

# JEANS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual & Jewels



## "PAINT THE TOWN RUBY RED" AT OUR BACKYARD BBQ EVENT!

Mark your calendars for an evening of food, fun, music & dancing. The Carlos Creek Winery is the venue for the 2nd Annual Jeans & Jewels "Backyard BBQ" on Saturday, October 9th, from 6-10:00 p.m. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, musical entertainment, hayrides around the vineyard and a bonfire. Presented by the 206 Club of the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation, this promises to be a hoedown not to be missed!

### When:

Saturday, October 9, 2010  
Reception: 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
Jewelry Prize Drawings: 7:45 p.m.  
*(Rubies will be the jewels given away)*  
Dance: 8-10 p.m.

**Cost:** Free to 206 Club Members\*

**Attire:** Jeans and Jewels (or both!)

The 206 Club is an integral part of the Education Foundation fundraising campaign. \*The 206 Club is a donor club that allows individual donors to make a \$206.00 annual tax free contribution to the endowment fund. As a 206 Club Member you will be making a real and lasting difference for our students and to the quality of education in our district.

To become a 206 Club member and receive your tickets to the BBQ, contact Tom or Angie Anderson at 763-7275, or Judy Backhaus at 762-2141 ext. 4204.



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# 2009-2010 Annual Report

ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## Education Foundation

*Make a lasting difference*



**Planting the  
seeds of lifelong  
learning.**

## 2010 Hall of Fame Honors Save the Date!

The Foundation invites you to help honor the next "class" of Hall of Fame inductees at the 4th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon set for Friday, October 1, 2010. The luncheon will be held at the Broadway Ballroom and will begin at 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

The luncheon event is open to the public and will honor outstanding alumni who have earned distinction or achievement in their chosen field. Three individuals will be honored at this year's luncheon - Bev Lohrman Grossman, John Hammergren and Dr. Gerald Timm. Contact Susan Scarborough at 762-3310 ext. 4271 for more information and to purchase tickets.

### Honorees from previous years include:

- A.A. "Cap" Paciotti, Alexandria Teacher/Coach/Community Education Director, 1946-1981
- Murrae Freng, Alexandria Teacher/Choral Director, 1952-1965
- Robert J. (Bob) Rader, Alexandria Teacher, 1958-1987
- Arthur O. "Art" Hafdal, District 206 Superintendent of Schools, 1949-1976
- Maynard "Bud" Peterson, Class of 1949
- Ruth Salzman Adams, Class of 1941
- Ellen Eilers, Class of 1935
- Dr. John A. Gustafson, Class of 1950 and Alexandria Teacher/Coach 1958-1971
- Tom Lehman, Class of 1977

## 2009 Hall of Fame Awards Celebration

Last September, the Foundation sponsored its third annual Hall of Fame Luncheon and celebration. The Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon is the Foundation's signature event. More than 150 people attended this celebration that honored three outstanding alumni - A.A. "Cap" Paciotti, Murrae Freng and Bob Rader, each of whom has earned significant distinction or achievement in their chosen field. Wayne Elton, Foundation board member, was the master of ceremony for the event.



## Message from the Board Chair



Back row l to r: Tom Anderson, Greg Trumm, Tom Obert, Wayne Elton, Terry Quist.  
Front row l to r: Macaille Mahoney Hafner, Susan Scarborough, Sylvia Christopherson, Heidi Ryan, Jerry Hansen.  
Not pictured: Scott Gronholz, Bill Leuthner, Jill Wagner.

On behalf of the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation Board of Directors I'm pleased to present our 2009-10 Annual Report. Within this publication you will read about the past events of the Alexandria Education Foundation, our partnership with School District 206, and also get a glimpse into what's in store for 2010-11.

This year the Board has been busy working to continue our support for the awarding of teacher mini-grants that allows the students of the school district to benefit from additional enrichment projects in the areas of early literacy, technology, and research and development. In addition, we celebrated two successful inaugural events - The 206 Club Jeans & Jewels Event in the fall, and the Student Showcase in the spring showcasing the creative works and talents of our students.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognize three directors whose terms expired - Bill Flaig, Bill Riggs, and Miriam Svobodny. These individuals were highly instrumental in energizing the Foundation over the past years. We greatly appreciate their efforts and thank them for their contributions.

Also, we are busy planning our 4th annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon to be held Friday, October 1 at the Broadway Ballroom. Three individuals - Bev Lohrman Grossman, Teacher/Coach 1960-1980; John Hammergren, Class of 1977, Chairman/CEO McKesson Corporation and author; and Dr. Gerald Timm, Class of 1958, U of M Medical School, Professor of Urologic Surgery, author, inventor, and entrepreneur - will be honored at this year's luncheon for their significant distinctions or achievements in their chosen fields.

Again, let us say thank you for your support over the years, your continued support this year and in the future. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! In the meantime, have a great summer!

Sincerely,

*Susan Scarborough*

Susan Scarborough, Chair

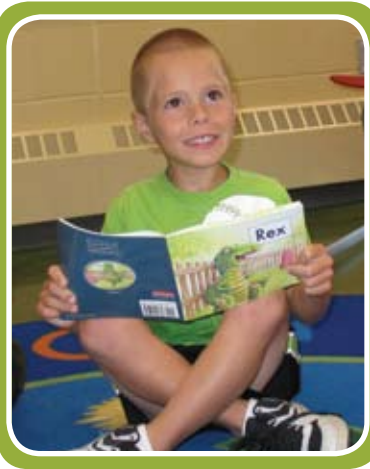
## Innovative Teaching Grants



**Fighting Failure with Phonics**  
**\$2,000.00** was awarded for the purchase of two wireless laptop computers and the Discover Intensive Phonics Program to serve approximately 24 at-risk readers at a second grade level. This software program supports district curriculum, balanced literacy, and has a built-in assessment to measure student growth. Zelda Redfield, Michelle Redmond, and Rita Vanderwerf, second grade teachers, will implement this project at Woodland Elementary School.



**Discovery Middle School Heatwave Club**  
**\$1,000.00** was awarded to allow 25-30 students in grades 7-9 the opportunity to continue to grow their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through an after school club. The club expands on Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classroom instruction by providing students an experience in hands-on, real world environments in pre-engineering.



**Partners in Reading**  
**\$1,865.00** was awarded for the purchase of take-home books and book bags for children in the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program. The Leveled Literacy Intervention program is a small-group, early intervention program designed for young children who struggle with reading and writing. This project could potentially serve 80-100 kindergarten students each year. In addition, it would provide information sessions for parents on how to use the materials and become engaged in their child's literacy progress. District LLI teachers at all six District 206 elementary schools will implement this project.

## Scholarships



Heidi Ryan, Education Foundation board member, (pictured right), poses with 2010 "Seeds for Future Learning" scholarship recipients, Mary Beth Haglin and Aaron Schmidt.

**Endowment provides scholarship**  
 In March 2008, Richard and Shirley Klimek donated \$36,000 to the Foundation to establish the "**Seeds for Future Learning Scholarship**". This scholarship supports a graduating female and male student who has an interest in pursuing a college degree in business, education, manufacturing, or agriculture. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$400.00 with scholarships awarded annually as part of the Jefferson High School Honors Night.

## Student Showcase Celebration



The 1st Annual Student Showcase celebration, sponsored by the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation and the JHS Student "A" Club, was held April 29 at Woodland Elementary School. Over 500 community members were in attendance. The purpose of the event was to showcase the creative works and talents of our students across a variety of performing arts and academic areas.

The showcase illustrated the breadth of talent and creativity of students through musical and drama performances, technology demonstrations, exhibits, and presentations. In addition, over 250 pieces of artwork created by students in a wide variety of media were on display at the event.

## About the Education Foundation

The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation supports educational excellence and a passion for learning by partnering with our community. Our focus is on funding projects above and beyond the scope of the state budget and local tax dollars.

By financially supporting individual teacher grants, students at all points on the spectrum are given the opportunity to benefit from additional enrichment projects in the areas of early literacy, technology, research and development.

## Opportunities for Giving

Making a gift to the Alexandria Education Foundation is making an investment in the future of our community. We accept a variety of different types of gifts including what are called outright and deferred gifts.



### Minnesota Community Foundation

Through its affiliation with the Minnesota Community Foundation, which manages the fund, Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation offers a full range of planned giving vehicles and access to gift planning assistance. Your contribution will have a long-term, ongoing value to the school community.

### Making a Gift

To make a gift to the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation, simply complete the enclosed envelope, include a check or indicate your payment method and mail it to: **Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation**  
 PO Box 308 • Alexandria, MN 56308

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(Received July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)

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### PAVER PROJECT (\$500)

*Personalized pavers for the Peterson Outdoor Learning Center at Woodland Elementary make a great gift and tribute to a special person - student, teacher, relative, graduating class, alumni or friend.*

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