



Fall 2016

NEWS & Views



The Founders Fund raises over \$450,000 for college scholarships

The Founders Fund raised over \$450,000 at the 2016 Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and Banquet with over 260 guests in attendance. Winners of the golf tournament morning round were the foursome of Dan and Anita Marquitz, and Cliff and Sig Ryan, and the afternoon round were Wayne and Barbara Kent along with Iain Mossman and Alex Mossman representing one of our corporate sponsors, Collier Enterprises.



Wayne Kent, Barbara Kent, Iain Mossman, Alex Mossman

Bidders were energized to raise their paddles for some incredible vacations and getaways. Bringing in the top bid of \$10,000 was a Mediterranean Cruise on the Holland America's cruise ship the Konigsdam which was donated by Preferred Travel of Naples.

The event is the major fundraiser that has helped the Founders Fund grant over \$3 million dollars in scholarships to over 600 Collier County students which has a scholarship commitment of over \$200,000 annually.

Since 1992, guests have enjoyed this event at the Club at Pelican Bay and this year marked the last year that the fundraiser was to be held in the old clubhouse. Our next event in 2018 will be held in the brand new beautifully appointed facility. How exciting for all of us!



Auctioneer Scott Robertson with Wally Ganzi and Sandy Ganzi



Sig and Cliff Ryan



Golfers making the final putt

MESSAGE FROM 2016/2018 CHAIR

Rob McNaghten



With great excitement, I look forward to serving as The Founders Fund Chair for the next two years. As you may be aware, we had another successful fundraising event this past April at our biennial golf event and banquet.

In a continuation of The Founders Fund mission, another 27 Collier County high school graduates were awarded scholarships bringing the total number of students now supported to 111. None of this would be possible without the generous support of The Club Pelican Bay members and our growing list of business sponsors.

As for our Endowment Fund, I'm pleased to announce it has been seeded with a generous \$250,000 donation from one benefactor. This was followed by an additional \$250,000 challenge grant matching dollar-for-dollar the contributions of other donors. Every member of The Founders Fund Board of Trustees committed to donate to help meet the challenge. By the end of 2016, we expect the Endowment Fund to grow to nearly \$650,000. Our goal over the next couple of years is to raise the level of the endowment to one-million dollars. This will provide The Founders Fund with enormous flexibility and help to ensure sustainability.

The Endowment Fund is being administered by the Community Foundation of Collier County which oversees 510 funds with over \$100 million in assets. Northern Trust, a highly regarded investment management firm that manages over \$900 billion of assets, was hired to manage the Endowment Fund investments. A separate investment committee comprised of members of The Founders Fund Board is charged with the responsibility to monitor the investments, create an investment philosophy and recommend an annual distribution plan.

If you are interested in exploring how you can support and grow the Endowment Fund, please let us know. We would be delighted to discuss a variety of options that best fit your circumstances. You might consider one or several of the following:

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- Life Income Gifts

To explore further please e-mail The Founders Fund at **foundersfund1@gmail.com** or call the office at **239-593-0124**.

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The Founders Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Another Success

Golf Event



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Kay Drolet, Peg McCausland,
Kay Carmichael, Linda Wiggins



John Ogden takes a swing



Fred Ensley, John Shroyer



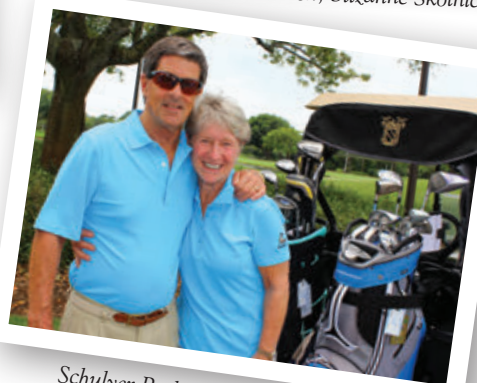
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rs Fund 2016 f Tournament and Banquet Successful Event! Dinner & Auction



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Karla and Frank Albanese have the winning
bid for the fabulous cruise provided by
Preferred Travel of Naples



Meg Tyre, Karen Pulte,
Joan Thomas

The History of Ed Brennan and the Memorial Golf Tournament



The Founders Fund was founded in 1991 and received Not-For-Profit Florida corporation status in 1992. The first Board was comprised of Edward J. Brennan, Robert H. "Rocky" Caldwell (President), and Jean Harford with Bob Lee as The Club Board representative. Initially, scholarships were only offered to children of Club employees with the first scholarships awarded in 1992. In 1993, The Founders Fund was approved as a tax exempt 501 (C)(3) organization. This required other Collier County students be included.

The first Golf Tournament and Banquet was held in 1994 with Ed Brennan suggesting the event and serving as Chairman. That same year, Ed succeeded Rocky as Chairman of the Board. The 2000 event was dedicated to Ed Brennan who passed in 1999. The Brennan family made a substantial gift to The Founders Fund in his honor. The Brennan family continues to support the Founders Fund and Judy Brennan, Ed's widow, and family still participate in the biennial event.

Ed's commitment and devotion led to the tournament and banquet being named in his honor. His love of books and education led to his first job with a book distributor. Later, he started his own company, Brennan College Services, to service college bookstores. After building a successful business, he sold to Follet Corporation. Ed grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts and was active in many community organizations and a loyal supporter of his alma mater, Holy Cross, and later established the Brennan Foundation. The Founders Fund is most grateful to Ed Brennan and his entire family.

The Founders Fund would like to thank the following sponsors for their support during our 2016 Event!

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The Founders Fund Awards 2016 Scholarships to 27 Collier County Students



2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Tawny Wood, Karen Pulte,
Briana Ravelo, Sasha Iglesias



Joshua Siahaan enjoying the ice cream bar



Diana Ortiz-Alas, Diana Alas



Joshua Siahaan, Mario De La Luz, Dick Censits,
Andrea Gamboa, Maggie Moxam, Juan Medina

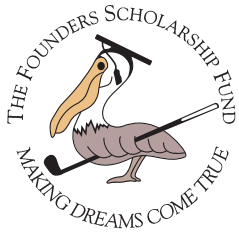


Barbara Rice, Joan Thomas,
Jim Rice, Sarah Rice

Over \$200,000 in renewable scholarships were awarded to 27 Collier County students by The Founders Fund during the annual ice cream social/reception which was held at the Club Pelican Bay on April 21. Each student was presented with a renewable scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 per academic year.

Scholarships are awarded to Collier County students seeking financial assistance in order to pursue a higher education. The scholarships are non-restrictive and are given to help students with college and post high-school educational expenses. Students receive their renewable scholarships with the agreement they are a full-time student and maintain a B average or better in their college studies.

This year's 27 recipients, plus the 84 students already in the Founders Fund program, brings the total to 111 students receiving Founders Fund scholarships this academic year. The commitment and annual budget needed to distribute scholarships is \$222,000 each year. Funds needed to grant the scholarships are raised through our golf event, donations from Club members, and the generous support of local business sponsors.



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— COLLEGES 2016/2017 —

*We currently have 111 students
attending 34 different colleges*

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Carleton College	Saint Marys College
Colorado State University	Santa Fe College
Columbia University	St. Vincent College
Elon University	Stetson University
Emory University	Tallahassee Community College
Fayetteville State University	The Culinary Institute of America
Florida Gulf Coast University	Tufts University
Florida Atlantic University	University of Central Florida
Florida International University	University of Florida
Florida Southern College	University of Miami
Florida Southwestern State College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Florida State University	University of North Florida
Franklin & Marshall College	University of Richmond
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of South Florida
Harvard College	
Lincoln College of Technology	

2016/2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Barron Collier High School: *Jessie Renaud*

Everglades High: *Tawny Wood*

Golden Gate High School: *Joe Alusma, Andree Ducasse, Erik Garcia, Miriam Granja*

Gulf Coast High School: *Rita Bekhash, Jaime Polanco, Sarah Rice*

Immokalee High School: *Karina Estrada, Javier Flores, Cesar Hernandez-Isidro, Graciela Olvera*

Lely High School: *Diana Alas, Cristian Lopez-Quezada, Leslie Renee Ramirez*

Lorenzo Walker: *Mario De La Luz, Andrea Gamboa, Juan Medina, Maggie Moxam*

Naples High School: *Joshua Ehlers, Sydney Record, Megan Sullivan*

Palmetto Ridge High School: *Sasha Iglesias, Briana Ravelo*

St. John Newman: *Georgina Castro*

The Club Pelican Bay (Child of an Employee): *Joshua Siahaan*

The scholarship fund, originally set up to help the children of the Club Pelican Bay employees, has expanded over the years to include other Collier County high school seniors. Employees of the Club Pelican Bay and their families are also eligible for scholarships. This year, one employee and two children of employees were chosen to receive scholarships.