

New labs further STEAM education at ETHS

Preparing students to compete in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is critical to today's global economy. Since STEM education shares similar values found in fine-arts education such as innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving, art was added to the other disciplines, and STEM is now STEAM at ETHS, one of the first schools in the country to adopt this concept.

Last year, ETHS took an important step to further STEAM education. A ceremonial ground-breaking was held on May 27 to celebrate the success of the STEAM labs campaign. ETHS alumnus **Leonard Schaeffer '63**, founding Chairman/CEO of WellPoint, fulfilled his promise to contribute \$500,000 after \$100,000 was raised by the ETHS Educational Foundation in private donations. That amount, and more, was raised, and four new labs were constructed over the summer.

The labs are designed to house different STEAM courses. Currently, science classes (physics, chem-phys, and anatomy) are using the labs, but other STEAM-related courses can find a home in them as well. Each lab includes moveable lab tables, steel cabinetry, water, document

tronic sensors graph the pendulum motion. The orange-and-blue floor tiling can be used for measurement studies.

ETHS also has three other STEAM labs: an Engineering Lab, a Digital Photography Lab, and the Geometry in Construction lab/



cameras that project information onto wall-mounted screens, and flat-screen TVs. Physics teachers can hang balls from ceiling-mounted steel baskets to study time, motion, weight, and space while elec-

classroom. In Fall 2015, a new Advanced Manufacturing lab will join the STEAM family at ETHS.

The push for STEAM innovations comes at a favorable time for ETHS. In September 2012,



Photo: ETHS Communications Office

Leonard Schaeffer '63 (rt.) presented his \$500,000 donation for the labs to ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon (left) and Sarah Wagner, then president of the ETHS Educational Foundation, at a "ground-breaking" ceremony last May.

the new ETHS-based office for Northwestern University's Office of STEAM Education Partnerships opened to provide students and faculty with cutting-edge opportunities in academics, research, career exploration, and collaboration among the various content areas. The new labs will certainly further the STEAM mission.

Schaeffer agrees. At the ground-breaking, he said, "It is a young person's high school experience that really develops his or her character and

lays the groundwork for life's direction."

A 2007 ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Schaeffer is the founding Chairman/CEO of WellPoint, the nation's largest health benefits company by membership. He currently is the Judge Robert Maclay Widney Chair and Professor at the University of Southern California and is a Senior Advisor to TPG Capital, a private equity firm.

First ETHS "Geometry in Construction" house built, moved, on the market

Last year, the Mathematics and Career/Technical Education (CTE) departments at ETHS introduced an interdisciplinary course where students learn both geometry and construction skills while building an actual house. "Geometry in Construction" launched with 56 students, and on June 16, the one-story, three-bedroom house—16-feet by 75-feet—was moved from ETHS's back lot to a City-donated property.

Taught by Maryjoy Heineman (Math) and



Photo: Matthew Kaiser, CTE teacher

The house had to be cut in half to fit on moving trailers and negotiate Evanston's streets. Once on site, a crane lifted each half into place, one in front of the other.

Matthew Kaiser (CTE), the course is a collaborative project with ETHS, the City of Evanston, and the Community Partners in Affordable

Housing. Throughout the year, the students gained hands-on experience in construction safety and a variety of construction skills, but just as im-

portantly, they learned about teamwork, communication, and trust.

Community partnerships are important to the program's initial and continued success. A good deal of start-up funds came from the school, and donations, including major grants from the ETHS Educational Foundation and the Evanston Community Foundation. An advisory committee of local construction-related professionals helped the school develop the course and oversaw

progress during the year. Evanston resident **Todd Kihm '88** stepped in mid-year as licensed general contractor. Hundreds of school and community residents volunteered their help on quarterly Community Build Days.

The City of Evanston worked with ETHS to find a suitable lot for the house, which will be sold by the Community Partners for Affordable Housing to low-income residents. First prefer-

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Superintendent's Letter

ETHS continues to make measurable strides in outcomes for students. In 2013, our students' posted historically high ACT results and greatly increased their numbers taking and succeeding in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Those gains continued in 2014. ETHS seniors registered the second-highest ACT composite score in school history, 64% of our juniors and seniors took AP exams, an all-time high, and more ETHS students than ever earned a score of 3, 4, or 5 on their AP exams.

This year we have exciting changes. A new Student Success Center, called The Hub, brings the academic study centers for math, science, English/history, and world languages into one place. The Hub also houses community ser-

vice, college/career services, student activities, homework center, Wildkit Academy, and community youth services provided by Y.O.U. and the Youth Job Center.

Other newly remodeled areas include four new 21st-century STEAM labs (see related story), and two new math classrooms. The auditorium has new rigging that makes the space more functional and safe, and a new orchestra shell to improve sound quality. Two smaller gyms have new bleachers. Also, we've opened a Welcome Center to give parents, families, and visitors a dedicated place to access general information, specific parent-guardian programs, and important direct services, such as language-translation services and transition pro-

grams for freshmen and transfer students.

We are working constantly to boost communications at ETHS. Along with new print publications, we added a new mobile app that we encourage everyone to download onto their smartphones to stay connected to ETHS (see related story on p. 5).

There are also many programming improvements. All freshmen received Chromebook laptop computers to increase individualized teacher help and feedback, and to give students access to online resources at school and at home. Since reading is the gateway to learning, we're strengthening stu-



ETHS Superintendent Eric Witherspoon

dents' comprehension skills, and training teachers how to incorporate literacy skills into all academic disciplines.

We also have several new courses: AP Government, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, and an additional pre-engineering course in Software Engineering. Plus, this year we will implement Individualized Career and Academic Plans to help

each student graduate, be college and career ready, and have a post-secondary plan.

At ETHS, we recognize this great school—with a rich tradition of excellence—can and must keep moving forward. Our commitment to continuous improvement in achieving equity and excellence for all students is embedded in all our work and never stops.

President's Letter

ETHS Class Notes

Let your friends and former classmates know where you are and what you are doing.

Please provide your contact information (print clearly):

First name	(Maiden name)	Last name	Class year
Spouse's first name		(Maiden Name)	
Is spouse an ETHS alum? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, class year			
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When returning this form, please include a separate sheet providing additional information (marriage, children, awards, memberships, etc.) and a recent photo of yourself (we will return it unharmed if you ask us to).

Please return this form, additional information, and photo to:
ETHS Alumni Association
1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201

As I address my fellow alums, it's hard not to reminisce on the wonderful days I had attending ETHS: from the exceptional staff and faculty that made walking the halls feel like home to the creative minds of each student class — and who can forget pneumonia alley? In any event, everyday is a great day to be a Wildkit, as Dr. Witherspoon says. I am proud to report that he and the ETHS community have truly made one goal very clear—to provide the best educational experience for students who walk through the doors of 1600 Dodge Ave.

I am honored to serve as the President of the ETHS Alumni Association and am pleased to work with other Wildkits who want to reconnect with our alma mater. As a board member since 2007, I've had the privilege of working alongside **Kathy**

Miehls '64 who started the Alumni Association in 1995. She and the members of the Board launched many of the programs the association still supports such as the mini-grants to teachers, this *KIT* newsletter, the Distinguished Alumni Awards program, the Authors' Bookshelf, and the reunion planning guide. Now we are fortunate to have **David Futransky '69** directing an impressive group of volunteers currently serving on our alumni board, each one dedicated to keeping our connections strong.

As for me, I returned to Evanston after earning a bachelor's degree in finance from Florida A&M University in 2007. Currently, I'm an advisor with the top wealth management firm in America as cited by Barron's. I have a passion for connecting resources and people. I'm an active volunteer and member of Chessmen Club,



Kevin Aristide, ETHS Alumni Association President

ETHS Educational Foundation, FAAM youth basketball program, and the Evanston Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.

I welcome you to contact me with your thoughts and suggestions. My email is Kevin1.Aristide@icloud.com.

Yours in Wildkit Spirit,
Kevin Aristide '03

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What's New at ETHS?

ETHS holds first Black Male Summit

On September 26, ETHS hosted its first ever Black Male Summit, attended by 412 students, grades 9-12, and 167 adult volunteers. Many adult volunteers served as mentors for students at the Summit and committed to working them over their years at ETHS. Over 25% of the mentors are ETHS alumni.



Planners of the Black Male Summit included (l. to rt.) M.D. Shelton '15, student school board representative; Supt. Eric Witherspoon; Calvin Mackie, keynote speaker; Marcus Campbell, Asst. Supt./Principal; and Ahmadou Drame '07, Community and External Affairs Coordinator.

The Summit goals were to connect Black male students to resources available at ETHS and in the school community, and to support their academic and social growth. At the Summit, students engaged in various activities, including:

- Workshops designed to help them construct their own identities as Black males in today's society.
- Group discussions with other Black male students and adult mentors from the Evanston community.

- Networking hour with 15 ETHS partner agencies and local institutions to connect students with community resources.
- Planning session to identify an action plan for the school year, including mentoring opportunities for Black male students.

City Council members **Delores Holmes '58**, and **Peter Braithwaite '88** joined community leader **Judge Lionel Jean-Baptiste '70**, and members of the ETHS staff and faculty such as **Franz Calixte '89**, **Harold Bailey '83**, **Corey Boyd '97**, **Dale Leibforth '93**, and many others in leading groups and becoming mentors.

Alumni volunteers represented classes from the 1950s to 2011.

By **Ahmadou Drame '07**

Evanston Scholars Program

A special program is helping ETHS juniors and seniors transition to college. Starting in 2011, ETHS English teacher **Steve Newman '86** and many community (and alumni) supporters developed the Evanston Scholars program, a non-profit organization. Students are identified their junior year and are assigned a mentor (many are ETHS alums) who works with them through their graduation from college.

The program strives to improve college access and success for a diverse



group of ambitious, underserved students, helps them from college admission through graduation, and offers resources such as workshops, campus visits, and ACT prep to students who lack financial, academic, and family/community assistance.

One of the major issues facing students around the country is sustainability at college.

Ninety-eight percent of Evanston Scholars who started college are still enrolled compared to a national average of 40%. Over 105 ETHS students have participated in the program, and the newest and largest group of 30 juniors will be inducted in late November. Mentorship opportunities are available for interested alumni. For further information contact www.evanstonscholars.org.

The Alumni Association is updating its files. Send us your name, class, and, most importantly, your **EMAIL** address. You could win a prize! Send to: alumni@eths.k12.il.us

Branding & Signage Initiative

In September, ETHS kicked off a multi-phase project to develop a new ETHS brand and improve signage to help students, staff, and visitors better navigate the large school building and 65-acre campus.



The school has partnered with Evanston-based Glantz Design and Allegra print and sign company to lead the comprehensive review of the school's brand identity, including logos and overall image, as

well as the directional signs and maps that exist in and around the campus. In addition, the National School Public Relations Association is gathering feedback on ETHS's communication efforts and image in the community.

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Photo: Matthew Kaiser, CTE teacher

Hundreds of ETHS staff, parents, and community volunteers helped the students on quarterly Community Build Days.

ence goes to ETHS employees, next to City of Evanston employees, and then to anyone who lives or works in Evanston. Profits from the house sale will be used to buy materials and supplies for building this year's house.

The 60 students enrolled in the second-year course will build a two-story, three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath residence on a smaller lot than the first. Both floors will be built simultaneously, side-by-side, in the school's back lot.

For more information about "Geometry in Construction," go to <http://www.wildkitconstruction.com>.

ETHS Kudos

ETHS student success earn national rankings

In mid-April, for the 3rd consecutive year, both *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News & World Report* ranked ETHS in the top 2-3% of high schools in the nation, based on, among other factors, the percentage of students taking Advanced (college-level) Placement courses. Both news media used data collected nationally, but *U.S. News* also applied its own Equity and Excellence index and awarded ETHS a silver medal based on such factors as how well all of its students are prepared for college, not just college-bound students. This fall, Movoto Real Estate ranked Evanston #7 out of the 10 best suburbs for education in America.

ETHS students rank well with National Merit

The number of ETHS students honored in this year's National Merit Scholarship Program is higher than in many years. In September, 21 seniors were named National Merit semifinalists, and eight more were named National Achievement semifinalists (National Merit's scholarship program for high-achieving Black students). ETHS ranks 8th nationally in the number of Achievement semifinalists this year and is the only comprehensive public high school among the top 8 schools. In addition, 32 seniors were named Commended Students and Outstanding Participants in the National Merit and National Achievement competitions, respectively.



STUDENTS

In general... ETHS junior **Andrew Bempah** was one of 80 students nationwide chosen to participate in the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science six-week summer program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In business education... In February, 40 ETHS students competed against 1,300 students from area schools at the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Career Conference in Rosemont, IL. They competed through business role-plays and business-oriented exams, and 22 ETHS students won medals in their respective events, the largest number of area winners in ETHS DECA history. At state finals, junior **Andrew Bempah** took 2nd place in his event, and seniors **Evan Doubovikov** and **Addy Sharma** took 2nd place in theirs, qualifying them for the DECA International Conference

later in May. Andrew went on to win 4th overall in his event at internationals, the highest place ever earned by an ETHS student.

In fine arts... Last May, the ETHS Wind Symphony was one of seven high-school groups chosen to perform at the 2014 Illinois SuperState Concert Band Festival, marking ETHS's first-ever performance at this event and placing the students alongside the very best high school bands in the state.

In science/math/engineering... ETHS juniors **Justin Liao** and **Benedict Brady** finished first in Oral Presentation in the 4AA Division at the 2014 state math contest. Sixty-two high schools across the state competed in this top division; ETHS placed 12th overall.

In sports... Senior **Parker English** earned 1st-place in both the 200-meter and

400-meter finals at the state track meet. She also placed 3rd the 100 meters. She won four events at the Central Suburban League South division meet (100, 200, 400, long jump). Parker was named the Gatorade Athlete of the Year in the state, only the third ETHS winner in the 29-year history of this award (the others are **Janis Foster '89** and **Shalina Clarke '06**). Parker earned 13 state medals over her four years at ETHS and was a member of two state championship relay teams. She is now attends U of Notre Dame.

FACULTY In June, ETHS Debate coach **Jeff Hannan** received a Diamond Coaching Award from the NSDA, the largest interscholastic speech/debate organization in the nation.

ETHS awarded breakfast grant

ETHS received a Fuel UpTM Breakfast Grant from the General Mills Foodservice and National Dairy Council Program to expand its healthy breakfast program. The 2014 grant program disbursed nearly \$50,000 to 26 schools, with each grant recipient receiving up to \$2,000.

The ETHS funds will support a Grab-and-Go Breakfast Kiosk located in the gym wing to give students an alternate location to purchase breakfast every day, in addition to Beardsley and Bacon Cafeterias and the snack window in the main lobby.

Gordon Segal '56 meets with ETHS student business club



Members of ETHS's Investment and Business Club were treated to a presentation and tour of the Crate & Barrel headquarters by founder **Gordon Segal**, a member of the ETHS Class of '56 and a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

He detailed his upbringing, how he loved his time at ETHS, which he said prepared him for Wharton business school, his great experience at Northwestern University, and the value a liberal arts education had in opening up a worldly view that would help him pioneer his business.

Several themes emerged as Segal talked to the students. Being an en-

trepreneur is hard work; attention to the smallest details has allowed him to improve and expand his company; the key to business is doing what you love; and to succeed in business, a retail store has to be so meticulously cared for and operated, that customers want to buy from you.

He feels his personal motto "stay humble, stay nervous" has helped him from becoming too arrogant because he was afraid he'd harm the relationship with consumers.

By **Ben Osterlund**,
President, ETHS Investment/Business Club

2014 Distinguished Alumni Award winners

The 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented in an assembly for the senior class on Monday, January 26, in the ETHS Auditorium. More information on each of the award-ees and photos will be in the spring issue of *The KIT*, but here is a preview of this year's Distinguished Alumni.

Cleopatra Bugelas Alexander, 1966, is a leader in the not-for-profit community in the Chicago area, having led the Women's Board of the Art Institute of Chicago and serving as Executive Director of the Albert Pick Jr. Fund Foundation.

Henry Engelhardt, 1975, heads the Admiral Group in Wales, the largest auto insurer

in Great Britain. Henry has also founded a major charity supporting children's programming in Wales.

David Epstein, 1998, is the author of *The Sports Gene: Inside the Science of Extraordinary Athletic Performance*. David is a reporter and writer who was inspired by his friend and classmate, track star **Kevin Richards**, who had a heart attack and died in ETHS's field house as he completed a race.

Willie J. Miller, Jr., 1971, is the chief legal officer of Mondelez, the successor company to Kraft. Willie has been a distinguished attorney in the Chicago area and has served on the ETHS school board.

Jack Rakove, 1964, is the 1997 Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution* and a professor of history, American Studies, and political science at Stanford University.

Neal Wolin, 1979, has been the longest serving Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury Department and has served as Interim Secretary. He has been involved in banking and government throughout his career.

Authors' Bookshelf

Amelia Was Right!
By **Gene Nora Jessen '55**

In response to Amelia Erhart's book entitled *The Fun of It*, Jessen tells true stories of her humorous aviation adventures as a flight instructor, demo pilot, and member of the Mercury 13 training program for female astronauts (but they never were allowed to fly). She was named an ETHS Distinguished Award Winner in 2006.

Zen Unleashed
By **Tim Macejak '83**
Through the encouragement of Sheila the Zen Dog, Macejak provides a direct and useful account of the practice of Zen Buddhism for Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike.

A Competent Witness
By **Judith Peterson Nickels '74**
A work of historical fiction closely based on the real-life experience of Georgiana Yoke, the wife of Dr. H. H. Holmes, swindler, kidnapper, and America's first serial killer during the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893.



Exegesis
By **Astro Teller '88**
The story of an artificial intelligence researcher and her creation, Edgar, who develops self-awareness and must come to terms with his own existence. Teller, whose work focuses on bringing science and technology into reality, received an ETHS Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013.

Sacred Cows: The Truth about Divorce and Marriage
By Danielle Teller, M.D. & **Astro Teller, PhD, '88**
Through their own divorces, Danielle and Astro learned to question assumptions and conventional wisdom, offering an insightful view to those in need of marital advice or a fresh perspective on a cherished and misunderstood institution.

What's the Alumni Assn. been up to lately?

The Board of the ETHS Alumni Association welcomed several new members in the past year. **Peggy Philip Baxter '94**, **Kevin Mack '95**, **Felipe Martinez '97**, **Nicole Marks '85**, **Katie Tucker Trippi '77**, and **Lanier Zimmer '05** have joined the board and are actively participating in events and planning.

The Association
Board is busy trying to help classes with their reunions, looking into ways to better connect across social media, and supporting alums and current events at ETHS.

Affiliation reunions (Wildkit Sports Reunion, Hispanic Heritage Reunion, KITS/CATS) have been held. Future events that cross generations and graduating classes might include programs planned for those involved with journalism and media (*Evanstonian*,

KEY, etc), musical theater, or other areas. If you have an interest or a group that would like to get together, please contact alumni@eths.k12.il.us.

The ETHS Alumni Association supports several scholarships to graduating seniors each year. Additional funds go to support student events and activities. We are always looking for more ways to connect with alumni, and we urge you, especially if you are in the Evanston area, to consider joining the alumni board.

For more information, contact David Futransky at 847-424-7704 or futranskyd@eths.k12.il.us



New mobile app connects you to ETHS

This fall, ETHS launched a new mobile app for smartphones (iPhone, Android) and tablets that will bring ETHS directly to students, parents, staff, alumni, and community members. To download the free* app, search for "ETHS" in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play Store (Android). (*The app is free to download. Cell phone plan rates still apply.)

With the new mobile app you can view...

- Top ETHS news stories and social media posts



- Calendar information, including adding events from school calendars to your device calendar
- Links to ETHS's Alumni Association and Educational Foundation web pages
- ETHS staff directory
- Push notifications for

- instant alerts to your mobile device
- Text-a-Tip about a safety concern
- Links to ETHS's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube sites

For more information, visit <http://www.eths.k12.il.us/communications/mobile> or scan the QR code below.



Reunion Roundup

Wildkit Sports Reunion celebrates Athletic Hall of Fame's 20th anniversary

The first-ever Wildkit Sports Reunion was held September 5-6. The two-day celebration began with alumni golfers attending the ETHS Educational Foundation's golf outing on Friday afternoon. Undaunted by rain, many golfers joined with several hundred alums at the Friday night ETHS football game.

Over 40 members of the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame (HOF) were recognized at half time, a highlight of the 20th anniversary celebration of the HOF, organized by former Assistant Principal Nat Bilsky.

Among the many returning star athletes were: **Pamela Page '76, Miles Zaremski '66, Franz Calixte '89, Stacey Walton '96, Brian**

'64 parties hard at its 50th

Everyone agreed. Despite six fun-filled events over three days, there just wasn't enough time to talk to everyone who attended when the ETHS Class of 1964 held its 50th-year reunion in early September.

The weekend started on Friday with lunch at Hackney's, followed that evening with a Meet 'n' Greet at Evanston's Hilton Garden Inn. Saturday was jam-packed with a morning bus tour of Evanston, a luncheon at ETHS and tour of the school (including the main library, see photo), and a dinner-dance that evening at the Glen View Club. On Sunday, many classmates partied on with brunch at Bravo in Evanston. Not everyone came to every event, but more than 250 classmates, from all over the globe, attended one or more events.



ETHS soccer players from the '70s to the present competed at the Wildkit Sports Reunion.

Rosinski '75, Larry Lubin '75, Ron Cooper '68, Diane Simpson '87, Erica Handelman '90, and many more.

Saturday afternoon, alums gathered for various sports competitions with their teammates and athletes across generations. The soccer game featured players from classes in the 1970s through recent gradu-

ates. Badminton turned out big numbers of players from over the years.

On Saturday evening, local restaurants allowed for old friends, including several retired coaches, to retell stories from by-gone days. Many Wildkit athletes moved on to join the Boosters Club celebration/fund raiser on top of the Sherman Ave. parking garage.



"A reunion of this scale takes an army to get it done," said **Judy Anderson**, who with co-chair **Pat Richey Wanzenberg** led the effort, assisted by a large committee, many of whom helped plan the class's four previous reunions.

One new initiative helped pull the entire class together: a highly interactive web site created and managed by **Fred Brostoff**. Enter-

taining conversations are continuing online, such as debates about class ranks and whose was the lowest. And many classmates have vowed to meet periodically to keep old and newly rekindled friendships alive.

Another reunion in five years? Stay tuned.

By **Kathy Dalgety Miehl, '64**

40th-year football reunion



Members of the class of 1975 gathered Homecoming Weekend at Lazier Field. These men, who played on the 1974 ETHS football team, came to celebrate their 40th anniversary as both the last team to win the old Suburban League championship and the last team that Murney Lazier coached at ETHS. Coach Lazier joined them on the field for the pre-game coin toss. The two-day celebration also included a tour of ETHS facilities and a team dinner.

ETHS Class of '65 to celebrate its 50th reunion in 2015

Class of 1965: Your 50th reunion weekend will take place September 11-12, 2015. So, save the dates! Plans in the works include a lunch at Hackney's in Glenview on Friday the 11th and a happy hour "meet and greet" in downtown Evanston.

Events on Saturday the 12th begin with a late morning tour of ETHS followed by a luncheon with some of our teachers. In the evening, the

class will celebrate at a nearby club for dinner, music, and reconnecting with old friends.

For all the information, classmates can join an interactive website at www.eths1965.org. For questions or updating your contact information, please email us at: eths1965@gmail.com. We're still looking for missing classmates, so spread the word!

By **Sherry Drew '65**

Boy Scout Alert!

Evanston Boy Scout Troop 3 is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2015 with a banquet on January 2, and other events during the year. If you are an alumni of Troop 3 and aren't currently in touch with the Troop, the Centennial Committee is looking for you! Don't delay: Contact troop3evanstonalumni@gmail.com today.



Eat, drink, and renew friendships at ETHS-related restaurants

A new restaurant and a microbrewery with ETHS connections have opened in Evanston.

Boltwood, a farm-to-table eatery with an eclectic menu, opened this year at 804 Davis St., at the corner of Sherman Ave. and Davis St. It is co-owned by Evanston resident and restaurateur John Kim and **Brian Huston '89**, who most recently was chef de cuisine at Chicago's popular The Publican.

The new restaurant's name refers to noted Evanston educator Henry L. Boltwood, ETHS's first principal (1883-1906), and after whom the "west" wing of the

school was named when it opened in 1967-68. Check out Boltwood's web site at eat@boltwoodevanston.com.

This fall, two ETHS grads—**Josh Gilbert '91** (founder) and **Ben Geerts '90** (taproom manager)—opened Evanston's first brewery, Temperance Beer Company, at 2000 Dempster St. According to Gilbert, Temperance is not a brewpub, although pasties and gourmet snacks are available, or you can bring your own food, or order in.

So, Temperance, with a poke at Evanston's prohibition past, is all about the beer they brew

and serve in flights of 4 oz. tasters, half-pints, pints, and even returnable growlers. In fact, in September its Gatecrasher IPA was awarded Silver for English-style India pale ale at the 2014 Great American Beer Festival.

In October, the ETHS Educational Foundation hosted an evening at Temperance for alums to reconnect and to hear astronomy and physics teacher (and ETHS alum) **GionMatthias Schelbert '90** unveil plans for the upcoming renovation of the ETHS planetarium. (See related story on p. 11.)



Earlier this fall, (l. to rt.) James Zoccoli, GionMatthias Schelbert, Corrie Cockrell Wallace, and Chris May—all ETHS 1990 alums—gathered at Temperance Brewing Co. to hear about plans for renovating the school's planetarium.

An alumni host committee of **David Futransky '69**, **Cinda Russell Axley '62**, **Bill Geiger '70**, **Sarah Staples Wagner '76**, **Sara Raelle Brenner '76**, **Nan-**

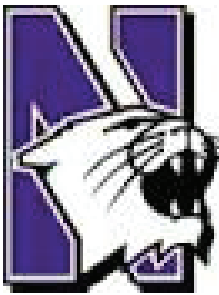
cy Cuniff '77, **Gwen Macsai '78**, **Mimi Laulture '79**, **Laurie Wiss Latimer '81**, **Matt Ter Molen '83** and **Corrie Cockrell Wallace '90** planned the event.

'KITS and 'CATS meet up at Northwestern

On November 13, Northwestern University hosted a reception to celebrate the connections between two great Evanston educational institutions. Over 800 ETHS alums also have an affiliation with Northwestern, having attended as an undergraduate or graduate student. Additionally, over 30 NU grads work at ETHS (mostly teachers), and a large number of ETHS alums work for Northwestern.

Those in the Chicago area were invited to the event along with NU faculty and staff who are parents of current, past, or future Wildkits. And, current ETHS seniors who are applying to NU also joined the party.

A reception was held at NU's Allen Center, and the program focused on current links between



the two schools. Programs that range from Project Excite, the NU-ETHS STEAM Partnership, tutoring and mentoring programs, KIT/CAT days (where ETHS sophomores visit the NU campus), and many others were highlighted.

Matt Ter Molen, ETHS '83, President of the ETHS Educational Foundation and NU's Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations/Development, was emcee. NU President Morton Schapiro, who spoke about NU's interest in growing the partnership



with ETHS, was followed by ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon, who talked about how ETHS has benefitted from working with NU. Kristen Perkins, partnership coordinator, showed a video on collaboration projects. **David Futransky, ETHS '69**, representing the ETHS Alumni Assn., thanked the group for attending.

The evening allowed for people to interact and talk about future endeavors these two schools will be working on together.

ETHS '58 goes "off-site"

In late July, the Class of '58 held an "off-site" reunion in Portland, OR, its third regional event, following others in Boulder, CO, and Bethesda, MD. Based in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the alums began the extended weekend informally with an evening of light fare and conversation. By Sunday, after breakfast and a planning meeting, there were some who still refused to end the festivities, making day-trips to the Oregon seashore or Mt. St. Helens.

Thanks to host and chairman, **Bill Bregar**, the days and evenings were full. Fine dining started at **Ruth Syndacker Bregar '58** and Bill's home Thursday night, followed Friday night at a fine Italian restaurant. Saturday evening they dined on the Portland Spirit, cruising on the Willamette River out of Downtown Portland.

During the days they enjoyed guided tours of three world-famous gardens: Portland's International Rose Test Garden, the Portland Lan Su Chinese Garden, and the renowned Portland Japanese Garden, where their guide, coincidentally, was **Mary Dickson '63**. On Friday, they took another bus tour of the scenic and geologically interesting Columbia River Gorge.

The enthusiastic planning meeting on Sunday produced lots of ideas for the 57th-year-reunion to be held back on the North Shore on September 19, 2015. For more information contact Geoff Wilson, geoff.wilson@att.net; Bill Bregar, bill.bregar@gmail.com; Ed Koven, ekoven@aol.com; or Pete Otterstrom, DoctorCRC@aol.com; or the class website: www.ETHS58.org.

13th Reunion of Barton Y Club

Several members of the Barton Y Club, all ETHS '57 grads, have stayed close since college. Talk about a reunion came up over the years, and 13 gatherings have been held since 1994. The first was in Steamboat Springs, CO, hosted by

Gerrie Brown Frohne and **Jane Dugdale Gray**. Eleven more took place in California, Florida, Illinois, Washington, New Hampshire, and Georgia,

The latest get-together was a week at the Hacienda Doña Andrea near Santa Fe, NM, where 10 of them celebrated their 75th birthdays, shared memories of ETHS, and enjoyed each other's company. They cooked great meals, enjoyed special restaurants, and saw art, sculpture, and historic sights in Santa Fe and Taos. They also enjoyed shopping, especially for jewelry.



The '57 alums spent an evening at the historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe. (L. to rt.: 1st row—Janice Kramer Kiddle, Betsy Lee Loughran, Ann Bluth Moore, Judy Kelly Howeler, Carolyn Hill. 2nd row—Marty Schuetz Bjorkman, Patty Pripps Engelhard, Marilyn George Nelson, Priscilla List and Jeri King.

Other ETHS 1957 grads, Barton Y Club members who have attended the reunions in the past are Joanne Allen, Ann Brockman Pound, Carolyn Gerrie Brown Frohne, Carolyn Brown Johnson, Jane Dugdale Gray, and Mary Jo Baker Long.

Boston ETHS alums reconnect

This fall, ETHS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Peter Bavis and **David Futransky '69**, an equity leader at ETHS, were invited to speak at Tufts University and Charlestown High School about the Excellence and Equity work that has been done at ETHS over the past few years.

Dr. Carol Corbett Burris' book *On The Same Track: How Schools can Join the Twenty-First-Century Struggle Against Resegregation* highlights some of the efforts

made at ETHS to address the racial achievement gap. Bavis and Futransky spent the day speaking about ETHS's efforts and successes.

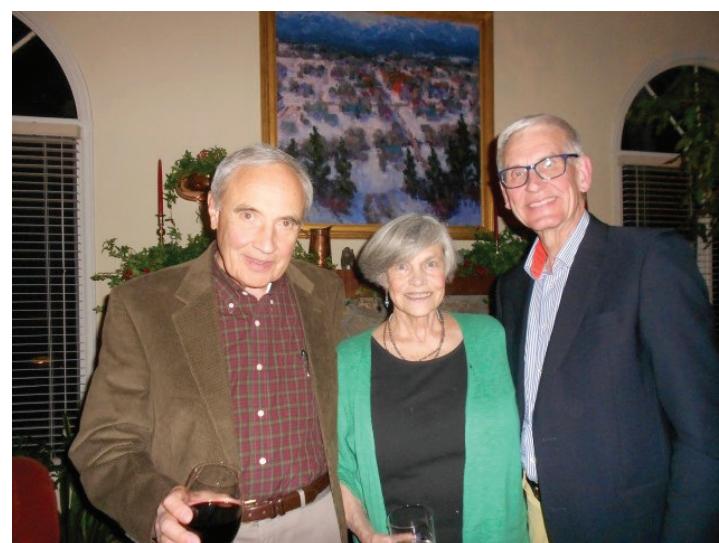
A gathering of ETHS alumni at McCormick & Schmick's restaurant followed that evening. **Paul Rapisarda '72** helped arrange the event, which drew alums from the 1960s to the early 2000s. People enjoyed sharing stories of their days at ETHS and hearing about current school programs.

Alumni couple hosts all-class Denver reception

A recent ETHS event in Denver drew together many ETHS alumni to get acquainted and to hear news about ETHS.

Gordon '55 and Nancy Persons Rockafellow '56 hosted the event on November 1 in their Cherry Hills Village home. Guests from the classes of 1940 to 2003 attended, some even wearing Wildkit apparel. Stories were told of memorable classes, sporting moment, and favorite teachers.

ETHS Supt. Eric Witherspoon received resounding applause for his news on the excellent academic rankings the school and students have received, as well as physical improvements



Hosts Gordon and Nancy Persons Rockafellow shared ETHS stories with Supt. Eric Witherspoon (rt.).

such as the STEAM labs, wireless technology, football field lights, advanced manufacturing lab, and the upcoming planetarium renovations. He stressed these are all made possible by the generosity of alums through support to

the ETHS Educational Foundation. The evening ended with former Colorado **State Senator Hugh Fowler '41** leading the group in a rousing rendition of the ETHS fight song.

Washington, DC, ETHS alums kick off regional keep-in-touch reunions

Following a great turnout at the April alumni reception in Washington, DC, several people wanted to promote staying in touch.

With almost 1,000 ETHS alums in the metropolitan DC area, many felt it would be great to host a couple of events a year to allow people to connect with others from "home." **Niles Friedman '91** took on the lead and worked closely with **Bess Evans '03** to create a kickoff event.

Bess works at the White House and on October

25, she led a group of 65+ alumni and their families on a highly informative tour of the White House. On behalf of the ETHS Alumni Association, **David Futransky '69** thanked Niles and Bess for displaying the organizational skills they learned at Church and Dodge and quickly brought the group up-to-date on the current state of ETHS.

Everyone is now looking forward to the next event of the Washington, DC-area ETHS alumni.



ETHS alumni in Washington, DC, were treated to a White House tour organized by Bess Evans '03 and Niles Friedman '91.

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ETHS Class Notes

1930s

Jeanne Welles Sturgeon '36 moved from Illinois to Minneapolis, MN, in 2004. Her husband, Doug, died in 2008. **Nick Karras '36** moved from South Dakota to Minneapolis in 2011, and his wife died in 2013. Both Jeanne and Nick live in the same senior apartment building, and for over six months, they have spent time together each day sharing old memories and laughing. They didn't know each other at ETHS, but, according to Jeanne's daughter Anne, they are making up for lost time.

Eugene Hendren '39 and **Audrey Ballard Hendren '47** celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on June 10 by enjoying a prime rib dinner at an Out-back Steakhouse restaurant in Sun City Grand, AZ. This has been a ritual for them on birthdays, as well.

Jack Smothers '39 was in Munich this spring visiting an old friend who took him "everywhere," from famed monastery Benediktbeuren to "Traviata" at the Bavarian State Opera House to chamber music in a church just off the Marianplatz. He writes: "Last June 8, on D-Day observances, I got on TV when interviewed as a WWII vet. I was in Paris when the war started (1939 as a tourist) and when it ended (1945 as a soldier). Teenage tourist was safer, but tank division soldier was more interesting."

1940s



Ardis Dechman Coninx, '41 celebrated her 90th birthday in September in style...in the ETHS superintendent's office with flowers, cake, a crown, and many ETHS staff members wishing her well. Ardis has served as the ETHS

Alumni Assn's recording secretary for many years. She also helps update the alumni/foundation database.

Jane Rathburn Brunet '44, shared some memories of poems she's written. She contributed one poem to "Soft Pipes," a former ETHS literary journal. In 5th grade, her teacher had her change the words of Percy Grainger's "Country Gardens Turn Spring to Fall," which she did and it was sung at an assembly. Her husband Andrew Malof submitted her poem "The Street" to the U of Chicago student newspaper, which was published. In May 1945, she wrote a long poem based on one of Walt Whitman's. Jane lives in Santa Barbara, CA, and wants us to know the '44 ETHS yearbook incorrectly identified her as JAMES Rathburn.

Lois Pamp Swanson '44 also reminisced for us. She enjoyed hearing about classmates **Lars Birger Sponberg** and **Todd Olson** in the last *KIT*. During WWII, she remembers Girls' Drill Corps ("can't remember much except marching..."), and buying war stamps (10¢ each) and saving them until she could buy a war bond (\$25), "which came in very handy after I was married and we cashed it in to help pay for a stove in our first apartment." Her three brothers all came back safely from war service. Lois lives in Sacramento, CA, survived open-heart surgery in 2012, and enjoys walking, swimming, and more.

Jack Behrend '47 and **Joyce Hanley Murphy '49** were married in Carmel, CA, on Nov. 10, 2012. Now they live on a small lake near Olympia, WA.

Charles A. Kelly '49, retired attorney, graduated from Amherst College in 1953 and Harvard Law School in 1956. He is a retired USAF Brigadier General and a twice recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. He and his wife Jean have three children and live in St. Paul, MN.

1950s

Janice Burch Goede '50 attended Luther College in Decorah, IA. Her two husbands, John Hansen (father of her 4 kids) and Frank Goede, both passed away. Now a grandmother of 4 and great-grandmother of 4, she lives in Bensenville, IL. Retired for many years, she is now active church, gardening, writing, reading, and traveling.

Sonja Carlborg Campbell '53 is Vice President of Campbell Farms in Washington IA, where she lives with her husband Bruce.

Donald Lally '56 lives in Fairfax, CA. His hobbies are dog training, sports movies and tending approximately 500 indoor and outdoor plants. He also enjoys swimming, tanning at his pool, and collecting older cars.



Jo Anne Stickrod-Nash '58 (above) and husband John cruised to Alaska last July to celebrate their 50 years of marriage. Jo-Anne's brother and sister-in-law **Richard** and **Jean Murphy Stickrod**, both '50, went along for the fun.

Gail Smole Parker '59's book *On Eagle's Wings* was just released in June. It's a biography of her sister-in-law, Annie: animal lover, compassionate teacher, avid sailor, charity founder, Crohn's fighter. The book, which took Gail five years to write, is available from Amazon.com. Gail, who lives in Radnor, PA, is married to Ray and they have 5 kids and 6 grandchildren. She has a background in theater and music, loves animals, and owns a craft business.

1960s

Charles Troy '63 has been busy with his multimedia presentations on musical theatre subjects. In September, he was featured in a *Chicago Tribune's*

Arts & Entertainment article written by Rick Kogan. In October in San Francisco, he presented his "Cole Porter: The Lost Songs," about the long-lost music for a 1928 revue that Porter wrote in Paris. Later that month, he debuted his newest presentation, "The Whole Megillah: The Story of the Yiddish Theatre," in South Bend, IN, a collaboration with The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, headed by **Lori Lippitz '74**, featuring live music and Yiddish theatre songs performed by the Band. This program will be repeated in Palm Harbor, FL, in January, as well as another Porter program in Lake Wales, FL, arranged by Florida resident **Victoria de Lissovoy '63**. Troy will stay in Florida for five weeks giving others of his more than 50 programs in several cities. The Chicago-based Troy presents at the Skokie Theatre at 1:30pm on the first Wednesday of every month. His website is www.charlestroy.com.

Stephanie Misaki Whiting, '65, is a licensed professional counselor living on Kauai with her husband Dennis. She provides counseling for student veterans at Kauai Community College through Give An Hour, a national non-profit network of mental health professionals. She is also on the national training faculty for the Center for Mind-Body Medicine in Washington, DC. She is a supervisor for the Center's certification candidates.

Phyllis Hagstrum Meshulam '66, a long-time poet-teacher and coordinator with California Poets in the Schools, lives with husband Jerry in Sebastopol, CA. Her chapbook of poems, *Doll, Moon*, was published by Finishing Line Press last July. In September, *Poetry Crossing, 50+ Lessons for 50 years of California Poets in the Schools*, which she edited, was published.

1970s

Evan Howes '74 is a painter and musician. He lives in Skokie and has two grown daughters, Natalie (age 30) and Laura (age 27). "They're both great girls," says the proud father.



Photo: Michael A. Schwarz / AJC staff

Mike Kenn '74 (above), former Atlanta Falcons tackle from 1978-94, was recently named a modern-era semifinalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's (HOF) class of 2015. He attended the U of Michigan and was a 13th overall pick in the 1978 draft. He went on to become a five-time Pro Bowler and two-time All-Pro. Mike is a first-time HOF semifinalist. The Pro Football HOF class of 2015 will be announced on Jan. 31 and officially enshrined in August in Canton, OH. Mike was inducted into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

1980s

Tim Macejak '83, is a night clerk for the US Post Office in Anamosa, IA, where he lives with his wife Teresa, "whose gardening skills make their acre yard better than any state park." They have 3 stepkids and 4 grandkids. Tim was President of the Cedar Rapids Zen Center for 8 years and now co-leads a Buddhist meditation group at the Anamosa Men's Reformatory. In 2013, his book *Zen Unleashed: Everyday Buddhist Wisdom from Man's Best Friend* was published by Beaver's Pond Press, and was a finalist in the 2014 International Book Awards.



Peter Gwinn '89 (above) co-wrote and is starring in the Goodman Theatre's production of *Twist Your Dickens, or Scrooge You!*

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this holiday season. A collaboration with Second City (in Chicago), Peter is playing Jacob Marley in this hilarious send-up of *A Christmas Carol* The show runs through December 28. Gwinn and co-author Bobby Mort are former writers for *The Colbert Report*.

1990s

President Obama has appointed **Maura Corby Sullivan '97** as Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs. She is a former Marine Corps Captain and veteran and served in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2005. She has held several general management posts at PepsiCo. In 2013, Massachusetts Gov. Patrick appointed Maura a trustee of the Soldier's Home in Chelsea, MA. In 2010, she served on the American Battle Monuments Commission. She earned a BA from Northwestern U, and an MBA and MPA from Harvard.

2000s

Chris Laue '00, who lives in Columbus, OH, is a mechanical engineer in research and development for Honda Corp. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from North Carolina State.



Last June, **Jessie Mueller '01** (above) won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her riveting performance in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. Her Broadway debut came a few years back in a revival of *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever* in which she co-starred with Harry Connick Jr. and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical. She also landed lead roles on Broadway in *Nice Work If You Can Get It* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* before her creating the lead role in *Beautiful*.

Brigitte Frett '02 of the U of Miami was awarded a Fulbright US Student Program grant to Zambia in Public Health for the 2014-15 academic year. She attended Middlebury College as an undergrad and earned a MSW from the U of Chicago before going to Miami. In Zambia, she will be researching HPV testing/cervical cancer.

Drew Laue '07, who lives in Indianapolis, IN, is a flight attendant for American and US Airlines.



Last year, **Michai Stephens '10** (above) outraced 32 drivers from around the world to win the 2nd annual Skip Barber INDYCAR Academy Shootout at Sebring International Raceway. He also won a sponsored ride in the Skip Barber Winter Race Series or Summer Race Series in 2014 that leads to the first step on the Mazda Road to Indy. He continues to pursue a career as a professional open-wheel race-car driver and currently is in London, England, representing the U.S. as one of two drivers competing in two historic international races. Michai just launched his fundraising campaign at booster.com in an effort to raise money to help cover the cost of the trip to London, his expenses while there, and the required driver and car insurance needed to participate in the races.

In Memory

1930s

James G. Williams, 1930, 9/27/2014
Katherine Kittleman, 1931, 11/11/14
Don Hoefer, 1936, 10/4/2013
Estelle Blair Wolff, 1937, 1/22/2014
James R. Hoel, 1939

1940s

Patricia Frackner, 1945, 12/22/2013
Rev. Warren Richardson, 1945, 2/14/2014
Jane Young Brenner, 1945, 3/27/2014
Ann Medlin Dunkin, 1945, 11/3/2013
John A. Chapman, 1946, 3/15/2014
Charles W. Grant, 1946, 2/24/2014
Frank Carlborg, 1946, 2/1/2014
Ted Brockman, 1946, 6/10/2014
Harriet Wallace McConnell, 1947, 4/20/2014
Florence Wolf, 1947, 2012
Julie Sterling, 1947, 7/5/1905
Chandler Holmes, 1947, 2013
Kathryn Cooley Anderson, 1947, 8/6/2014

ETHS Staff

Two men connected with ETHS athletics have passed away this year: Steve King, who died June 27, and Ray Aiden, who died November 7.

According to ETHS Athletic Director **Chris Livatino '91**, Steve King, Assistant Head Football Coach and defensive coordinator, “helped transform the football program through his ‘Wolf Pack’ mentality

Don Stroben, 1948, 5/26/2014
David F. Evans, 1948, 6/3/2014
Elizabeth Bayless Salveter, 1949, 2/1/2013

1950s

Judith Clow Fucilla, 1950, 2013
Fernand M. Mercier, 1950, 10/4/2013
Lucy Muchmore Maday, 1950, 11/13/14
Chris Bassler, 1951, 1/31/2014
John H. Doeringer, 1951, 1/23/2014
Katherine Smith Bergsland, 1952, 4/10/2014
Robert Snell, 1953
Jack Wingstrom, 1953, 9/27/13
Jeffrey Lee Lamy, 1954, 5/5/2014
Alex McConnell, 1954, 8/19/2014
Jim Helm, 1955, 4/19/2014
Thomas A. Schoch, 1955, 1/2/2014
John Robert Vette, 1956
James W. Rieckhoff, 1958, 8/1/2012

1960s

Maria Friedrich, 1960
Marc Levenberg, 1963, on defense and the passion he brought to the players and coaching staff. More importantly, he transformed the lives of hundreds of young men as an incredible role model and mentor to each and every football player he coached.”
Ray Aiden served as Equipment Room Manager for the Physical Education Department, Athletic Department, and football program

2/24/2014
Karen Kessler, 1963, 5/29/2014
Mark Duwe, 1964, 8/2014
John Fernstrom, 1964, 10/22/14
Marybelle Feltenstein, 1965
William Breitzmann, 1965
Robert Wilder Eddy, 1968, 8/6/2014
Gerald Kendrick, 1969, 6/2014

1970s

Elizabeth Klein Green, 1974

1980s

Marina Markovich Adams, 1986, 8/30/2014
Kathy Markich Masur, 1987

In the Spring 2014 *KIT*, **Walter Burr '47** was once again listed as deceased. He called to say he is alive and well and, as Mark Twain noted, his demise has been “greatly exaggerated.” Again, we regret the error.

beginning in 1986. Said Livatino: “He was a key member of countless home contests hosted by the 'Kits during his career, into his retirement, and right through this fall season. Ray worked with five head football coaches, seven athletic directors, hundreds of coaches and teachers, and thousands of students and student-athletes.” He retired in 2007.

Bridging the Difference Between Good, Great

In today’s challenging economic climate, while other schools might cut programs in athletics, the arts, and elective curriculum offerings, ETHS continues to enhance these types of programs through private and corporate donations.

Since 2008, the ETHS Educational Foundation has funded such capital improvements as the synthetic turf and stadium lighting for Lazier Field, a water-reclamation system that reaches all playing

fields, a state-of-the-art auto technology lab, conversion of science classrooms to 21st-century STEAM labs, renovation of a transition house for adult special-needs students to learn life skills, an advanced manufacturing lab, and new auditorium curtains.

The Foundation also helped fund a nationally recognized Geometry in Construction program where each year students will build a house to be moved to a residential site in Evanston and sold.

Recognizing the importance of these campus enhancements and programs prompts generous donors to support the school consistently over the years.

When asked, “Why do you keep ETHS among your giving priorities?” the replies made the case: “Giving money to support ETHS is the best bang for your buck,” said Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor of Evanston.

Foundation says THANKS!

The ETHS Educational Foundation Board says a resounding **THANKS** to all who participated in our recent survey. The results are enlightening and will help guide us as we move forward to advance the educational mission of ETHS.

We were thrilled to see that close to 50% of respondents felt that money raised for ETHS would be best used to support capital projects, validating the investments we have made in

projects thus far. Your time is valuable, and we truly appreciate your taking the time to complete our survey.

Stay connected with the ETHS Educational Foundation on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ETHSEducationalFoundation>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/ETHS-foundation>) where you can find information on upcoming Foundation events.

ETHS Foundation shoots for the stars

Exciting times are ahead for our students! This June, the ETHS Educational Foundation took on the ambitious goal of raising \$700,000 to renovate the school’s planetarium that will enable ETHS teachers to take new pedagogical approaches and provide innovative 21st-century learning spaces for students.

In response, **Leonard Schaeffer ’63**, pledged \$500,000 for the planetarium project on the condition that his gift is matched by \$200,000 from other alumni and parents by June 30, 2015. Two years ago, Schaeffer made a similar challenge of \$500,000 for ETHS to build four STEAM labs, which opened this fall (see related story on p. 1).

The planetarium, dedicated in 1968, was the first in the country built on a high school campus. Today, however, structural improvements are needed and the equipment inside the



planetarium is functionally obsolete and needs to be replaced with digital technology.

The renovated planetarium will provide teaching and learning space for a wide range of students. Astronomy students will study the universe from any point or time in space. Geoscience students will study the earth inside and out with live-data updates from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Other classes also will immerse themselves in simulations similar to those in Imax theaters such as a virtual tour of the chambers of the heart. The digitally equipped planetarium will be made available to other Evanston school children and various youth groups.

Golf outing raises funds for planetarium

The ETHS Educational Foundation hosted its 6th annual Wildkit Golf Outing led by Co-Chairs Maureen Sippel and Karin Ruetzel on September 5 at Highland Park Golf Course.

One might guess the monsoon rains that arrived after six holes would have dampened spirits, but not so! The event had record attendance and raised over \$30,000 for the Foundation’s current funding priority: renovating ETHS’s planetarium.

After lunch generously sponsored by Blackhawk Finance, golfers participated in the scramble-format team contest as well as individual-hole contests with a new Mazda Miata convertible parked on the 10th hole awaiting the first golfer to hit a hole-in-one.

Big thanks go to Blackhawk Finance, Autobarn of Evanston, beverage cart sponsor, Mark Vend Company, Genie Lemieux, Evanston Photographic Studios,



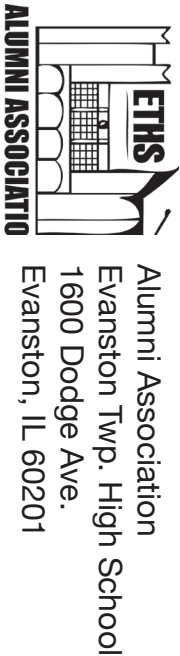
The Ossyra Brothers teamed up at the golf outing (l. to rt.) Jim ’74, Bob, Bill ’68, and John ’75.

Allegra Print & Imaging, the Bertsche family, Bluestone, Brunswick Zone, Chicago Golf Show, Daspin & Aument LLP (**Jim Ossyra ’74**), Duxler, Entertainment Cruises, Evanston Athletic Club, Evanston RoundTable, Firehouse Grill, First Bank & Trust, Franczek Radelet, Green

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