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## YEAR-END 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### **Next Generation Takes on the Assistant Director Position**

Executive Director, Karen Switzer, announced this Fall that she and the Board of Trustees were pleased to welcome Amanda L'Heureux Dudek to the Foundation as their new Assistant Director. Amanda will be stepping in as the Foundation transitions their executive staff. Former Assistant Director, Karen Switzer stepped up to the Executive Director's position back in June, replacing Paulette Loughlin, who retired the end of 2020.

Karen added "We are pleased to have Amanda join us. When we were looking for someone to fill this position, we were hoping to find someone who had

real community spirit and dedication. Someone who was looking to make a difference. Amanda fit that bill with the bonus that she is a Laconia native, loves the area and has been active in the community. Amanda told us that she values the importance of strengthening the Lakes Region community and believes that helping students reach their goals, through education, is a perfect way to do just that. She hopes to make a difference in the students' lives by working with the foundation."

Amanda grew up in Laconia, and graduated from Laconia High School. She then attended Plymouth State University, getting a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. Upon graduation, she pursued a successful career in marketing, sales and management in the Portsmouth area. Despite her success, however, she wanted to return to Laconia and build her life in the Lakes Region: where her family lives and her heart resides. Amanda first found a position as Account Executive with The Laconia Daily Sun. When asked how she felt about her new position with LRSF, Amanda said "I am thrilled to be working at the Foundation and eager to meet many of the wonderful donors, who have created scholarship funds to help young people of the area succeed in their dreams of a career. As I hope to be here for many years, I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know each of the donors. It is amazing that this organization has been serving the community for 65 years as of February of 2021. If anyone is interested in becoming a new donor with LRSF or making a donation to us to help us to continue our work, I hope that they will not hesitate to contact me.

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, LORI FASSHAUER**

Happy New Year! This year has flown by despite all of its challenges. It does not seem like a year since I took over the reins as president of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. And what a year it has been!

Despite all of the difficulties of COVID, 2020 has also been very rewarding for us. We were able to award 275 scholarships to 293 local students to continue their education through the generosity of 269 donors. Scholarship awards this year totaled over \$437,000.00. We were the recipients of 11 new funds this year, some ongoing and a few one-time. We were unable to hold our annual Community Spelling Bee this year, however, we did send out an Appeal letter to those who have been our supporters in the past. Due to the generosity of our donors and former Spelling Bee supporters we were able to raise about the same amount for our operating fund as last year. During such difficult times, the response of the people and businesses in this community was amazing and humbling! We also took on our 1st Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest, which generated a lot of interest and really awesome creations! We are hoping to repeat this again next year. We were also chosen for the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program in November. I want to thank our staff members, Karen Switzer, Paulette Loughlin, Aprill Morgan and Maggie Gibbs and Amanda Dudek (who joined us in November) for their hard work and dedication to the Foundation for making all this happen through shutdowns and Zoom meetings and all of the other obstacles thrown in their way. Special thanks also to our volunteer staff members Joan Cormier and Steve Loughlin who were also invaluable helpers.

As I wrap up my first year as president, I would like to thank all of the Trustees on our board, and in particular I would like to extend our appreciation to Kevin Dunleavy and Donna Hennessey, who will be stepping down this year, having reached their 9-year term limit. Both have been invaluable members of the Board. Donna has served as vice president and then president of the Board during her term in office and was always there whenever we needed a hand, (this final year serving as a judge for our Pumpkin Contest.) Kevin was also always there to help out whenever we needed. He has been especially helpful over the past nine years with the Spelling Bee. He was so instrumental giving his time to help set up and take down of the event and the extremely hard job ushering all of the participants on stage in a timely manner.

With the beginning of a new year, there will be a couple of changes on our Board. We will be welcoming two new board members: Colleen Cass and Semi Shin-Kenison. **Colleen Cass** lives in Laconia with her husband, Bill. They have four daughters, all of whom graduated from LHS. Colleen graduated from UNH in 1984 with a degree in Business Administration. She has background in business and IT, and presently works as the IT Director for Lakes Region Community Services. **Semi Shin Kenison** serves as AVP/Finance Manager directing the daily operations of the Finance department at Bank of New Hampshire. She holds a BS degree from the University of New Hampshire and an MBA from Southern NH University. She lives in Canterbury, NH with her husband and daughter where she enjoys volunteering at the Canterbury elementary school as school savings coordinator. and is looking to expand her volunteering in other local community organizations.

I look forward to a great 2021. Thank you for all your support! *Lori*



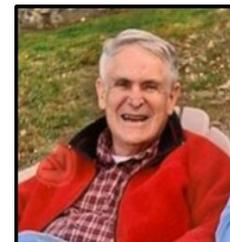
### A Message from Donna Hennessey, Retiring Trustee



It is hard to believe that I have been 9 years with the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. When I first joined this wonderful organization, I wasn't quite sure what they were all about. I did learn fast, that for all of the trustees, directors, employees and donors, the heart and soul of the foundation is the focus on one thing: the continuing education of every student in the Lakes Region. It has been my honor to be on the LRSF Board of Trustees, first as a trustee, then the President and past president during my nine year term. My favorite part of being a trustee is Senior Awards Night, when we read the students' names paired with the Donor who is helping to make their dream of furthering their education come true. Each scholarship given out has as story, a memory of a loved one or someone with a strong commitment to higher education. It has been my pleasure to serve as an LRSF trustee. I would like to thank all the board members, directors and donors for giving me the opportunity to be part of this unique and special organization.

### 2020 New Funds, Memorials Or Additions to Already Established Funds

**Alton Summer People's Fund**—Summer Peoples Scholarship Fund, had been awarding scholarships to young people from the town of Alton for thirty years on their own, until 2016 when it was turned over to LRSF by a vote of the executive committee of the fund. In 1985, three summer folks, Brad and Ginny Jones and Don Young, old friends who had cottages near Alton Bay, started looking for a way to give back to Alton. They recognized that this was a town largely of working people, who would find it financially difficult to send their children to college. Many of these young people were excellent students who could benefit from a higher education and greater career opportunities. They decided that awarding scholarship to these students to help them attend a post-secondary community college, college or university would be a fine way for summer people to give back, so they reached out to the hundreds of other summer people and sought their financial support for this idea and it worked. In October of this year, Mr. **Brad Jones** (1935-2020) passed away. Jones, an engineer by profession, was a man of many talents and great sense of humor and a very generous heart. With his wife Ginny by his side, he started his family business, Jones and Beach Engineers in 1977. Together, with his family, they built and renovated multiple cottages and condos, constructed a multipurpose barn for themselves and their three horses and built their lake home in Alton Bay. He had a strong work ethic, but also loved working and enjoying the outdoors. He was generous to many charities, but particularly to his Lakes Region home away from home: Alton.



**Carol and Spencer Brody Scholarship Award**—Dr. Spencer Brody (1936-2020) was a Laconia native, who graduated from Laconia High School and went on to attend Tufts College and Yale Medical School. From 1966-1968 Spencer served in the United States Air Force as Chief of Pediatrics, 328th USAF Hospital, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Grandview, Missouri. Upon returning to his hometown, he practiced as a pediatrician for decades in Laconia and was trusted and respected by hundreds of children and their parents. He served as a physician with LRGH in pediatrics and was known as an outstanding diagnostician. After retiring, Spencer went back to school and got a masters degree in Public Health Policy Management. Throughout his career he was active on the American Board of Pediatrics, American College of Forensic Examiners, and the National Board of Medical Examiner and served on the Belknap County Medical Society, New Hampshire Medical Society, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (chapter President.) Spencer was a life-long member of Temple B'Nai Israel, and a Rotarian for fifty years (never missing a weekly meeting.) He was a former Eagle Scout and over the years he was committed to assisting and supporting others to do the same. He loved to travel and he and his wife Carol, visiting over 24 countries together as well traveling throughout the country on their Harleys. It was said that those who knew Spencer, were quick to realize his kindness, generosity and non-judgmental soul. His gentle soul will be missed by many.



**Klaus Biemann Science Scholarship** Klaus Biemann (1926-2016) was a pioneering chemist whose research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge unraveled mysteries of proteins at the molecular level and investigated whether there was life on the moon and on Mars. He was born in Innsbruck, Austria and came to the United States in the 1950s, where independent-thinking and collaborative research were encouraged. He and his wife, Vera, fell in love with the Lakes Region in the early 1960s, purchasing an old stone house overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee where they spent many summers, weekends, and much of their retirement. They enjoyed walking in the woods, gardening, birdwatching and other outdoor activities with their two (now adult) children. Over the years, Klaus mentored 150 graduate and post doctoral students in his laboratory who went on to make their own scientific discoveries. Later in life, he supported students living in the Alton area who shared his passion for the sciences through a scholarship program he established. His family is continuing this Science Scholarship in his memory.



**Sylvia Maria Bonnette Memorial**—(1957-2013) Sylvia was a graduate of the Laconia High School Class of 1976 and Colby-Sawyer College Class of 1978. She loved to laugh, enjoyed horses, traveling, reading and being with friends and family, who initiated this fund. Sylvia's parents established a permanent endowment fund in loving memory of their daughter to help students further their vocational education in her honor. Late last year, Sylvia's dad, **Kenneth W. Bonnette** (1932-2019) passed away and funds were added to the scholarship endowment. Born in Troy, NH, **Kenneth** was nurtured by his grandparents, Eino and Sylvia Koski and Aunt Taimi in Troy, NH, until high school when he moved to Westmoreland. Kenneth graduated from Keene High School and entered the service soon after. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1955, where he was a POW in Korea. He did a 3-year military apprentice with R.E. Beane Construction Company in Keene, NH, where he became a job superintendent. In 1969, Kenneth, along with Douglas Stone and Carl Page, founded Bonnette, Page and Stone Corporation. In 1970, they relocated to Laconia, and Bonnette, Page and Stone Corp. became one of the largest commercial construction firms in the state of New Hampshire and is still operating today. On the personal side, Kenneth's happiest memory and achievement was being a private pilot. Also, in 1980, he and his wife built the *Oak Ledge Farm* in Belmont. The farm entered its first fair was in 1983. Then, in 2009, *Oak Ledge* had the "Show Bull of the Year," the "Show Heifer of the Year", and was recognized as the 2009 Premier Exhibitor of the Northeast Region of the United States from American Hereford Association.



**Lawton P. "Lonnie" Bourn Memorial Scholarship**—(1942-2020): The Lawton P. Bourn family set up this scholarship to honor Lonnie's wish to support students furthering their education or those entering the Building and Trades or Education fields. Lonnie graduated from Keene State College with a BS in Industrial Arts Education and Purdue University with Masters' degree in Industrial Arts Education and then completed his PhD program. He felt strongly that students should learn how to use their mind, hands and tools to build and create with wood; whether it be a wood working project or to building a house. His first job was teaching Industrial Arts at Nashua Middle School. After this, he taught at Purdue University and Rhode Island College. He then went on to work for United States Agency for International Development in Pakistan, Egypt and India. In this role, he worked with trainers to teach them how to train their workers in the field. Upon returning to NH Lonnie was the coordinator for Tech Prep which later became School to Work. One of his most treasured projects was to build the family's log cabin in Colebrook. When he was no longer able to use his hands, he involved his family and friends' help to finish building the log cabin. Lonnie's passion to teach students and adults how to use their hands and tools to build and create something that made them proud of their accomplishments was at the heart of his soul. In his words, "There is no greater sense of pride than one's hard work to create something that fulfills a dream."



Special thanks to a group of Board members who came in this fall and helped our Executive Director, Karen Switzer paint the office after 20 years. A big shout out to Joan Frates, Kathy Gilman, Marj Wilkinson and Jim Chase! Great job.

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**Richard Broulliard Memorial Scholarship**–Richard “Dick” (1928-2019) was born in Laconia and attended Sacred Heart School, and later graduated from Laconia High School in 1946. He attended the University of New Hampshire for his bachelors’ and then Georgetown University Law School, attaining his law degree in 1953. Dick practiced law in Laconia from 1956 until he retired in 2019, except for 21 1/2 years on active duty as captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the US Army Reserves. Over the years, Mr. Broulliard served as the City Solicitor as well as the Belknap County Attorney. He was an honor member of the American Bar and the NH Bar Associations, and also a member of the Belknap County Bar, having served as president of the latter organization. Active politically, Richard served as chairman of the Belknap County Republican Committee. He was elected to the NH General Court and appointed Assistant Republican Majority Whip, Vice Chair of the Executive Departments and Administration Committee as well as serving on a variety of other committees.



**Chertok Family Fund**– This fund, originally known as the Ed and Polly Chertok Memorial was established to honor a beloved couple for their countless years of service to their community. This award has been funded by their daughters in loving memory of their parents, Polly & Ed (a founding donor of the LHS Class of 1933 Scholarship Fund), who believed deeply that education is a gift and that spreading knowledge could be a way to promote peace and end prejudice. Earlier this year, one of those daughters **Maxine Derby** (1952-2020), lost her battle with cancer, and many donations were made in her name to the fund. At that time, the fund name was changed to the Chertok Family fund. Maxine worked in the medical field for many years as a pharmacist at Lowell General. The family described Maxine as someone who was a great friend, a good listener and someone who always wanted to make people feel better. A real, glass half full kind of person. People loved being around her, she was a great storyteller. It was said that she loved the outdoors: boating, riding bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiling, skiing, and traveling and spending time with her family both at home and on Lake Winnepesaukee.

**Jim Fortier Kiwanis Award**–Jim (1939-2020) was a special person, who touched the lives of so many people through so many parts of his life. Jim was such an integral part of the Laconia community with his family, his business and his volunteering. Jim brought enthusiasm and dedication to Laconia Little League, Lou Athanas Youth Basketball, and Lakes Region Youth Hockey. He was active in the Laconia Kiwanis Club, serving as its president and as recipient of the Kiwanian of the Year award three times. He was one of those people, who was always there to help. He served on the Laconia 4th of July Committee, PACT, Key Club, the Multicultural Festival, president of the LHS Band Boosters, LHS Athletic Boosters Club and many others. But it was not just in his volunteering that Jim touched the community. There are many people in the area served by Jim’s Auto Repair, whose cars were kept on the road longer than should have been possible due to his skill and persistence. Jim was a devoted family man, grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved to share laughs – always with a “joke of the day.” He enjoyed his retirement days as an avid Nascar fan, playing golf, playing card games, and riding his golf cart to the pond to feed the turtles.



**Paul Gauthier Memorial Fund**–Paul Gauthier (1961-2019) was born in Berlin, NH and after graduating high school he attended the Nashua Vocational Technical College and became a master electrician. Paul held many positions throughout his career. A true “people person” who embraced his community and made an impact on everyone with whom he interacted. He was a Reiki master and yoga teacher. He assisted his beloved wife, Sheryl, in the operation “Yoga from the Heart.” Paul loved fixing things and had a special knack for computers, especially for taking them apart and putting them back together. He also enjoyed camping, movies, and traveling. He treasured his movie dates with his daughter, Danielle. Paul was diagnosed with leukemia in 2015. Paul didn’t “battle” cancer, that would indicate that he lost and he didn’t, he won in so many ways. He accepted what came his way and always found the positive and a way to help someone else. When Paul was in the hospital, he asked his wife to set up a scholarship, in his name, for nurses and LNA’s. Throughout his walk with leukemia, he received care above and beyond from the nurses and LNAs at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and at Brigham and Women’s. He had a very special place in his heart for those who took care of him. It was Paul’s wish to be able to help people who wished to go on to nursing school or to become an LNA. He imagined a living legacy that would be there to help future generations going into the nursing, so that they would be there to help people like him, going through very difficult times.



**Nathan L. Hazeltine Memorial Scholarship** Nathan “Nate” (1948-2020) was born in Laconia but grew up in Moultonborough. He served in the U.S. Army/National Guard and was a proud member of the Winnepesaukee Lodge No. 75 in Alton. His wit, charm and outgoing personality opened many doors for him and he ended up working for New Hampshire Distributors, selling Anheuser Busch products, for 38 years until his retirement. Nate retired as sales team leader, and epitomized the AB company motto “Making friends is our business.” Following retirement, as he was not one to sit around, Nate continued to work first for Paugus Bay Marina, selling boats and then for Rymes in Concord as a pricing truck driver. Nate loved long drives, cars, boats and spending summers at the family camp on Winnepesaukee. He was an avid NE Patriots, Red Sox, Boston Celtics fan as well as a NASCAR follower, who enjoyed the local races in Loudon as well as annual trips to Daytona for the 500. He had an infectious smile and an unmatched talent for telling a good story and he loved spending time with his family and friends.



**Alyce and Richard Jewell Memorial Scholarship**–Alyce (1945-2020) was born in Laconia, married her husband “Dick” right out of high school and they settled in Belmont. Alyce began working for the Laconia State School in 1968 until the doors closed in 1991. She put so much love into caring for “her kids” at LSS. She later worked for LR Community Services as a manager of the Fairview Home for adults. Outside of work, Alyce was a member of the Fire Bells, a group which supports the Fire Department; and Belmont Old Home Day, helping to serve the Friendly Club Chicken Barbeque dinner. She was such an active member of the Belmont community, she was presented the Community Heritage Award in 2016, recognizing her many contributions to the town. **Dick** (1942-2020) worked for the State of New Hampshire DOT, and also volunteered at the Belmont Fire Department. Upon retirement, Dick began working for Shaker Regional School District as a part-time custodian. His CB scanners and antenna were his prized possessions, the “toys” he tinkered with every day. He loved hearing all of the action in Belmont and surrounding towns. He was an Elvis fan who raised his own children up on the music. At the time of his death, Elvis was playing in the background. They will both be missed.



**Ann Jewett-Steele Memorial** – (1955-1978) This young woman made a loving impact on all who knew her during her twenty-two years of life. Ann sought to understand rather than be understood. She was loved by loving, yet judged by not judging. A student of life, Ann built her own standards by marching in a strong, unobtrusive way to the beat of a drum, the sound of which others never hear. With the passing of Ann’s mother, **Mary Orton** (1931-2020), additional funds were added. Mary was a former trustee of LRSF and a long-time supporter of this fund and the foundation. Mary was an active member of the Lakes Region community having volunteered her time to organizations that were near and dear to her heart. Mary was an active with the New Hampshire Music Festival; a board member of Canterbury Shaker Village; the Laconia Historical Museum Society; the Laconia Library, Central VNA & Hospice; the Union Cemetery, and the Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary. Mary also was an ardent supporter of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, local Make-a-Wish Foundation, United Way, the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region, Got Lunch! Laconia and St. Vincent DePaul. Mary was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who loved her family and friends unconditionally. She traveled the globe but was just as happy and content in her garden tending to her flowers or in her kitchen cooking. Mary’s positive outlook on life, her kind words and gentle selfless nature had an impact on all those she touched.

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**Stephen S. Jewett III Memorial-**(1960-1996) Steve devoted his time, energy, and skills to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, as Administrative Assistant even to his final hours. This fund perpetuates Steve Jewett's life and deeds and honors his memory. Sadly, this fund was substantially increased with the untimely passing of his son, Stephen S. Jewett IV (1984-2017), a young man who cared deeply for others and tried to help those less fortunate. With the passing of his mother, **Mary Orton**, additional funds were added to this scholarship. See previous page for more about Mary.

**Nat & Ruth Kessin Award-**In 1998, when Nat and Ruth decided to move to New York to be closer to family, a gathering was organized at the Belknap Mill to honor this couple. As a token of their esteem and affection, friends and neighbors found a unique and meaningful way to honor this special couple for their many contributions to the Lakes Region, by establishing this scholarship fund. The Kessins moved to Laconia in 1953 from Washington, DC. Together they owned Achber's Department Store in Tilton for over 30 years. Ruth and Nat had been together for over 71 years until **Nat's** passing in **2011**. Their move to Manhattan allowed them to enjoy their extended family, museums, theater, ballet and Ruth's beloved opera. (While in NH Saturdays she could be found on the couch with her libretto listening to "Afternoon at the Met.") **Ruth Kessin** (2015-2020) passed away in July of this year, and friends and family added to this fund to honor a special lady. She had been a proud member of the League of Women Voters, a lifelong Democratic Party activist, and involved in many civic organizations. Ruth belonged to Temple B'Nai Israel and was a member of the sisterhood. She played tennis and hiked well into her 80's. Ruth (and Nat) had an open door policy for family, friends and strangers. Everyone was welcome and conversation was always lively and interesting. They leave a wonderful legacy and this scholarship award, still serving the community they loved.



**Jane Kidder Memorial Scholarship-** Jane Hoey Kidder (1951-2020) was a Laconia native and attended LHS. In 1978 she married her husband Daniel John Kidder and they had two sons. Daniel passed away at a young age and she raised her boys as a single mom. After early years as a bookkeeper and a realtor, she bravely went back to school to become a nurse. The family commented that unfortunately for her sons, this meant watching surgical close-ups on television and discussing anatomy during meals. On the balance, fortunately, this modeled for her sons, the value of hard work and pursuing passions. She was enormously proud of her career as an orthopedic nurse. Jane cherished time with her family most. She was the second of seven children, always surrounded by the love, humor and companionship of her siblings and their many cousins. Jane loved her large family and reveled in the light-hearted silliness, made routine, by this fun and caring tribe. Antiquing with her mother, sisters, cousins and close friends was a favorite of hers throughout her life. She was an avid gardener and loved trips to the ocean, to Quebec City and to the mountains. She appreciated a joke and could often be found laughing. Life was not simple, and it was not always easy road but she persevered with a smile and with grace.

**Robert "Bob" King Memorial Scholarship-** Robert "Bob" King (1930-2020) was born in Southbridge, MA and as an adult, proudly served in the United States Air Force. After the military, he worked for Aavid Engineering and All Metals Recycling. Bob married the love of his life, Elaine, in 1955 and together they had 4 daughters. Family was important to Bob, and "Gramp" enjoyed his time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an avid sports fan, with a great love for the New England Patriots, the Boston Red Sox, as well as a supporter of Laconia High School Football. Bob was a longtime member of the Laconia Elks Lodge, as well as the American Legion. Family said that he could always be found enjoying a cool drink and eating Cheez-Its. He was a good man who will be missed by all who knew him.



**Laconia Kiwanis Club Award-**The Kiwanis Club of Laconia was established in 1927. It is part of a Global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and community at a time. Kiwanis has supported LRSF since the very beginning in 1956 and their support has never wavered. The club has also generously contributed to our Annual Community Spelling Bee over the years. This year the club lost one of its long time members, **Roger Webster**, and with his passing family members asked that donations be made to the Kiwanis Club. Roger (1928-2020) was a member of the Laconia club for 36 years and served as president. Roger served in the Army during the Korean War and then in the Reserves for 20 years. He attended UNH on the GI Bill, where he met his wife, Pat. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 102, Ellis-Geddes-Leavitt, Gilmanston and a 20 year volunteer at LRGH. Roger loved to travel, was an avid photographer, had a private pilot's license and loved history. He was known to be quick with a joke, personable and very kind and welcoming. He served Kiwanis club and his community well.

**Perley Family Fund** was originally started by John & Suzanne Perley to commemorate the Perley family's long and proud history in this community since 1787 and to perpetuate the family's strong belief in the value of continuing education by helping our current generation of students. The fund was started with a memorial for John's brother Allan, and then additional memorial gifts were received with the passing of his brother Richard. At the time of Allan's passing the thank you letters included these words. The (Allan) Perley Family Scholarship Fund will serve as a living and loving tribute – not only to Allan – but to all Perley family members." Their *community involvement* and personal accomplishments will be commemorated by helping needy and deserving students fulfill their educational goals." With **Suzanne Perley's** passing (1952-2020) this year, that family tradition continues. She dedicated most of her life to community service. She worked for a senator and for governors, served as a councilwoman and a member of the ZBA in NY, and served on the Board of the YMCA as well. She gave time to the benefit of a children's home and a hospital. Coming to Laconia in 2006, Suzanne continued the life of service to her new community with her involvement in the ZBA for Belknap County, the WOW trail and the Lake Opechee Preservation Association. One of her major personal loves and pleasures was gardening. She was active in the Essex County Adirondack Garden Club, the Garden Club of America in NY, and in Laconia, she was a very active member of the Opechee Garden Club. Suzanne will now continue to serve others through the many donations made in her name.



**Kevin Sullivan Memorial Scholarship-(1954-2020)** A lifelong Laconian, Kevin attended St. John's School, (now Holy Trinity School) and graduated from Laconia High School in 1972, followed by Plymouth State College in 1976. In 1979 he purchased Melnick's Shoe Store, where he had worked since he was fourteen. Kevin grew it to be one of the most successful owner/operator retail stores in the state. In 2007 he sold the store, which became Bootleggers, and began a second career in commercial real estate, working for the Steve Weeks Agency. He married his wife of 43 years, Karen, in 1977, and they raised three daughters. Karen would tease Kevin that he had only lived within a one half mile radius his entire life, moving from Whipple Ave, to Winnicoash St. to Holman St. to Shore Drive. He was a devoted husband and father, whose greatest love was his family. An avid golfer, he served as president of the Laconia Country Club from 1994-1995. He loved driving his boat on Lake Winnisquam, skiing at Gunstock, gardening, animals and everything about Christmas. He was a people person "who treated everyone with respect and was blessed with many friends. His broad smile, quick wit and infectious laugh filled every room he entered. He was one of a Kind and the lives of all who knew him were forever enriched because he was a part of it."

**The Following Funds Celebrated Benchmark Anniversaries in 2020—We are Honored to Recognize them.**

**2015- 5 Years**

**AAVID Thermalloy, LLC Scholarship in Honor of Fred Payne-**Aavid, a thermal division of the Boyd Corporation, a values-based company, which has been successfully delivering engineering excellence since its founding in 1964, has consistently outperformed its industry peers supporting sustainability. One of Aavid's seven core values is "Making a Difference" effecting positive change while supporting our local communities. They are pleased to partner with the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation to honor the memory of Fred Payne, by helping a local student, seeking higher education within the engineering field. Fred worked at Aavid for 40 years. He was a Master Toolmaker, designing hundreds of Aavid's tools. He was also a Vietnam Army veteran, devoted to his church and dedicated to youngsters through scouting, robotics and other youth activities.

**John H. Bancroft, Sr. Memorial** commemorates a humble, hardworking man, who would not flaunt his professional achievements or personal altruism. John (1930-2015) started as a printer at 15 years old and served his country in the US Navy. As owner-president of J & J Printing, John was recognized in the printing industry in 2001 with the Benjamin Franklin Award for his work ethic and his honesty as an individual and a businessman. He and his wife, Carolyn, also raised and trained Doberman pinschers, in particular as therapy dogs. In 2009, John also received the Chamber of Commerce James Irwin Award but he was probably most valued as a friend, for his spirit of giving & his kindness.

**Elizabeth Gagne Award** was established to help local students who are struggling financially and may not otherwise find the means to fulfill their educational goals through conventional scholarships or funding sources. Students who wish to pursue a degree or certificate in the technical or vocational trades, including adults and second career students, regardless of their academic standings in the past, are encouraged to apply.

**Lakes Region Builders and Remodelers Association** offers scholarship awards for students considering a future in one of the following careers, with plans to further his/her education beyond high school in one of these fields: Carpentry, Construction Management, Interior Design, Electrical, Construction Excavation, Plumbing, Architecture, Structural Engineering, HVAC, Drafting, Landscape Architecture, Landscaping. Separately, they also offer a **Golden Hammer Award** for tools of the trade.

**Neil Raymond Noyes, Sr. Memorial**-A veteran of the Korean War, Neil Noyes epitomized the Yankee tradition. A beloved husband, father and grandfather and a staunch Christian, he also served his country and community. He was hard working and yet he was fun-loving and humorous; thrifty and yet generous to others; occasionally opinionated and yet easy-going. Since he loved the outdoors and gardening, it is fitting that this scholarship will help students pursuing their education and career goals in the environment field: agriculture, conservation, natural resources, ecology, etc.

**Christine F. & Wallace A. Peebles Memorial**-A substantial bequest from Mrs. Peebles established this fund in memory of herself and her husband. Mrs. Peebles had shown an interest in LRSF over the years. She was proud of the fact that her father, Harry Farrar, and his classmates from Laconia High School Class of 1910, established the first permanent scholarship fund on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Mrs. Peebles was a graduate of the LHS class of 1934 and later attended Concord Business School. Both Mrs. Peebles (1916-2015) and Mr. Peebles (1897-1976) worked in the business field.

**Leo & Polly Sanfacon Family Fund**- Polly (1932-2015) touched the lives of many people in the Lakes Region through her many faceted roles. She was the loving wife to Dr. Leo Sanfacon, a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. As a professional person, she worked for the Gilford Library and later as a paralegal. She volunteered countless hours serving on the Gilford Fire Station Building Committee, the Gilford Budget Committee, the GMHS Building Committee and as a Gilford Trustee. She was an avid reader and loved music. Leo, a dentist, beloved by many and a well-known member of the community is retired now but was also an active member of the LRSF Board for over a decade, serving as vice pres. and then president in 1980-1981.

**Robert P. Tilton and Richard G. Tilton Memorial**-Lifelong residents of the City of Laconia, graduates of Laconia High School, students at the University of New Hampshire and graduates of Boston University Law School, Richard G and Robert P Tilton both served in the Army Air Force during World War II and both were well-respected for their years of service to this community. The Tilton family, owners of *Resort on the Bay*, created and maintain this scholarship in honor of Richard, who was a judge until his death in 1977 and Robert, who retired as Belknap County Clerk of the Superior Court in 1987.

#### 2010—10 Years

**Bissonnette Family Memorial** was originally established in honor of Ralph Bissonnette (1923-2010), a decorated WWII veteran, who was active in many civic, professional, and religious organizations throughout his life. This scholarship rewards community involvement and encourages the development of future leaders, as a fitting tribute to Ralph and the Bissonnette family, who all believe in service to others.

**George & Beryl Boisvert Award** is funded by their daughter, Rita King, in recognition of her parents' support and encouragement of her college education, as well as her two sisters. Rita and her sisters were also recipients of LRSF awards.

**Dr. Mark H. Engelhardt** (1969-2010) was a Gilford High School graduate. He completed his undergraduate degree in Business Administration at UNH, and then pursued his lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian by attending Michigan State and graduating as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1997. He and his wife co-founded the Chelmsford Animal Hospital. To perpetuate Mark's dedication to his profession and caring for animals, his parents established a scholarship fund to help local students pursue their studies in the field of veterinary medicine.

**Lucille & George Guild Memorial**-Both Mr. & Mrs. Guild were interested in helping local students further their post-secondary education. Lucille (1924-2010) was also an avid animal lover and enjoyed antiques. During his tenure as president of Allen-Rogers, George (1919-1997) was involved with the LRSF as their company's scholarship representative. This permanent scholarship fund was established through a generous bequest from Mrs. Guild's estate. Funds were also set aside to benefit the operating fund of the Scholarship Foundation.

**Aaron Risley Memorial Scholarship** -At age 17, Aaron Risley was just beginning his freshmen year at the Whittemore School of Business at UNH while working as a systems administrator and webmaster for Heart of New Hampshire magazine, when a tragic car accident on March 23, 2005 claimed his short, albeit full and accomplished, life. Aaron was known for his gift of technology, largely because of his apparent intelligence, but he wasn't just about computers and technology." He had a great sense of humor and a winning smile. Among many of Aaron's passions, he owned and operated two computer companies specializing in software programming and print design solutions and he also taught classes in web design at the Laconia Adult Education Center. Aaron was a beautiful son and special young man who inspired many to strive to be better, but never forget what truly matters.

**Wilderness Youth Scholarship Fund** – In the 1950's a group of local men acquired 105 acres in Gilmanton. They formed a non-profit group dedicated to providing outdoor learning experiences for the area's youth groups. In 2005, the parcel was sold and the proceeds provided scholarship funds for Lakes Region youth who intend to pursue an education and future career in conservation, natural resources, ecology and/or environmental studies.

#### 2005—15 Years

**Bernard C. "Archie" Archambault Memorial** (1934-2005)-Because of family commitments, "Archie" sacrificed his dream of becoming a commercial artist. Although he enjoyed oil painting as a hobby throughout his life, his creative potential as an artist was largely unrealized. This memorial scholarship fund is intended to help students in the pursuit of their education in the visual and performing arts.

**Belmont Conservation Commission Award in Memory of Jeffrey A. Marden**-Since 2005 the BCC has donated scholarship funds for Belmont High students demonstrating a sincere interest in the areas of conservation, natural resources, ecology, and/or the environment. Jeff Marden (1965-2007) was an exceptional young man, who channeled physical adversity and personal loss by helping others. He also had a passion for the preservation of the community he loved and served.

**Jeanne P. Calvin Memorial**-As a past recipient, Dr. Richard Calvin is "paying forward" the help he was given through LRSF by creating a living tribute to his mother, whose example of love and strength helped him and his four siblings fulfill their education goals in the face of daunting challenges.

**Dr. Joseph W. Gage Memorial**- The simple, yet impressive fact that Dr. Gage (1927-2005) practiced dentistry for 50 years doesn't begin to reveal his countless achievements and contributions. He was an unpretentious, caring person dedicated to family, profession, patients and the community.

**John F. Mullen Memorial**-This exceptional young man lost his life in a white-water kayaking accident in July of 2005. John or "Jay" as his family knew him, was happiest when he was on the water or in the mountains. Once a week he brought his experiences inside and wrote about them in the sports section of the Washington Post, where he also worked full time as a copy editor. In recognition of John's profession, recipients are selected through an essay competition.

### Closing Thoughts from Retiring Trustee: Kevin Dunleavy



It has been an honor and a tremendously rewarding experience serving on the Board of Trustees of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. When I was approached to serve on the Board, I thought it would be a great opportunity to give back to the organization that graciously helped me achieve my educational goals. I came to learn that the Foundation provides far more than just financial support to students looking to further their education. The Foundation helps open doors for aspiring doctors, plumbers, nurses, engineers, teachers, computer programmers and beyond when financial challenges exist. I also learned that the Foundation is blessed with a devoted group of staff and volunteers that keep it operating at a high level year after year. We are so fortunate to have such far reaching community support for our organization so that it may continue to provide assistance well into the future. I will miss learning about the many students, their varied interests, passions, challenges, and successes as they reach for their dreams. I would like to thank the Foundation staff, volunteers, and fellow board members for their dedication and passion while accomplishing the mission of the Foundation. Finally, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the many past, present and future donors who exude the true community spirit that fuels the success of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of a great organization!

#### 2005—15 Years Cont'd

**Jane North Memorial**—The eldest of 7 children, despite her excellent grades in high school, Jane never had an opportunity to attend college for financial reasons. Her family wishes to give others the financial help and personal recognition that Jane never received.

**Everett J. Sanborn, Sr. & Viola F. Sanborn Memorial** was established by a gift from Richard E. Sanborn in loving memory of his parents, this fund honors these long-time residents of Gilford. Although Everett & Viola Sanborn never had much in the way of worldly possessions, they gave to their children the precious gift of a loving home atmosphere, and enjoyment of family activities, a strong work ethic, and appreciation for a down-to-earth lifestyle.

#### 2000—20 Years

**Lochmere Community Association** disbanded in 2000 and voted to turn over the proceeds of its treasury to the LRSF to establish an endowment fund to benefit Lochmere students graduating from Winnisquam Regional High School and Belmont High School.

**Mary Morrison Memorial Fund**—As a widowed mother of four children under 15, Mary (1913-2000) instilled in her children a strong work ethic, resourcefulness, and a high regard for education. She was employed for 63 years as a factory worker in the Lakes Region. It was typical of her ... right up to the very end of her life ... that she wanted to help a kid that deserves a chance at higher education. Donations have also been in memory of her daughter, Medona, son Zane Gray "Zeke" and with most recently with the passing of her daughter, Mary VanderNoot.

**Katherine Reardon Math Award**—It is always heartwarming when students give their teachers the recognition they deserve, especially during their lifetime, when they can appreciate it. Since 2000, Lynne Gozonsky Hodgman has been honoring her former math teacher and career role model, Kay Reardon, who retired as head of the LHS math department in 1991.

#### 1995—25 Years

**James R. Cooper Quality Assurance Memorial**—Jim Cooper (1935-1995), founder of Cooper Products, Inc. along with his wife Dorothy made a positive impact on the Lakes Region. This fund perpetuates his work ethic, personal principles, and altruistic deeds.

**Martha Virginia Wood Guild Memorial**—Ginny Guild (1940-1995) was a professional model, who was featured as a "Breck Girl" in a 1963 national magazine. However, she would be most proud to be remembered as a dedicated wife and mother, who was also a strong supporter of her community and school district.

**Arthur W. "BoBo" Johnson, Jr. Memorial** was donated by Mrs. Johnson in 1996 to commemorate her husband (1923-1995) a US Army Veteran, who had served in WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam. As a Russian linguist, most of his career years were spent in intelligence. A Laconia High School graduate, class of 1941, he was well respected for his scholastic and athletic achievements, particular on the football field.

**Arline Gifford "Piff" Kelley Memorial**—Through a generous bequest, James Kelley chose to honor his wife, and the profession to which she dedicated her life, by helping nursing students or those in health related majors. Mrs. Arline "Piff" Kelley (1924-1995) was a highly regarded nurse and longtime Red Cross volunteer.

**Bert & Anita Morin Family Fund**—Bert & Anita Morin worked as a team for the betterment of their community, church, children and family. Their work ethics were admirable and their belief in God, kids, and education was uppermost to both of them. Mr. Morin (1915 – 1995) was known as "Coach" to the youngsters he trained and inspired over the years in basketball, baseball, football or scouting. Throughout their 57 years of marriage, Mrs. Morin (1919 – 2011) was a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of her husband's volunteer work and gave much of her own time to help as well. The family suffered another loss with the passing of Claire Morin Dachowski last year. Claire had been a faithful supporter of this family fund and of the foundation for many years.

**James G. & Evangeline C. Nocas Memorial** began as a tribute to Mr. & Mrs. Nocas in 1995 on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Jim and Eva Nocas were a living testament to the importance of furthering the education of youths and they were delighted with the surprise gift of this meaningful fund, which would perpetuate their life mission. This fund was subsequently increased with memorial offerings when Mr. Nocas died in 1998 and Mrs. Nocas in 2001.

**Michael S. & Judi L. Tucker Memorial** - Mike, a gregarious, hard-working U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, Mike died on July 30, 1995. He was an inveterate reader and a lifelong learner with a strong commitment to higher education. Subsequent donations in memory of other family members have been made to Mike's fund over the years. Sadly, his widow's name was added to the fund, when she lost her fiercely-fought battle with cancer. **Judi Tucker** (1946-2018) had retired in 2012 after a 39-year career in banking. Over the years, she was actively involved with many civic and cancer-related organizations and also served LRSF as trustee, vice-president and president. In addition to substantial additions received in Judi's name, several other family members have been commemorated through this fund. In particular, Mike's parents Ralph Tucker (1924-2006) and Virginia "Ginny" Tucker (1926-2018).

#### 1990-30 years

**Betsy Achber-Raymond Memorial Fund**— (1952-1990) Betsy was a well respected business woman, who was admired for her personal courage and commitment to achieving her life goals. This fund was established by family, friends and associates.

**J. Bart & Theresa Conners Fund** was first set up with a generous donation from the Lakes Region Board of Petroleum Trade in 1990 to honor the incomparable Bart and his supportive wife, Theresa, and to recognize their dedicated and enthusiastic service to this community.

**Burton & Dorothy Kellogg Fund** was donated by Mrs. Kellogg in 1990 as a commitment to the community where the Kellogg family spent so many vacations and retirement years, and to promote the educational future of Lakes Region students.

**Mark D. Moses Memorial**— A native of Sanbornton, Mark Moses (1955-1990), obtained his engineering degree from the N.H. Vocational Institute and was employed as lead engineer by Davidson Textron in Athens, Tenn. His engineering and managerial skills earned him respect and admiration in the industry. Others to further their education. He never looked down on others—all he asked was to do the best they could. Family and friends felt that a scholarship would be a good way to carry on Mark's name and his values. When Mark's mother, Josie, died in 2004 and his father, Donald in 2008, donations were also received in their memory to increase their son's memorial fund.

### 1990—30 years (cont'd)

**George H. "Cy" Philbrook & Barbara E. Philbrook Nursing Scholarship in Memory of Lillias Watson Philbrook** – In 1990, Cy & Barbara Philbrook established this fund in memory of his first wife, Lillias, who was also Barbara's close friend, as a tribute to Lillias and the nursing profession. Barbara & Cy also exemplified their own dedication to helping others, which they demonstrated as volunteers at the Lake Region General Hospital, Lakes Region Community Health and Hospice and the St. Francis Home. Barbara also loved working with the children at Holy Trinity School as a foster grandmother.

**Edmond P. & Lillian M. Roucher & Claire Roux Nursing Memorial** is a tribute to Mr. & Mrs. Roucher and their daughter, Claire. Since 1990 this fund has helped nursing students fulfill their education.

**Marilyn Martone Santaniello Memorial**-Mrs. Santaniello (1944-1990) dedicated her time and talents to helping others, especially the youth at Our Lady of the Lakes parish. It is well known that Marilyn did not want her passing to be marked by symbols of doom or despair. Rather, she wished to leave a legacy encouraging us to live each day allotted to us with a smile, with a hope of finding something special to enhance the quality of life no matter in how fragile a state we might find ourselves.

**B. Charles Smith II Memorial** – In his few years, Charlie Smith (1968-1990), who lost his life in a construction accident, won the love and admiration of all who knew him. His friendly nature and generous spirit warmed not only family, friends, and co-workers, but even recent acquaintances. His skills and dedication to his profession earned him the respect of his fellow workers and clients.

**Joan B. Squires Memorial** – Admired as a talented and gracious lady, loved and esteemed by all who knew her, and remembered as a generous and caring citizen, Joan Squires (1942-1990) had been an instructor of science education at Plymouth State College and was actively involved in all aspects of science, education and many community programs. Additional funds were added to the endowment upon the death of her husband, Dr. Chad Squires, in April of 2018. The community responded very generously in remembrance of this "small town doctor" who came to the community in 1972 and served at the Laconia Clinic and Lakes Region General Hospital for 30 years.

**Christopher John Stitt Memorial**-Chris (1971-1990), was a kind-hearted, likeable young man, who had so much to offer life. He will never be forgotten by all who loved him dearly. This year, as we recognize the 30th anniversary of his passing. His grandmother, **Ruth Cormier** (1927-2020) joined Christopher in Heaven this year and many donations came in to add to the fund with her passing. Ruth was a loving wife, mother and grandmother: the beloved Meme of 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren. She worked for the Belknap County Finance Dept. for many years, retiring from the department in the mid 1980's. She enjoyed spending time at the lake with family, swimming, fishing, golfing, and playing cards. Ruth was a talented artist, whose artwork is treasured by her family.



**Stover Family Memorial** was established by Herbert "Smokey" Stover in 1990 to commemorate his family and help Lakes Region engineering students. Mr. Stover (1925-2013) was a WWII Navy aviation electrician's mate. After his discharge in 1946, he graduated from Columbia University. He was then hired by Eastern Air Lines and served in various capacities for 37 years finishing his career as #1 senior captain.

### 1985-35 years

**Vincent C. Ladd Memorial**-The son of Keith and Etta Ladd, Vincent (1967-1985) a happy, loving, courageous young man, with a real sense of humor. He grew up in Belmont, attended Belmont High School and died of a brain tumor during his junior year. Vincent sang in the BHS chorus. 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. People said of him, that he always tried to make a person's day brighter with a smile that lit up a room.

### 1980-40 years

**John Healey Memorial** commemorates this highly-regarded and well-liked young man, whose untimely death in 1980 robbed him of the opportunity of fulfilling his goal to attend the University of New Haven. As a fitting tribute to both John and his mother, Glenna Healey, additional gifts were received when she died in March 2012.



**Kimberly Jean Morin Memorial**-This beautiful, dynamic young woman lost her life on December 8, 1980. During her brief life, she had won the hearts of all who knew her. Her giving spirit lives on by helping others. The fund has also grown through additional offerings in memory of her paternal grandmother, Leda Morin; maternal grandfather, Richard Lakeman; uncle, David, maternal grandmother, Dorothy Lakeman & cousins, Diane & Patrick Dunleavy (Diane and Patrick were Board member, Kevin Dunleavy's parents) and then with the passing of her dad, Don Morin (1934-2017). Don was a well-respected businessman, who was dedicated to his family, his country, his community and his church. This year the fund was increased with donations in memory of **Ron Morin (1934-2020)**, Kimberly's uncle. Ron, graduated from Laconia High School and then served in the US Navy from 1952-1956. He joined the family business, JJ Morin Plumbing, where he worked with his brother Don until they retired after 45 years. After retirement Ron became a sheriff and worked as a Deputy for the court in Carroll County. Ron enjoyed hunting with close friends and family, as well as deep sea fishing with his twin brother Don. He also enjoyed trap shooting with his friend, Kevin.

### 1975 — 45 years

**Lela Lancaster Trust** was established in 1975 through a bequest from Mrs. Lancaster, who wished to have her hard-earned money help young men and women reach goals of higher education. This unpretentious Gilford woman left a generous legacy of caring in this community.

### 1970— 50 years

**Gilmanton PTA**– The Gilmanton Parent Teachers Organization has benefited Gilmanton residents with scholarships since 1970. They established an endowment fund in 1986 to ensure the perpetuation of their support. The award is given to a graduating GHS senior from Gilmanton.

**George F. Mohle Memorial Nursing Award**-George passed away in 1970 and in 1971 Mrs. Belva Mohle established a scholarship fund for Belmont High School students in loving memory of her husband and as a tribute to the nurses who cared for him during his illness. Prior to her death in 2006, Mrs. Mohle substantially increased this endowment fund.

**Michael Murray Memorial**- Michael (1952-1970) would have been a member of the Belmont High School graduating class of 1971. His untimely death in 1970 was a horrific loss to family, friends, and community. When his father died in 2010, additional gifts were made in his memory honoring Martin's many years of service to his country and his community. Additional donations were made with the passing of Mary (Tuttle) Murray (1931-2018) a member of the LHS Class of 1950.

### 1965— 55 years

**Alcide O. Cormier Family Memorial**-When the Cormier Hosiery Mill owner died in 1965, his good friend and business partner, Sam Kay, established this fund to commemorate Mr. Cormier's (1897-1965) life and deeds. His son Odilon (1927-2015) substantially increased this original fund in honor of his father and expanded the designation to commemorate all members of the A.O.Cormier family, including Ody's wife Monique (1927-2012).

**And Then There Was YOU... A Message from Joan Cormier, Advisory Director and former Executive Director**  
 Paulette Loughlin first became involved with the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation in 2006, in her role as the dictatorial Sister Mary Scholastica, leading the Holy Trinity adult spelling team, which won first place that year and continued to compete in subsequent years. In 2008, we enticed Paulette to join the LRSF board of trustees, and soon learned that she was a definite asset and a valuable resource for our organization, especially with her experience as an educator and her involvement in so many other community programs. Then in 2010, she agreed to "ascend the chairs" and become Vice President of LRSF and then continued as President in 2012. During her presidency, she became more intimately involved in the operations of LRSF and often volunteered her time for special projects. She was a tremendous asset, helping to compose, edit, assemble newsletters, promotional material and assumed other clerical tasks that needed to be done.



In 2015, when the foundation was searching for someone to train as an Assistant Director, with the goal of taking over as Executive Director, Paulette again stepped up to the plate and assume more responsibility. The board was delighted since she already had so many years of experience with LRSF and its operations and she started as Assistant Director in January of 2016.

As Executive Director since January 2018, Paulette has admirably carried the torch and brightened its glow in the community. And, most important, she ensured the future of LRSF by hiring and training her replacement and support staff. Thank you, Paulette, for your many years of service to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

**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 1959, 1960 and 1965.**

**Laconia Class of 1959**—This year the LHS Class of 1959 joined the LRSF family of donors. This class will be remembered for several outstanding students: their achievements included a nationally ranked debate and public speaking team, a state championship baseball team and ski team and a ski jumper who attended the University of Colorado and was selected for the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. These are but a few of the achievements of the members of this class. Overall, it has been said that the members of the Class of 1959 were successful in life. Their class gift to the community is the donation of this scholarship to LRSF.

**Laconia High School Class of 1960**— This past year, the members of the LHS Class of 1960 marked the 60th anniversary of their graduation. How the members of the LHS Class of 1960 have channeled a series of tragic events and untimely losses to help the youth of their community is inspiring. In 1967 Bruce Shaw and others began collecting donations for a Class of 1960 scholarship fund in memory of those classmates lost in Vietnam in particular and any other classmates who had passed on. This fund remained under his guidance until his passing in 1990. Then in 2010 the 50th reunion committee voted to turn over the balance of their scholarship funds to LRSF to establish an endowment and invited their classmates to continue their support with additional donations. Through this scholarship fund, the LHS Class of 1960 extends its legacy to the community and honors the memory of their deceased classmates.

**Laconia High School Class of 1965**—2020 marks the 55th anniversary of the graduation of the LHS Class of 1965. This class donated scholarships in celebration of their 10th and 25th class reunions and then for their 40th gathering, they began raising funds to establish a permanent, on-going fund with LRSF. Many donations have been made over the years in memory of lost classmates. For their 50th reunion, the class initiated another scholarship fundraiser and added a substantial amount to the LHS Class of 1965 Endowment. This class is still filled with Sachem Pride.

**Don't be Fooled! Applications are due by April 1st!**



Remember, **LRSF applications are available online as of January 15, 2021 via our website at: [Irscholarship.org](http://Irscholarship.org).** You can either fill them out on line and email them to us, OR print out a copy and mail them. **The final deadline for filing an application is Thursday, April 1, 2021.**

We have a few unique scholarships that are exceptions to our usual application process. Each of these has a separate application to be filed with us...some with the LRSF and some do not require it. Check our website for more specific details. The first is the **Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarship**-his is available to high school seniors planning on majoring in art related fields; the **John F. Mullen Memorial Essay Competition award** which requires students to write an essay that

describes an experience that has made a difference in their life, with an emphasis on a change in attitude, behavior or ambition; **The Stockwell Scholarship** is also an essay competition, focusing on Patriotism, open to students from Gilmanton, NH; the **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 field.

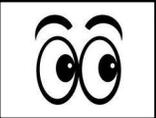
**Watch for our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest in October 2021. More details to follow later this year!**

AND

**The 2021 Annual Community Spelling Bee is tentatively planned for Thursday, October 21st at the LHS Auditorium.**

**A possible LRSF Night at Fratello's in the spring. Watch for information on our Facebook page and on our website.**

**Our 20th Annual Community Spelling Bee**



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