

Fall/Winter 2019



ANNUAL REPORT & NEWSLETTER

Letter from the President—Sherm Carlson



*Sherm Carlson,
REA³D President*

As you thumb through the following pages, one cannot but be struck by how many individuals and companies have embraced this foundation in its quest to support educational initiatives. Both of REA³D's major events sold out this past year, well in advance. With the endowment having increased by almost \$30,000 from 2018-19, the Board

stands ready to award over \$10,000 in the forthcoming fiscal year. But it is also the quiet supporting gestures that often do not come to light in this annual report. Be it the kind offering of Deb Billman in food service to cook the crab cakes on her own time for the fall event, to the work of Craig Vanneste at Advantage Emblem. With the latter, how did it happen that the cost of our REA³D signage was reduced from hundreds of dollars to \$150? Well, Craig, PHS Class of '91, is currently the father of two PHS sophomores, and the

son of PHS '61 grads, Tom Vanneste and Karen Kleiman. When the REA³D Board went looking for signage to be placed in District facilities, the 23-year employee with Advantage Emblem decided it was an opportunity for him to give back to the community by donating his labor. "That," he smiled, "and it gave me the assurance that I could continue sleeping with my wife." Incidentally, his wife, Shelly, is the newest member to the our Board; her introduction is featured on page 8.



"Great to see students from the culinary class (pictured at left) here tonight, they look so professional in their chef outfits!" "Yikes, I'm only half way through the vendors, and my plate is already full." "This is not a tasting event; this is a full course meal." "Don't hesitate to call us next year; our restaurant wants to be part of this." (Quotes from guests/vendors at this fall's 2019 REA³D Tasting Event.)

REA³D by Candlelight Dinner Set for Friday, February 21, 2020

The REA³D by Candlelight Dinner will be held February 21, 2020 at Black Woods Banquet Center in Proctor. In its 20th year, REA³D will provide an evening of fine food, and "fun"draising activities. Beloved Proctor educator and author Glen Gilderman will be the event's featured speaker. Tickets for the event are \$40, and will sell-out quickly, so do not delay to purchase yours by ordering online at: rea3d.org/EVENTS. Read more about Glen Gilderman and the event on page 7.



"Loved the meal!" "It was really fun to reconnect with your guest speaker, Bruce Watkins...lots of stories to recall." "It's really impressive how individuals have offered up such an array of nice quality silent auction items." (Quotes from guests at REA³D Candlelight Dinner, Feb. 2019, event pictured above.)

Thank You ISD 704 Faculty and Staff

The REA³D Board of Directors would like to recognize the ISD 704 Faculty and Staff for their generous contributions of \$7,921 during the 2018-19 school year.

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REA³D's 2019 Fall Tasting Event

"The Fall Tasting Event continues to grow each and every year, as vendors and community members come forward in record numbers," commented event coordinator Barb Steen. For the first time, tickets were sold out a week in advance which mirrors the popularity of the annual February REA³D by Candlelight Dinner. (2019 Tasting Event pictured left, right and below.)



You Can **Support** REA³D in the following ways:

- Attend** one of our events—REA³D by Candlelight Dinner, Fall Tasting Event
- Become** a sponsor for our Candlelight dinner, a vendor at our Tasting Event, or a REA³D Board Member
- Contribute** items for silent and live auctions held at fundraising events
- Donate** — Use the enclosed envelope for checks OR visit our website for on-line donation information

*Like us on Facebook and spread the word.
 Visit our website - www.rea3d.org —Read about what REA³D has accomplished and how to apply for a REA³D grant!*

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

REA³D began its fundraising efforts in the year 2000, with a *zero balance* in the fund account. Since that first year, the REA³D Board of Directors reached out to YOU—local residents, area businesses, school district employees, and PHS Alumni to advance the REA³D mission of supporting life-long learning within the Proctor school district communities. Thank you!!! Since 2007 when our fund grew to \$100,000, and began to accrue the necessary interest to award grants, \$70,616 has been awarded to 134 academic, art and athletic projects throughout our Proctor communities. Your contributions keep our fund growing, and increase the amount available to award each year. Your contributions ensure that your educational foundation will grow in its capacity to award funding to more worthy projects in years to come.



The **REA³D Legacy Initiative** is made up of individuals and families who have included the Rails Endowment for Academic, Art and Athletic Development in their wills and estate plans. This act of generosity ensures that the giving power of REA³D will be sustained for generations to come.

How Does It Work?

There are many ways to make a lasting gift which helps assure REA³D's operation into perpetuity:

- * naming REA³D in your will or revocable trust agreement
- * listing REA³D as a beneficiary on a retirement account or life insurance policy
- * setting REA³D as the payable on death ("POD") designation for financial accounts or stock portfolios.

An example of gift language is:

"I give _____ [the sum, percentage, or description of property] to the Rails Endowment for Academic, Art and Athletic Development, Inc., a Minnesota non-profit corporation, to be used for its general tax-exempt purposes, but without other restriction as to use."

Types of Bequests

Your will can include gifts in the following forms: cash, stock, property (specific or by percentage), real estate (developed or undeveloped), a gift in trust to benefit family members during their lifetimes with principal conveyed to REA³D at your passing, or a gift of the remainder of an estate when other specific bequests have been fulfilled.



REA³D donors help realize such projects as
"A Night to Shine"

As many are approaching age 70 1/2, you may be aware that the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) kicks in. If you choose, any or all of the amount you must distribute (or more) can be directly given to REA³D as a tax free donation, referenced on your tax form as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). As REA³D is a qualifying non-profit organization, we are eligible to receive these gifts. The donor simply signs a form provided by his/her accountant, attorney or investment advisor. More information can be obtained by calling or emailing Louise Lind at 218-428-7327 or louiselind@yahoo.com.

REA³D can't give you legal advice or tax advice, but we can provide information for you to use in consultations with your attorney and financial/tax advisors. We can also provide you with our federal tax identification number which is necessary in directing bequests.

2018-19 REPORT OF CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions made by those listed are much appreciated and increase our capacity to award funding to academic, art and athletic projects which align with the REA³D mission. Those listed contributed to REA³D between July 2018 and June 2019. We sincerely regret any errors or omissions and ask that if you have a correction, please contact us at: rea3d@proctor.k12.mn.us

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Duluth Huskies Baseball	Ernest Klang, '51	Clark & Jean Paradise, '94
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2018-19 MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Clifford Auge	In Memory of Patricia (Renaud) Auge	Ron & Sheron Johnson	In Memory of Ruth Gustafson, Jean Voltzke, Lavone Peterson
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Fleta Carol	In Memory of Leif Sawyer Chilman, PHS Class of 2005	Phillip & Louise Lind	In Memory of David Hieb
Jeff and Terry Caywood	In Memory of Cyrilla S. Collard	Wanda Sue Lundeen and Bruce Dardis	In Memory of Our Parents
Beverly M Christensen	In Memory of Warren A. Christensen, M.D., Class of 1944	Rich Petersson	In Memory of David Hylla
Janice Cleary	In Memory of Jim Cleary	George and Mary Saarela	In Memory of David Hylla
Sandra Ruhnke Collins	In Memory of Byron Ruhnke, Class 1943; Lois Ruhnke Peterson, Class of 1946; Cindy Ruhnke Stauber, Class of 1967; Ken Ruhnke, Class of 1972	Larry Stauber	In Memory of Cindy Stauber
Lynn Dart Nelson	In Memory of Cindy (Ruhnke) Stauber	Michael and Geraldine Vandenburg	In Memory of Joel and Douglas Vandenburg
Joe & Marcella Hall	In Memory of Mildred (Tuomala) Hall, Class of 1937		

REA³D Fall Tasting Event Depot's Great Hall October 10, 2019

Please support these vendors
who have so generously supported REA³D!

- Barker's Island**— 300 Marina Dr, Superior WI
Signature Fish Chowder
- Bent Paddle Brewing Co.**—1912 W Michigan St, Duluth MN
Specialty & Seasonal Beers
- Black Woods**—195 US Hwy. 2, Proctor MN
Signature Dessert
- Fannie Rose Candy**—103 East Superior St, Duluth MN 55802
Trio Mix Gourmet Popcorn
- GB Schneider**— 4602 Grand Av, Duluth MN
Braised Chicken Shanks over Sweet and Sour Cabbage
- Green Mill**—340 S Lake Ave #1, Duluth, MN
Bruschetta-toasted Garlic Rounds, Olivetta, Feta, Balsamic Glaze, Cheeses
- Maya Family Mexican Restaurant**—4702 Miller Trunk,
Duluth MN—Cheese, Chicken, and Beef Enchiladas
- Outback Steakhouse**—4255 Haines Rd, Hermantown, MN
Pineapple Pork Filet Medallions & Steakhouse Mac & Cheese
- Proctor Schools—Hospitality and Restaurant
Management Class**
Cherry Coconut Macaroon with Chocolate Drizzle & Deviled Eggs with Bacon and Smoked Salmon
- Proctor Pizza**—204 3rd Ave., Proctor MN
Pizza varieties
- The Shack**—3301 Belknap St., Superior WI
Smoked chicken wings
- Stokke's Meats**—3710 Midway Rd, Hermantown, MN
Meat and Cheese Platter
- Super One Foods**—5300 Bristol Street, Duluth MN
Crab Cakes with Remoulade Sauce
- Super One Liquor**— 210 N Central Ave, Duluth, MN
Fine Wines
- The Zen House** - 4023 Woodland Avenue, Duluth, MN
Sushi (all cooked), Vegetable Fried Rice, Curry Chicken,
Chicken Teriyaki Rice Bowl, Egg Rolls



PHS Hospitality Class



Barker's Island



G B Schneider



Super One Liquors



Maya Family Mexican Restaurant



Green Mill



Outback Steakhouse



Zen House



Black Woods



Super One Foods



The Shack



Stokke's Meats



Proctor Pizza

Fannie Rose Popcorn



Bent Paddle

Winners of the evening's Door Prize
Baskets were Steve Gilbertson
and Pam Miller

REA³D by Candlelight Dinner 2020 to feature Glen Gilderman

Glen Gilderman grew up on First Street in Proctor. He attended Proctor elementary schools, Jedlicka Middle School and graduated from Proctor High School in 1983. His parents, Chuck and Joan Gilderman, raised seven children who also attended Proctor schools.

During his school years in Proctor, Glen was involved in cross-country running, hockey, track & field and student government as senior class president. After graduation he attended the College of St. Scholastica, earning his Bachelor's degree in Social Science Education with a concentration in Psychology. Glen earned his Master's degree in Special Education - Teaching students with Emotional and Behavioral Disturbance from the University of Wisconsin-



Superior. In 1992, after teaching in the Duluth Public Schools for 4 years, Glen "came home" to teach in the

Proctor Public Schools, first as a middle school teacher, then as a high school teacher. In 2006, his book *Managing Middle School Madness* was published by Scarecrow Press. In 2016 he was selected as one of 75 America Achieves National Fellows, doing work in education policy at the national level.



Glen currently teaches Psychology, American Government, World Geography and Sociology at Proctor High School. His coaching commitments over the years included cross-country running, soccer, track and field, and girls' hockey. He recently retired after 21 years as the Head Coach of the Proctor/ Hermantown Mirage. During that span, he accumulated a record of 322-219-22, including 7 Conference Championships and 5 trips to the Minnesota State Tournament. At State, Mirage teams took home a Consolation Championship, two fourth place finishes and a third place finish. In 2018, Gilderman earned the Minnesota State Class A Coach of the Year honor and was also inducted into the Minnesota Girls Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame.

The REA³D Candlelight Dinner is in its 20th year! The evening will kick-off with the social hour at 5:00 PM and dinner served at 6:30 PM. This year's guests can enjoy a sumptuous dinner of ***Filet Mignon and North Atlantic Salmon or a Roasted Vegetable Pasta option***. As always, there will be a variety of silent and live auction items that will tempt those willing to support REA³D's fundraising efforts. Tickets may be purchased online for \$40 each. Please contact Sherm Carlson 391-0096 or Lynn Peterson 391-3825 for more information, to purchase tickets, ***or to donate items to the silent auction***.

Do you have a great idea? Apply for a REA³D Grant!

Next Granting Cycle

Submit by January 17, 2020

1. Go to our website www.rea3d.org and apply online, or download the application.
2. Review the REA³D Grant Rubric for helpful hints as to REA³D's mission and priorities.
3. Complete online or email the grant application to rea3d.org; post mail to: REA³D (c/o Proctor High School) 131 Ninth Ave, Proctor, MN 55810



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REA³D Welcomes New Board Member Shelly Vanneste

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Shelly Vanneste was voted in as the REA³D Board of Director's newest member on August 26, 2019. The REA³D board operates on a rotating membership of two and three year terms. To date, Shelly is the forty-ninth individual to serve, since REA³D's inception in 1996. Shelly has lived in the Proctor community for over 20 years. She attended Proctor Schools through 5th grade, before moving to Arizona. Her husband of 18 years is a Proctor graduate, as are their parents. Shelly and her husband have fifteen-year-old twin daughters who currently attend Proctor High School.

Shelly has been the owner/director (and at one time a lead teacher) of Mesabi Pre-school Academy in Proctor, since September 2013. She has seen her efforts at Mesabi pay off, as the school has grown from 10 students and one teacher (herself) to 78 students with 13 staff. Prior to Mesabi, Shelly worked as a lead preschool teacher for St. Rose Catholic School (2012-2013) and Proctor ISD 704 as a paraprofessional (2011-2012).

Shelly was an active member of Twin Ports Mothers of Multiples when her daughters were younger. She served as Secretary, Vice President and President over that course of time and helped the organization acquire 501C 3 status. She also volunteered with the March of Dimes, Bentleyville, and the Lake Superior Zoo.

Shelly describes herself as an outgoing individual, passionate about quality education, who loves using her creativity to work on fundraising events. She says, "I have been a recipient of a REA³D Grant and would love to have the opportunity to assist other groups/organizations bring their goals/dreams to reality!"

