



**SHARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER**

**ERAF PLEASED TO HELP WITH ‘PARENT PROJECT’**

For the past two years the East Rochester Alumni Foundation has provided funding for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten ‘Parent Project.’ Until 2010, the Parent Project was funded by Federal Title IV grant monies. With these funds having been eliminated, the program was in jeopardy of being cut. However, with assistance from the Alumni Foundation, this valuable program was able to continue.

The Parent Project provides a chance for parents of pre-kindergartners to become more involved in their children’s education. Over five evening sessions during the second half of the school year, parents meet with educators to learn ways to support their child’s learning. Each evening begins with dinner for parents, children, and staff members. This is followed by sharing and learning experiences for parents and play activities for children. Each week, parents learn about early literacy and social and emotional issues of early childhood. Through these activities and discussions, supportive relationships develop between educators and parents, and among the parents themselves.

It has been an honor for the Alumni Foundation to help with this most worthwhile endeavor which supports our school family.

– Anita M. Mance

**2012 SAM URZETTA ALUMNI CLASSIC RAISES MORE THAN \$11,000!**

This year’s tournament was held at Lima Country Club on Friday, Aug. 3. More than 200 golfers participated, thus enabling the Alumni Foundation to raise over \$11,000, which will be used to underwrite education-oriented grants for the benefit of East Rochester kids in grades K-12. Our success was further ensured by the generous support of more than 150 individuals and businesses who donated cash, gifts, and prizes, with a total value of over \$15,000.

The winning foursome on Island Oaks was captained by **Harry Mancuso** (class of 1959). His fellow players were **Toby Emmings, Mark Granny, and Bob Wetzel**. The captain of the winning Charleston Pines team was **Joey Quinzi** (class of ’11); playing with Joey were **John Quinzi, Ken Persson, and Dale Landl**. ‘Proficiency awards’ (most accurate drives, closest to the pin, etc.) went to **Chris Ash, Sally Cascini, John Checho, Amy D’Ambrose, Ray Hodder, John Quinlisk, Joey Quinzi, and Ron Rucker**.

During the awards luncheon, the Alumni Foundation’s 2012 ‘Distinguished Alumni Award’ was presented to **Larry Weise** (ERHS ’54). Larry scored 862 career points as a member of St. Bonaventure University’s nationally recognized basketball team. He coached the Bonaventure Brown Indians from 1961 to ’73, during which time he took his team to the NCIT in ’63, the NIT in ’64, and the NCAA tournament twice (’68 and ’70). He won the Eastern Regional Title in 1970, during the program’s only trip to the Final Four. Mr. Weise finished with a career record of 202-90. He also served as the university’s Athletic Director from 1965 to ’92, and was named the ECAC Coach of the Year in ’68 and ’70. Upon his retirement, Larry and his wife, the former Julie Corea, returned to ER, where they remain very active with hometown activities and friends. Mark your calendar! Next year’s tourney will, once again, be held at LCC, and is set for Friday, Aug. 2.

**Thank You Sponsors and Supporters!**

The Alumni Foundation receives much of its financial support, and many of our event gifts and prizes, from more than 150 very generous local businesses, service providers, graduating classes, and individuals. Below is a partial list of those businesses who have demonstrated their support of the foundation and their commitment to East Rochester. Please take a minute to review the list, and consider patronizing them. Your support of those who support us is an excellent way to let these businesses know their generosity is deeply appreciated. Please be aware this is only a partial list, and other sponsors and individuals will be highlighted here in upcoming issues. Please let these businesses know you support them because they support our kids and our community.

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### ~ ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS ~

As part of our ongoing effort to shine a light on East Rochester alumni who have done wonderful things in their adulthood, the ER Alumni Foundation is pleased to showcase...

#### **Vicki Argento, ERHS '80**

A member of the class of 1980, Vicki Argento serves as a Monroe County Court Judge, and was elected to a 10-year term in November 2010.

Vicki decided long ago that she wanted to pursue a career in law. After graduating from ER, she attended St. John Fisher College and SUNY Buffalo Law School. She pursued private practice for 22 years before her appointment as East Rochester Town Court Justice in 2002. She is passionate about integrity, equality, and justice, and feels very strongly about protecting our judicial system. In her work, Vicki enjoys playing a role in protecting the community and appreciates the way her involvement can make a real and positive impact on people's lives.



A devoted community volunteer, Vicki has coached ER Little League for 31 years and has volunteered for 'everything you can imagine' in ER, from youth football and cheerleading to CYO basketball to directing traffic during a 5K race. She also supports the ER Youth Activity Center. Vicki sponsors many ER events such as the Senior Bash, Career Fair, and just about anything else she is asked to do. She can often be seen at school soccer games, pep rallies, and other activities.

Vicki's three brothers – Frank (class of '82), Anthony ('84), and Chris ('86) – are also ERHS alumni. She is proud of her East Rochester roots, and we are proud of all she has done for our community.

#### **Richard Rice, ERHS '61**

Richard Rice, a 1961 East Rochester graduate and longtime professional engineer, has refined a long-standing personal fitness regimen into a national ranking as one of the nation's best senior-bracket squash players.

Richard competed in 12 qualifying tournaments during the first part of 2012, and because he finished in the top four in tournaments held in major cities across the United States and Canada, he is ranked the #2 right-wall player in the U.S. for the 65-70 age group – a distinction he's held for the past four years.

A Rochester resident, Richard won the deciding match against Canada as a member of the top-ranked USA 60-and-older team in the Lapham-Grant competition, held in Atlanta in March of this year. The Lapham-Grant is a contest between the United States and Canada which has been held every year since 1922. Richard has been selected to represent the USA 19 times, and was team captain in 2000. Richard is the director of project development for MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, based in Clifton Park, near Albany. During the '60s he served as property manager for Midtown Holdings, which owned the now-raised Midtown Plaza. His sister, Marilyn, graduated from East Rochester in 1955; his brother, Ken, received his ER diploma in 1963; and his mother, Elnora, taught French at the elementary grades in ER for more than 20 years.



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