

Westby Norse Fund Newsletter 2004



Comments from Norse Fund Board President

On behalf of the Norse Fund Board of Directors, I would like to **thank everyone** that has contributed to the foundation. If you did not have an opportunity to support the foundation yet, please keep us in mind as a way to support Westby Area High School graduates in their quest of a post-secondary education. We must all realize that the rapidly escalating tuition costs of college, universities and technical schools renders the scholarships that the Norse Fund awards, less able to cover the same expenses that they covered just a few years ago. Therefore your support through contributions is vital to maintain and hopefully expand the support we can provide Westby Area High School graduates seeking further education!

The **cumulative scholarship awards** that the Norse Fund has presented to the graduates of WHS since its inception in 1988 has reached just **over \$500,000 this year!** That amount is a remarkable benefit to the graduates of WHS and certainly made additional education a possibility to many WHS graduates that otherwise, may not have been able to afford it! A historical review of Norse Fund scholarships awarded by year is printed on the next page

Last year, I mentioned the three awareness projects the Norse Fund was addressing. Namely, they were new memorial or honorarium envelopes, monthly newspaper listing of donors, and revising an informational brochure. I am happy to say that we have completed revising the **memorial and honorarium envelopes** as well as the informational brochure. The “honor/memorial” envelopes are available from the Norse Fund and most local funeral homes also have a supply.

The updated **informational brochure** provides a brief, but yet informative, summary of the Norse Fund as well as the different ways of contributing. Both the brochure and the memorial/honor envelopes are available from the Norse Fund at Box 45, Westby.

Each month, the previous month's **Norse Fund donors list** is published in the Westby Times. Look for the list if you have not seen it yet. A special thank you is due the businesses that sponsor the list (i.e.: WCCU, Fortress Bank).

On behalf of the Norse Fund Board, a sincere thank you to both **Lynn Ackerman** and **Phil Moilien** for their service as board members the past three years.

Again, I want to thank all our donors, **you have made it possible!**

Cedric Veum, Norse Fund President

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Reflections

Friends of the Westby Norse Fund:

It has been my privilege to serve on the Norse Fund Board for the past three years. Thank you for the opportunity. I assure you that your Board takes its responsibility to the Norse Fund and our youth very seriously.

Thanks to the vision and efforts of those who founded the Norse Fund and the continuing support and generosity of our many benefactors, your fund is a source of pride to the community. More importantly, the Norse Fund's annual scholarships assist our youth in attaining their educational goals. Your contributions are an investment in our youth. Their success is your success.

Thank you,
Phil Moilien

Norse Fund Scholarship Update

This year the Norse Fund is proud to announce that awards have been made to the **Class of 2004** in the amount of **\$56,100**. 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	\$53,600
2004	35 scholarships	\$56,100

Total \$507,987.00

Letter from 2003 Norse Fund Award Recipient

October 9, 2004

It's hard to believe that I have been out of Westby High School for more than one year now and am pursuing my second year of college at Viterbo University. Continuing my education has taken more money than I every thought imaginable. But because of the gracious support of the Westby Norse Fund they make a lot of this possible.

Being able to receive scholarships to help pay for school is something that I am ever so grateful for. There are times when I think I can't handle it anymore, but when I think back to the support I have back at home, not only from my family, but the wonderful school that helped put me where I am today. The money that I received through this wonderful fund not only helped "pay the bills" but it gave me a boost of encouragement to want to do my absolute best, because someone else also believed in me and my education.

I am often telling my brother, who is a sophomore at Westby, to be the best that he can be and always go the extra step. In the end it pays off especially when you are looking into going to college. I can't express to him and other students in Westby High School just how important it is. Some kids never see the point, but when you get called to the front of the gym to receive a scholarship check, you can't help but smile and thank these great people and the fund that provides this, for believing in you.

Words can't even describe how lucky I am that I came from such a strong, supportive school that offered such remarkable opportunities to the students. I thank you again for doing what you do. I hope that the Norse Fund continues to grow strong and everyone that graduates from Westby will always hold a sense of pride within in their heart.

Carmen Geier, Carmen Geier

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Norse Fund Scholarships for 2004

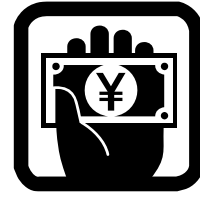
Scholarship

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

Recipient

Sofia Arnold
Grace Doval
Michelle McGraft
Jason Dreves
Stacy Snodgrass
Carl Westphal
Jayme LeJeune
Meghan Klum
Melissa Pratt
Lindsay Stafslie
Mellisa Thill
Bryan Nestingen
Sofia Arnold
Heather Johnson
Bryan Nestingen
Brittney Gordon
Andrew Hoff
Andrea Helseth
Brian Remus
Cathy Caulum
Andrew Hoff
Evie Willis
Matt Olson
Carl Westphal
Kristina Jochen
David Cunningham
Melissa Sina
Kim Hanson
Joel Pinkham
Matt Olson
Kristina Jochen
Dan Thies
Brooke Johnson
Samantha Bahr
Matt White

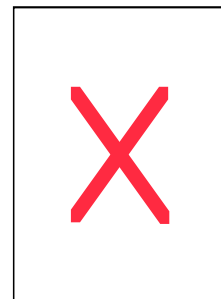
Total 2004 Scholarship Awards: \$56,100.00



New Scholarships for 2004

Two new scholarships were awarded through the Norse Fund this spring. They were:

- 1) **The 'In Honor of the Lives of Ed and Anna Kerska Scholarship'**. This award was funded by their son, Robert Kerska, who taught many years in the Westby High School. It is a time restricted scholarship.
- 2) **The Chamber of Commerce - Norse Fund Scholarship** is another time restricted award funded by the generosity of Gregg and Pauline Hoffmann of Westby. They were the winners of the Harley Davidson motorcycle that the Chamber raffled off in 2003. As a way of giving back to the community, the Hoffmanns donated \$3000.00 to be used for scholarships over a 6 year period. Since winning the raffle, the Hoffmanns have relocated to Westby.



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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 October 1, 2003- September 30, 2004

Contributors:

Charles Anderson
Donald Appleman
Donna Bean
Audrey Berg
Beverly Bjornstad
Robert Bland
Lorraine Borgen
Randi Buros
Joan Dahlen
Harry Davidson
Robert L. Erickson
Westby Football League
Family of Joanne Fremstad
Gary Gilbertson
Dorothy Gray
Roland Hagen
Roland Hoff
Virgil Hoff
Curtis Horman
Robert Huenefeld
Todd Ihrcke
Lester Johnson
Ronald Kapanke
Judy Koula
Roger Kuester
Lillian Leum
Curtis Moe
Phillip Moilien
Steven Nestingen
Evelyn Opsahl
Cheryl Roscovius
Brian Rude
Rosalie Schye
Lester Shaw
David Sorenson
Roger Sorenson
Sound World
Marvin Temp
Mabel Volden
Barbara Waldera

Contributions of \$50.00 or above:

Mrs. Lory Denson
Ann Grewe
Paul Holden
Phillip Johnson
Jeanne Whitling
Guy Nelson
Delores Nuttleman
Clarence Olson
Paul & Cedric Veum
Kay Vosseteig

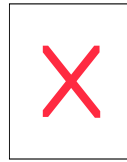
Contribution of \$100.00 or above:

Carmen Mockrud
Marilyn Strangstalien
Class of 1968
Leroy Olson
Eugene Johnson
Ruth Skaar
Douglas Traastad
Patricia Anderson
Naomi Flugstad Bekkum
Monroe Johnson
Alverda Riese
Clarice Weissenberger
Ruth Briscoll
Larry Homstad
Lou Ann Amundson

Contributions of \$1,000.00 and above:

Richard Perkins
Hoffmann Family
Owen Bekkum
Fortress Bank
Family of Paul Mockrud
Vernon Memorial Hospital

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



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 Norse Fund at Box 45, Westby, WI 54667 or contacting Cedric Veum or Bob Bland by the emails or phone numbers listed on the front page, you can request a class list for your reunion with the most current addresses in our database. 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 and that any and all donations are most welcome. It may also be a way of honoring any deceased classmates.

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant”

Robert Louis Stevenson
(1850-94)

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Contributions in Memory or Honor of: October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004

Memorials

Addie Steckbauer
Agnes Swenson
Aletha Midtlien
Arnold Strngstalien
Brenda Perry
Clyde Gray
Doc Buros
Dr.V.A. Brenden
E. Nerison
Gerald Christianson
Gladys Tway
Grant Smith
Elmo Gulsvig
Hazel Fisher
Hazel Johnson
Howard Anderson
Jack Jacobson
Jack Lewis

Jean & Lynn Nyhus
JoAnne Fremstad
Lawrence Rude
Leif & Blanche Mickelson
Leslie LaDue
Lillian Stromstad
Lisa Midtlien
Margaret Overboe
Marthilda Horman
Mrs. Haugen
Muriel Blackdeer
Nancy McKittrick
Nora Nelson
Ole & Lois Martinsen
Quentin Albrecht
Ralph Bakkum
Randy Aspenson
Raymond Rude
Richard Pederson

Sig Holden
Taylor Holman
Thelma Dunnum
Tilman Lee
Vera Gudgeon
Walter Melby

In Honor Of

Class of 1933
Class of 1937
Class of 1950
Class of 1954
Class of 1976
Class of 1988
Dr.P.T. Bland
Bertha Dahl
Pat & Lincoln Stafslie

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.
Box 45
Westby, Wisconsin 54667

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

New Board Members

Curt Brye of Coon Valley and **Rod Engh** of Westby are the new Norse Fund Board members. Both Curt and Rod are alumni of Westby Area High School and have accepted the responsibility to help guide the Norse Fund for a 3 year term. We welcome them to the Norse Fund.

Board members are eligible to be reelected to a subsequent 3 year term (6 years total). However, a break of at least one year is mandated before future reelection to the board is permitted

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Graduates with Missing Addresses

1926	Hazel Maim	1963	Mrs. Donna Schmitz	1978	Jerry Dahlen	1986	Stacey Hall
1926	Verna Nilsson	1963	Darlene Sullivan	1978	Bonnie Draves	1986	Troy Langhus
1926	Nellie Peterson	1964	Caryl Hollowel	1978	Barbara Edgerly	1986	Pam Noll
1927	Minnie Long	1966	Sheila Benson	1978	Denise Fish	1986	Troy Pederson
1929	Margaret Anderson	1966	Diane Hoch	1978	Linda Rottman	1987	Kenneth Adams
1929	Grace Jacobson	1966	Arlen Larson	1978	Peggy Skey	1987	Julie Dunham
1929	Olaf Melby	1966	Ina Sorenson	1979	Debra Clements	1987	Carlyle Hoff
1929	Darrel Nelson	1966	Jeanne Squire	1979	Scott Inglett	1987	Jahn Sawinski
1930	Helen Buros	1968	Victoria Anderson	1979	Ricky Larson	1988	Jill Martell
1930	Gladys Sutterfield	1968	Dennis Forde	1979	Susan Manske	1988	Kerry Rother
1931	Mrs. Alice Frohock	1968	Elizabeth Jones	1979	Katherine McClurg	1989	Mrs. Kimberly Adams
1931	Arden Hoff	1968	Julienne Page	1979	Mrs. Laurie Rebholz	1989	Rosemary Amundson
1931	Stella Swanson	1968	Susan Reismann	1980	Jerry Christianson	1989	Shelley Anderson
1932	Violet Bryant	1968	Beverly Roesler	1980	David Indermuehle	1989	Paula Avila
1933	Lucille Ihle	1969	Virginia Cantor	1980	Cynthia Jacobson	1989	David Eitland
1933	Helen Mlsna	1969	Mrs. Nancy Choder	1980	Wayne Larson	1989	Barbara Galstad
1933	Helen Pearson	1969	Thomas Houghtaling	1980	Steven Nelson	1989	Jennifer McClintock
1933	Roy Smith	1969	Evelyn Johnson	1981	Bradley Bjornstad	1989	Todd Rudie
1934	Clara Crosby	1969	Thomas Stout	1981	Brenda Fernandes	1989	Jamie Scheel
1935	Mrs. Alida Hanson	1970	Julie Craft	1981	Roland Mossholder	1989	Wayne Shepard
1937	Lilah Swiggum	1970	Michael Miller	1981	Mrs. Betsy Rian	1990	Sara Arendt
1938	Mrs. Pearl Treff	1970	Jeffrey Rude	1981	Mark Schroeder	1990	Tina Knutson
1939	Lyle Olson	1971	Mary Hassell	1981	Rachel Stedman	1990	Dawn Konze
1940	Carl Benrud	1971	Patricia Helgerson	1981	Judy Vonnell	1990	Karen Sniff
1940	Dagny Hicke	1971	Cynthia Johnson	1982	Randall Call	1990	Kristy Withington
1940	Liala Trapp	1971	Sandra Neidholdt	1982	Mary Farrell	1991	Jamey Anderson
1941	Robert Ballsrud	1971	Mrs. Jeanie Olson	1982	Gregory Lindvig	1991	Louis Avila
1941	Donald Mockrud	1971	Bonnie Quackenbush	1982	Shelly Mickelson	1991	Brenda Bloor
1942	Avenelle Nelson	1971	Randal Schroeder	1982	Mrs. Laura Rangel	1991	Shaelaegh Bollinger
1944	Irene Midtlien	1971	Dale Steenberg	1982	Kristin Rust	1991	Christa Eastvold
1945	Raymond Schye	1972	Randy Cashion	1982	Karen Solbreken	1991	Elizabeth Engesether
1946	Margaret Case	1972	Carroll Garvin	1982	Donna Steffen	1991	Marilyn Green
1947	Rolf Bekkum	1972	J. Garvin	1983	Jenise Downing	1991	Anji Holden
1947	William Marshall	1972	Kevin Iverson	1983	Rhonda Fogel	1991	Alan Howell
1948	Evelyn Hanson	1972	Rhonda Labus	1983	Tammy Hanson	1991	Terje Petter Jenssen
1948	Mrs. Ardelle Myran	1972	Irma Newbery	1983	Mrs. Pamela Kern	1991	Scott Johnson
1949	Norman Larson	1972	Elaine Stefferud	1983	Dennis Nash	1991	Daniel Lindstrom
1949	Patricia O'Neal	1972	Dan Strangstalien	1983	Darlene Scanlon	1991	Angie Nelson
1949	Patricia Stout	1974	Jeanine Bakkestuen	1983	David Stevenson	1991	Kristopher Nordrum
1949	Lo Rayne Wittmershaus	1974	Roxanne Larson	1984	Rita Johnson	1991	Christal Oliver
1950	Katherine Nelson	1974	Betty Schultz	1984	Kristine Kotlowski	1993	Tammy Bernett
1950	Beverly Quintino	1974	Linda Welch	1984	Douglas Lepke	1993	Chad Carey
1952	Charlotte Eitland	1975	Arvin Calkins	1984	Mrs. Donna Lodahl	1993	Kim Detienne
1953	Boyd Helgerson	1975	Lois Henry	1984	Kristen McDaniel	1993	Bekki Lee
1953	Ardyce Stinnett	1975	Gregory King	1984	Daniel Mickelson	1993	Kristen Schmitz
1955	David Erickson	1975	Jeffrey Pederson	1984	Rodney Olson	1993	Corey Simonson
1955	Mrs. Coletta Ryan	1975	Randy Reschke	1984	Seri Sommerfeldt	1993	Jason Switz
1956	Darlene Mickelberg	1975	Mrs. Rhonda Stach	1984	Peggy Strazis	1993	Eric Tollackson
1956	Calvin Oium	1976	Milan Bekkum	1984	Buffi Young	1993	Tina Weber
1957	Norma Douglas	1976	Mrs. Nola Childs	1985	Kala Anderson	1993	Kelly Wolfe
1957	Anna Monahan	1976	April Duffy	1985	David Avila		
1958	Clinton Peterson	1976	Kevin Engstrom	1985	Judy Brown		
1959	Carole Arentz	1976	Patty Piebrink	1985	Brian Dayton		
1959	Wayne Dingeldien	1976	Carol Kopp	1985	Timothy Erickson		
1959	Dorothy Garbers	1976	Susan Kruse	1985	Ryan Kettleson		
1959	Marjorie Ruud	1976	David Larson	1985	Angela Larson		
1960	Marilyn Drews	1976	Susanne Nelson	1985	Dennis Molstad		
1960	Rebecca Langrehr	1977	Lori Boers	1985	Earl Shank		
1962	James Gilbeck	1977	Steven Davidson	1985	Mona Tatu		
1962	Marlene Robertshaw	1977	Lonnie Genardo	1985	Dale Van Minsel		
1963	Don Murry	1977	Cynthia Stayton	1985	Dawn Van Minsel		
1963	David Olson	1977	Sheila Steele	1986	Aimee Erlandson		

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Norse Fund at Box
45, Westby or email
veum@mwt.net if you
know an address for
any of these alumni.
Thank you!***

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