bound high school seniors, who are residents of Gilmanton. The group selects recipients based on an essay competition on the theme "What it means to you to be an American and live in the USA."

Miller C. Lovett Family Fund - Reverend Dr. Miller C. Lovett (1923-2017) was the beloved patriarch of the Lovett family, Miller had a loving spirit with amazing energy and passion for social justice. For many years, he had been steadfastly contributing to a scholarship fund with the goal of building a significant endowment fund to provide a meaningful annual award. Always an educator, in both his professional and personal life, the wishes of this beloved gentleman and respected minister will be fulfilled with the addition of generous gifts received in his memory. This scholarship fund will honor and perpetuate his loving spirit, community involvement and lifetime of service to others. What a fitting tribute to this amazing gentleman!

The Mazzaschi Family Fund - Michael Mazzaschi, a 1964 graduate of Laconia High School, was very grateful to the Laconia Rotary Club for their \$500 award toward his first year at MIT. Mike commented "Their generosity has stayed with me a long time as a symbol of the way a community shows it cares." Mike's six siblings also received scholarships enabling them to attend college. Their parents, Albert and Priscilla, were staunch believers in the value of a college education. Priscilla was a proud member of the LHS Class of 1940 and its reunion committee, which promoted establishing a scholarship endowment fund through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. When Al and Priscilla passed away, their children requested memorial donations be made to the Class of '40 scholarship fund in honor of their parents. Then in 2017, through their very generous Qualified Charitable Distribution, Mike Mazzaschi and his wife Martha Bates are perpetuating the Mazzaschi Family's legacy by helping other students fulfill their educational and career goals.

Tom Tobey Memorial Fund - was established by two long-time friends. Mr. Tobey (1939-2017), was a well-liked resident of Gilford, graduate of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and member of the U.S Marine Corp for eight years. He ran a residential and commercial construction company in Concord for a number of years and then moved into a career in banking. Tom retired from Laconia Savings Bank in 1990 as the Senior Loan officer. After his retirement, Tom embarked on a new career as one of the Lakes Regions' top real estate agents, working at Roche Realty Group. In addition to his business career, Mr. Tobey was involved in the community serving as a past president of the Laconia Rotary, the United Way and the Governor's Island Club. He was also a member of the Winter Harbor Yacht Club.

Saralee Wheeler Memorial - One of the LRSF's first recipients in 1956, Saralee (1938-2017) was a LHS graduate, who was awarded a Kiwanis Club scholarship to further her education at Boston University - Sargent College. After a 21-year career at Stoneham as a physical education instructor, she returned to the Lakes Region and was employed in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, from which she retired in 2011 after 28 years of service. A staunch advocate for higher education, Ms. Wheeler supported the LHS Class of 1956 scholarship fund over the years. Through a generous bequest from her estate, her desire to further the education goals of local students will be continued in her name.

10 Years (2012)

Belknap Mill Quilters Guild - was founded in May of 1978 to foster the art of quilting and fiber arts. Their mission is to provide educational opportunities in the quilting arts for their members. Over the years, the Guild has supported many worthwhile charitable organizations in the Lakes Region with donations, items and volunteer hours. With this scholarship, first awarded in 2012, the Guild wishes to promote and encourage higher education opportunities for art majors residing in Belknap County.

Andrew Moynihan Memorial - Mr. Moynihan (1920-2012) was described as a terrific person, a great teacher, and a wonderful role model. He was dedicated to his profession, not only as an Industrial Arts Teacher at LHS for 20 years but as coordinator of Federal Funds ESEA Title I, Executive Director of the NH Advisory Council for Vocational Technical Education and a member of NEA. He was committed to his state and his community as a volunteer with many worthwhile civic and charitable organizations.

15 Years (2007)

Richard & Priscilla Breton Award - Dick Breton had a long history of involvement with LRSF as donor representative on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. A graduate of St. Anslem College, Dick was involved with finance his whole life. Among other positions, he was a manager of a finance company, Executive Director of a Non-Profit Financial Counseling Service, VP of the former New Hampshire Savings Bank, and then Senior VP for Investments of Wedbush. He was also very involved in civic affairs in Laconia. Both Mr. & Mrs. Breton were staunch advocates for our local youth over the years. In 2007, to demonstrate their strong belief in continuing education, they made a generous donation to establish this fund to assist students seeking to advance themselves in financial studies.

Chamberlain Family Memorial - Since 2007, this award has been administered by LRSF. However, it was in 1976, with the tragic loss of both of their parents, Kenneth & Anna Chamberlain, that the Chamberlain family began donating annual scholarships to Alton students in their honor. The fund has grown tremendously over the years to commemorate numerous other family members, all of whom had a strong commitment to education and community service. The Chamberlain family's heritage dates back to 1770 when pioneer, Jacob, became one of the founding fathers of the town of Alton (formerly known as New Durham Gore). His descendants have channeled their gratitude for this proud legacy by establishing a permanent scholarship fund to benefit Prospect Mountain High School students.

Edward & Natalie Davis Memorial - Both Mr. & Mrs. Davis had a steadfast commitment to education and community service. This year marks the 15th anniversary of Natalie's passing. For over forty years, Natalie (1916-2007) was a dedicated and talented elementary teacher, reading specialist and administrator. A retired NH Highway Department and Safety Patrol employee, Edward (1918-2008) was also a lifetime member of the Lions Club and had served for many years as Chair of their Scholarship Committee.

William "Bill" & Joan Veazey Memorial Award - Bill Veazey (1926-2007), was a well-respected businessman and former owner of Boulia-Gorrell Lumber Company. In all his endeavors, he was known as a hard worker, dedicated to his family and to his job, in that order. His mission in life was to try and make someone's struggle a little easier. He was a "quiet" giver, never asking for recognition or for anything in return for his favors. It is fitting that his wife Joan's name was added to the fund, not only acknowledging their 56 years of marriage, but also recognizing their mutual dedication to family, friends, community and church.

20 Years (2002)

R. Everett & Gwendolyn Cochran Memorial - Countless generations of Gilmanton, Gilford, and Laconia students will benefit from the generosity of Mrs. Gwendolyn Cochran, who directed that the earnings from the residue of her estate (including her inheritance from her sister, Mona Glover) be used for annual scholarships to deserving and financially needy students. The Cochrans were a hard-working, thrifty couple. Ms. Glover, had been a Lieutenant, JG with the US Navy Reserve during World War II, stationed in a naval hospital as a registered nurse. The sisters enjoyed many common hobbies and interests and were involved in several community and church organizations.

Brigid Kilfoyle Memorial - As a first-year teacher at Elm Street School in Laconia, Brigid (1973-2002), was considered dedicated and gifted by her colleagues and was adored by her students. In her all-too-brief lifetime, Brigid touched the lives of all who knew her, and won their love and respect. Her gifts were many: intelligence, humor, athleticism, beauty, strength, and an incredible energy. Brigid was hard working and dedicated in her life and her work, playing sports or teaching. It is truly fitting that the scholarship will continue to help deserving students to fulfill their goals to be teachers.

Robert Musgrove Memorial - was established in 2002 by his wife, Martha, numerous professional associates, friends, and family to commemorate this esteemed retired school superintendent, who started his career as an elementary school teacher. He dedicated his life to education, the school system, its teachers, and especially the children. He was responsible for initiating and instituting so many worthwhile new programs and policies within the school system, that space does not allow us to record all of them.

Kathleen Noyes-Ober Memorial - was donated by her parents as a loving tribute to their daughter's hard work, perseverance, and dedication to her profession. Kathy (1956-2002) was well into her thirties, and the single parent of a year-old daughter, when she enrolled at the New Hampshire Technical Institute and took the first step to attaining her lifelong goal of becoming an RN. Her four-year effort to juggle motherhood, work, and studies were rewarded when she received her nursing degree and passed the state board exams. She truly loved being an RN and was very dedicated to her patients at the Merrimack County Nursing Home.

Loran Percy Art Memorial - honors and perpetuates the life and deeds of this unassuming, yet renowned, Lakes Region native. Loran Percy (1931-2002) was a very special person, who loved people and enjoyed his work - both painting and photography. He gave generously of his time and talent to help others. Through his profession, as photographer, artist, and art instructor, Loran Percy was held in highest regard. Through his personal dedication to his students and his community, he earned an even greater tribute - their love and admiration.

Norman & Mary VanderNoot Award - Norman, (1935-2002) was described by friends and associates as a great teacher and mentor, who looked for people's good points and helped them develop those talents. He was a man of varied talents, and a man of his word. His wit and his wisdom were always evident as was his lifelong commitment to the New England region and his beloved State of New Hampshire. Mary VanderNoot (1939-2016) continued their long commitment to helping others achieve their potential and became a Trustee of LRSF.

Bud Wool Firefighter Memorial - The Laconia Professional Firefighters established this scholarship in 2002 in memory of former Laconia Fire Chief Louis "Bud" Wool, to benefit students in the Fire Technology program. Chief Wool was known as a proactive and innovative leader in the fire service. He was the kind of fire chief that everyone wished they had a chance to work with. For the Laconia Professional Fire Fighters, this scholarship is their way of keeping his memory and ideals alive.

25 Years (1997)

Philip Bragg Firefighter Award - Phil Bragg passed away in April of this year and donations were received in his name. To read about the scholarship, please see the profile on Page 2 under "2022 New Funds, Memorials or Additions to Already Established Funds".

Kathleen "Kathy" Daigneault Memorial - Kathy (1947-1997), a graduate of the LHS Class of 1965, was employed at Laconia Savings Bank for twenty-one years and was the Senior Vice President of Marketing. She was vitally involved in many local civic organizations and touched the lives and hearts of a great many people in the Lakes Region through the unselfish giving of her time and talent. Kathy was an upbeat person, stressed the positive aspects of any situation and was a strong proponent of continued education and personal growth.

Drouin-MacEslin Award - A native of Laconia, graduate of Laconia High School and Laconia Hospital School of Nursing, Mrs. Dora "Dolly" Drouin-MacEslin (1916-2003) established this fund in 1997 to encourage nursing or health care majors, especially non-traditional students. Dolly always stressed the importance and benefits of education.

Lakeport Community Association - Over the years, the Association, which was founded in 1997, has succeeded in furthering its mission to "preserve, yet improve the Lakeport Community." As part of its education program, the members started funding the Lakeport Community Association Scholarship to support a college-bound Lakeport student. These awards are dedicated in memory of deceased members as a tribute to their service to LCA.

Lakes Region Rotary Club Alida Millham Award -The Lakes Region Rotary Club was chartered in June of 1989 and became a LRSF donor in 1997. Its members have given generously of their time, energy and resources, working on fund-raising events, which help several worthwhile local organizations. The "ideal of service" is the key phrase in the Object of Rotary. This ideal is an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one's endeavors, which the Lakes Region Rotary Club has exemplified.

Charles M Smith Kiwanis Club of Laconia Award - Charlie Smith (1905-1997) excelled in both academics and sports. While still a student at UNH, he opened Smith's Apple Orchard in Belmont, one of the area's first "pick your own" orchards. He was renowned and respected as an agriculturist and a specialist in soils, grasses and hays. Mr. Smith was also involved in numerous Lakes Region activities and was known as a friend of the city, especially its youth. As a 1982 and 1988 "Kiwanian of the Year," it is fitting that the club and his sons established a scholarship fund in his honor.

Erwin & Mildred Smith Memorial - Erwin Smith (1909-1997), a legendary coach at Laconia High School, was recognized as a great individual and a great teacher. He taught Spanish for 30 years and was responsible for 10 championship teams in wrestling, cross country, and track and field at the high school and college levels. In 1989 he was inducted into the NH Coaches Hall of Fame. Mildred Smith (1916-2001) was a constant supporter of her husband's teaching and coaching career, and a dedicated volunteer for all sports events and student functions.

Lawrence J Smith and Nancy Pashley Smith Memorial - Since 1997, Larry & Nancy Smith had personally helped the educational and career goals of promising young journalists and generously donated to the Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund to help LRSF with its administrative costs. They had both been employed at the Laconia Citizen. Mr. Larry Smith (1924-2007) was editor until 1991. Larry was described as "a man devoted to his work, undeterred by setbacks, deeply committed to his community and always willing to help when no one was looking". Nancy, (1925-2013) bequeathed a substantial sum to LRSF to perpetuate their support of local students majoring in English, Communications, Writing, Print or Broadcast Journalism.

Wilbrod & Laurette Turcotte Memorial - Their nearly 40-year marriage was never blessed with children, but both of them loved youngsters. Mr. Turcotte (1909-1997), in addition to being active in many civic, church and sports organizations was also involved in the Boy Scout programs in the Lakes Region. When her mother died, Lauretta (1914 - 1972), at the age of 19, became the "little mother" to her sisters, the youngest of which was less than two years old. Later Mrs. Turcotte worked at Guild Woolen Mills and was active in her church (Sacred Heart in Laconia). Upon the passing of Mr. Turcotte this generous scholarship fund was started from donations from their estate in 1997.

30 Years (1992)

Bruce Fitzpatrick Memorial - was established in 1992 by his mother, Ellen, to commemorate her son who died in 1988 and honors his memory by providing scholarships for Winnisquam Regional High School students with a strong commitment to furthering his or her education and knowledge. When his mother Ellen died in May of 2000, further donations were received in her memory.

Gilford District PTA - whose mission is "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children," shows its support of GHS graduates with this scholarship award. Since 2016, these generous awards have been given to recognize a student in the following categories: STEM, Community Service, and Education.

Laconia-Gilford Lions Endowment - In 1992, the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club set a precedent in the Lakes Region by making donations to an endowment fund to honor members, and acknowledge personal events or circumstances in the lives of their membership. This is in addition to their annual donations for scholarship awards each year. Since 1917 Lions Clubs have offered people the opportunity to give back to their community. The local club was chartered in 1947.

Pepin Family Memorial Award - In 1992, a tragic accident took the life of a young man who was loved and respected as a teacher and a mentor to his students at the Barnstead Elementary School. Keith Pepin (1968-1992) graduated from Belmont High School in 1986 and Plymouth State College in 1990. He was an exceptional young man, who was a father figure to many youngsters. By his example, he showed us the true meaning of patience, kindness, and understanding. The fund also honors his brother, Kevin R. Pepin (1973-2012) and brothers' father, Robert R. Pepin (1945-1995), who had graduated from Hesser Business College in Manchester, worked as an office manager and accountant for James Piscopo Contractors. He was a true gentleman; a devoted husband and loving father. Keith, Kevin and Robert were known as wonderful, happy, considerate men, who wanted to make the world a happier, caring place.

35 Years (1987)

Alton & Emily Fairbrother Memorial - Although they had no children of their own, Alton and Emily Fairbrother were interested in young people and enjoyed following sports at Gilford High School and encouraging the neighborhood youngsters participating in these activities. Alton died in 1989 and when Emily Fairbrother Kidder died in March of 2012, the scholarship fund they had established in 1987, was further increased through a generous bequest from her estate.

Jeffrey Houle Memorial - A motorcycle accident took the life of this young man in 1987. Jeffrey (1969-1987) was said to have possessed the love and admiration of his peers. Through memorial gifts from family, friends, co-workers of Mr. & Mrs. Houle, Weirs neighbors, and fellow worshippers at Weirs United Methodist Church, this fund continues to grow and help other young people. Additional donations were received when George Houle, Jeffrey's father passed away in November 2013.

Gwendolyn A. Lund Memorial - As a teacher, who served her profession, her community and her church, Gwen (1930-1986) is memorialized through this fund by continuing her life goals of helping others and educating students.

St James Church of Laconia - Since 1987, the St. James Church Scholarship has been awarded to encourage educational opportunities for their parishioners. The first scholarships were awarded in memory of John S. McLean, who was an advocate of this cause. Gifts in memory of other parishioners have since augmented the fund. The St. James Scholarship Fund is administered by a caring and dedicated committee of parishioners.

40 Years (1982)

Bank of NH (formerly Laconia Savings Bank) Award - Always responsive to the needs of the communities it serves, Bank of New Hampshire, has not only provided scholarship awards since 1982, but also officers and trustees for LRSF. It has been a strong supporter of organizations that work towards the betterment and development of youths. As an employer, they know the importance of post-secondary schooling and the need for local businesses to provide scholarship funding to assist with the cost of college education.

Chief Eugene Blake Memorial - Eugene Blake, a respected and popular figure in Lakes Region law enforcement circles, passed away in 1982. Blake was a 19-year veteran of the Laconia Police Department and served as the Chief of Police in Gilford beginning in 1978. He was an example to all, especially to youngsters and teens. This fund is a living tribute to Chief Blake for his service to the Lakes Region and his dedication to law enforcement. With the passing of his wife Esther Blake Mountfort (1933-2017) additional donations were made to the fund. Esther worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Laconia for 25 years. She retired to Maine with winters in Florida. She enjoyed participating in family reunions, visiting with friends, and sharing her homemade goodies with all. Friends and family always looked forward to her famous caramel corn at Christmas, her decadent brownies and handcrafted root beer. She was a lifetime member of the Evangelical Baptist Church.

Jonathan Calley Memorial - Donations were received this year, when Jon's father, Gloyd, passed away. To read about the scholarship, please see the profile on Page 3 under "2022 New Funds, Memorials or Additions to Already Established Funds".

Opechee Garden Club - A group of volunteers dedicated to the beautification and preservation of our environment. Beginning in 1982 they started awarding scholarships, through LRSF, to students majoring in forestry, horticulture, botany, landscaping, or any related field. The scholastic future of these recipients, as well as the appearance of the community, have been greatly improved as a result of the efforts of the Club.

Raynel Award and the Monty Award - were both established in 1982 by an unpretentious gentleman, with the request that the donation remain anonymous (during his lifetime). In 1984 we discovered that these two funds ("Raynel" was his abbreviated name, and "Monty" his wife's nickname) were also the beneficiaries of his life insurance policy. It wasn't until we read his obituary that we learned that Col. Raymond A. Nelson was a 27-year veteran of the U.S. Army, with a distinguished military career. His altruism and genuine interest in promoting higher education for Lakes Region students will be perpetuated through the Raynel Award and Monty Award.

Elsie (McCarthy) Willey Nursing Memorial - The name of this much loved Laconia nurse will live on in this community through the fund established in 1985 by her husband Floyd Willey. Elsie (1920-1982) was described as a wonderful woman, a true humanitarian, and beyond that she symbolized Florence Nightingale to the core. Donations were received with the passing of Mrs. Vivian Brassard. Vivian Flanders Brassard, a former head nurse for LRGH considered nursing to not only be her profession but also very much who she was. Donations to this fund which sponsors scholarships for students studying nursing was a perfect tribute to Vivian and Elsie.

45 Years (1977)

Dr. Nathan Brody Memorial - Dr. Brody will always be remembered as a dedicated physician whose zeal for a cause was contagious and whose personal generosity knew no bounds. Dr. Brody also devoted his time and energies to numerous community projects: youth, religious, police commission, fire department, chamber of commerce, and in particular, programs for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.

50 Years (1972)

Joyce & Soc Bobotas Memorial - Joyce Bobotas, who passed away in 1972, served in social, church, and community activities, and always contributed with a vitality and zest for life, and a friendliness that radiated with her ready smile and warm hello. Her husband, Soc Bobotas (1922 - 1980) was a beloved and well-respected director of athletics at Laconia High School.

55 Years (1967)

Nathan & Jeannie Brindis Memorial - was donated by Mrs. Jennie Brindis in 1967 and has benefited Laconia High School students of all creeds and races. Their son Eugene founded the Laconia Shoe Company in 1937, which he ran until his retirement in 1981. Upon his death in 2007, a substantial addition was made from his estate to further honor his parents and perpetuate their memory.

65 Years (1957)

Laconia HS Key Club Davie Memorial - A teen counterpart to the Kiwanis Club, the Key Club was started by the LHS Class of 1949 and has participated in the LRSF program since 1957. In 1991, the Key Club turned over a generous donation from Mr. & Mrs. Davie in memory of their son, John Davie, who had been a Key Club member, star athlete and a star student. These funds were used to establish an endowment fund to perpetuate the Key Club and the memory of John Davie.

Remember to check out our website: www.lrscholarship.org at the beginning of January for the **2023 - 2024 LRSF Scholarship Application**.

The final deadline for filing an application is Saturday, April 1, 2023.

We have a few unique scholarships that are exceptions to our usual application process. Each of these may have a separate application to be filed along with our application. Check our website for more specific details.

Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarship - is available to high school seniors planning on majoring in art related fields

The Stockwell Scholarship - is an essay competition, focusing on Patriotism, open to students from Gilmanton, NH

Klaus Biemann Science Scholarship - an essay competition for Prospect Mountain HS students who intend to major in science at a four-year school.

We also have two special awards sponsored by the **Lakes Region Builders and Remodelers**, available to students going into a construction related fields.

Plans are underway to hold our annual **LRSF Benefit Night at Fratello's** on Wednesday, March 8th from 4:00pm to closing. If you attend, please make sure to mention that you are there that night to support LRSF, and Fratello's will donate 25% of the food portion of the bill to LRSF. This also includes any takeout orders between those hours. Watch for information on our Facebook page and on our website.



Our 2022 Annual Appeal is underway! Why not make a special donation to our Friends of the Foundation Fund, to support our mission? It's easy, just go to our website and click on "Donate" button!



Each year we recognize the Laconia High School classes that have established scholarship funds.

This year we are pleased to recognize the LHS classes of 1956 and 1966; as well as a fund established by the LHS Alumni Fund started a decade ago.

Laconia High School Class of 1957 - through the generosity of many classmates, the Class of '57 established a scholarship endowment, which will perpetuate this enthusiastic group's commitment to their hometown and their high school for generations to come by helping local students fulfill their educational goals.

Laconia High School Class of 1952 - The initial scholarship awarded by the Laconia High School Class of 1952 was to celebrate their 10th anniversary. To culminate their 50th anniversary reunion in 2002, the Class of 1952 voted to establish an endowment scholarship fund. They wished to express their appreciation for the quality of their education, their dedicated instructors, and the friendship of fellow students by helping other Laconia High School graduates.

Check out our website to stay up to date on our current activities! www.lrscholarship.org

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Volunteer Laura Ringer, and Board Trustees, Lois Kessin and Freda Osman, along with Executive Director Karen Switzer, have a fun time selling Fall Harvest raffle tickets at the Belknap Mill Sock Hop!

