

SWASF - *Quarterly Newsletter*

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SEDRO-WOOLLEY ALUMNI & SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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Cubs in Action: Updates and Events from the SWASF

Welcome to our slightly late but highly anticipated second quarter newsletter! From organizing our fantastic plant sale and reviewing scholarship applications to preparing for another Annual All-Class Picnic, the members of the SWASF have been hard at work these past few months!

As we move towards summer, we know that many classes of Cubs will be looking to reunite. If we can help spread the word or share reunion information, please let us know—we are happy to assist in bringing our fellow Cubs together.

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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Upcoming Board Meetings & Community Events

- May 17th, 2024 --SWASF Board Meeting
- July 13th, 2024 - SWHS All Class Picnic
- September 14th, 2024 - Summer Harvest Concert

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.



SAVE THE DATE! The SWHS All Class Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 13th, 2024 at Riverfront Park!

More details (including information on meals) to come very soon! We will have a special edition newsletter about the All-Class Picnic that will be sent out very soon. We can't wait to see all of our



The Foundation's Origins and Honoring Mike Casey!

While much has been said and celebrated about the alumni association's origins and history, the story of how the Foundation first came into existence has often remained in the shadows. As we commemorate the 25th year since its inception, we wanted to take the time to not only celebrate a quarter-century of dedication but shine a light on the visionary leader who sparked its inception.

In 1999, inspired by a transformative experience at a schools' conference, Mike Casey, the current Superintendent of the Sedro-Woolley School District, embarked on a mission to enhance educational opportunities for students and support educators. The seed of an idea took root during that conference as Mike learned about the impactful work of a similar foundation in a neighboring district. Determined to bring this initiative home, Mike catalyzed the formation of the Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation, driven by a profound commitment to enriching the educational landscape of his community.

For over two decades, the Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation has been instrumental in advancing student learning and supporting educators through its unwavering dedication to providing classroom grants. The Foundation has flourished and offered countless opportunities for generations of students and educators alike.

The Foundation operated independently for 16 years, tirelessly working to fulfill its mission of enhancing student learning experiences. However, the impact didn't stop there. Nine years ago, the Foundation merged with the Sedro-Woolley Alumni Association, further solidifying its commitment to fostering educational excellence and community engagement.

Beyond his pivotal role in helping found the Foundation, Mike Casey's legacy of service extends far and wide within the Sedro-Woolley community. With over 22 years of dedicated service to the Sedro-Woolley School District, including roles as principal, assistant superintendent, and District Superintendent, Mike's impact is woven into the fabric of the community. Even after his tenure within the school district, Mike's commitment to serving the community remains steadfast. He continues to play an active role in various projects, particularly in the Big Lake area, demonstrating his enduring dedication to the betterment of the community he calls home.

In addition to his ongoing contributions, Mike remains an integral part of the Sedro-Woolley Alumni and Schools Foundation, lending his expertise to the scholarship committee and spearheading initiatives such as the Extracurricular Activities Grant Fund. His involvement in the Robert and Becky Gates Outdoor Activity Center committee and his volunteer efforts with the Sedro-Woolley School District's long-range planning further exemplify his tireless commitment to shaping a brighter future for Sedro-Woolley's youth.

As we celebrate 25 years of impact, we pay tribute to Mike Casey and his visionary leadership, which laid the Foundation for the Sedro-Woolley Schools Foundation's enduring legacy. Today, as we honor the past and look toward the future, we remain grateful for Mike's indelible mark on our community.

Here's to 25 years of excellence, innovation, and the transformative power of education.



Annual Plant Sale - Thank You Old Thompson's Greenhouse!

The SWASF annual plant sale on May 4th and 5th at the charming Old Thompson's Greenhouse was a great success! We truly had a wonderful turnout of community members eager to support both a cherished local business and our Foundation's scholarship program.

The greenhouse was brimming with a stunning variety of plants. Shoppers had their pick from beautiful hanging baskets, vibrant tomatoes, and a plethora of seasonal plants. Whether you were looking for annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, or vegetables, there was something for everyone.

Thank you to all of those who came out to make this event such a success. Your participation helps sustain our efforts and supports budding scholars in our community. A special thanks goes out to The Old Thompson's Greenhouse for continuing to be an incredible partner. See you next spring!



Classroom Grants

CLASSROOM GRANTS

Celebrating Our Annual Classroom Grants for 2023-2024

We are delighted to share the success of our annual classroom grants for the 2023-2024 school year. This year, we transitioned from a twice-annual award cycle to a single annual award, allowing us to streamline the process and make an even greater impact.

In total, we awarded \$9,901.08 to support a variety of educational initiatives:

- **\$2,594.48** awarded in regular grant funds
- **\$7,013.71** funded from the Ryan Science Endowment
- **\$292.79** from the Eastman Literacy Grant Funding

These grants have enabled the purchase of a wide range of resources and equipment, including:

- HiCap Science/Physics STEAM materials
- A Salmon Egg Hatching Tank
- Kindergarten STEM and Art Resources
- Admission to the SPARK Museum of Electrical Invention
- Groundwater Contamination & Mass Migrations educational tools
- Enhancements for STEM Exploration

- Materials for Modeling Structure and Function of Proteins
- High-interest books for middle to upper elementary students
- Equipment upgrades for Middle School Health Sciences

Grants were awarded to benefit Clear Lake, Mary Purcell, SSSHS, CMS, SWHS, and the District Wide HiCap (elementary level) program.

We are proud to support these enriching educational experiences and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our students. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Foundation and help make these grants possible.

Scholarships Update

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Update: Award Letters Are On Their Way!

We are thrilled to announce that scholarship applications are in, committees have met, and award letters are being sent out to many deserving students. This marks an exciting time for our Foundation as we recognize and support the academic achievements of outstanding students in our community.

This year, we will also be introducing the following new scholarships:

- **John Hull Memorial Tennis Scholarship**
- **Heather McCall Memorial Scholarship**
- **John Hendrickson Trade School/Apprenticeship Scholarship** (one-time award)

Stay tuned for our next quarterly newsletter, where we will share more about all of our scholarship recipients. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with you soon. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners!

John Hull Memorial Tennis Scholarship



John Hull was a tennis coach at Sedro-Woolley High School from 2014 - 2023 for both the boys and girls teams. John loved coaching tennis. He brought a vibrant, bold, and fun presence to the court. He was a wonderful coach who was dedicated and compassionate, always challenging his players to do their best on and off the courts.

John passed away on 1/20/24 due to complications from a cardiac arrest that he had while playing tennis. He leaves a lasting legacy of youth tennis players that love to play the game.

[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.



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Reunion Info: Class of Sedro-Woolley High School Class of 1994

SWHS Class of 1994 - 30th Class reunion

July 4th, 2024

We will meet up for a float in the annual Loggerodeo Parade. We will need help decorating the trailer. Details to be announced soon!

July 6th (Saturday)

The Eagles banquet room in Sedro Woolley for Social hour(s) and a catered dinner. Followed by some who's who trivia games, highschool flashback music bingo and music maybe even some karaoke!

More info on the [Class of 1994 Facebook Page - Link Here](#)



Save the Date: Summer Harvest Concert! Featuring the Troy Fair Band!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Summer Harvest Concert, featuring the Troy Fair Band, on September 14th, 2024, at Eaglehaven Winery. More info is coming soon, but trust us—this is an event you don't want to miss!

As you may recall, last year we introduced the Summer Harvest Concert as our new fundraising event, replacing the Harvest Happenings Benefit Auction that was previously held bi-annually in the fall.

This exciting concert promises to be a fun and entertaining way to raise significant funds, which allow the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation to support educational grants for student-related projects and programs throughout the Sedro-Woolley School District. Last year's event was a tremendous success, and we can't wait to kick up our heels and do it again!



Sedro-Woolley School District's Annual Community Recognition Night!

On February 22nd, 2024 at the Sedro-Woolley School District's annual Community Recognition Night, two individuals closely associated with the Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation were honored.

First up, we have Arlene Eastman, a dedicated member of our community and current Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Board Member. Arlene's contributions to our District and beyond have been nothing short of extraordinary. From her years of service as an educator to her countless hours of volunteer work, Arlene embodies the spirit of giving back. Join us in celebrating her remarkable achievements!

Next, we honor the late Bob Hickman, a former Alumni Association board member and a true Sedro-Woolley native who left an indelible mark on our town. As a proud graduate of Sedro-Woolley High School and owner of Hickman Plumbing for three decades, Bob's impact on our community is immeasurable. From his dedicated service on the school board to his passion for coaching youth softball, Bob's legacy will always be remembered with fondness and gratitude.

Together with Mark Nilson, Charles "Chuck" Ruhl, and Larry Nelson, Arlene and Bob were honored and recognized for their exceptional contributions to our community. Thank you to each of you for your impact and service to our community.

Pictured above is Arlene Eastman and pictured below is Mason M. (Bob Hickman's grandson).



Sedro-Woolley Alumni & Schools Foundation Facebook Page



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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 www.woolleycubs.com/cubsgive/ to make an online donation.

2) Venmo @swschoolsfoundation

Search for @swschoolsfoundation to send payment.

3) Mail a check to us at:

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

Contact Us/Questions:

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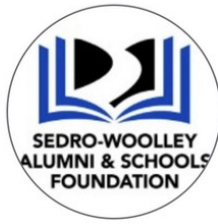
-You can set-up reoccurring donations, along with designate your donation to a specific area: scholarships/classroom grants/greatest need.

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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