

Connections

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WAO Education Foundation ~ Through The Years



1996 WAO EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS — Front row: left to right are, Susan Holter, Jerrilyn Potucek, Paulette Thompson and Brenda Olson. Back row: left to right are, Les Howard, Bob Ellerbusch and Robin Johnson. Members of the board not pictured are Phil Awes and Sue Anderson.

By: *Melanie M. Nelson*

As you read this bi-annually printed publication, did you ever wonder what the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education really is and what we really do here at the foundation? If the answer is yes, this article will explain what we are, who we are and why we're here. Sit back with a cup of your favorite beverage and enjoy a good read.

The Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (WAO) Public School Education Foundation promotes the highest quality of education in our communities through the enhancement of public school education programs, projects and activities; the establishment and awarding of post secondary scholarships, and the creation of private support opportunities for public elementary and secondary education. At its inception, the foundation began as a fund-raising arm for the Warren School District. All funding is still generated through the receipt of memberships and donations from members as well as from investments. The current WAO Education Foundation continues the initial passion of its founders and envisions community commitment to education which: unites the district by providing the highest quality educational programs and opportunities, enhances the learning experience of all students, recognizes, and rewards the initiatives of educators and encourages the post-secondary educational aspirations of WAO graduates.

The origin and development of the foundation started in 1991 through the collaborative efforts of three visionaries who were members of the school board: Ed Rosendahl, Dwight Anderson and Don Strickler. Their vision was to enhance the education of students with classroom support and to provide scholarships to graduates aspiring to further their education. These gentlemen had vision, but realized they would need a bit of guidance on proceeding forward. With that in mind, they reached out to board members from Ada and Warroad to help bring their idea to fruition. They held several positive, well-attended public meetings. From those meetings, Ed shared that the journey then began with the help from many community members.

The foundation, in its inception, represented a serious, ongoing effort to raise additional dollars for enhancing our rural education system. Art Drenckhahn, Warren's local lawyer, helped with the Articles of Incorporation and formed the 501(C)3 Non-profit status on March 27, 1992. On June 4, 1992, the official bylaws, including XIII original Articles, of the Warren Public School Education Foundation were put in place by the first board and secretary, Ed Rosendahl. The foundation was able to use money received from donors in the following five ways: to honor school requested projects, to distribute donor designated special projects, to use as scholarships for higher education, to provide special programs and classroom materials,

and lastly in general operating funding of the foundation.

Then, in 1996, Jerry Dalzell, WAO Superintendent, received a generous donation from an alum (Lyle Engelstad Estate, \$100,000) to be used to set up an endowment fund; this fund later became known as the Lyle H. Engelstad Endowment Fund. Lyle, who graduated in 1939 from Warren, enjoyed an eventful military career and believed he'd received so much from the teachers and staff at WHS that he desired gift the school to help future students enjoy the same opportunities in life he had been given. His generous gift provided a significant boost to the Education Foundation's mission of improving learning opportunities at WAO High School.

Upon receiving the check, Jerry's response was, "What the hell am I supposed to do with this?" Soon thereafter Jerry put together a team to formulate a plan and make some decisions. Team members Sue Holter, Art Drenckhahn, Les Howard and Robert Ellerbusch were made aware that an Education Foundation existed in Crookston, so they reached out for support in forming a Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation officially. Crookston shared their by-laws and ideas. This initial sum of money was invested with the Northwest Minnesota Initiative Fund (NWMF), a secure investment paying out 9% interest at the time. In addition to the estate money provided, the family of the late Myron and Margaret Carlson also contributed to the NWMF. Initially, with the high interest rates, many scholarships were awarded. This year, that money has grown to \$6,400 in interest to be given away in scholarships (compared to \$5,000 last year at this same time). With the consolidation in 1994-95, Warren High School blended into what is now Warren/Alvarado/Oslo School. With that expansion, the Education Foundation also filed for a name change. An amendment dated February 18, 2004, officially renamed the Warren Education Foundation to the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation.

The first official board members, meeting twice annually, established in 1994 were:

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Join the WAO Education Foundation for our 18th Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Friday, July 21, 2023
at Riverside Golf Course
Warren, MN

18-hole, 4-person scramble

Come for lunch and
play 9 holes for fun.

Registration is NOW Open

Starts at 7:00 a.m.
Shotgun start: 8:30 a.m.

\$50.00/person

Pre-registration strongly suggested.

Contact us at

(218) 745-4646 ext. 1317 or
email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us

To reserve a golf cart, call 218-201-1368
and leave a message. Your call will be
returned.

FUN, FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES!

Warren-Mesa Picnic

February 17, 2024 in Mesa, AZ
See page 8 for more information.

Class Reunions

Please contact the Education Foundation with
your class reunion details for our next edition
of "Connections." We would be glad to give you
our most current addresses for your classmates.

In return we ask that you give us any
address updates that you become aware of.

Warren-WHS/WAO Florida Picnic

February 10, 2024
Pavilion at Maxine Barret Park
beginning at noon
See page 7 for more information

Marshall County Fair
July 19 - July 23, 2023

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Recipients of 2023 Scholarships facilitated by the WAO Education Foundation



Muriel Maruska/
Roley Scholarship
MAKENNA SWANSON



WAO Education Foundation Scholarships
FRONT ROW: ZOE SLUSAR, ISABELLA JOHNSON, HANNAH OSBORNE, LAWRENCE MATA, SPEARIT WASHINGTON, FRANCISCO PRUNEDA. BACK ROW: GABRIEL FIELD, KYLIE NELSON, DALLAS ERDAHL, KENNY A. JOHNSON, JACOB RODRIGUEZ, BRAYLEE SCHROEDER, KENNY O. JOHNSON, HUNTER BERGH, K, MISSING: HUNTER MITCHELL



Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarships
EVAN MONOGUE, JACKSON WOINAROWICZ,
TYSON MORTIMER, NATALIE PETERSON, PAIGE
MICHALSKI



Warren Volunteer
Ambulance
Corps
MAKENNA
SWANSON



Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarships
NATHAN SEDLACEK, JACKSON WOINAROWICZ, AUSTIN
WITTMAN, NATALIE PETERSON, PAIGE MICHALSKI



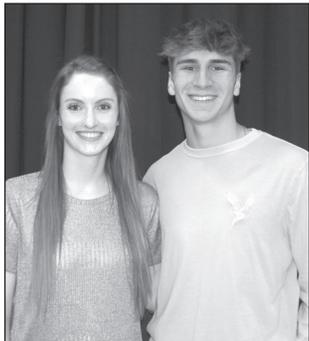
Gary Schuler Endowment
Scholarships
JACKSON WOINAROWICZ, STEVE
BREKKE, TYSON MORTIMER,



Robert L. Strandberg Memorial
Scholarships
CAMI MAGNUSSON, ANNIKA
MAGNUSSON



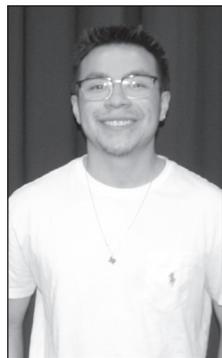
Justin "Huggie" Haugtvedt Memorial
Scholarships
RODGER HAUGTVEDT, DALLAS ERDAHL,
JOHNNY ORTIZ, KIM HAUGTVEDT



Richard P. Nelson Memorial
Scholarship
EMILIE NELSON, TYSON
MORTIMER



Chris Riopelle
Memorial Scholarship
TYSON MORTIMER



Jumpstart
Scholarship
JOHNNY ORTIZ



Clifford and Richard
Adrian Memorial
Scholarship
AUSTIN WITTMAN



Tracy Chruszch Memorial
Scholarships
SAVANNAH BISHOP, MAKENNA
SWANSON



Don & Shirley Mager STEM
Scholarships
SAVANNAH BISHOP, NATHAN
SEDLACEK



Vivian Olson
Scholarship
MAKENNA SWANSON



Albert R. Chruszch Scholarships
JENNIFER BUCK, ANNIKA
MAGNUSSON



Merrill and Mildred Stroble
Memorial Scholarships
KYLIE NELSON, MASON
WOINAROWICZ



Alvarado Lions Scholarships
ISABELLA JOHNSON, HANNAH
OSBORNE



Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship
MYLO CARLSON, KENNY O. JOHNSON,
JANET (CARLSON) AAKRE



Morris and Ivy
Maruska Memorial
Scholarship
ANNIKA
MAGNUSSON



Jeanne E. Kotrba Memorial Scholarships
ROSEMARY VELA, AALIYAH JOHNSON, TYSON MORTIMER, NATHAN SEDLACEK,
CAMI MAGNUSSON, NATALIE PETERSON, AUSTIN WITTMAN



WHS Class of 1953
Scholarship
ROSEMARY VELA



William G. Porter
Memorial Scholarship
TYSON MORTIMER



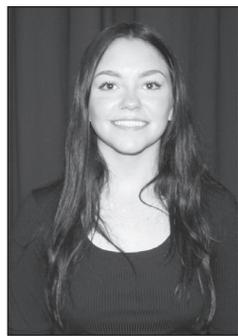
Scott E. Forbes
Memorial Scholarship
JENNIFER BUCK

Congratulations!

Recipients of 2023 Scholarships facilitated by the WAO Education Foundation



Stuart Hurst Angel Award
KENNY A. JOHNSON, ELLEN STRICKLER



Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship
BREANNA KITTLESON



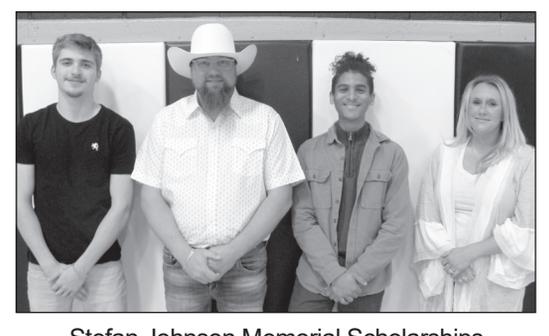
Gertrude & Louie Kuznia Memorial Scholarship
DALLAS ERDAHL



Paula Laudal Memorial Scholarships
BREANNA KITTLESON, ZOE SLUSAR



Lowell B. Goplin Scholarship
AALIYAH JOHNSON



Stefan Johnson Memorial Scholarships
MASON WOINAROWICZ, JORDAN JOHNSON, SPEARIT WASHINGTON, BROOKE JOHNSON



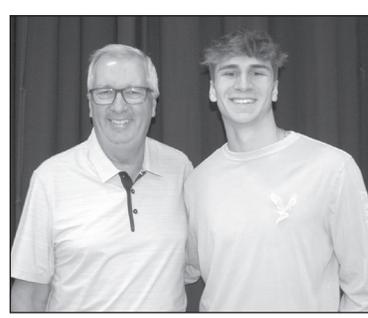
WHS Class of 1959/
Lyle Anderson Football Challenge
HUNTER BERGH



O.J. Peyton Memorial Scholarship
SAVANNAH BISHOP



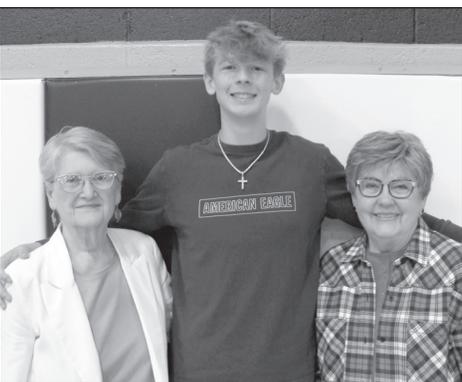
Dennis & Louise Brekke & Family Endowment
STEVE BREKKE, JACKSON WOINAROWICZ, DENNIS BREKKE



Bob Mattson & Dave Schroeder Scholarship
DAVE SCHROEDER, TYSON MORTIMER



WHS Class 1969 Scholarship
DEWEY SWANSON, AUSTIN WITTMAN, ED ROSENDAHL



WHS Class 1957 Scholarship
TREASURE OMDAHL, BRAYLEE SCHROEDER, DELORES SEDLACEK



Curt & Fay Kuznia Family Endowment Scholarship
EVAN MONOGUE



Elizabeth A. Porter Honorary Scholarship
MAKENNA SWANSON



Judovsky Family Farm Scholarship
ANNIKA MAGNUSSON



Percy Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
SAVANNAH BISHOP



Percy & Fern Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
DALLAS ERDAHL



Edwin C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
CAMI MAGNUSSON



Fern Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
KYLIE NELSON

2023 SPRING NEEDS APPROVED

Funded by the Ed. Foundation

3rd grade, Desrosier/DuBore/
Vongroven Red River Zoo Field Trip - \$647.25
2nd grade, Gilbert, Decodable Books -
\$1,398.60
5th grade, Johnson/Vigen Ice Fishing Trip -
\$1,200
Preschool, Linder, Preschool Rockers - \$40.00
4th grade, S. Larson, Knitting Needles - \$100
Band, Fridstrom, Updating Music Library -

\$552.99
Math, Stene/Tallum, Graphing Calculators -
\$3,154
Ag, Strand, Precision Technology - \$2,008
Testing, Staff, Water/Snacks - \$500
Previously approved:
Funding for Grade 1 to Fargo Zoo - \$435
Total: \$10,035.45

Golf Registration Form

Please return this with your entry fee. (\$50/person)

Team Members Names: _____

Contact email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: WAO Education Foundation Mail to: WAO Ed. Foundation, P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762

Congratulations!

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

PERCY & FERN GILBERT SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship was established in 2023 by the Gilbert Family in memory of their parents. This scholarship is for a student that must attend a 2-year accredited technical or trade school. The student must pursue a career path towards certification and employment (for example: plumber, hairdresser, electrician, mechanic, etc.) All students that attend WAO are eligible.

ROMELLE VANEK - '59 SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF ADELAIDE VANEK '32 - This scholarship was established in 2023 by Romelle Vanek Ferris in memory of her mother, Adelaide Vanek. The recipient of this \$1,000 scholarship must attend Minnesota State University Moorhead in pursuit of an undergraduate degree. All graduating students that attend WAO are eligible to apply. This scholarship was not presented this year as no graduates are attending Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

November 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

In Memory of Agnes Cota Sellin

Glenn & Jane (Miska) Sirek
In Memory of Alice Danielski
Michael & Judy (Gulden)
Weiland

In Memory of Andrew Sherry

Grace (Sherry) Griffin
In Memory of Arden Sundby
Donald & Barbara (Hess) Olson

John Hess
Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

In Memory of Arthur Black Lance

Carol J. Anderson
John Hess

In Honor of Arthur William Bossman's Birthday

Patty (Bossman) Hines
In Memory of Barbara (Elseth) Weis

Gary & Janet Solmonson
In Honor of Ben Miska

Laura Kendall
In Honor of Benny Daniel Schmidt

Carol J. Anderson
In Memory of Bev Duckstad

Bob & Shelly (Anderson)
Conely

Brenda (Forslund) Borowicz
Dale & Beverly (Torgerson)
Clausen

Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak
Gladwin Lynne

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
Steve & Marie Goodwin

Tim & Jodi (Mattison) Kuznia
Tom & Jan Aafedt

Wayne & Sharon (Ranstrom)
Larson

In Honor of Carol Anderson - putting books in hands of children

Bobby & Nancy (Pederson)
Useldinger

In Memory of Carol Dianne Pribula

Duane Pribula
In Memory of Cheri Mattson

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Ed & Linda (Engelstad) Turn

In Memory of Chesley (Chet) Sommers

Milton Sommers
In Memory of Connie Omdahl

Annie Doughty
Arthur & Bonnie (Opsund)
Demeyere

Arve & Carol Moser
Donald Omdahl

John Sherack
Judy (Johnson) Dallmann

Kelly Ann Hapka
Larry & Donna Laudal

Loren & Kari Schwinghammer
Loren & Merrilee Gologowski

Michael & Janet Rostad
Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

Richard & Linda Penning
Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler)
Sirek

Tim & Emma Tosh
In Memory of Daniel Grabanski

James & Marlene Aas
In Memory of Darlene (Sherry) Sitko

Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

In Memory of David Knutson

Robert Knutson
In Honor of David Sholy

Carol J. Anderson
In Memory of David Steffen

Lou Ann (Steffen) Beck
In Memory of Dean Peterson (WHS 1963)

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
George & Susan (Hill) Lee

In Memory of Deanna Swanson

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
In Memory of Delphine Olson

Carol J. Anderson
Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Greg & Maureen Potucek
John Hess

Mick & Jan Riopelle
Pat (Gilbert) Carlson

In Memory of Dennis Fillipi

Arthur & Bonnie (Opsund)
Demeyere

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Mark & Judy Swanson

In Memory of Dolores DuBore

Billy & Cindy (Nowacki) Franks
Carol J. Anderson

Doug & Jo Sorenson
Jeff & Deana Westberg

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom
John & Sharon (Strunk) Carlson

Rodger & Kim Haugtvedt
In Honor of Doris Bengtson Bossman's Birthday

Patty (Bossman) Hines
In Memory of Doug Gloude

Carol J. Anderson
James Kuznia

In Memory of Duane Kotrba

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Larry & Faith Rud

Richard & Diane (Conely)
Abrahamson

In Memory of Earl Mallinger

Don & Glorianne Loeslie
Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

John & LaVerne (Storbakken)
Messelt

In Memory of Earl McGregor

Allyn & Susan (Matcha) Roley
Arllys Pederson

Brandon & Sadie Gornowicz
Brian & Denise Laymon

Carol J. Anderson
Caroline Sedlacek

Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek
Dewey & Shari Swanson

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Don & Glorianne Loeslie

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Greg & Maureen Potucek
John Hess

Karen Pearson
L. Peder & Karen Larson

Larry & Faith Rud
Michael & Judy (Gulden)
Weiland

Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre
Richard & Diane (Conely)
Abrahamson

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska)
Edman

Robert & Mona Rae Fagerstrom
Rona (Cook) Anderson

Rovella (Franks) Weiland
Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson

Toby McGregor & Family
Wendell & Michal (Loeslie)
Sands

In Honor of Edward Knutson's Birthday

Donovan Knutson
In Memory of Elizabeth Hammerback

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia)
Stroble

Mick & Jan Riopelle
Rick Roley

In Memory of Erv Kallstrom

Mark & Merilee Potucek
In Memory of Ervin Grabanski

Melissa (Hedlund) Glander
In Memory of Frances (Anderson) Johnson

Andy & Becky (Anderson)
Braden

Carol J. Anderson
Cathy (Anderson) Hanson

Frederick & Elaine Turner
Kim Stowers

Marlene Anderson
Matthew & Patricia Hesse

Michelle (Anderson) Reed
Steve & Renae (Anderson)
Troyer

Terry & Kathy Shinkle
Wayne & Teresa Youngers

In Memory of Gary Skavlem

Milton & Jan (Skavlem) Kleven
In Memory of George Hedquist

Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler)
Sirek

In Memory of Grace Hedlund

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
In Memory of Greg Haugen

Erman & Betty Ueland
In Memory of Helen (Tallum) Jackson

Bob & Shelly (Anderson)
Conely

Carol J. Anderson
Duane & Susan (Jackson) Palm

Family of Helen Jackson
Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Joanne (Hess) Sundby
Ken & Jennifer Palm

Mark & Julie (Hess) Nowacki
Sigvart & Marlene (Wittman)
Silnes

In Memory of Irene (Sherry) Brock

Grace (Sherry) Griffin
In Memory of James Boardson

Carol J. Anderson
Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler)
Sirek

In Honor of James Dobias's Birthday

Donovan Knutson
In Memory of James Larson

Gladwin Lynne
In Memory of Jean Corradi

Doug & Jo Sorenson
Tom & Jan Aafedt

In Memory of Jeanie Ulferts

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia)
Stroble

Arllys Pederson
Betty (Ranstrom) East

Bev Johnson
Billy & Cindy (Nowacki) Franks

Bob & Shelly (Anderson)
Conely

Chuck & Lovie (Johnson)
Graham

Dale & Beverly (Torgerson)
Clausen

Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak
David Ulferts

Dean & Joanne Dahlman
Dewey & Shari Swanson

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Duane & Jerrilyn (Olson)
Potucek

Earl & Linda Johnson
Elva (Nordling) Bustrack &
Family – Jim, Rick, Andrew &
Mark

Eric & Lori (Toupin) Johnson
Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Gladwin Lynne
Janice Lamb

Jay & Jodi Tescher
Jerry & Rita Dalzell

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom
John & Carol Bowman

John & Deb (Zutz) Copp
John & Jean Walker

John & Sharon (Strunk) Carlson
Kurt & Emily Peterson

Mark & Julie (Hess) Nowacki
Maynard & JoAnn Laymon

Michael & Judy (Gulden)
Weiland

Mick & Jan Riopelle
Mike & Sarah (Mischel) Bring

Nancy (Kotts) Swenson
Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre

Randy & Wanda Gubrud
Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg

Rick & Nancy Mattson
Robert & Phyllis (Edgar)
Nowacki

Rodger & Kim Haugtvedt
Ron & Jean Leverington

Rona (Cook) Anderson
Steve & Marie Goodwin

Wayne & Sharon (Ranstrom)
Larson

In Honor of Jens Laymon

Carol J. Anderson
In Memory of Jerry Slusar

Betty (Sorensen) Carlson
In Memory of Joanne (Hanson) Mondry

Elva (Nordling) Bustrack
Luvern & Avis (Nordling)
Eickhoff

In Honor of Joanne (Hess) Sundby

Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

In Honor of Joy Flynn Knutson's Birthday

Donovan Knutson
In Memory of Joyce Hedquist

Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler)
Sirek

In Memory of Kari Wagner

Gary & Nancy (Kliner) Wagner
In Memory of Katie Kittleson

Crystal Boman
In Memory of Ken Steiger

Don & Glorianne Loeslie
Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Jean Steiger
John & Rachel Peterson

In Memory of Leona Neegard

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
In Honor of Lincoln Yutrzzenka

Carol J. Anderson
In Memory of Lois Bubb Skavlem

Milton & Jan (Skavlem) Kleven
In Memory of Loren Engelstad

Gary Vettleson
In Memory of Loren Larson

Don Vettleson
In Memory of Margaret Kasprowicz

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom
In Memory of Marilyn (Erickson) Bennett

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia)
Stroble

Barbara Nelson
Bette (Grega) Swanson

Carol J. Anderson
Cindy (Riopelle) Filipi

Clayton & Jodi (Olson) Quade
Curt & Deb (Wages) Myrfield

Dennis & Kyle (Anvinson)
Erickson

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Donovan Knutson

Doris (Kasprowicz) Rost
Doug & Jo Sorenson

Ed & Linda (Engelstad) Turn
Ed & Renee (Rehder) Rosendahl

Elva (Nordling) Bustrack
George & Marlene Neys

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Gladwin Lynne
Ilayne Potucek

Janice Lamb
Jeff & Drue (Loeslie) Beaudry

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom
John & Rachel Peterson

John Hess
Ken & Jennifer Palm

L. Peder & Karen Larson
Larry & Donna Laudal

Loren & Deb Zutz
Mark & Julie (Hess) Nowacki

Mark & Kathy (Peterson)
Swanson

Michael & Betty (Bjorgaard)
DuBore

Mick & Jan Riopelle
Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre
Peter & Virlynn (Anderson)
Hanson

Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg
Robert & Mona Rae Fagerstrom

Ron & Jean Leverington
Stacy Laudal

Steve & Marie Goodwin
Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman

In Honor of Marilyn Larson's Birthday

Donovan Knutson
In Memory of Marlene Anderson

Carol J. Anderson
Gerald & Sandra (Potucek)
Maruska

Steve & Marie Goodwin
In Memory of Marlys Kohlhase

Carol J. Anderson
Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl)
Jevning

Janice Lamb
Jerry & Rita Dalzell

L. Peder & Karen Larson
Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)
Carlson

Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg
Rona (Cook) Anderson

In Memory of Marvin Skavlem

Milton & Jan (Skavlem) Kleven
In Memory of Mary St. Germain

Bette (Grega) Swanson
Carol J. Anderson

Chuck & Lovie (Johnson)
Graham

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Randy & Wanda Gubrud

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska)
Edman

In Memory of Matthew Edman

Bruce & Bev Ranstrom
Marvin & Lynnett (Tinnes)
Hedlund

Sigvart & Marlene (Wittman)
Silnes

Tom & Jan Aafedt
In Memory of Michael Johnson

Don Vettleson
Larry & Faith Rud

Richard & Diane (Conely)
Abrahamson

In Memory of Milo Monroe

Bob & Shelly (Anderson)
Conely

Carol J. Anderson
Caroline Sedlacek

Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek
Dewey & Shari Swanson

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler
Don & Pam Slusar

Doug & Jane (Bennett) Safar
Dwight Sedlacek

Gerald & Sandra (Potucek)
Maruska

Harvey & Leslie Sedlacek
John & Rachel Peterson

John Hess
Judy (Johnson) Dallmann

Karen (Hickman) Larson
Karen Pearson

L. Peder & Karen Larson
Larry & Faith Rud

Marion (Miska) Pace
Richard & Diane (Conely)
Abrahamson

Robert & Sharon (Nordin)
Hegland

Rona (Cook) Anderson
Sharon (Botko) Kays

Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson
Tom & Fern (Filipi) Howard

Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar
Wendell & Michal (Loeslie)
Sands

In Honor of Mylo & Marlene Carlson

Wayne & Deanna (Carlson) Zink
In Honor of Myron Knutson's Birthday

Donovan Knutson
In Memory of Pam (Sorenson) Witkosky

Betty (Sorensen) Carlson
Cindy (Riopelle) Filipi

Mick & Jan Riopelle
In Memory of Patricia (Lofthus) Gowan

Marvin & Lynnett (Tinnes)
Hedlund

In Memory of Paula Pribula Hamman

Duane Pribula
In Memory of Ricky D Neegard

Cindy (Neegard) Goulet
In Memory of Rita Edgar

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
In Memory of Rita Hoff

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
In Memory of Roger Hannigan

Gladwin Lynne
In Honor of Ruby Virlynn Duckstad

Carol J. Anderson
In Memory of Russell Goplin

John & Rachel Peterson
In Memory of Ryan Goroski

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia)
Stroble

In Honor of Stanley Johnston Family Siblings

Terry (Johnston) Gaddis
In Memory of Stuart "Stewey" Hurst

Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson
In Memory of Tim Swanson

Greg & Maureen Potucek
In Memory of Vernon & Shirley Roley

Mark & Claudia (Roley)
Thompson

In Memory of W.L. Lamb, O.D

Jerry & Rita Dalzell
In Honor of WHS Class of 1951

Barbara (Melgaard) Lindenberg
In Memory of Wilbur Novacek

Anonymous
Margaret Melgard

In Memory of William "Billy" Saetre

Anne (Saetre) Josephson
Arne & Jeri Espeseth

News & Notes . . .

Kailee (Rivard) Dvorak, WAO 2000, is a Tobacco Prevention Coordinator for the Grand Forks, N.D. Public Health office. It's probably not a secret that youth vaping has been on the rise. Electro-nicotine delivery systems such as vape pens and e-cigarettes are more popular than tobacco cigarettes. Kailee stated, "The reason vape pens are more appealing is because of the different flavors that are available and the fact they are not as strong as traditional tobacco. There are many programs to help curb or end vaping and smoking." Kailee and her husband, **Todd, WAO 2000**, live southwest of Warren where Todd farms. They have two sons.

Jeremy Woinarowicz, WHS 1993, a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer, has been named the 2022 DNR Conservation Officer of the Year. This is an annual award presented to an officer for outstanding overall career performance. Jeremy works the Thief River Falls West station where he has been since 2004. His station includes parts of Marshall County, Pennington and Polk counties and also covers the rest of Marshall County as well as Beltrami and Kittson counties. Prior to joining the DNR, he spent several years as a police officer in East Grand Forks, MN and Grand Forks, ND. Jeremy also spends time every year training the state's newest conservation officers. Jeremy and his wife, **Jaime**, a WAO high school teacher, have two sons and a daughter.

Dr. Carolyn Torkelson, WHS 1967, MD, MS has recently retired from her role as associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health after 30 years of practice. She began her medical career as a nurse practitioner and then entered medical school to become a family medicine physician after completing her residency at the University of Minnesota Methodist Hospital. Her persistence and passion for integrative modes of health-care such as acupuncture, herbalism and massage therapy helped her become the co-chair of the Minnesota Holistic Medicine Group. Her research led to dozens of publications in her areas of interest which include breast health of post menopausal women and breast cancer care. She retired from her clinical practice at the University of Minnesota Women's Health Clinic in November 2019. Since then, she has co-authored a book entitled *Beyond Menopause: New Pathways to Holistic Health*. Dr. Torkelson is married to Brad Beneke and they are the parents of a daughter and have three grandsons.

Sarah Durand, WAO 2012, was inducted into the Northland Athletic Hall of Fame. In March of 2014, the Northland Women's Basketball team made history winning Northland Colleges' first ever Division III Womens' Junior College National Championship. Sarah won the Division's National Player of the Year and left Northland as its all time leading scorer with 1131 points. Besides herself being inducted, her 2013-14 team was also inducted. Her National Championship team had a record of 22-1. On that team with Sarah were two high school teammates, **Bailey (Jenkins) Marcotte, WAO 2013** and **Megan Weiland, WAO 2013**.

**WHS Class of 1973
50th Reunion is July 20-22**
We would like to welcome former teachers, and classmates to join us for an informal get together at Main St Café on Thursday, July 20 at 9:30 a.m. or on Friday, July 21 starting at 3 p.m. at the Marshall County Fair under the tent by the 4-H food stand.

Lois Svard, AHS 1965, has recently written a book released by Oxford University Press. It is titled, *The Musical Brain* and her book looks at the fascinating research from the past thirty years about music and the brain. This includes the origins of music, the many musical abilities which babies are born with, what happens in our brains when we study music and the cognitive advantages of studying music. Lois is Professor Emerita at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania where she has taught in the music department for thirty years. Looking back to the beginning of her music, she began piano study at the age of 5 with Ruth Sands in Alvarado. After graduating from high school, she went on to obtain degrees in piano performance from Concordia College, the University of Colorado in Boulder, and the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. As a pianist, Lois has recorded several CDs and a DVD of music that was written for her and has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe. She has lectured frequently about music and the brain throughout the U.S. and Europe and also writes a blog called the Musician's Brain. She recently had a book release party attended by her siblings, Renee Svard, Anita Hellie and Carl Svard in Lewisburg, PA., which is where Lois and her husband, Peter Karl Kresl reside.

John Myszkowski, WHS 1979, is in his 32nd year of teaching in St. Louis Park, Minn including the past 17 years as High School Choral Conductor at St. Louis Park High School. After high school, John received his B.A. Summa Cum Laude from Bemidji State University and later, his M.M with Distinction from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. John has served as vocal director for 51 musicals in St. Louis Park in addition to conducting 19 musicals. His choirs have performed in Chicago, New York, Disneyland, Disney World and Hawaii. John was a 2020 Minnesota Teacher of the Year semi-finalist. He is currently the Senior Choir and Bell Choir director at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Trevor Monroe, WHS 1990, is a physical education teacher and drivers training coordinator as well as assistant boys basketball and boys golf coach at Eastview High School located in Apple Valley, Minn. Trevor has taught and coached multiple sports at Farmington, Rosemount and Eastview for 27 years. He recently resigned as assistant boys basketball coach at Eastview where he has helped coach the Lightning to three State Tournaments in the last five years. Trevor will be assistant coaching boys golf this spring when they will be trying to make the State Tournament for the third straight year. Previously, he was head coach of Eastview's softball team and coached them to a State Tournament Championship in 2012 as well as Rosemount's State Tournament baseball team in 2008. For the present, he is stepping back from most of his coaching responsibilities and maybe in the future look for a head coaching opportunity in golf at either the high school or college level. He and his wife, Suzy (Tress), live in Farmington and they have two daughters.

60 Years!
ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE CLASS OF '63
There will be a get together during the Marshall County Fair Thursday, July 20 at 2 p.m. at the Warren American Legion

Donations

November 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Alvarado Lions Club	JaNeen Miller	Pat (Gilbert) Carlson
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Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek	Kenneth & Ruth Jorgenson	Sharon (Botko) Kays
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Don & Pam Slusar	Laura Efta	Sigvart & Marlene (Wittman) Silnes
Donald & Sharon (Ulrich) Hedquist	Leslie & Patty (Pickett) Howard	Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek
Doug & Jane (Bennett) Safar	Lou Ann (Steffen) Beck	Stephen & Elizabeth Murray
Duan M. Bjerke	Margaret (Streich) Dufault	Steve & Desilee Brekke
Duane Erickson	Mark & Claudia (Roley) Thompson	Sylvester & Carol Vanyo
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Gayle Short	Melba Laidley	Tom & Jan Aafedt
Gerald & Sandra (Potucek) Maruska	Michael & Donna (Laymon) Miller	Tony & Michelle Gullikson
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Grace (Sherry) Griffin	Mintie Ferguson	Warren Area Florida Picnic
Harley & Darlene Marek	Molly Brusseau	Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar
Harvey & Leslie Sedlacek	Myrna (Godel) Super	Wayne & Rhonda Jordheim
Irv & Kay Bergsagel	Nathan & Amy Wozniak	Wayne Wood
Jacquelyn (Olimb) Jones	Neil & Kison (Schuler) Miller	Zachery Stene
James & Joyce Boardson	Neil & Peggy Kruger	
James & Marlene Aas		
James Bustrack		
James Olsen		

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

2023 Class Reunions

WAO 2013
Bailey Jenkins Marcotte
218-201-1442

WAO 2003 July 21-22
Kelsey Sorenson Deschene
kdeschene@wao.k12.mn.us
218-791-2632

WHS 1973 July 19-22
Cindy Rehder Anderson
ande3910@umn.edu
218-201-0054
Judy Evin Flaten
j.flaten@hotmail.com
218-201-0682

WHS 1993
Susie Novak Boelter
susienov@hotmail.com
701-739-0224

WHS 1963 July 19-20
Faye Wallsten
Fwallsten@comcast.net
651-895-2111
Ellen Fillipi Strickler
218-289-0528

WAO Education Foundation ~ Through The Years (Continued from page 1)

Brenda Ackerson, Don Diedrich, Robert Ellerbush, Marie Fillipi, Sue Holter, Carol Sedgeman, Les Howard, Leonard Olson, Jerrilyn Potucek and Paulette Thompson. Initially, the board met twice annually to distribute money. The cost of membership to alumni was \$25 per year; still the current cost of membership today. Membership and donations continue to be the primary source of revenue for the foundation. We rely on you, the alumni and friends and family, to continue to provide generous donations, contributions and memberships. The current board of 11 members meets monthly with the mission to distribute funds to enhance WAO teaching and programs. Sitting on the board are two, non-voting school board liaisons to represent the school and their mission. The board is honored to have Ed Rosendahl, original member of the foundation, on our current board along with the following members: Carol Anderson, Chairperson, Melanie Nelson, Vice Chairperson, Carol Bowman, Treasurer, Darren Carlson, Secretary, Duane Swanson, Director, Jessica Syverson, Director, Rodger Haugtvedt, Director, Carol Sedgeman, Director and Sally Roller and Jordan Johnson round out the committee as WAO School Board Liaisons. Throughout the duration of the foundation, there have been a total of 51 board members. Ed Rosendahl, as a lifetime supporter of the foundation recently shared his sentiment: "With the help and leadership of all board members through all the years, it has more than met all expectations."

Our Mission statement reads, "We Can't Succeed Without You." Some of the events and activities sponsored by the WAO Education Foundation include scholarships to seniors pursuing post-secondary education, the Annual Alumni Golf Scramble, which is our biggest fundraiser, Spelling Bee, American Education Week, Teacher Appreciation Week and Paraprofessional Week. During the fair, we participate in the WAO Open House and are available to speak at any class reunion. We also support the annual Florida and Arizona Alumni Get-Togethers.

The Education Foundation is fortunate to have an incredible membership base and enjoys its partnership with the WAO School. In the future, it is our vision to continue promoting and supporting our students, teachers, administrators and communities. We will continue to facilitate our motto: "to strengthen our communities through excellence in education."

In closing, here just a few endorsements from friends and supporters of the foundation:

Supporting the WAO Ed. Foundation

A definition of volunteering is the act of giving oneself's talents to a noble cause. I can't think of a better reason than to give of myself to the profession that I love, through volunteering with the WAO Education Foundation. The Education Foundation has always been

and will continue to be a noble organization in my eyes. I have personally witnessed the foundation growth during my time at WAO. With the unwavering support of numerous volunteers throughout the years, the foundation has continued to grow by leaps and bounds into the wonderful organization that it is today. My decision to volunteer over the years has been an enjoyable experience, and I feel very fortunate to be a small part of the organization and the outstanding support that it offers to our students and staff at WAO.

*Kirk Thorstenson
WAO Superintendent*

I am so proud of Warren Public Schools (WAO) and my community and I appreciate having the opportunity to be able to volunteer on behalf of our School. I was blessed with great teachers and coaches and friends during my time in Warren. Being able to volunteer is my way of showing appreciation for each of these individuals.

Volunteering is my way of also helping continue to grow the impact of WAO for future generations of students.

DeAnna Carlson Zink

When teaching at the WAO Elementary School, I was a recipient of many educational items for my classroom funded by the WAO Education Foundation. Volunteering for events sponsored by the Education Foundation was my way of giving back for their generosity to the many requests they have funded for not only me but for many teachers, for support staff and for equipment used at WAO Schools. It was a pleasure to volunteer for this well run organization that supports our school.

Mary Beth Edman

The Ed Foundation has given so much to the staff and students at WAO, that volunteering is a way to say Thank You for all the Foundation has done. Volunteering also is a time to connect with staff, students, and community members. I look forward to visiting with the many golfers each year during the Golf Scramble.

Renee Borowicz

The WAO Foundation offers many ways for people to volunteer, to be part of goals bigger than themselves, and to work without any concern about monetary compensation. My decision to do that, albeit in a very small way, occurred a few years ago.

My husband Jerry looks forward to returning to Warren to play in the Foundation's July golf outing. The fact that it is scheduled during the Marshall County Fair adds another level of enjoyment because even more people are around at that time.

Rita Dalzell



2023 WAO EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS — Back row; let to right are Melanie Nelson, Vice-Chairman; Dewey Swanson, Director; Rodger Haugtvedt, Director; Carol Anderson, Chairman; Carol Bowman, Treasurer/Office Manager; and Darren Carlson, Secretary. Front row; left to right are Ed Rosendahl, Director; Sally Roller, School Board Liaison; Jessica Syverson, Director; and Carol Sedgeman, Director. Not pictured is Jordan Johnson, School Board Liaison.

Chat with the Chairman

Dear Alumni and Friends of the Foundation,

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

Blue skies and warmer weather finally returned to the area after a long winter! What a treat to see and hear the birds singing again! Along with the pleasant weather thoughts turn to summer once again. July will bring many people "home" for the Marshall County Fair and other events.

On May 24th we announced that we facilitated 43 scholarships to 32 WAO seniors totaling \$69,400. We are pleased to have the addition of the Percy and Fern Gilbert Scholarship and the Romelle Vanek-'59 Scholarship in memory of Adelaide Vanek '32. Thank you all for helping our students continue their education.

This spring we funded \$10,035 for needs for the two buildings. Undesignated memorials, donations, and membership money is used for classroom needs/requests and for the scholarships that we fund.

Thank you for all of your continued support. Remember that you may designate your donations to a specific class, subject area/department by writing it on the memo line of your check or by attaching a note with your donation.

The Florida and Arizona gatherings were held in February. It's a fun time for alumni and friends to stay connected. Mark your calendars for February 17, 2024 for the Arizona Gathering and February 10, 2024 for the Florida Gathering. There will be more details in the December Connections.

We are very proud to have funded a small part of many great events that have happened at WAO. This was the first year that a student that won the local spelling bee moved on to both the Minnesota Regional Spelling Bee and on to the Multi-Regional State Spelling Bee at Fergus Falls. Three FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America) girls competed at the state conference in Minnesota in STAR events and now will advance to nationals that will be held in Denver in July. Five FFA (Future Farmers of America) 8th grade boys placed second in our region at the Meats Evaluation & Technology Event which earned them a trip to the Minnesota State Convention in April where they took on the best teams in the state.

We are planning to see many alumni at class reunions and many of you at our 18th annual golf scramble on July 21st. Come join us for a day of fun, food, and prizes, at the Riverside Golf Course beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee remains at \$50.00 and can be mailed to PO Box 125 to Warren or can be completed online. All golfers that are registered by July 14th will be entered into a drawing to receive their \$50.00 registration fee back!

The school buildings will be open on Saturday, July 22nd from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. for anyone that would like to walk through to reminisce or just to look. Some early stages of construction on the grounds/buildings will be in progress on the renovation of the buildings.

Russell Miller left the board at the end of 2022 after serving on it for many years. We are pleased to welcome Rodger Haugtvedt as our new board member.

National Volunteer Week was in April. All of our volunteers are the backbone of the Foundation. Thank you for giving so freely of your time and work!

May 3rd was National Teacher Day. To show our appreciation to the teaching staff we gave them each a gift certificate for a dilly bar at the Warren Dairy Queen.

We are most appreciative for the e-mails, notes, phone calls that alumni have sent us with updated addresses. Thank you!

We continue to flourish with more growth and involvements, thanks to YOU.

If our board can be of any assistance to you with more information, please feel free to contact one of us. "We can't succeed without you!"



West Marshall Fusion Girls Track Team - Section 8A True Team Champions.



WAO Future Farmers of America (FFA) is an activity students taking an agriculture class are able to participate in. The goal of FFA is to help students develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Minnesota State Convention was held April 23rd through the 25th. Pictured in the back from left to right are, Eli Johnson, Jon Kintz, Wesley Wright and Brady Wimpfheimer. Front row; left to right are, Wyatt Bishop, Natalie Peterson and Jennifer Buck.



WAO students Mercedes Scheie (left), WAO Art teacher Mr. Engfer and Anjli Perez competed at the Region 8 Visual Art Festival Competition April 14 with their crafts. Scheie competed with her "Cardigan Sweatshirt" and Perez competed with her painting "Medusa." The girls advanced to the State Art Festival on May 13. There are 16 sections in the NW section and only 5 were picked from each section.



WAO first grade class at the zoo. We had beautiful weather and got to see so many animals. It was such a fun day to spend together.

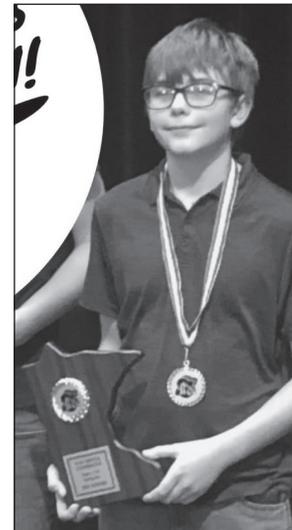


WAO FCCLA is adventuring into uncharted territory with three National Advancers in STAR events. Macey Novacek (10th grade), Kaitlyn Hanson (10th grade), and Layne Bayne (7th grade) all competed at state conference on March 25-27 in Minneapolis. They have been invited to compete and represent both WAO and our home state Minnesota in Denver, CO on July 2-7. Macey in advancing in her category Fashion Construction. She earned an impressive gold medal and 1st place at state for her work making a dress for her 4 year old cousin. Layne also took 1st place in her category Food Innovations with a silver rank. As a first year member, she has a bright future in the organization. Kaitlyn worked diligently and earned 2nd place ad-

vancer with a bronze in Event Management. Event management is one of the most challenging events, but her creativity and attention to detail secured her spot. Kaitlyn was also voted in as WAO's 1st ever District Officer. She earned her red blazer by competing against other schools. Her inspirational speech and ability to connect with other officers made our school stand out in a unique way. Please wish these amazing students well in their journey to Denver this summer. Their hard work has brought WAO FCCLA into a new chapter of success. If you are interested in financially sponsoring their projects, please consider donating to our chapter WAO FCCLA by contacting their advisor Jerrica Pribula. jpribula@wao.k12.mn.us



Todd Mortimer, longtime coach at WAO, received the prestigious Butch Nash Award at the Minnesota Football Coaching Clinic. The Butch Nash Award honors football assistant coaches throughout the state of Minnesota.



Nick Bergman was one of the top 4 spellers in February 8th Regional Spelling Bee. He advanced to Fergus Falls on February 21st.



WAO Mrs. Maruska's Kindergarten class showing their monthly books donated by the WAO Education Foundation. Every class Pre-School through 5th grade receives one book per month (September through May.)

WAO ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

While the WAO Education Foundation does not manage, control or is actively involved with the WAO Alumni Hall of Fame, we do support the mission of the Hall of Fame committee and do share their information and news articles.

The 2023 WAO Alumni Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held at the Vonasek Free Stage at the Marshall County Fairgrounds on **Friday, July 21 at 3:30 p.m.** A reception will follow the ceremony where you will have an opportunity to greet and visit the new inductees.

This year's inductees are: E. Neil Mattson, Class of WHS 1944; Arnette (Johnson) Nelson, Class of WHS 1957; Dr. Carolyn Torkelson, Class of WHS 1967; and DeAnna (Carlson) Zink, Class of WHS 1982.

Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

These are death notices of alumni and staff that we have received. If you have additions or corrections, please contact the Education Foundation.

- 1943 Oslo Gloria (Mendick) Selnes
- 1945 ALV Mary Anne (Vanyo) Tupa
- 1947 WHS Douglas Gloude
- 1948 Oslo Merrill "Mike" Heggstuen
- 1948 Oslo Joanne (Hanson) Mondry
- 1952 ALV Matthew Edman
- 1953 WHS Helen (Tallum) Jackson
- 1953 Oslo Bonnie (Jones) Pokrzywinski
- 1953 ALV Daniel Grabanski
- 1954 WHS Eileen (Larson) Mathiason
- 1955 Oslo Patricia (Lofthus) Gowan
- 1955 WHS Lynn Daby
- 1956 WHS Earl McGregor
- 1956 WHS Ken Steiger
- 1956 Oslo William Rivard
- 1957 WHS Darrell Sedlacek
- 1958 WHS James Boardson
- 1958 WHS Darlene (Sherry) Sitko
- 1958 Oslo Theodore "Ted" Stoltman
- 1959 ALV Daniel Vanyo
- 1960 ALV Charles Bergman
- 1961 WHS Milo Monroe
- 1962 WHS Duane Kotrba
- 1962 WHS Michael Johnson
- 1963 WHS Dean Peterson
- 1965 WHS Pam (Sorenson) Witkosky
- 1965 Oslo John Michael Johnson
- 1968 Oslo Donn Eide
- 1970 ALV Robert Olson
- Teacher WHS Marlys (Aamot) Kohlhasse
- Teacher WHS Roger Hannigan
- Teacher WHS Marilyn (Erickson) Bennett
- Friend Connie Omdahl
- Friend Dolores DuBore
- Friend Delphine Olson
- Friend Arthur Black Lance
- Friend Cheri Mattson

Recently deceased family and friends list is updated weekly on the Education Foundation link at www.k12.mn.us

**WARREN-WAO
FLORIDA PICNIC**
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
**THE VISUAL EXTRAVAGANZA OF
SARASOTA AWAITS YOU**
**IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE AND A PERFECT
DAY WILL BE IN STORE FOR YOU.**

Come one and all to Florida for the 2024 WAO & Friends gathering at the Pavilion at Maxine Barret Park.

More details will be in the fall "Connections" and on various Warren sites on Facebook.

The WAO Education Foundation appreciates any information sent in to be shared by past graduates from the Warren, Alvarado, and Oslo area. Keep them coming!

Some Of Those Who Attended The Warren Area Spring Arizona And Florida Reunions



Becky (Edgar) Loeslie, WHS 1971 and Bette (Jenkins) Solberg, WHS 1971.



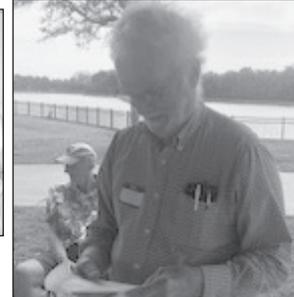
Sandy and Dan Filipi, (WHS 1980).



Joe Steffan, WHS1983; Maggie Steffan; Cindy (Steffan) Deschamps, WHS 1979.



WHS 1966 CLASSMATES — From the left, Derwin Broten, Claudia (Roley) Thompson and Pete Gilbert



David Sholy

This was the 4th Florida Gathering that David Sholy organized and had the largest attendance. David prepared a trivia contest that included facts about the school, Warren and the surrounding area, politics, economy, entertainment, music and TV.



Stacy (Toupin) Plencner, WHS 1977; Mark Plencner, WHS 1976; Brian Johnson, WHS 1981; and Scott Johnson, WHS 1974.



Jean (Mattson) Larson, WHS 1972 and Kathy (Mattson) Lam, WHS 1970.



Dwight Sedlacek, Faye Wallsten, WHS 1963; Janet (Johnson) Arnold, WHS 1963 and Ruth (Wood) Sease, WHS 1963.



Kneeling; left to right are, Lance Daby (WHS 1957); Wayne Edgar (WHS 1961); Cleo (Sedlacek) Fogal (WHS 1974); Barry Newland (Oslo 1982); and John Mattson (WHS 1969). Standing; left to right are, Larry Daby (WHS 1962); Lowell Sedlacek (WHS 1965); Carole (Stroble) Edgar (WHS 1963); Harvey Sedlacek (WHS 1966); Sandy (Dagoberg) Henneberg (Alv 1975); Dean K. Peterson (WHS 1968); Jim Johnston (WHS 1968); Dick Knutson (WHS 1970); David Sholy (WHS 1967); and Terry Slusar (WHS 1964). Also in attendance were many friends of alumni that aren't pictured. The 2024 WAO Gathering will be held at the same location in Venice in February.

"This is Kay Hendrickson Root, daughter of the Voice of Warren, bringing you the news from Marshall and Northern Polk County. Looking out the weather window we see sunny skies with temps in the 70s... as reported by our weatherman L.L. Daby."

Kay's opening remarks brought out many stories of life back "home." This year the topic was on the history of the phone, as we remembered it. She asked how many remembered their 5-digit phone number. Some remembered further back and gave their 3-digit number, while others talked about their party-line personalized ring.

The 2023 picnic gathering brought out many returning friends, as well as, a number of first-timers. The 2024 gathering will be February 17, 11:30 a.m. at the Viewpoint Golf Resort, 650 N. Hawes Road, Mesa AZ. There is already talk of mini class and family reunions during this event. Mark your calendars and make plans with your Warren-area friends to join us for this potluck event.

The WAO Education Foundation donated six cookbooks and Joanne Dahlman donated a Minnesota ornament and a t-shirt. Drawing winners were: Ruth Wood, Bill Gilbert, Michelle Gilbert, Joe Stefan, Scot Loeslie, Scott Johnson, Larry Kresl and Derwin Broten. All donations, after expenses, were donated to the Foundation.

Committee members are: Kay Hendrickson Root, Joanne and Dean Dahlman, Pauline and Derwin Broten, Mary Ovsak Gazda, Marion Hickman Pace, Jackie Arnold Lee and many fabulous volunteers.



The Warren First Lutheran Church was well represented at the Arizona gathering. Derwin, WHS 1966; and Pauline Broten, Dean Dahlman, WHS 1967; Claudia (Roley) Thompson, WHS 1966; Kathy (Mattson) Lam, WHS 1970; Faye Wallsten, WHS 1963; Dan Filipi, WHS 1980; Jerry and Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning, WHS 1956; Jean (Mattson) Larson, WHS 1972 and Larry Kresl.



WAO SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, JULY 22 FROM 10 AM TO 1:00 PM



Barry Newland, OSLO 1982 and Carol Anderson



Couples from the left are, Lance 1957 and Beverly Daby. Larry 1962 and Faye Davy.

Enclosed is my contribution to support the work of the WAO Education Foundation

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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I would like information on the benefits of planning a gift to the WAO Education Foundation through my will an insurance policy

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GIFT RECOGNITION

For accumulated gift totals of \$100 or more, an engraved recognition plate bearing your name will be added to the Recognition Wall in the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo School.

www.wao.k12.mn.us email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us (218) 745-4646

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