

# ANNUAL REPORT & NEWSLETTER

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## REA<sup>3</sup>D's Fifth Class Act Challenge won by

**Class of  
1950**

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## REA<sup>3</sup>D Helps Proctor Middle School "Ramp Up to Readiness"

As part of a college and career readiness program in the Proctor School District called Ramp Up to Readiness, REA<sup>3</sup>D sponsored college visits for middle school students. They took a field trip to either the University of MN Duluth or Lake Superior College. This project made an effort to put Proctor students on a trajectory for life after high school and excite them about the opportunities they have.

Students spent the year learning about their various learning styles and thinking about a field of study they would be interested in pursuing after high school. During the college visit they were split into groups of ten. They toured the schools that had their areas of interest. They spent the day experiencing college life.

After their college visits, many reported having a greater interest in continuing their education in college after high school.

## Marco-Polo: GPSs in the Bay View School Forest

With the help of a grant from REA<sup>3</sup>D, Bay View students will no longer get lost in the woods. Dean of Students at Bay View, Jim Conrad, applied for a grant early last fall to receive GPS units for student use in the school's forest. They were used throughout the school year by classroom teachers and students. They were also used during the school's afterschool Forest Club Program led and taught by Deb Richards. Students used them for simple activities, and were taught how to use them for adventurous activities like Geocaching.



Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity. Participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches," anywhere in the world. The caches will have little prizes in them for people to find or bring the seeker to a space of beautiful scenery. Caches are hidden throughout the Bay View School Forest and can be found by anyone. It is common that if one finds a Cache, s/he replaces its contents with something else.

## Auction Makes a Comeback—Sherman Carlson

As the event came to a close around noon on that Saturday morning, even the most optimistic prognosticators smiled with embarrassment. Who would have thought that those present just witnessed the single greatest fund-raising event for REA<sup>3</sup>D in its 18-year history.

Modeled after a similar event back in the 1980s, which helped jump-start the creation of the Terry Egerdahl Memorial football field, the question was raised as to whether the public might again be receptive to a community auction.

From the start, “the stars seemed to be aligned.” When Forrest Evavold, owner of Nordic Auction, was asked what his commission would be if hired to conduct the event, he responded “nothing.” Nothing! He and his staff would be pleased to donate their services (REA<sup>3</sup>D being a non-profit) and all measures validating the bidding process.

Early on, other local businesses offered support services by donating storage space, rental chairs, vehicle and trailer transporting...and significant publicizing by the Proctor Journal with full-page ads, listing each item (with description) slated for sale.

The week before the event, the array of items was beyond imagination! Boats, motors, generators...house wares, artworks of every description...power tools, shotguns, outdoor equipment, sporting goods...musical instruments, antiques, gift certificates...and even a car would bring down the auctioneer’s gavel.

All total, over a 150 articles were previewed an hour before the live event commenced, donated by more than 90 businesses and individuals. By morning’s end, not one item remained on the athletic floor.

“This is probably one of the best organized auctions I’ve been involved with over the years,” commented Evavold, “and one of the best collection of articles I’ve observed.”

Those REA<sup>3</sup>D members present offered guesses on the total dollars raised...most guessed in the \$5,000-\$7,000 range. Banded around the cash and checks was the final accounting tape revealing the final figure...over \$10,500.



## Tasting Event a Success—Lynn Peterson

The REA<sup>3</sup>D Foundation has hosted a variety of events, mixing food with fundraising. Over the years, the committee has tried to appeal to a variety of audiences. For several years, a candlelit dinner was held at Blackwoods in the winter or early spring, a circus-themed hors d’oeuvres spring event was held at Spirit Mountain, and a barbecue summer-themed event was held on the Sundew. This fall, the committee decided to host a tasting event with its theme *Tracking Future Success – a Tasting Event to Support REA<sup>3</sup>D*. For the eighty plus people who attended the event, to call it a “tasting” event would be a gross understatement. It should have been called a “feasting” event. Generous vendors contributed their time and delicious foods to create an evening that patrons will not soon forget.

The Train Museum located in the Depot, downtown Duluth, was the site of this REA<sup>3</sup>D inspired event. It was a perfect venue for people to amble through the train museum and enjoy the culinary delights. Food vendors who participated in the event included Pelican Coffee in Hermantown, Thirsty Pagan in Superior, Jim and Jo’s Café in Cloquet, Zen House in Hermantown, Famous Dave’s in Duluth, GB Schneider’s in Duluth, The Duluth Grill in Duluth, and Proctor High School’s Culinary Class. Beverage vendors included Super One Liquors and Bent Paddle Brewing. Those who attended feasted on a variety of restaurant specialties including pasta with tomato basil sauce, sushi rolls, lobster stuffed puffs, pizza, bruschetta, bread pudding, egg rolls, roll-ups, sandwiches, and mini cupcakes and pies. For a \$20.00 bill, everyone who attended left satiated and satisfied.



The silent auction also delighted attendees with baskets including a wine and pasta basket, a book lover’s basket, a children’s playtime basket, a kitchen basket, Bentleyville sweatshirts and basketball basket, an original painting from Barb Steen, and an athletic basket from Austin Jarrow. Surprises in the baskets also included gift certificates to Grandma’s restaurant and the Scenic Café. Ken Buehler, long-time REA<sup>3</sup>D supporter and emcee for the evening, generously donated a birthday train ride and an adult cocktail party. The total funds raised for the evening were over \$3,000. It was an unforgettable evening.

### REA³D Giving Opportunities

Each and every gift is critical to providing academic, art and athletic opportunities to our students and community members of all ages. As you can see from the REA³D Grant History below, we receive far more requests for funding than our present amount of interest is able to award. We are grateful for your support, and welcome the opportunity to share the many ways you can help REA³D grow, so that more worthy projects can become a reality!

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### REA³D Grant History—Requests vs. Funding

REA³D Grant Round	Total Number of Requests	Total Amount Requested	Total Number Requests Funded*	Amount of Interest Available to Award
April 2010	5	\$2,880	5	\$1,403
October 2010	8	\$4,057	5	\$2,807
February 2011	7	\$2,755	6	\$2,039
October 2011	5	\$4,640	4	\$2,905
January 2012	7	\$4,398	7	\$2,040
October 2012	7	\$4,535	3	\$2,600
January 2013	5	\$2,620	5	\$3,520
May/Sept 2013 (Discretionary*)	3	\$3,000	2	\$2,000*
October 2013	6	\$5,600	6	\$2,700
January 2014	6	\$5,425	3	\$2,738
October 2014	6	\$4,330	6	\$2,950
January 2015	7	\$3,785	6	\$3,300
Winter 2015 (discretionary)	1	\$959	1	\$2696
October 2015	10	\$7,375	7	\$4926
<b>TOTAL REQUESTS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$51,800</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$35,928</b>

\*denotes non-interest grant award



## ANNUAL REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

These contributions are much appreciated and increase our capacity to award funding to academic, art and athletic projects. We sincerely regret any errors or omissions and ask that if you have a correction to please contact us at [SHartwick@proctor.k12.mn.us](mailto:SHartwick@proctor.k12.mn.us).

Those listed contributed to REA³D between Fall 2014 and Winter 2015

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## Meet the Returning and Newest REA<sup>3</sup>D Board Members

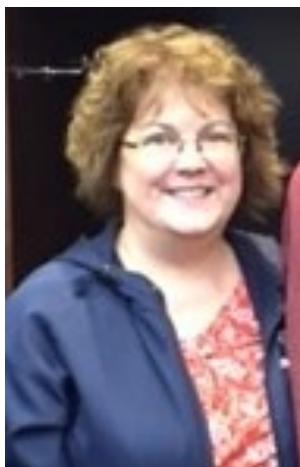
### Russell Habermann

Russell is a Proctor High School graduate, class of 2011. He continued his schooling at the University of MN Duluth and holds a degree in Urban and Regional Studies. He joined the REA<sup>3</sup>D Board in 2015. As a part of the REA<sup>3</sup>D Board, he hopes to particularly build funding support for academics and arts in Proctor as well as enhance the connection between Proctor Public Schools and its surrounding communities.



### Lori Anderson

Lori is back on the REA<sup>3</sup>D Board for her second time. She previously served as Treasurer and Vice President. Lori and her husband, Steve, have supported REA<sup>3</sup>D since the foundation was founded. She currently works at the Proctor Federal Credit Union.



### Nancy Aldridge

Nancy worked as a social worker, director of a group home, and a foster parent. She and her husband, Tom, have four children who graduated from PHS in 1991, 1996, 1998 and 2003. They have been foster parents, have hosted exchange students since 1998, and currently have a high school student who will graduate in 2016. Nancy served one term on the Proctor School Board 1989-2001, and previously on the REA<sup>3</sup>D Board.



### Becky LaPlante

Becky LaPlante graduated from Cloquet Senior High School in 2004. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the College of St. Scholastica. She proceeded to the University of Wisconsin-Superior to obtain a Master's in School Counseling. "I have a love of learning and education that I hope will contribute to REA<sup>3</sup>D's overall mission of supporting academics, athletics, and arts," LaPlante stated.



### Barb Steen

Barbara Steen taught art and English in the Proctor Public Schools for 35 years, before retiring in 2014. During her teaching years, Barbara advised a number of extra-curricular groups, including Competitive Speech, Rowdy Rails and Art Odyssey. Her passion has always been working with and guiding young people to strive for excellence and discover their creativity.

REA<sup>3</sup>D is a vehicle for Barbara to give back to the Proctor School District. It gave so much to her over the years. She is committed and looks forward to helping the young people and the teachers, staff and organizations receive the funding needed to further grow and achieve success.



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## ***REA³D 'ALUMNI CLASS ACT CHALLENGE' RESULTS***

### **Donations on behalf of Class Act Challenge , followed by Community/Retiree donors.**

Contributing Group	TOTALS
1942	\$25
1944	\$94
1947	\$50
1950	\$2,055
1951	\$350
1955	\$150
1956	\$75
1958	\$250
1959	\$225
1960	\$70
1961	\$100
1962	\$250
1963	\$25
1964	\$525
1965	\$125
1966	\$225
1967	\$20
1968	\$80
1969	\$50
1970	\$70
1971	\$10
1972	\$250
1974	\$50
1975	\$200
1978	\$80
1980	\$25
2015	\$500
<b>Class Act Challenge Total \$5,879</b>	

#### **CLASS ACT CHALLENGE CONTRIBUTORS AND MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM DESIGNATIONS**

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**Suzanne Hartwick**

Suzy Hartwick has been a Music Specialist in the Proctor Public Schools since Fall 2013, teaching K-8 Classroom Music at Bay View Elementary and Jedlicka Middle School. She has been the REA³D Coordinator since Fleta Carol's retirement in Fall 2014. She feels very blessed to be a part of a community that wholly supports the Arts, Academics, and Athletics in equality to support well-rounded students. REA³D is a great foundation that helps the district and community in this effort, and she hopes to continue in Fleta's footsteps and follow the legacy she left behind in retirement.

"The REA³D Board has been very welcoming and supportive throughout the transition, and I look forward to the new things and old traditions that REA³D has in store," Hartwick stated.



### Monthly Donations to REA<sup>3</sup>D?

We have had inquiries of interest about donating to REA<sup>3</sup>D on a regular basis. After exploring the idea, we have developed a simple method for anyone to make regular donations to REA<sup>3</sup>D.

Do you have online bill pay? Simply set up REA<sup>3</sup>D as a payment to a person. Use the ISD 704 address, 131 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Proctor, MN 55810.

You can go into your bill pay and set up an automatic payment to REA<sup>3</sup>D. Choose an amount, and the date that you would like the payment made. It can be automatic weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, every two, three, or six months, or annually. It is your choice. Contact your bank for more detailed directions about donating through on-line bill pay.

Your gifts will be acknowledged and are tax deductible. And, they help expand REA<sup>3</sup>D's capacity to award grants to worthy academic, art and athletic projects!



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*Your support helps build REA<sup>3</sup>D's capacity to award grants to worthy academic, art and athletic projects. Please consider including REA<sup>3</sup>D in your estate planning!*

### REA<sup>3</sup>D Supports Military Kids Club in Proctor

REA<sup>3</sup>D received a grant application during this Fall's granting round to support the start up of the area's first Military Kids Club. Without hesitation, the board agreed to support the start up of the club.

This club is designed to help support students and families in our area affected by the military life style. The club follows a curriculum covering deployment-related topics such as stress, coping, communication, positive thinking, changing family roles, and fostering resilience.

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