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# NEWS & Views



## Golf Event Draws Near



The 2012 Event brought in over \$340,000 and this year, the Founders Fund Trustees are hoping to break that record.

In order to cover the annual commitment of \$200,000, for our 100 students now receiving scholarships, a successful event is needed.

The 2014 Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament is drawing near. The golf tournament, evening banquet and



auctions are set for April 7th and it's all to raise funds to provide scholarships to Collier County students in pursuit of a higher education.

Since the organization was founded in 1991, the only goal has been to fund scholarships. Each year, the Fund grants approximately 25 new scholarships of \$2000 each. Students are identified by area guidance counselors for the selection process. Once the scholars are chosen, they receive four-year renewable scholarships.

What began as a small group of individuals wanting to make a difference has now evolved into an organization that has granted over \$2.8 million dollars in local scholarships. Through your help, the mission of the Founders Fund will continue to strive and touch the lives of future generations for years to come.

To get involved, become a benefactor or sponsor, contact Tom Lear, Founders Fund Chairperson.



## Major Sponsor Named



Schuyler Peck, Founders Fund Trustee and wife, Penny, first met Craig Johnson in 1978 when he was one of their eighth grade students at Cardigan Mountain School in New Hampshire and have maintained a very close relationship. Schuyler and Craig continue serving as trustees of the school because they both recognize the importance and value of a good education.

The Founders Fund is most pleased to announce Craig and Kathy Johnson as the Major Sponsor for the upcoming 2014 Golf Event and thank them for their generous support and continued commitment towards higher education.

Craig and Kathy Johnson reside in Houston, Texas and have seven children. Kathy has her own interior design company. Craig is founder, President and CEO of Stallion Oilfield Services, a complete service company for the oil and gas industry. These services include onshore and offshore accommodations, rental equipment, communications, well site support and marine services.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Tom Lear



April 7, 2014 - that is the date for one of the most important events hosted by The Club Pelican Bay. On that Monday, the Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet will occur. With the auctions and golf, we the members of The Club, along with our community donors, will raise the funds needed to provide college scholarships to deserving students in Collier County.

Having just met with the high school counselors at our annual breakfast, we know many students need our help because we are one of the few organizations that provide renewable scholarships.

If you have already signed up, thank you for your support. If not, will you please join us as we open college doors for those who need financial assistance and help us provide these students a chance to move forward in life well prepared.

Please contact me or Sue Davenport for assistance.

## 2014 FOUNDERS FUND *Calendar*

Wed., March 12, 2014	Board Meeting & Orientation - 4:00pm	Golf Operations
March 24-28, 2014	Schools on Spring Break	
<b>Mon., April 7, 2014</b>	<b>11th Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament</b>	
April 2-17, 2014	Student Interviews at Schools	
Mon., April 21, 2014	Student Selection - 9:00am	The Club
<b>Wed., April 30, 2014</b>	<b>Student Scholarship Reception - 7:00pm</b>	The Club

## *Social* CORNER

Joan Thomas, Founders Fund Trustee, joined social committee members at the Club to view the Founders Fund new mission video in mid-December. All present were impressed and excited to hear about the impact the scholarships have made in the lives of local students.



Photographed from left to right are: (seated) Maureen O'Gormann, Nancy Mackson and Albert E. Mullin; (standing) Ella Howard, Stephanie Eby, Barbara Finn and Joan Thomas.

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**Mission:** The mission of the Founders Fund, Inc. of The Club Pelican Bay is to provide financial assistance to young men and women from Collier County in their pursuit of post high school education and training. Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of need and merit from 11 high schools of Collier County.

The Founders Fund was created in 1991 by the Golf Members of The Club Pelican Bay, a private golf club. The Internal Revenue Service has classified the Founders Fund as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization.

The Founders Fund is supported by Golf and Social Members of The Club Pelican Bay, as well as many corporate sponsors which include prominent local and national businesses that are very generous in their support of the Founders Fund. Income from reserve assets and fundraising activities support annual scholarships that now total over \$200,000 per year. Fund scholarship awards have totaled more than \$2.8 million dollars since the beginning of the Fund.

# Annual Scholars Luncheon



Students, sponsors, trustees and benefactors of The Founders Fund gathered for the 2014 Annual Scholars Luncheon on January 2 at The Club. There were nearly 100 guests in attendance to celebrate student accomplishments such as 4.0 grade point averages and career choices. Many of the Founders Fund scholarship recipients are ranked in the top percentile of their college classes.

The annual tradition for each student to speak briefly about their college studies and current activities is always a crowd pleaser. From serving their communities to aspirations of becoming surgeons, engineers, teachers, physicists and FBI agents, student goals are becoming more and more impressive each year.



## COUNSELORS BREAKFAST

Annually, local high school counselors and scholarship committee members join to discuss the needs of graduating students in Collier County. This year, there were 11 counselors in attendance for breakfast held on January 29 at The Club Pelican Bay. They represented 11 different Collier County high schools.



## Sponsors for the 2014 Event

(as of February 1st) The Founders Fund would like to thank the following sponsors for stepping forward to hope this year's event be a success!

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**Make your plans now to participate  
in the 2014 Ed Brennan Memorial  
Golf Tournament – Monday – April 7**

## Great Auction Items Await



You will have the opportunity to bid on an array of travel trips and adventures during the 2014 Founders Fund Golf Event Banquet, packages such as a

**7-Night Luxury European River Cruise for Two from Paris to Normandy.** You will be able to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion as you travel in style. The cruise departs Paris on October 23, 2014 and disembarks back in Paris on October 30th. Plus, Preferred Travel is providing hotel accommodations for three nights in Paris prior to the cruise. It can be yours with the lift of your bidders paddle.

Plus, more travel packages... and just for the fun of it, you will also have a chance to bid on a bright yellow **Vespa** - 2007 Piaggio LX 50 (has 215 miles on it) – ideal for those quick trips through your neighborhood and to the beach.



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*It's easy ... Contact Sue Davenport.*