

Spring/
Summer 2019



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Fall Tasting Event



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



**October 10, 2019
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Depot's Great Hall**

***Tickets \$25.00- Available at rea3d.org beginning
August 1, 2019, or contact a REA³D Board member***

REA³D *by Candlelight Dinner*

An Evening of "Fun"draising and Friends



Cutting up for the camera, long-time REA³D supporters Diane Giuliani and Jake Benson took in the experience of the first REA³D event held at the new St. Luke's Event Center in Proctor. Benson served as REA³D Board of Director's President from 1996-2006.

For this year's REA³D By Candlelight Dinner, held February 22, 2019, planning was a roller coaster ride. When Connie Stanley contacted Blackwoods about the date we desired, they had already booked another event for that evening. When she brought the information to the Board, it looked as if the annual soiree might not take place.

The Board pondered switching to a Thursday evening; Blackwoods could accommodate that request.

Rory Johnson then suggested using the new St. Luke's Event Center (hockey arena) as a venue. Several eyebrows were raised. Really?? The REA³D Candlelight at the hockey arena?

After discussions with Superintendent

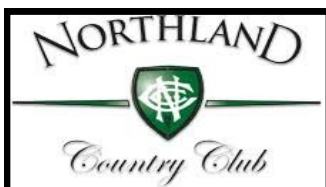
John Engelking, Business Manager Steve Anderson, and the Blackwoods catering staff, it was determined that Blackwoods could host the fundraiser at the Event Center, and the space could be transformed into the atmosphere appropriate for REA³D's most anticipated annual event.

Voila! Problem solved. (Continued on page 3)

A big thank you to the businesses and individuals who generously contributed to our REA³D by Candlelight dinner held on February 22, 2019. In order to continue its work, REA³D must depends on continued financial support.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE GENEROUS BUSINESS SPONSORS, AND LET THEM KNOW YOU APPRECIATE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO REA³D!

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Your REA³D Dollars at Work— Baritone Ukuleles



The Baritone Ukulele Project, funded by a REA³D grant of \$1,000, and a matching grant from Minnesota Power, introduces students to an instrument that they will be able to continue using throughout their lifetime. Baritone ukuleles are easy to transport and relatively inexpensive for students to purchase and play on their own. The baritone ukulele has four of the same strings that are on a guitar, so it promotes an easy transition for students who want to continue learning and growing musically.

The fifteen students involved in the pilot project offer rave reviews for their “uke” experience. Many of them had been interested in the instrument, but did not have the resources (instruments, music, and instructor) before now.

In the future, the goal is to serve additional students in grades 3-5, and some in grades 7-12. Elementary students who learn ukulele basics in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to pick it up again should they choose to do General Music in 7th/8th grade. There may also be added opportunities for students in high school to use the ukuleles independently, in a secondary music class, or during RAIL Time.

Success story from music instructor Chantelle Anderson: “I began teaching the baritone ukulele after second semester started. The students were very excited as I had been talking about the ukes for months. As we progressed through the book learning individual notes, students began asking about learning chords and playing songs they knew. I began to teach chords along with the notes we were already learning. They struggled at first, but then began to get the hang of it. As they learned more chords, they wanted to play more songs. A true success for the class as a whole came after about a week off from playing the ukuleles. After this week long break, we started class by going over the chords they had learned before as a refresher for those who may have forgotten the positions. Once students were comfortable, I showed them a song that we had not done before that had a few new chords. They were discouraged at first. We walked through the song so they knew how long to play each chord. I showed them the new chords. Then we practiced that section a time or two. Then we went for it, and tried the entire song. They played it almost perfectly! It was great to see them change from being slightly discouraged to being completely pleased with themselves and their performance!”



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REA³D by Candlelight Dinner

An Evening of "Fun"draising and Friends

(continued from page 1) Tables were set, decorations were added, and the food was outstanding thanks to the efficient Blackwoods Catering Service.

This year's REA³D by Candlelight Dinner was a sold out, smashing success. Originally, the target number for tickets was 160, but due to an overwhelming response, 185 tickets were sold and tables were added. Table sponsors donated \$500, merchants and vendors donated goods and services for the silent auction, and the live auction items



Long-time REA³D supporter Lynn Dart Nelson, along with classmates and family, enjoy the evening's entrée..

from Sherm and Louise Carlson, Pam Miller, Dan Cox, and Northland Country Club generated lively bidding opportunities.

Bruce Watkins, former PHS principal, was the superstar of the evening as the guest speaker. Hired in 1972 as a speech teacher and coach, Bruce



Featured Candlelight Dinner speaker Bruce Watkins emphasizes the importance of perpetuating REA³D growth.

entertained and inspired the crowd, sharing anecdotal stories of teaching, becoming an administrator, and most importantly, giving back to one's community. He held the audience spellbound as he fondly reminisced about the students, faculty, and community members who had influenced him and his family.

Bruce congratulated

audience members for continuing to support REA³D.



Dining area at Proctor/St. Luke's new Event Center

By evening's end, the event raised over \$11,000. Attendees left the Event Center with satiated appetites, silent and live auction items in hand, and most importantly, a renewed acknowledgement that the greater Proctor Community is still a "can do" community. When obstacles appear to "derail" an important event, people join forces to make the seemingly impossible, possible. Because of the overwhelming support displayed at the Candlelight Dinner, REA³D pledges its commitment to fund worthy grantees.



REA³D Board member Rory Johnson in background, with VP Barb Steen and PHS Instructor Jenny Harnell in front of the coat check, enjoying the night!



Gold Sponsor Candlelight Dinner guests Tracy and Troy DeWall attended their first REA³D Dinner.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's REA³D by Candlelight Dinner will be held on February 21, 2020, at Black Woods in Proctor.

PLANNED GIVING—LEAVING A LEGACY

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 a 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 the principal conveyed to REA³D at their passing, or a gift of the remainder of an estate when other specific bequests have been fulfilled.



Luanne Paquette and her husband Bob have included REA³D in their estate planning. Luanne retired from Proctor Public Schools as a Family and Consumer Science Instructor in 2004. She says,

"As we look ahead to the future, we want to empower others to embrace the love of learning."

Are you approaching age 70 1/2 and having to take a required distribution from an IRA?



As many are becoming aware as that numerical event unfolds in their lives, the government is saying it is time for them to collect their share of the savings that have grown tax free to that time...thus the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). In most cases, the account holder will notify you of the minimum amount that must be withdrawn and declared as regular income. However, if you choose, any or all of that amount (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 nonprofit organization, we are eligible to receive these gifts. "It's quite simple," recalled Sherm Carlson after requesting a consent form from his investment company. "I simply signed the form, and they made the required direct monetary mailing to the organization I chose." A request for more information can be answered directly by calling Louise Lind at 218-428-7327 or emailing rea3d.org.

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.

REA³D Funded Boogie Boards Help Students Master Reading and Spelling Challenges

Bay View Reading Intervention Teacher Jessica Kramer says, "The students that I work with in ALL grades love using our new Boogie Boards." We really appreciate the REA³D funding that let us adopt this new technology!

In the students' words, Boogie Boards are awesome because:

- *The markers don't dry up.
- *You will always have a fine tip, not a pushed-in whiteboard marker.
- *It's like an iPad but not an iPad.
- *They erase with the push of a button, like magic!
- *You can write with your finger.

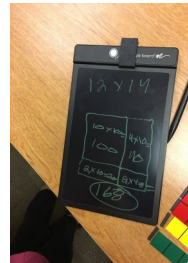
As a teacher, I like the boogie boards because:

- *I can easily write on student boards with my finger; I don't need a separate writing tool.
- *The fine line allows for clear writing.
- *They do not discharge black dust all over hands and table like white boards do.
- *They are easy to clean.
- *They take up less space at my small table than white boards.
- *AND THE BEST ONE.... Students have become more comfortable with errors, because on Boogie Boards, instead of erasing, we draw a single line through any error and keep going. This has been a huge unforeseen benefit, as students can really learn from reviewing their errors, not trying to hide or erase them!

Boogie Board technology provides a new avenue for students to learn sight words using multi-sensory (VAKT-Visual/Auditory/Kinesthetic/Tactile) learning pathways. Students can see, say, hear, and feel the letters in the sight words they write on Boogie Boards. Then, with the push of a button, they are erased and the tablet is ready for the next word. Before boogie boards, this class used white boards and multi-sensory sand during reading intervention groups. This new venue revitalized engagement towards learning these very difficult words.

One of the biggest benefits of Boogie Boards is the better utilization of time. They are a much faster tool than whiteboards; there is no need to pass out and collect erasers, whiteboard markers, and boards. This time saving makes big difference for a class that only lasts for 30 minutes.

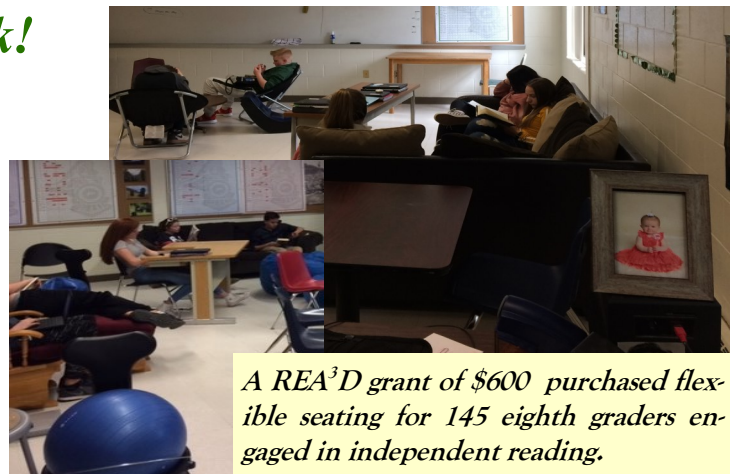
A \$234 REA³D grant was awarded in January of 2019 for Kramer to purchase six Boogie Boards. She says thirty K-5 students in her Reading Intervention groups have benefitted from using this new technology.



Your REA³D Dollars at Work!



A REA³D grant of \$450 purchased hand paddles and swim fins for swimmers in the Special Olympics program.



A REA³D grant of \$600 purchased flexible seating for 145 eighth graders engaged in independent reading.

Congratulations Winter 2019 Grant Recipients

Total January Grant Awards \$2,153

Name of REA³D Project	Contact	What was funded with REA³D grant	Population Served	AWARD AMOUNT
Boy's High School Volleyball	Anna Sederski	Volleyball uniforms (with REA³D logo and potentially other sponsors), referee fees and equipment for hosted games and tournaments.	Grades 9-12 PHS	\$500
Blinkers for Safety—ISD 704	John Engelking	Flashing blinkers for student backpacks to foster safe travel to and from school.	K-12	\$500
Multisensory Sight Word Learning	Jessica Kramer	Six Boogie Board writing tablets, to provide a new avenue for students to learn difficult sight words using multisensory approach.	Grade 5, Bay View	\$234
Read-along Center—Mesabi Pre-School	Shelly Vanneste	Comfy couch listening center, portable CD player, headphones, and student read-alongs.	0-4 Pre-school	\$879
Blackout BINGO Purple Party	Cheryl Hill	Prizes that would be given out to the students attending the party such as a \$5 gift card to Barnes & Noble.	K-5 Pike Lake	\$400

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

Next Granting Cycle Deadline: November 8, 2019

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.



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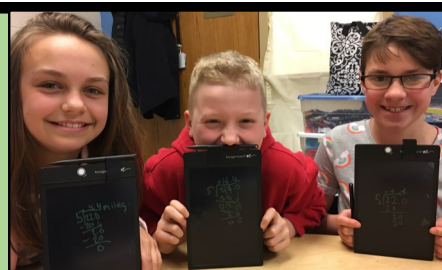
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**You Can Support REA³D
in the following ways:**

- **Attend one of our events -**
- **REA³D by Candlelight Dinner and Silent Auction (spring)**
- **Tasting Event (fall)**

Visit our website www.rea3d.org to

- **Apply for a grant and promote REA³D**
- **Become a table sponsor**
- **Donate items for our silent auction**
- **Include REA³D in Estate Planning**
- **Payroll Deduction option available to ISD 704 staff**
- **Donate by using the enclosed envelope**
- ***Read about what REA³D has accomplished, thanks to your generosity***



Bay View students happily pose with Boogie Boards, purchased with a REA³D grant in January of 2019. Intervention teacher Jessica Kramer, who applied for the grant, says Boogie Boards are exciting new learning tools that really help students master reading and spelling of difficult words.