



## *ROCHESTER ARTS & LECTURES GRANT*

### **2011-12 Series of Uncommon Voices**

The ER Alumni Foundation has been able to award a wide variety of grants to benefit our students. While most grant requests have come from our school staff, from time to time, ideas have been submitted by our Board of Directors.

With the assistance of our former Board President Peter Obourn, this school year we provided funds for two high-school students and a faculty chaperone to attend each of the six lectures of the Rochester Arts & Lectures series. We also purchased books written and illustrated by the presenters

for our students to use. After the lectures, the books were given to the school library.

In reading the participating students' thank-you notes and talking to a few of them, I learned how much this experience meant to them. They appreciated having this unique opportunity to learn about the writing process and what inspires these famous people to write and create. They enjoyed being in an audience comprised of both students and adults. They liked listening to the audience members' questions and the presenters' impromptu answers.

In speaking of cartoonist Roz Chast, junior **Angelique P.** mentioned how comfortable Chast seemed and what a comical personality she had. Classmate **Jacqueline M.** enjoyed learning about how much Chast's cartoons are based on her life. Senior **Taylor E.** wrote she had enjoyed seeing doctor/author Abraham Verghese, and hopes to read more of his work. Junior **Emily R.** noted that seeing actor/playwright Wallace Shawn was an interesting new experience, and classmate **Katie G.** spoke of Shawn's desire to show the audience that he isn't the characters he plays.

And for myself, I appreciated having the opportunity to share thoughts with the students and see the experience through their eyes. I think the experience is one they will long remember.

*– Anita M. Mance*

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### *Helping Us Help The Community*

This quarter, the Alumni Foundation decided to highlight an area business managed by two well-known ER graduates. They operate Lisa's in the Wegmans Plaza on Penfield Road, and have been most generous in their ongoing support of the foundation and many of our fundraising activities.

These patrons are store director **Pat Tobin**, class of '58, and store manager **LeeAnn Rosati Riesenberger**, '87. Both can be found at their store most days and are equally comfortable offering suggestions, showing you around their beautiful new store, or talking about their favorite ER memories.

Thanks to Pat and LeeAnn's generosity, Lisa's has been one of our major sponsors for more than five years. They regularly donate merchandise and gift cards to the Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic golf tournament (in which they are also regular participants), and have donated to several of our musical fundraisers. Pat served as the Alumni Foundation's second president, in 2010-11. LeeAnn was an outstanding local athlete and became the first woman named to the Bombers' prestigious Wall of Fame, to which she was inducted in 1996.

LeeAnn shared with us that they sponsor ERAF events "in hopes of gaining more customers from East Rochester and because we both love to support the community where we grew up." She adds, "It's a big, beautiful store that Pat and I are very proud of. We have a wonderful staff and a great selection of quality products, and would like very much to share what we've built with our friends from ER."

Lisa's is right around the corner from East Rochester, just west of the intersection of routes 250 and 441. Please stop in, say hello, and thank them for supporting the kids of ER.



## FROM THE ER ALUMNI FOUNDATION

### ***THIRD 'CAREER NIGHT' WELCOMED BACK 23 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS***

Consistent with the ER School District's Mission ('to prepare all students to be post-secondary ready') and a goal of the ER Alumni Foundation ('to help build a stronger school system, a stronger community, and a stronger future for all East Rochester students'), the ERAF sponsored its third Career Fair in cooperation with the Junior/Senior High School the evening of Thursday, March 15. The purpose of the Career Fairs is to provide our 7-12 students with information they can use as they begin facing important career and advanced-education decisions.

The event featured 23 alumni and friends participating in these nine categories: arts and communication (**Wendy Paige Doll, Casey Filiaci, and Gene Filiaci**), business (**Jim Baglieri and Tim Henry**), food service (**John Fee, Rene Capponi Madera, and Don Verni**), medical and health services (**Dr. Neil Herendeen, Mary Kay Ross Parrone, and Todd Spring**), public and social services (**Fred Ricci**), science and engineering (**Chris Lopez, Tom Quinzi, and Sergio Rucci**), skilled trades (**Ted Conners, Dan Parshall, and Peter Quinzi**), teaching (**Kristina Barbero, Angela Beltran Fuller, and Anita Mance**), and athletics (**Dave Jenkins and Ron Whitcomb**). Student participants had the opportunity to hear interesting and informative comments from all our speakers, and ask questions of them. They were also eligible to win several education-related door prizes. The evening concluded with refreshments provided by the Culinary Arts program, under the direction of Mr. Fee.

Although student and parent turnout was lower than last year's event, feedback during and directly after was extremely positive. It's our hope we were able to touch some of these kids and help them with education and career planning. The ERAF is proud to participate in this endeavor, and will look to incorporate feedback from our students, speakers, and administration for our next one. If you are interested in helping with this important project or would like more information, please contact Tom Quinzi at [tvquinzi@frontiernet.net](mailto:tvquinzi@frontiernet.net).

*Photos from the evening are at [www.tinyurl.com/75bro8k](http://www.tinyurl.com/75bro8k).*

### **Thank You Sponsors and Supporters!**

The ERAF receives much of its financial support, and many of our event gifts and prizes, from more than 150 very generous local businesses and service providers. In the September-October-November '11 newsletter we began publishing a list of those businesses who have demonstrated their support of the foundation and their commitment to ER. Please take a minute to review the below list, which is a continuation. Your support of those who support us is an excellent way to let these businesses know their generosity is deeply appreciated.

*Amiel's Submarines, Applebee's, Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, Bill Gray's, Bistro 135, Bob Hastings Buick/GMC, Bonefish Grill, Champps Americana, Chili's Restaurant, Country Club Car Wash, J.G. Crummer's, Erwin's Dry Cleaners, Fairfield's Grill, Forest Hills Family Restaurant, Grapevine Restaurant, Hairzoo, Havana House of Cigars, Johnson RV Country, KB Specialties, Kohler Awnings, Kronenberger Manufacturing, Lemoncello Café and Lounge, Leo's Elite Bakery, Lima Country Club, Lisa's Liquor Barn, Longhorn Steakhouse, Lowe's, Locust Hill Country Club, Mac's Philly Steaks, Marina Dodge/Mitsubishi, Mark's Pizzeria, McArdle's Restaurant, McGraw's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Midvale Country Club, David Morabito Esq., M&T Bank, Narham Construction, Pellegrino's Deli & Café, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, The Pierogie Guy, Rene's Café, Rosey's Italian Café, Rubino's Italian Subs, Salvatore's Pizza, Surace's Pizza, Take-a-Break Restaurant, Tim Horton's (Fairport Road), TP's Irish Restaurant & Pub, Village Rock Café, Vision Dodge (Penfield)*

All ER alumni are cordially invited to attend and participate in the annual **Baccalaureate** ceremony, scheduled for 7 pm Tuesday, June 19, in the district auditorium. The Rev. Harry Williamson of the First Baptist Church will be the featured speaker. The ceremony, sponsored by the ER Association of Churches, is free and open to the public.

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### *2012 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic set for Friday, Aug. 3*

The Alumni Foundation will be hosting its sixth annual golf tournament this summer. The Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic is planned for Friday, Aug. 3 at Lima Country Club. Originally known as the East Rochester Open, our tournament was renamed the Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic in 2008. Our intent was to honor our dear friend and a true golfing legend. In addition to his many sporting, social, and charitable contributions, Sam was a founding member of the ERAF Board of Directors and a key member of the ER Open committee.

The tournament will be a 'scramble' format to encourage participation by golfers of all skill levels, and will be played on both the Charleston Pines and Island Oaks courses. Registration, a continental breakfast, and a putting contest will begin at 7 am, and the tourney will kick off with a shotgun start at 9 am.

The 'Classic' is our major annual fundraiser. Over the past five years, the tournament has raised over \$58,000. Proceeds have been used to fund education-related grants and projects the foundation has undertaken on behalf of ER students. The financial success of this event is attributable to alumni and business sponsors who have generously donated cash and other gifts totaling over \$74,000, and to the 846 golfers who have joined us at previous tournaments (including the record 212 who played last summer).

While our primary goal is to raise money in support of ERAF grants and projects, we also place heavy emphasis on the renewal of old acquaintances and having fun. To this end, we use both courses to prevent playing delays, keep our entry fees as low as possible to promote participation, and use the 'scramble' format to make the event fun for all levels of golfers.

The entry fee of \$85 per person includes a continental breakfast, welcome gifts, greens fee and cart, tee prize(s), a hot dog and soft drink at the turn, a luncheon buffet, loads of door prizes, and a charitable donation to ERAF. Also, a putting contest, Mulligan purchase, skins games, and a giant raffle will be available that day for nominal fees.

To avoid course and banquet delays, a maximum of 55 foursomes (220 players) will be registered. We will attempt to accommodate foursome preferences with regard to course selection, but early registrants will be given priority. In addition, foursomes who have registered and paid by Saturday, June 30 will be entered in an 'early bird' drawing, and the winning foursome will receive a full refund of their \$340 registration fee.

Registration forms are available in the Superintendent's Office at the school, and on the ERAF Website – [www.erschools.org/alumni.cfm](http://www.erschools.org/alumni.cfm). Registering early is a good idea, as we expect to reach our player limit in early July.

Individuals or businesses interested in becoming a tournament sponsor should contact Carl Tobin at 526-6120 or [ctobin@frontiernet.net](mailto:ctobin@frontiernet.net).

**Craig Carlisle**, valedictorian of the class of 2010 and a sophomore at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, recently returned to ERHS to discuss life at West Point with current students. Photos of his Thursday, March 8 visit are at [www.tinyurl.com/7d9ppcb](http://www.tinyurl.com/7d9ppcb).

### **ERAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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