

Westby Norse Fund Newsletter 2003



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On behalf of the Norse Fund Board, I would like to thank you for any donation you have given to the Norse Fund this year or in previous years. It is only through your generous donations that the Norse Fund Foundation even exists and it is your donations now and in the future that will allow the Norse Fund to increase and expand its scholarship program.

In the short 15 years since its inception, the scholarships given out to graduates of the Westby Area High School have increased from four \$500.00 scholarships in 1988 to the 32 scholarships totaling \$53,600.00 awarded in 2003. Without this financial support, post secondary education for most graduates would have been much more difficult if not impossible. Tuition for all post secondary education continues to climb at a rapid rate. Thus, as Norse Fund Board members, we are striving to increase awards in number and scope but we are only able to do that through additional donations. Additionally, the Norse Fund was not immune to the adverse investment environment the last several years. It is our goal to enhance the financial strength of the Norse Fund by increased awareness of the Norse Fund and providing additional ways to contribute. The means to this goal include:

First, the Norse Fund, with sponsorship from Norse Fund supporters, will publish on a monthly basis a list of recent donations in the Westby Times.

Secondly, we are having memorial envelopes printed that will be available at local funeral homes to be used to direct memorials to the Norse Fund. Anyone that would like to obtain some of these envelopes, please contact the Westby Area School as listed on the left of this page for a supply.

And lastly, we are revising a flyer that explains the benefits and types of gifts that can be given to the Norse Fund

I would like to issue a special thank you to retiring board member Roger Sorenson for 12 years of outstanding and dedicated service, many of those years as treasurer. Please read his reflections comments inside this newsletter.

Again, thank you Norse Fund Supporters,

Cedric Veum, Norse Fund President

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Reflections

After being a charter member and serving for more than 12 years, it is time to say good-bye.

I am saying good-bye knowing that the "Norse Fund" is a well-established and growing nonprofit entity of which all alumni and Westby High School supporters can be proud. I also leave with a good feeling knowing there is a group of hard working, capable Board members to carry on the management of the fund.

It has been rewarding to see the fund grow from infancy to a fund capable of awarding annually over \$50,000, all caused by generous donations from so many individuals.

I have truly enjoyed the journey, but now it is the time for me to let others have the experience to help our youth finance their dreams.

Thanks for the experience.

Roger Sorenson

Norse Fund Scholarship Update

This year the Norse Fund is proud to announce that awards have been made to the **Class of 2003** in the amount of **\$53,600**. Following is detail from a historical perspective.

Class of		Amount
1988	4 scholarships	\$2,500
1989	6 scholarships	\$3,500
1990	9 scholarships	\$5,000
1991	8 scholarships	\$7,500
1992	12 scholarships	\$8,500
1993	11 scholarships	\$10,300
1994	12 scholarships	\$14,382
1995	20 scholarships	\$28,475
1996	21 scholarships	\$60,100
1997	21 scholarships	\$30,630
1998	23 scholarships	\$42,000
1999	22 scholarships	\$35,800
2000	27 scholarships	\$43,200
2001	29 scholarships	\$52,300
2002	30 scholarships	\$54,100
2003	32 scholarships	<u>\$53,600</u>

Total \$451,887.00

Norse Fund Student Letter

Friends of the Norse Fund,

It's not every day that you stare unearned generosity from a complete stranger in the face. However, I found myself in that position in May, 2002. Sitting in the Westby High School gymnasium for one of the last times of my high school career, the rest of my classmates and I found ourselves hoping (and maybe even praying) that we might be lucky enough to receive a scholarship from the Norse Fund. Fortunately, I was one of those lucky students, receiving both the Richard Perkins and Orrin Chestleson scholarships. Given the fact that I was about to head to Madison in the fall for my freshman year at UW, it was really encouraging to know that there were people behind me, people that were willing to support me.

Performing well and being a good student can be hard sometimes when you're a freshman. I certainly wasn't always the most studious person on campus last year, but knowing that I was lucky to be where I was, and knowing that I had people investing their money in me would often point me in the direction of the library.

It has always been amazing what people can do with just a little push in the right direction. For me, that push was the help I received that May from the Norse Fund. Not everyone gets to be a part of a community that so strongly supports its local high schools, and it is even more amazing that the community is willing to give these kids assistance after they bid farewell to Westby High School. I know that I have benefited tremendously from the Norse Fund, and hope that the Norse Fund maintains this tradition for years, so that everyone who graduates from Westby will always have the spirit and support of the Norsemen with them.

Erich Marr, Class of 2002

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Norse Fund Scholarships for 2003

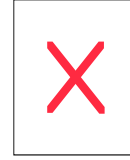
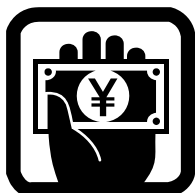
Scholarship

Dorothy A. Bekkum Memorial
Dorothy A. Bekkum Memorial
Owen D. Bekkum/Gulsvig
Howard Johnson
Howard Johnson
R.W. Perkins
R.W. Perkins
Fortress Bank
Fortress Bank
Fortress Bank
Dr. V.A. Brenden Memorial
Dorothy Krause Memorial
Anthony Olson Memorial
Anthony Olson Memorial
Alyce Chestleston Memorial
Orrin Chestleston Memorial
Alice Veum Memorial
Kermit Veum Memorial
David J. Larson Memorial
Bryan LeJeune Memorial
John and Estelle Pedace
Grace L. Nelson Memorial
Vernon Health Care/Dr. P.T. Bland
Theodore Thompson Memorial
Theodore Thompson Memorial
Theodore Thompson Memorial
Theodore Thompson Memorial
Paul Mockrud Memorial
Naomi Schoville Memorial
Lutheran Brotherhood /R&V Branch
Lutheran Brotherhood/ R&V Branch
Helen Hagen Memorial

Recipient

Anastasia Lallas
Hanna Agar
Jamy Brye
Craig Tainter
Robin Bland
Kevin Nestingen
Tiffany Morey
Bree Breckel
Jill Gander
Nick Havlik
Nick Havlik
Emily Butteris
Carmen Geier
Christy Swartz
Carmen Geier
Nick Havlik
Sara Bleser
Travis Mikshowsky
Holly Holte
Sebrina LeJune
Becky Meyer
Andrew Casper
Chelsie Nundahl
Chelsie Nundahl
Christi Trochinski
Ryan Smalley
Travis Mikshowsky
Tim Beck
Nick Havlik
Alayna Casper
Hollie Pratt
Bree Breckel

Total 2003 Scholarship Awards: \$53,600.00



Reunions List

Do you have a class reunion in the future that you would like a list of classmates and their addresses? If yes, then the Norse Fund can help you. By contacting the Westby Area High School office listed on the front page, you can request a class list for your reunion with the most current addresses that we have. All the Norse Fund asks in return are:

- 1) Any address corrections or updates are forwarded to the Norse Fund after the reunion. This keeps our costs down as it lessens returned mail postage fees on the newsletter in the future.
- 2) Mentioning the Norse Fund as a tax deductible foundation that provides scholarship assistance to deserving graduates of the Westby Area Schools.

“Life should not be measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

Author Unknown

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE "NORSE FUND"

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE FOUR DIFFERENTS WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORSE FUND:

1. **Unrestricted Contributions**

Most of our funds are received by donations made by friends of the Norse Fund with no restrictions made on how their contribution is to be used. This type of donation allows the Board to use the monies received in any way that benefits the Norse Fund.

2. **Flow-Through Contributions**

Flow-through contributions are funds that are \$500 or more that the donor wants to be awarded to one or more students. These types of contributions have to be communicated to the Board by March 1st and funds have to be received by May 1st, to be awarded at the Spring Award Presentation. Minimum amounts are generally \$500, but other amounts may be considered.

3. **Time-Restricted Contributions**

These types of contributions are a form of restricted funds that the donor wants the Norse Fund to hold and award over time. Time-restricted contributions have to be at a minimum of \$1,000 but can be for larger amounts.

The Board holds these funds and awards a minimum of \$500 each year to one or more students.

4. **Permanently Restricted Contributions**

Permanently restricted contributions are also called endowed contributions. This is where a donor contributes a larger sum of monies that is invested to yield an amount that is annually awarded to one or more students.

From time to time, the policies on permanently restricted minimum contributions and yields have changed. This policy changes as investment yield changes, but once the Board accepts a sum of monies and sets a yield rate, that obligation (scholarship) does not change. Presently, the minimum permanently restricted contribution is \$8,000 at a yield of approximately 6 percent which equals a minimum annual award of \$500 to a student.

In summary, if you have an interest in one of these types of contributions, or if you have an idea that you want the Norse Fund to consider, please contact Ken Manning, Principal of Westby Schools at **(608) 634-0103** or Board President, Cedric Veum at **(608) 634-4832**.

Thank you for all your past interest in the Norse Fund, and whether your contribution is a current contribution or a bequest in your estate, the Norse Fund will work with you to try to accomplish your goals.

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Norse Fund Contributors July 2002-Oct. 2003

Contributors:

Aarness, Gerda
Amundson, Corrine
Anderson, Otis
Berens, Christina
Berg, Richard
Bland, Robert
Borgen, Lorraine
Brudos, Sandra
Burke, Jerry
Buros, Randi
Carlson, Zenobia
Class of 1982
Dahl, Bertha
Dahlke, Du Wayne
Dunnum, Joanne
Ekern, Arthur
Engh, Donald
Erlandson, Sherman
Evenson, Hjordis
Gustafson, Ilene
Hanson, Irene
Harris, Roger
Hauge, Janice
Hauser, Ione
Havlik, Dennis
Helgerson, Mrs.
Hoff, Rebecca
Hofslie, Daniel
Hofslie, David
Hofslie, Roger
Humfeld, David
Ihrcke, Nancy
Ingham, Alice
Jacobson, Mark
Kuno, Linda

Lunde, Dorothy
Marck, Jean
Mathison, Richard
Mittlien, Howard
Moilien, Phillip
Nelson, George
Oestreicher, Lorraine
Olson, Fredrick
Olson, Howard
Olson, Luther
Olson, Shirley
Pertzborn, Jacqueline
Peterson, Bonnie
Peterson, Stuart
Proctor, Cheryl
Proksch, Elaine
Rediske, John
Role, Donald
Rude, Brian
Rude, Mae
Sidie, Norman
Sidie, Shirley
Sorenson, David
Stalsberg, Charlotte
Sturges, Fern
Theige, Arthur
Tronick, Delores
Urbanek, Dennis
Veum, Cedric
Veum, Paul
Wrobel, Rachel

Contributions of \$50.00 or above

Bahr, Eugene
Berger, Rudolph
Class of 1973
Ford, Ann
Freit, Eugene
Gilbertson, Gary/Judy

Hammes, Jeanette
Oftedahl, Joan
Old Towne Inn
Pedretti, Dale
Volden, Bruce
Yant, Louise
Yttri, Karri

Contribution of \$100.00 or above

Anderson, Kathleen
Bekkum, Owen
Class of 1952
Class of 1953
Class of 1997
Ekern, Eleanore
Flugstad, Dr. Dean
Fortress Bank of Westby
Hammes, Dean
Holden, Paul
Holte, Russel
Johnson, David
Kapanke, Arlene
Kerska, Robert
Kissel, Helen
Lovstad, Nancy
Mockrud, Paul
Moe, Mary
Nicholson, Stella
Podals, Randall
Riese, Alverda
Luthern Brotherhood
Skaar, Ruth
Vosseteig, David
Weissenberger, Clarice

*If any information is in error,
please contact us so our
records can be adjusted.
Thank you*

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Contributions in Memory or Honor of: July 2002-October 2003

Alice Sagmoen
Amanda Bekkum
Anna/Ed Kerska
Art Carlson
Bernard Humfeld
Beverly Jacobson
Clarice Oftedahl
Class of 1944
Class of 1950
Class of 1952
Class of 1953
Class of 1973
Class of 1982
Class of 1997
Cleo Jefson
Clifford Sorensen
David Larson
Deliah Berger
Donald Johnson
Dr. V. A. Brenden
Elaine Hanson
Eleanor Paulson
Elmer Kapanke
George Hofslie
Gordon Ekern
Margaret Gulsvig

Elmo Gulsvig
Helen Running
P.T. Bland
J. Trochinski
Jack Jacobson
James Buch
Loren Holte
Kenneth Solberg
Larry Anderson
Loren Holte
Luell Hoff
Margaret Fredrickson
Mildred Erickson
Odell Rognstad
Orbin Berg
Ralph Lovstad
Ruth Opsahl
Shawn Welk
Terry Mossholder
Thelma Flugstad
Tom Riendl
Verlyn Sidie
Virginia Bahr
Willard Erlandson
William Anderson

The Benefits Of Your Donation

Your donation to the Westby Norse Fund will result in the following benefits:

*** Your donation will help provide scholarships to students to further their education.

*** You or your estate may receive significant tax deductions from these donations.

For more information concerning the Norse Fund or how you can make a donation, call or write to:

Westby Norse Fund Inc.
206 West Avenue South
Westby, Wisconsin 54667

Non-Profit Organization
Federal ID #30-1599253
Wisconsin ID #2951

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Graduates with Missing Addresses

1956 Achterkirch, Mary (Bergtold)
1991 Anderson, Jamey
1990 Arendt, Sara
1959 Arentz, Carole
1980 Aspenson, Kevin
1989 Avila, Paula
1940 Benrud, Carl
1966 Benson, Glen
1966 Benson, Sheila
1965 Berg, David
1946 Case, Margaret (Appleman)
1954 Christensen, Phyllis
1969 Christianson, Jon
1970 Craft, Julie
1988 Dahlen, Theresa
1977 Davidson, Steven
1943 Deaver, Jolene
1959 Dingeldien, Wayne
1961 Dirienzo, Judy
1978 Draves, Bonnie (Mossholder)
1978 Edgerly, Barbara A. (Ellefson)
1968 Ekern, David
1955 Erickson, David
1956 Erickson, Richard
1978 Fish, Denise
1973 Franks, Mickelynn
1974 Goss, William
1988 Hagen, Chad E.
1979 Hayden, Michael
1970 Hogden, Linda
1964 Hovinghoff, Richard
1980 Indermuehle, David
1972 Iverson, Kevin
1988 Jacobson, Tod
1984 Johnson, Rita
1976 Kopp, Carol
1984 Kotlowski, Kristine
1960 Krneta, Candy (Sloane-Lucy)
1929 Krueger, Myrna (Bergum)
1976 Kruse, Susan
1965 Kwan, Catherine
1966 Larson, Arlen
1974 Larson, Roxanne
1980 Larson, Wayne
1943 Lean, Ortiz
1990 Lee, Timothy
1979 McClurg, Katherine
1929 Melby, Olaf
1975 Melby, Richard
1984 Mickelson, Daniel
1954 Mikkelson, Earl
1976 Moilien, Duane
1985 Molstad, Dennis
1984 Moore, Anthony
1942 Nelson, Avenelle (Swenson)
1950 Nelson, Katherine (Narvestad)
1980 Nelson, Steven
1976 Nelson, Susanne
1939 Olson, Lyle
1984 Olson, Rodney
1982 Olson, Roger
1933 Pearson, Helen (Onsrud)
1975 Pederson, Jeffrey
1958 Peterson, Clinton
1950 Quintino, Beverly (Mathison)
1975 Reschke, Randy
1968 Roesler, Beverly
1978 Rottman, Linda (Stolder)
1989 Rudie, Todd
1953 Schmidt, Irene
1989 Shepard, Wayne
1978 Skey, Peggy (Mossholder)
1970 Skolas, John
1953 Sneyd, Charlotte (Ballsrud)
1975 Snodgrass, Timothy
1984 Sommerfeldt, Seri (Rudie)
1966 Sorenson, Ina
1984 Stafslie, Barbara
1984 Strzis, Peggy (Strazis)
1982 Steffen, Donna
1972 Stefferud, Elaine (Gullickson)
1990 Stellner, Dawn
1983 Stevenson, David
1968 Sveum, William
1931 Swanson, Stella (Savall)
1985 Twinde, Julie
1959 Urbanek, Alvin
1953 Walters, Wanda (Storbakken)
1990 Withington, Kristy
Please contact the Westby Area Schools if you know an address for any of these alumni.
Thank you

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