

Spring/
Summer 2018



Fall Tasting Event

*Remember Last Year?
The Food - The Fun
The Depot !
(Did we mention the food?)*



**October 25, 2018
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Depot's Great Hall**

***Tickets \$25.00- Available from all
REA³D board members***



**And Don't Miss This One! Keep the exciting REA³D Golf Scramble
in the "fore" front of your summer social calendar!**

9 - HOLE SCRAMBLE

4 - PLAYER TEAMS

\$40.00 PER PLAYER

**Call ahead to reserve
cart \$6.00 628-3727**

**50/50 RAFFLE &
ON-COURSE EVENTS**



**Sunday
7/15/18
2 p.m
Shotgun
start**

**Sunday, July 15, 2018
Steak dinner (or vegetarian
option) at the Buffalo House
following golf included**

***Dinner only option: Served
at 6:30— \$25.00.***

To Register: Mail this form or email by **July 1, 2018 to Proctor District Office, 131 9th Avenue, Proctor
MN 55810 OR readgolfscramble@gmail.com**

GOLFERS' NAME(S) _____

Please indicate number of each meal option: _____ STEAK _____ VEGETARIAN

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

REA³D's mission is to support life-enriching endeavors within the greater Proctor area. In order to continue its work, it must depend on continued financial support. The following businesses and individuals generously contributed \$500.00 or more as **GOLD** sponsors at the REA³D by Candlelight dinner held on February 23, 2018. The board extends a sincere thank you.

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REA³D by Candle Light Dinner—February

An Evening of “Fun”draising and Friends

For the second consecutive year, the REA³D by Candle Light Dinner was SOLD OUT! Generous sponsors, vendors, and guests contributed to the overall success of the event that was held on February 23, 2018 at Blackwoods Event Center in Proctor. The social hour began at 5:00 PM, and guests eagerly began bidding on their silent auction selections. Sports baskets, fine art donations, food baskets, gift certificates, symphony tickets, railroad excursions, clothing, and freshly baked goodies tempted guests until the auction closed following the dinner hour. Mary Wright and Carolyn Carver provided the prelude background music, which soothed and delighted event goers.



Mary Wright and Carolyn Carver continued their long tradition of musical sharing at REA³D's Candlelight

This year's meal consisted of a specialty salad, a walleye/fillet mignon combo (including roasted potatoes and vegetables), or a roasted vegetarian pasta. Once guests finished their delicious dinners, they were encouraged to contribute to the dessert auction. Each table submitted an envelope containing cash bids. The highest bidding table was able to select the first dessert of their choice. By the end of the competition, each table had been presented with mouth-watering delights from The Exchange Bakery, Super One Bakeries, Johnson's Bakery, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, and the Proctor High School Culinary Class. Much to the surprise of the event organizers, the dessert auction alone raised over \$1,800.00 for REA³D.



In his retirement year, long-time REA³D supporter Sam Cook reflected on his lifelong experiences in the Northland.

As an added treat, Sam Cook, renowned Duluth News Tribune writer and celebrated outdoorsman, captivated the audience with his slide show presentation and discussion of the perks of living in the Northland. He shared his amazing photographic images and

his adventure stories, many while accompanied by his loving wife Phyllis, former Proctor Public Schools social worker. Following his presentation, Sam opened up the evening to questions, and he graciously shared additional experiences with curious guests. Sam was the quintessential speaker, and he encouraged guests to continue to support REA³D and reading initiatives.

Following the dinner and speaker, Sherman Carlson, REA³D's president, took the microphone as the live auction auctioneer. Lively bidding ensued as he auctioned off a Pontoon Excursion on Island Lake, donated by Nancy Litman; a Vacation Rental, donated by Sherm and Louise Carlson; *Ghost of Sax-Zim Bog* Limited Edition Print, donated by Dan Cox; a Barb Steen Original Painting, donated by Barb Steen; and a Northland Country Club golf package.



First time guests Linda Horvath and Liz Weisert checked out the auction items.

The evening closed with guests rolling the dice to see who would win the centerpiece bottle of wine and the 50/50 raffle. Tim Rohweder, Proctor High School principal won the 50/50 raffle and generously donated \$200.00 of his winnings back to REA³D proving once again that he is



Long term supporters Skip and Sandra Fontaine have attended this event since it began in 2001.



Past and present PHS English teachers Mary Hains, Patty Muckala and Sheila Held found common ground at this colorful event.

RailStrong. This highly anticipated event raised nearly \$14,000.00, and the funds will ensure that REA³D continues its mission of supporting innovative grants in the arts, academic and athletic areas.



PHS grads Kris Brenna Lyons and Kathy Brenna Wolfe enjoyed the event.

Your REA³D Dollars at Work—"Night To Shine"

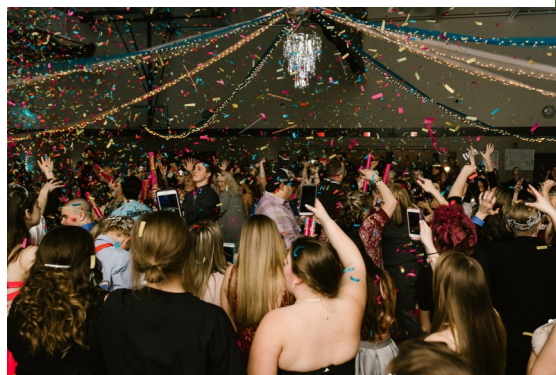


This past February Augustana Lutheran Church had the honor of hosting "Night To Shine" for the second consecutive year. This event is a prom held annually at Proctor High School for people with special needs. It is open to people ages 14 and over. There is no cost to attend this event, and it fills up quickly on a first come first served basis. This year's event hosted 150 Honored Guests (with a companion = 300). Volunteers are essential to the event's success, and this year 240 people in the greater Proctor community enthusiastically signed on to make this event a night to remember. A REA³D grant was awarded to help support this event.

"Night To Shine" is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. The 2018 event saw 16 countries par-

ticipating with a total of 537 host churches representing 29 denominations. Globally, there were 175,000 volunteers and the event crowned 90,000 Kings & Queens. Locally, Augustana Lutheran Church has hosted this event in the Northland for two years and plans have already begun for the event in 2019. This event wouldn't be possible without the tremendous support from our community such as that contributed by REA³D and others.

To learn more about this event, see the photos from past years. To find out how you can support Night To Shine, check us out online at augustanaduluth.com or you can follow us on Facebook under Night To Shine Augustana.



Your REA³D Dollars at Work—School to Work Skills



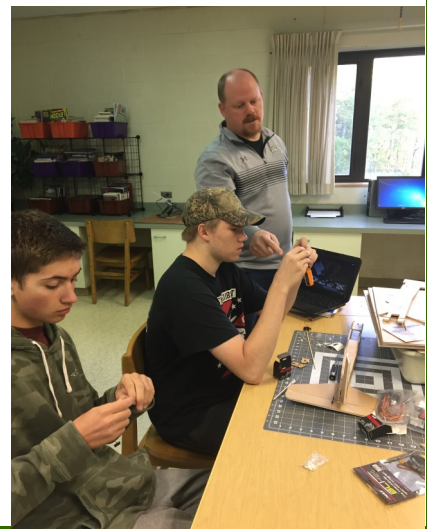
When REA³D funded PHS science instructor Noah Dennis' idea of purchasing STEM kits for his vision of an aviation-based science class, he had no idea that the program would evolve so rapidly from model airplane kits to using drones in his classroom. The original airplane kits gave students the basic physical concepts. Once they mastered those concepts, they quickly moved on to drones!

Drone funding was an offshoot of the original project that quickly gained other funding support in addition to that of REA³D. Mr. Dennis used a social media outlet, Crowdfunding (akin to Go-FundMe) where donors choose if they are interested in funding particular school projects. Through this venue, \$1100 was donated for the purchase of a drone. Since aerial photography and drone use are quickly growing professional fields, many students leave this class with a possible career goal in mind.

So far Mr. Dennis and his students have shot breathtaking aerial video footage of new arena/event center complex and Bay View Elementary School. *To see the videos, login to YouTube, type in Proctor Public Schools, and search the videos.*



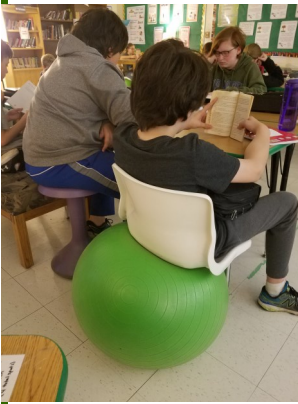
This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) class fulfills a science credit of equal weight to the more traditional physics or chemistry courses. Many groups around the school and community have already proposed ideas for future drone footage. The possibilities are endless, and Mr. Dennis credits REA³D for encouraging him and his students to pursue new educational avenues.



Your REA³D Dollars at Work—Promoting Optimum Learning



Gina Mogen, ELA sixth grade teacher at A.I. Jedlicka Middle School researched what she knew would help students in her class learn. Breaking from the traditional neat rows of desks, Mogen has incorporated several wobble stools, exercise balls, IKEA scoop chairs, doughnut balls, big jo chairs (like a bean bag) waffle chairs, big pillows, a balance board where some kids can stand at high top tables, and wobble cushions that sit on a chair, all designed to make learning more comfortable for students. "It is awesome for kids to bounce and move and have ways to get energy out in the classroom as they strive to develop academic skills," she says.



During her first student teaching assignment Mogen saw the value of various seating options. "Sixth graders struggle with sitting in desks all day," and she reflected, "They need to move—and they CAN move and learn."

As with any change in routine, students need coaching to learn to be responsible with this flexible seating arrangement. The atmosphere in her classroom is relaxed, and her students appreciate being able to make responsible choices of how they learn best. Through this REA³D grant, Mrs. Mogen invested in equipment that will last a long time, and will help promote optimum learning for her students.



Your REA³D Dollars at Work—Life Long Learning



When REA³D received the application for the "London Fundraising" activity, the board was skeptical. No one wanted to fund "spaghetti dinners." However, as one board member pointed out, the process involved with fundraising and working as a team to focus on a specific goal is a life-long skill; one that will serve students well as they move into their adult lives.

Leah Gagne and Gina Mogen were interested in taking a group of students to London in the fall of 2018. For many families, a trip overseas is a costly endeavor. These two middle school teachers conceived the idea of having the students engage in a variety of fundraising activities to help subsidize their own dream trips.

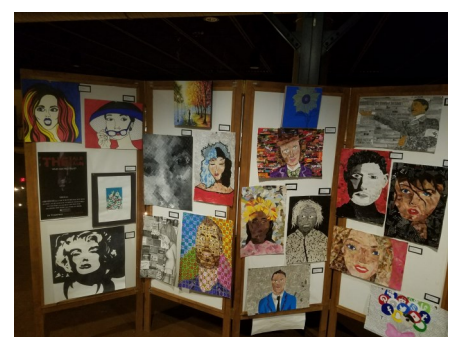
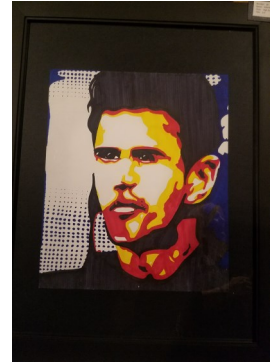
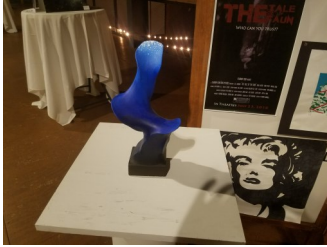
All fundraising projects supported by this REA³D grant were student conceived and executed. One of the most engaging activities was a duct tape fundraiser. Each grade level raised money to duct tape teachers to the gym walls during an assembly. Students made posters, talked to classrooms, and ultimately once they raised enough money, duct-taped teachers to the wall.

The group's largest fundraiser to date was "The Fish and Chips" dinner and silent auction, held June 8, 2018, at Spirit Mountain. Students planned every aspect of this event including promotion, setting up the venue, securing donations (including letter writing and face-to-face solicitations), selling tickets, creating decorations, and working cooperatively with adult volunteers. They also set up ticket outlets at Proctor Builders and the Proctor Journal.

Another fundraising activity on the horizon for later this summer is trivia night at the Sunset Bar and Grill. REA³D is proud to have sponsored this unique grant that contributes to life-long learning and real life experience.



Your REA³D Dollars at Work—The Arts: Proctor Middle and High School Art Exhibit at Clyde Iron, Spring 2018



New REA³D Board Member Applications Invited

REA³D continues to seek candidates for Board membership who have a passion for our mission. This non-profit organization assumes responsibility of awarding grants from investment earnings now standing at 1/3 million dollars (and growing) to support initiatives in at the areas of academic, art, and athletics. Not only does it invite applications from Proctor Public Schools, but from individuals and organizations in the City of Proctor and surrounding townships.

Do you possess. . .

- the ability to monitor and update websites?
- the ability to make objective decisions relevant to fund expenditures?
- the skills to approach new potential supporters of the Foundation?
- the skills to create event spreadsheets?
- the skills to write short feature articles?
- a desire to take pictures for use in our semi-annual publications?
- a desire to make a difference in our community?
- a willingness to interact with people for the purpose of selling event tickets and expanding our exposure to the community?
- a willingness to help with the physical needs of event preparation?
- familiarity with the operations of a 501 c 3 organization?
- any background in investments and financial operations?
- a "can do" attitude and optimistic vision for REA³D's future?

Contact any board member, complete membership application from our website at rea3d.org or call 218-428-0098 for emailed or printed application.

Do you have a great idea? Apply for a **REA³D** Grant
Next Granting Cycle— October 1, 2018

Go to our website www.rea3d.org and apply online

Download the grant application from our website and mail it to
REA³D (c/o Proctor High School) 131 Ninth Ave, Proctor, MN 55810

Contact the president at sherman47@mchsi.com
or call 218-428-0098 to receive an application.

Congratulations Winter 2018 Grant Recipients

Heart of Dance - Krista Bauers & Anne Marie Bergman \$1,000.00

Social and emotional ballroom dance program for fifth grade students at Pike Lake and Bay View

Proctor Public Schools Fine Arts Exhibition - Robb Winterfeld and Tiffany Quade \$1,000.00

Art Exhibit to be held at Clyde Iron that will showcase Middle and High School Student Art

London 2018 Fundraising - Leah Gagne - \$1,000.00

Students and parents will explore and implement options for fundraising for upcoming London trip

Flexible Classroom Environment - Gina Mogen - \$1,000.00

Alternative seating arrangements for students in her classroom

Desk Bike - Nicole Applewick - \$500.00

Classroom bike that will allow students movement while working on tasks.

Former REA³D Coordinator Back Behind the Scenes

Following her retirement from Proctor Public Schools in 2014, former REA³D Coordinator Fleta Carol was off to pursue a few labor intensive projects. Old house restoration had become a passion and she happily helped rehabilitate several very dilapidated houses over the past four years.

But when a call came in from her cherished REA³D board friends last spring asking if she'd like to resume some of her former REA³D duties, without much hesitation at all, Carol said, "Yes!"

"I particularly like the behind the scenes work of organizing and coordinating written material," she says, "so I was happy to resume doing that. I also love helping to put

the newsletter together and seeing all the visions that REA³D grants have helped realize."

Carol says she was really impressed with the growth the REA³D Board of Directors has made in her absence, particularly how members have become so much more involved in both the grants management and more diverse fundraising activities. She also credited those who held the coordinator position after her departure, saying they brought new ideas and energy to the program.

Carol will primarily be doing board assigned work from her home. She can be reached at 218-428-0098.



Fleta Carol facilitated REA³D from 2000-2014, through her employment with Proctor Public Schools as Grants and Endowment Coordinator.

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For Our Upcoming Events:

Golf Scramble
July 15, 2018

Tasting Event
October 25, 2018

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- Attend one of our events -
 REA³D by Candlelight Dinner and
 Silent Auction (spring), Golf Out-
 ing (summer), Tasting Event
 (fall)

- Become a Sponsor (pg. 2)
- Donate items for our auctions
- Include REA³D in Estate
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