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2023 Anniversaries Newsletter

January

A Message from our President



A very Happy New Year to you all! Welcome to our new Anniversaries Newsletter! We thought we'd try something different this year and honor those funds that are celebrating benchmark anniversaries at the beginning of the year instead of at the end of the year. We are always looking for ways to improve, and hopefully this is one of them.

This past December we again sponsored a Christmas Tree in Rotary Park in Downtown Laconia for Celebrate Laconia's 3rd Annual Laconia Lights Festival. Hopefully you were able to enjoy the beautiful downtown display!

Our 2023-2024 scholarship season is now in full swing! Karen and Chris have been holding informational sessions and launch of our new application, at the area high schools, as well as having a session at the Belknap Mill!

This month we sadly say goodbye and an enormous, heartfelt thank you to our treasurer, James Waldron, who has completed his nine years on our board. That said, we welcome our newest board member, Laura Larson. We know Laura will be an asset to our board of directors. It is my sincere hope the new year brings you all good health, peace and purpose!

A Thank You Message from Retiring Trustee, James Waldron

When you get the call from Joan Cormier, for whatever reason, it's impossible to say no...Joan, thank you for calling. It's been my pleasure and an honor to serve as a board member and Treasurer for such a special organization. We, in the Lakes Region, are fortunate to have this community asset to help promote opportunities for higher education. First, I would like to thank the Donors for their support without which there would be no Foundation. Second, thank you to my fellow board members and volunteers for your continuing dedication to fulfilling the Foundation's mission and purpose. Third, thank you Joan, Paulette, Karen and staff for your professionalism, attention to detail and positive attitudes, you made my tasks as Treasurer much more enjoyable. Finally, thank you Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation for providing scholarships to those who seek to better themselves through knowledge.

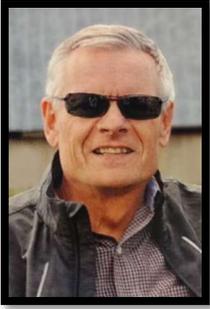
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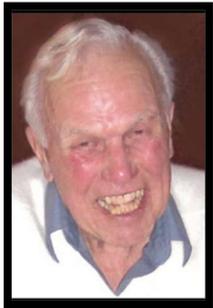
Plans are underway to hold our annual LRSF Benefit Night at Fratello's on Wednesday, March 8th from 4:00pm to closing. If you attend, please make sure to mention that you are there that night to support LRSF, and Fratello's will donate 25% of the food portion of the bill to LRSF. Please note that this also includes any takeout orders between those hours. We will also be holding the live drawings for our annual Winter Blues Raffle! Tickets can be purchase on our website.



New Funds, Memorials or Additions to Already Established Funds that occurred in December of 2022, after the Year End Issue was published



John M Egan Memorial - (5/5/1954 - 5/11/2022) Born in Beverly MA. John excelled at Hockey, Football and Baseball, in high school. He attended Northeastern University, Boston MA and graduated with a Criminal Justice major. He moved to Meredith NH where he met his wife and best friend, Dawn. They went on to raise a family; Son John Patrick "JP" and Daughter Jackie Egan. He was a proud Dad, and sports coach to their various teams. John's career at MPD was as an Officer, Juvenile Officer, and the first DARE Officer, the department's District Court Prosecutor, Firearms Instructor and Detective Sergeant. After 24 years, retiring from MPD, he went on to help start the Belknap County Restorative Justice Program, where he acted as Community Service Coordinator for ten years. He also worked for the Belknap County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy assigned to the Superior Court. He was a mentor to so many people. He will be remembered as a kind, friendly Police Officer with a strong sense of Community.



N. Richard & Betty Persons Memorial - Dick (1928 - 2021) and Betty (1930 - 2014) were both lifetime residents of the Lakes Region. They met while attending Laconia High School, with Dick graduating one year before Betty. They were married soon after graduation. Dick was the owner and president of Persons Concrete for 37 years. They both enjoyed playing tennis, skiing, and traveling around the world. Dick also enjoyed landscaping, building stone walls, and spending time with his beloved Toy Poodle, Tar. Since the late 1980's for over 20 years, Dick and Betty built walking trails on their property that is now known as Ramblin Vewe Farms. Betty, along with caring for her sheep, enjoyed walking these wooded trails that she and her husband built for the community. After Betty's passing in 2014, Dick continued working on these trails, even adding biking trails. They were both instrumental in the planning and funding of the Gilford Public Library. It was Betty's desire to have a beautiful



new library for the young and old in our community.

The Following Funds Will Celebrate Benchmark Anniversaries in 2023 – We Are Honored to Recognize Them:

5 Years (2018)

Armand A. Bolduc Memorial Scholarship - was established by his family in 2018 through contributions from family, friends, neighbors and citizens of Laconia. Armand lived his entire life as a resident of the Lakes Region graduating from Laconia High School in 1958. He had a diverse career, farmer, National Guardsman, engraver as well as working for Laconia and Gove Electric and Trustworthy Hardware. But more than these job descriptions, Armand was “a pillar of the community” serving over 34 years as a city councilman, mayor, one of the founders of the LR Wavemakers, coordinated the Native American sculpture at Opechee Park, co-chaired Christmas Village, was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, and incorporator of Lakes Region General Hospital and many other endeavors. He received a number of civic awards as well. This scholarship is intended to help a Laconia High School student who demonstrates athletic excellence, social responsibility and academic excellence.

John Bolduc Memorial Art Award - This memorial was established by family and friends, and through the generosity of the Caldwell Banker Real Estate Brokerage firm in Laconia a few months after his passing in May of 2018. John was born in Laconia as the youngest child of Norman & Cecile (Simoneau) Bolduc. He grew up in Belmont and graduated from Belmont High School in 1981. As soon as he could hold a pencil, he began drawing and his beautifully intricate landscapes and portraits are pieces of art treasured by family and friends. Not only was John a talented artist, but he was also a natural musician. He spent several years as a drummer with a number of local bands. As the youngest child and “baby” brother, John’s bright smile and wonderful sense of humor brought great joy to his family. His siblings will always remember him as a gentle soul with a huge heart and his warm, amiable nature made him a favorite among his nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

The Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club Scholarship in memory of Gerard R. “Snake” Lussier Jr. - The Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club was founded in January 2015. Their mission is to promote motorcycle activities (especially those associated with veterans), and create and maintain camaraderie among veterans from all branches of the U.S. armed forces and its allies. They support veteran organizations and work to assist veterans and their families in need whenever and wherever possible. Gerard “Snake” Lussier (1949-2013) was a Vietnam Veteran Combat Engineer with the U.S. Army, and a true brother to the Combat Warriors Motorcycle Club. He was a top notch Harley mechanic who knew every bolt on his 72 Harley Davidson shovelhead, which he rode and maintained for over 35 years. Snake was an old school "Easy Rider" style biker who would rather sleep out under the stars with his bike than in some stuffy motel room. He believed windshields were made for cars and motorcycle saddlebags were made for hauling tools. He was a devoted father, grandfather and brother to many. He was always willing to pick up a wrench and fix any mechanical failure that came his way, be it for a friend or stranded stranger alike.

April deSousa Scholarship Fund - established in April's memory by her brother, Wesley deSousa. April was a graduate of Winnisquam Regional High School along with her husband and siblings and then her children. She had a passion for theatre and music and she loved to sing. The scholarship award was established to commemorate her and those wonderful things that she did during her life. Through this scholarship in her memory, a deserving graduating senior from Winnisquam Regional who intends to pursue a degree in music, theater or some other related field will get a helping hand.

Red Dunn Memorial Scholarship - Red Dunn was an A2C US Air Force veteran of World War II and Korea. He came here from Vermont in the early 50's and started a very successful paving company for over 30 years. He took an active interest in his community and even ran for mayor at one point. Although Red made several contributions to the city, he will be especially remembered for his generosity and kindness to his fellow man. Stories from local residents range from making sure families had a Christmas tree at Christmas time to giving out ice cream to local neighborhood kids on a regular basis. He was a staple in the local parades and made them enjoyable for all with his hard hat and microphone. He made the events special for children by handing out candy. There are many more stories to tell, and so many show that Red gave a helping hand when it was needed. Red enjoyed the spotlight and would've enjoyed knowing that he was being remembered even so many years after his death. Red's family set up this fund in his memory. They would like to continue Red's mission of giving back to the community, as well to share his positive contributions to his community for many years to come.

Joseph "Ted" Hamelin Memorial - Ted, who passed away in 2018, was a kind, respected, and well-liked gentleman. He worked for Scott & Williams, the Laconia School system, Laconia People's National Bank and the Sheriff's Department. He was proud to be a 60-year member of the American Legion Post 1, Laconia Country Club, Sampson Air Force Veterans Association, and Bank of NH Prestige Club. He loved golfing, meeting people and traveling, but his real passion was his wife and family.

Lillian Krasnow Trust - Ms. Lillian Krasnow passed away in San Carlos, California in March of 2017. Lillian spent most of her adult life away from New Hampshire and the Lakes Region. Despite this, she never forgot her strong ties to the Lakes Region! Lillian was born and raised in New Hampshire, graduated from nursing school and worked on the east coast prior to moving to California. She had a fulfilling career at USCF Langley Porter as a psychiatric nurse and was an Air Force Flight nurse reservist, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

John Rogers Scholarship Fund - John Rogers is a native of Gilford, NH and grew up on a dairy farm known as Wild Acres. He is a member of the LHS class of 1966 and the UNH class of 1971 with a degree in Hotel Administration. John followed a varied career path including managing UNH dining services, real estate work in Northern NH, owning and operating the first Organic Apple Orchard in NH at Sunny Brook Farm and managing land investments in Gilford. John has also been very active in community service. He was an incorporator of New Hampshire Charitable and a board member of Genesis Behavioral. He also volunteered with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, something near and dear to his grandfather Mr. James P. Rogers. Mr. Rogers is currently the Acting Director of the Laconia Area Bicycle Exchange. In recognition of all of his service to the community, John received the "Spirit of New Hampshire Volunteer Award" in 2018.

Leo & Polly Sanfacon Family Fund Memorial Scholarship— was established in 2018 in loving memory by her husband, Dr. Leo Sanfacon (a former LRSF trustee and Board president). Polly (1932-2015) touched the lives of many people in the Lakes Region through her many faceted roles. 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. Dr. Leo Sanfacon passed away in September, 2022. Leo was born in 1931, in Rochester, NH. After serving four years in the United States Air Force, he attended the University of New Hampshire and Tufts Dental School. Leo practiced dentistry in Laconia for 40 years. His commitment to excellence led him to help establish a dental study club with three other dentists who became some of his dearest friends. Leo resided in Gilford for over 55 years and was involved with many segments of the Gilford and Laconia communities. An avid sailor, Leo enjoyed the comradery and many roles he held with the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club. Leo was most passionate about his work to improve the lives of children and youth of Belknap County. He became involved with several organizations as a leader and volunteer, including the Teen Court Program, Juvenile Justice Initiative and Restorative Justice program, CASA, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Smith Orchard Agricultural Scholarship - Family and friends started this fund in memory of Rob Richter, upon his passing on August 4, 2018. Rob was born on May 14, 1945 in Medford, MA. Rob graduated from Norwich University served in the United States Army and was a member of the Army Reserves. He lived with his family in Maine and in Easton and Franconia, before settling in Laconia and then Belmont, New Hampshire. Rob liked a challenge and together he and his wife, Wende, purchased Quik Laundry and Dry Cleaners in 1983. This was not his real vocation however. Back in 1974, Rob ran his first Apple Orchard in Madison, Maine and fell in love with farming and T-shirts and blue jeans, so in 1986 he bought the Smith Apple Orchard in Belmont. Rob loved tinkering with his tractors, working on antique cars and celebrating with his family and friends. He was devoted to his wife, Wende and to their family.

10 Years (2013)

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. These same people were the ones who made this scholarship available in loving memory of Sylvia to help students further their vocational education in her honor.

Harry & Nancy Bryant Memorial - was established through donations by their daughters in loving memory of their parents. Both Harry and Nancy were well respected in the community and known for their commitment to family, friends and neighbors. Harry Bryant, (1926-2013) president of Head's Electric for 57 years, was a World War II veteran, who proudly served our country for thirty-five years, retiring as Lt. Colonel. Nancy Bryant (deceased in 2010) was an educator, a school board member, and zealously involved in promoting educational opportunities and many other worthwhile community programs.

Kacy H. Burdett Memorial - (1983-2002) is a tribute to this young woman who died in a car accident after her freshman year at Syracuse University. In 2013, Kacy's cousins, who initiated this award as a thoughtful Christmas gift to Kacy's parents said this about their cousin: "Although Kacy's time with us was short, she certainly made an impact on our family and everyone around her. It was a life well-lived and well-loved. Kacy was compassionate, fun-loving, dedicated, talented, kind and fearless; and that's just the tip of the iceberg. She was an excellent student and was actively involved in her school and community where she volunteered often for numerous causes. She had a great love of music and drama and excelled at field hockey and played many other intramural sports. Kacy was a bright light that we are tasked to keep lit."

Christopher Daigle Memorial - As a youngster, Chris (1979-2013) played in Laconia Little League, Lou Athanas Youth Basketball, and Pop Warner Football. He continued playing football and baseball at Laconia High School, and then football at NHTI, where he earned a degree in Sports Management. He was a referee for the youth football league in Melbourne, Florida. Known for his great smile, wonderful sense of humor, and love of sports, Chris Daigle's memory will be commemorated by helping graduating LHS Seniors, involved with sports, pursue a vocational trades education.

Daniel Charles "Chuck" Fogarty Memorial - Mr. Fogarty (1937-2013) was a resident at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton, NH for almost two years. He was affectionately known as "Coach" by most staff members because of his football coaching experience. His love of sports was apparent, but his military experience and education contributed in large part to the fullness of his life. He always placed great value on education. For this reason, and as a way of recognizing the staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home for the skilled and loving care given to New Hampshire Veterans, his family has established this scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of active employees of the NHVH.

Bruce Gibbs Memorial - Mr. Gibbs (1942-2013) was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, whose enthusiasm for life brought joy to everyone around him. He served in the US Air Force for 8 years; worked for Imperial Distributors for 25 years and formed a life-long passion for fishing and cooking. He enjoyed his retirement immensely and was a loyal Red Sox and Patriots fan.

C.J. Graham Memorial Art Award - Donated by family & friends in loving memory of Clayton James Graham (1987-2013) as a meaningful tribute to this talented young man and as a thoughtful expression of sympathy to his family. This art award benefits Gilford High School students.

Laconia Lithuania Exchange Club - was originally founded at Laconia High School several years prior to the establishment of this fund. A group of students and teachers visited Vilnius, Lithuania as part of a 1990 exchange trip and then in 1991 eight people from Lithuania visited Laconia and enjoyed a reunion with those LHS students and teachers. In 2015, the now disbanded LLEC donated the proceeds of their funds to help LHS students pursuing social studies or related careers.

Herbert L. & Hazel R. Noyes Fund - was bequeathed from the estate of Mrs. Noyes (1916-2013). Herbert, a true gentleman and staunch Christian, passed away in 1988, after 51 years of marriage. Hazel, a special grand lady, was a caring person, with a great sense of humor. She was active in all aspects of her church, the Rebekah, and several community organizations. Both Herbert & Hazel Noyes were accountants, therefore, this fund is earmarked to help deserving students seeking a career in accounting

Lance Reason Basketball Award - (1993-2013) will serve as a living and loving tribute to this charismatic young man, whose greatest passion since the sixth grade was playing basketball. It was obvious from the large attendance at Lance's funeral service, the many heartwarming eulogies spoken, and even the funny stories told, that Lance was clearly loved and will be sorely missed, not only by family members, but by many friends and admirers of all ages and all walks of life.

15 Years (2008)

Rev. Joseph E. Dubois Fund - The Rev. Joseph E. Dubois Trust was originally established by his will in 1923 to aid the poor and the French orphans of Sacred Heart Parish in Laconia and for the education of French children at college. On the 85 anniversary of Fr. Dubois death, the trust was transferred to LRSF to continue his mission of helping parishioners with their college costs. Fr. Dubois had been much respected by the people of Laconia, as well as by those in his own parish.

Gilford Police Relief Association, Officer Kainen Flynn Memorial - A member of the Gilford Police Department and an avid sportsman, Kainen Flynn was very involved with the youth of the community and would volunteer his time with any youth program. Kainen's spirit of giving and zeal for his profession will be perpetuated by helping Criminal Justice majors graduating from Gilford High School.

Martin E. Harwood Memorial - Following his WWII and Korean War military service, Martin Harwood (1921-2008) devoted his entire professional career to working with young people within the field of education; first as a life science teacher, then as a middle school principal. He also coached football, basketball, and baseball. An avid outdoorsman, his avocations included fly-fishing, fly tying, golf, and nature-related photography and writing. He continued to be a "master teacher" throughout his lifetime.

Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region's Award in Memory of Julie Upham - was donated by the Santa Fund as a fitting tribute to Julie Upham (1943-2003), to commemorate her thirty-eight-year career in journalism and her dedication to many worthwhile community programs.

Benjamin, Michael & Stanley Tokarz Memorial - On February 22, 2008, the two sons of Stanley Tokarz and Brenda Clement were killed in an automobile accident. Ben and Mike were described as kind and caring, funny and fun-loving. Ben, a culinary arts student at Johnson & Wales, was a golfer and a skier, who loved music and reading. Mike was a radio technician and planned to pursue his education in the technical field. He loved basketball, video games, music, reading, and snowboarding. In 2011, their father, Stanley, died after a battle with cancer. Stan was the owner of Lily Pond Communications and a US Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a lifelong learner and cared deeply for his family, his home and conserving the environment.

20 Years (2003)

Janet "Jan" Bolduc Memorial - (1940-2003) A truly remarkable woman who epitomized "service excellence" in her professional role as personal banker at Laconia Savings Bank, Jan was also very active in the community, but foremost was noted for her personal life, which was a celebration of family, as a devoted and supportive wife, mother, and grandmother.

Robert F. Fecteau Memorial - (1949-2003) Known for his kind and caring nature, Bob had a contagious enthusiasm for life and fellowship, which he brought to every aspect of his life. He was admired as an avid sportsman and even more important, he was respected as a good sport.

Margaret "Peg" E. Grothey & Muriel S. Kendrick Memorial - Both Miss Grothey (1908-2003) and Miss Kendrick were teachers at Laconia High School for many years and were very active in the interests of education through state and national professional organizations. They were known for their high standards and encouraged their students to strive to do their best.

Roxanna Hood Jackson Tillotson Memorial - Helping deserving students wishing to become teachers is a loving and living tribute to Mrs. Tillotson (1925-2003), who was known as Mrs. Jackson for most of her forty years of teaching. She was warmly recalled as caring, compassionate, and dedicated.

Daniel & Mary Kiernan Award - was funded by Mrs. Kiernan's niece, Barbara Stone, to perpetuate their memory in this community and carry on their objective of encouraging and helping young people achieve their goals. Mrs. & Mrs. Kiernan loved golf and children. Although they never had a child of their own, they were always interested in the welfare and development of youngsters.

Michael Moussette Memorial - (1984-2003) Michael's loss was devastating to his parents, family, friends, Laconia High School classmates, teacher and administrators. He was active in the school chorus and loved to build computer. This fund perpetuates Michael's legacy of kindness by helping others fulfill their hopes to attend a vocational school to study computer sciences. Additional funds were received upon the passing his parents and brother-in-law.

John L. Paradise Memorial - Despite the brevity of his life, John Paradise (1971-2003) was truly a remarkable young man with a bright entrepreneurial spirit. He is remembered by family and friends as the most positive and joyful person they knew, who lived life to the fullest and brought sunshine and laughter wherever he went. Additional funds were added to the memorial scholarship when John's brother-in-law, Fred O. "Bud" Wheeler (1952-2014) passed away. They were two incredible people taken from this earth too early in their lives.

Eileen M. Roy Memorial - Dedicated and devoted are the words most often used to describe Eileen Roy (1926-2003), who had a tremendous influence on the children she taught over a thirty-five-year period, and was fondly remembered as a role model by her former students. Mrs. Roy lived life to its fullest, but always had the interests of others in mind before herself. Sadly, when her son Dana (1950-2008) died, additional memorial gifts were received.

25 Years (1998)

Good Sport Award - The Good Sport Road Race began in 1998 and continued for 9 years to raise funds for annual scholarship awards and to build an endowment fund, which continues to support Lakes Region students, thanks to former LRSF recipient, Jennifer Lines, Patrick's Pub & Eatery, and Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club.

Helen M. Hill Award - As a retired teacher, who firmly believed in the value of education and the importance of encouraging our local college-bound students by providing them with scholarship assistance, Mrs. Hill was a strong advocate of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. She had generously subsidized its operating expenses since 1998 and had endowed a scholarship fund in 2006. We are so grateful to Mrs. Hill (1910-2008) who left a substantial bequest to our Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund to help perpetuate the mission of the LRSF.

Nat & Ruth Kessin Award - As a token of their esteem and affection, friends and neighbors of Ruth (died in 2020) & Nat Kessin (died in 2011) 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 award stands as a lasting tribute to them both, a fitting recognition of their community spirit and the value they place on education.

30 Years (1993)

Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial - (1980-1993) This thirteen-year old boy enjoyed every aspect of life and never stopped reaching for its positive side despite the battle with cancer which he lost in 1993. He was described by his Pastor as a "bringer of light who fulfilled his mission on earth." This mission is now carried forward by helping other youngsters fulfill their educational goals in Aaron's memory. Family, friends, members of the Gilford Rotary Club, Gilford Youth Baseball as well as fundraisers such as the Aaron T. Francoeur & Nathan Babcock Basketball Tournament all helped to perpetuate Aaron's mission on earth by helping others fulfill their educational goals. In 2018 the Francoeur Foundation decided to transfer all of their foundation's funds over to LRSF to be added to the memorial scholarship monies already handled by LRSF. They continue to be active in candidate selections.

Bryson "Joe" Haddock Memorial - For 54 years, Joe Haddock (1914-1993) was personally and professionally respected in his trade and lovingly revered by his family. A part owner of Woodward's Chrysler Plymouth, he managed the sales and service department for 42 years, retiring in 1979. He also owned and operated Small Engine Repairs of Laconia for 54 years, retiring in 1993.

Jesse J. Muzzey Memorial - Jesse (1975-1993) will always be remembered by his classmates, friends, and teachers at Gilford High School as a young man who had the ability to light up a room with his infectious grin. He was everyone's friend and was always willing to help. He loved sports, played soccer and basketball, and planned to go into law enforcement upon graduation. A tragic automobile accident ended his promising, but all too short life.

Simone & Larry Richardson Memorial - was established through his estate, to offer scholarship assistance to the immediate family or members of the Laconia Police Department or the Laconia Police Relief Association. Larry & Simone Richardson were kind, gentle people. He was an independent accountant and was also involved with special duty for the Laconia Police Department for many years.

F. Robert Sleeper Memorial - has been funded by his wife, Blanche, since 1993 as a living and loving tribute to her husband. Bob Sleeper (1928-1993), a professional engineer and founder of Arcon, Inc., was very successful and respected in his profession and for his involvement in many worthwhile civic and community organizations. In particular, he was admired as a warm, friendly unpretentious person, with a quiet sense of humor, who treated everyone with respect, regardless of who they were or what they did. Blanche (1929 - 2019) worked as VP & Treasurer of the family business. She loved skiing with Bob and spending time with family at their camp on the Big Lake. Most especially, Blanche loved quilting. In 2010 she estimated she had made 80 - 90 wall hangings and 5 full size quilts.

35 Years (1988)

Gregory G. Bryar II Memorial - Donated in loving memory by his parents this fund serves to commemorate the untimely and tragic loss of their son by helping deserving students complete their educational potential.

Gilford Education Association - has awarded scholarships to Gilford High School Graduates since 1988, using the guidelines of scholastic achievement, conscientious cooperation with and for others, and concern for others as well as self.

Jamie B. Jesseman Memorial - This year marks the 30th anniversary of Jamie's heartrending loss. A personable young man, Jamie (1970-1988) epitomized the true meaning of school spirit at Gilford High School with his kind heart and uplifting word for everyone. When Jamie's mother, Charmein "Charm" Fanning, passed away many memorial gifts were added to Jamie's fund in her honor. Known for her big-heartedness and generosity, Charm was also an ardent proponent of LRSF, having served as a trustee for eight years, as well as donor representative for her beloved son's fund.

Bernard I. Snierson Memorial - Judge Snierson (1913-1988) was instrumental in the organization and incorporation of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation in 1956. He practiced law from 1938 to 1988; served as Justice in the Laconia District Court; chairman of the NH District and Municipal Court Assn.; special master of the NH Superior Court; and mediator of the Florida Circuit. He was a member of many civic organizations and was the first recipient of the brotherhood award presented by the NH Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews - a tribute that epitomized Judge Snierson's lifelong beliefs and goals.

Weirs Community Park Association - has shown its support of continued education by awarding scholarships to students residing in the Weirs area since 1988. Many people over the years have contributed time and effort in maintaining and expanding the Park, promoting the Weirs, and raising funds for this scholarship, which was awarded in 2018 in memory of Jeff Houle and Don Richards.

45 Years (1978)

Robert E. Ash Memorial - was established by Hazen & Helen Ash from their estate in memory of Hazen's brother Robert. Hazen (1900-1977) was a New England sales rep of the American Oil Company. Helen (1902-1977) was a registered nurse and worked at Lakes Region General Hospital until her retirement. Robert (1910-1962) was a 1929 graduate of LHS and a WWII vet.

Edward & Etta Gallagher & Alma Gallagher Smith Memorial - was first funded in 1978 to honor Ed Gallagher, esteemed owner of the Laconia Evening Citizen and one of the founding members of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Mrs. Gallagher's name was added at her death to recognize both of them for their numerous contributions to the community. Their daughter, Alma, worked diligently to carry on their tradition of "newspapering" and community service, including long-term trustee of the LRSF.

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.

Louise & Joe Killourhy Memorial - was spearheaded by the Leavitt Park Community Club with the passing of Mrs. Killourhy in 1978. A retired nurse, she was best known as Mrs. Santa for her work with the Santa Fund. Mr. Killourhy served in the military in WWII rising from a private to a major during his years of service. He was awarded the bronze star. He worked for the US Postal Service for 36 years, retiring as the station superintendent of the Lakeport office. "Serving others" could best describe the lifestyles of Mr. & Mrs. Killourhy and this fund serves as a tribute to them and this creed.

James P. Rogers Fund - Mr. Rogers (1893-1978) was the President of Allen-Rogers and was recognized as a most respected and admired leader in the Lakes Region. He was energetically involved in all aspects of community life: The Chamber of Commerce, hospital, boy scouts, ski patrol, United Way, Belknap Mill Preservation, Society to Preserve and Protect New Hampshire Forests, and NH Senate.

50 Years (1973)

Stafford Family Trust - was established in memory of the Stafford Family members to commemorate their tradition of service to their community. We also recognize and salute all those family members still living and actively involved in the Greater Lakes Region, working to improve the health and welfare of others, especially the youth of our area. With the passing of Carroll Stafford Jr. on December 29, 2022, funds will be added to this fund in 2023.

55 Years (1968)

Normandin Family Memorial - Since 1968 scholarships have been awarded in the name of the Normandin Family, whose members have been noted for their altruism and dedication to their community. Over the years, the funds were donated in memory of Dr. Armand Normandin, Attorney F.E. Normandin, Dr. M. Alice Normandin, Attorney F.A. Normandin, Margaret "Peg" Normandin, and Atty. Paul L. Normandin, who served LRSF for five years as trustee, vice president, and president.



Joan Frates (r) LRSF President, welcomes new board member and Treasurer, Laura Larson (l)! Welcome Laura! We are excited to have you on board!

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our Tax Identification Number is: 02-6012236.

Your donations to the Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund (FOFOF) are always greatly appreciated! Did you know there are ways you could increase your donation with no additional cost to you? Check with your employer, or local businesses, such as Bank of New Hampshire, regarding donation match programs they may offer!

Thank you again for your continued support of LRSF!

Join us on Wednesday, March 8th at Fratello's in Laconia, from 4:00pm to closing, for our Annual LRSF Night at Fratello's. Whether you are dining in at Fratello's or ordering take-out, 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. We will also be holding the live drawings for our Winter Blues Raffle! Check out our website to purchase tickets!



The 2023 - 2024 LRSF Scholarship Application can now be found on our website: www.lrscholarship.org under the "Applicants" tab.

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.

Important Notice regarding Facebook Fundraisers!

If you are planning on having a fundraiser through Facebook, please let us know beforehand that you are holding an event. Facebook will send us a check, but they will not disclose where the funds are coming from, so we are unable to credit your fund! The funds sit here as "unknown", and are waiting to get credited to your fund!



Each year we recognize the Laconia High School classes that have established scholarship funds.
This year we are pleased to recognize the LHS class of 1933.

Laconia High School Class of 1933 - Ed Chertok and Gert Gilman, of the LHS Class of 1933 Scholarship Committee, spoke with pride at their class reunion, of their fellow classmates, their school, and their accomplishments -- especially as graduates of an economically depressed generation. This scholarship was established in honor of their 65th class reunion. The following quotes provide a stark contrast to today's values and outlook on education: "We were the depression class of 1933. We remember that the school year was cut by two weeks because the City of Laconia ran out of money. We were the first class to wear caps and gowns that were rented for \$1.50 because many could not afford jackets for graduation" -- Ed Chertok. "School meant so much to us, especially Laconia High School." - Alice Files. When classmate, Nina Brooks Heald, died in 2007 many memorial offerings were received in her honor. Then on January 23, 2009, the principal organizer and major donor to the Class of '33 fund, Edwin "Sonny" Chertok died. Fittingly, memorial offerings were requested to perpetuate the scholarship fund he so enthusiastically promoted and supported over the years.

2023 Upcoming Events!

February 9th 2:00pm Taylor Community - History of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation

March 8th beginning at 4:00 - Fratello's Laconia - LRSF Benefit Night at Fratello's (see page 1 for more information)

Winter Blues Raffle - Tickets are available through our website under the Winter Blues tab! Live drawings to take place at LRSF Benefit Night on March 8th at Fratello's

Check out our website to stay up to date on our current activities at: www.lrscholarship.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

