# SWASF -Quarterly Newsletter January 2024



# SEDRO-WOOLLEY ALUMNI & SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation -2024 Quarterly Newsletter

#### 2024 - A New Year Welcomed!

Dear Cubs, Alumni, and Foundation Supporters,

As we usher in the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of 2023. Thanks to your unwavering support, we made a profound impact on the lives of our students.

From enriching classroom experiences to fostering educational opportunities beyond, our collective efforts have paved the way for countless success stories.

Whether it's through scholarships or grants, we've remained steadfast in our commitment to empowering the next generation. As we embark on another year, we are excited to continue our mission of supporting countless students through these efforts.

Alongside our commitment to empowering the journey of students, we remain dedicated to staying connected with our fellow Cubs and classmates. Look forward to updates on events, alumni gatherings, and ways to stay connected as we continue to build a network that spans generations.

So here's to a year of continued impact, where the enduring bond of "Once a Cub, Always a Cub" propels us toward new horizons.

Warm regards, Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation - Board of Directors

Ps. As always, if you have announcements or information (and better yet photos) to share in our upcoming newsletters, please reach out to us at <u>info.swasf@gmail.com</u>. We look forward to hearing from you and cheering on the Cubs!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings & Community Events**

- January 19th, 2024 -- SWASF Board Meeting
- March 15th, 2024 --SWASF Board Meeting
- May 17th, 2024 --SWASF Board Meeting

The 24-member volunteer board meets on the third Friday of odd-numbered months at the Sedro-Woolley School District administrative offices on Trail Road at 11:00 a.m.



#### In Memory of Irene Johnson - SWHS Class of 1946

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Irene Johnson, a cherished and dedicated board member of the Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation.

Irene, alongside her husband Gene, contributed nearly two decades of service to our organization, leaving an indelible mark on our community.

Throughout her tenure, Irene actively participated in various committees, including Membership, Finance, All-Class Picnic, and Plant/Bake Sale, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the betterment of our schools.

A proud member of the SWHS class of 1946, Irene's passion for her alma mater shone through in her every effort. She peacefully departed on November 9th, 2023, at the age of 95, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and warmth that will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.



## PRIDE PLAZA PAVERS INSTALLATION

A big shoutout to our incredible Alumni and Schools Foundation members, Brock Stiles, Steve Lidgard, and Phil Brockman, for their dedication in recently installing over 70+ pavers at the Pride Plaza at SWHS. Thank you for making a difference!







### CLASSROOM GRANTS

In the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year, we are excited to announce a change to the classroom grant program. We will transition from the previous two grant cycles to a single annual award cycle, streamlining the application process and ensuring educators can focus on their classroom needs with greater efficiency.

The application deadline for classroom grants will be January 12th, 2024, and the application will be available two weeks before winter break.

To date, the foundation has proudly contributed over \$433,000+ in Classroom Grants, leaving an enduring mark on the educational landscape in Sedro-Woolley. For a comprehensive list of our past grant recipients, please visit: <u>SWASF Classroom Grant Awards</u>





# Extracurricular Activities Opportunity Grants

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The Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation has created a new grant opportunity to support school/district endorsed activities that are outside of regular courses of study. The purpose of the grant is to support student extracurricular activities that find it difficult to provide essential and appropriate equipment common among quality programs; as well as other special needs unique to the requesting program.

Program needs of these extracurricular activities are often not adequately met given ASB fund distribution guidelines and varied levels of student participation. Eligible school / district endorsed extracurricular activities typically include: sports, music, drama, art, debate, and clubs as a few examples.

We look forward to growing this opportunity fund and supporting a variety of extracurricular activities in the near future!

# Scholarships Update

## SCHOLARSHIPS

#### 2024 Scholarship Opportunities

The 2024 scholarship application deadlines will be here before you know it! Last year the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation & its community partners awarded over \$71,000+.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please read the information below or visit our website for more details about the applications and instructions for the different scholarships that we help award. You can also email us at <u>info.swasf@gmail.com</u>.

Visit us online at: https://woolleycubs.com/scholarships/

**2024 Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Scholarship Information:** If you are interested in applying, here's what you need to know: Deadline: February 20th, 2024 Application: <u>Sedro-Woolley Community Scholarship Application</u> Delivery Instructions:

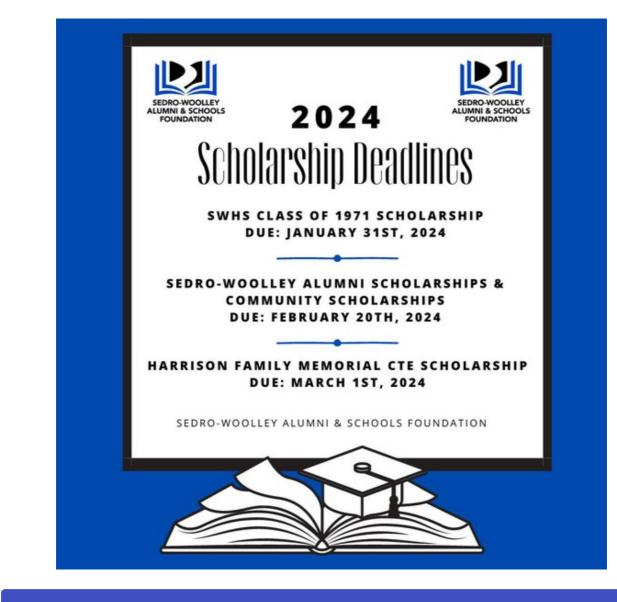
- Please hand deliver a hard, paper copy to Ms. Rodriguez
- Scan and email your completed application to Ms. Rodriguez rrodriguez+scholarship@swsd101.org

Other Scholarship Information: Scholarship: Sedro-Woolley High School Class of 1971 Scholarship Deadline: January 31st, 2024 Application: <u>SWHS Class of 1971 Scholarship Application</u>

#### Delivery Instructions:

Please send your application electronically and be mindful of the document requirement (how it is sent and file type) – *NO GOOGLE DOCS.* The scholarship committee is looking for you to follow directions! Your school counselor can assist you with this.

*Scholarship: Harrison Family Memorial CTE Scholarship* Deadline: March 1st, 2024 Application: <u>Harrison Family Memorial CTE Scholarship</u>



#### Click Here to Make a Donation to Our Scholarship Program!

# CUB CORNER

If your class is having an event in 2024 - a reunion, happy hour or other social gathering, be SURE to send it to us to include here in our newsletter or on our Facebook page! We are always happy to help share information about your event and help get the word out. We love seeing our fellow Cubs together and having fun!

# **CUB ALUMNI!**

We want to hear from you! Let us know what you're up too!

-Class Reunions -School/College Updates -Fun with Friends -Old Pictures

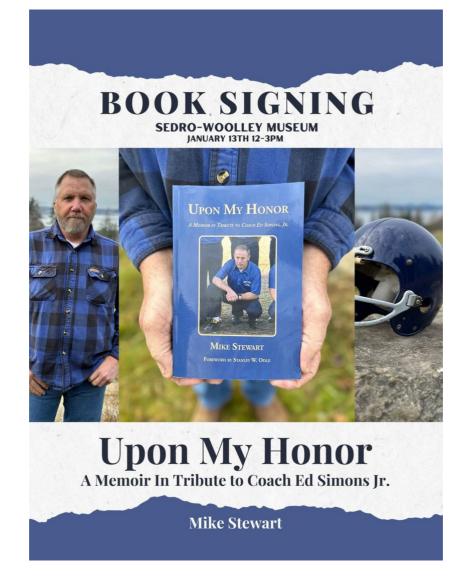
We would love to include any updates on our Facebook page or in the Cub Corner Section of our newsletter.

## EMAIL US AT INFO.SWASF@GMAIL.COM

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Check this out! Mike Stewart (Class of 1978) has written a wonderful memoir and tribute entitled "Upon My Honor" in honor of the legendary Coach Ed Simons, Jr.

Make sure to order your copy! Also, you can join Mike for a special book signing at the <u>Sedro-Woolley Museum</u> on January 13th from 12pm-3pm.

#### **Click Here - Amazon Link to Purchase**

#### "Upon My Honor" A Memoir In Tribute To Coach Ed Simons, Jr.

Ed Simons was a former U.S. Marine and Logger from blue-collar roots. He believed in a basic set of ideals and principles: there are no shortcuts or free rides in life; you have to be willing to work for something you want. Coach Simons lived, and taught, these simple principles during his more than 43 years in education. He was often at odds with the school administration and the community, for he played no favorites and would not waver from placing his players first in every decision he made. This memoir is the tribute of but one of the many players, and coaches, who remember Ed Simons for his courage, loyalty to a purpose, and joy he received in bringing out the best in the young men he coached.



#### Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Facebook Page



# **#CUBSGIVE**



The Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation is a non-profit 503(c)(3) that raises, manages and distributes funds in support of student education in the Sedro-Woolley School District.

The Foundation has a robust scholarship program and currently provides tens of thousands in scholarships to graduating seniors. The Foundation also has a twice-yearly classroom grant program that provides funding for innovative classroom materials and programs.

If you would like to help support the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation, a list of different ways that you can make a donation is included below:

1) Visit <u>www.woolleycubs.com/cubsgive/</u> to make an online donation.

2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation

Search for @swschoolsfoundation to send paymen

3) Mail a check to us at:

Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Contact Us/Questions: www.woolleycubs.com/ info.swasf@gmail.com



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#### 1) Visit <u>https://woolleycubs.com/cubsgive</u> to make an online donation.

-You can set-up reoccurring donations, along with designate your donation to a specific area: scholarships/classroom grants/greatest need.

#### 2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation

-Search for @swschoolsfoundation or scan the QR code (pictured below) to send payment.

3) Mail check to Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation at P.O Box 509, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

We invite you to join the Foundation in a partnership with the community to make a difference for our children!



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