



GRANTS PUT TO GREAT USE:

ERAF PLEASSED TO HELP SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

For the past five years the E.R. Alumni Foundation has provided funds to support the high school's Science Olympiad team. Money donated by the foundation has been used to buy materials and supplies for the team's experiments. These donations have enabled the team to practice for and enter more events – especially the building-related ones. For the past four years the students' hard work has resulted in the team's qualifying for the state finals.

Team co-advisor Larry Hohl has said, 'The support from the Alumni Foundation was, and is, a game-changer for us. It allows us to concentrate on events, not fundraising. It also allows us to really compete with schools five to seven times bigger than us.'

Along the way the students have learned lifelong skills, such as the value of patience, the importance of teamwork, the need to search for a variety of solutions to solve problems, and the importance of sharing skills with newer, less experienced team members.

Following the NYS finals this spring, the students attended our April board meeting to thank us for our support and show us their trophy. Two of the team members also demonstrated their robot in action – its arms choreographed to lift and move objects and containers.

The foundation is very proud of the Science Olympiad team and their advisors for all their hard work. It has been wonderful to see the students grow in confidence and work together to achieve their goals – especially when their competitions have involved teams from both small and much larger school districts. We congratulate them for all they have achieved!

– Anita M. Mance, Grants Chairperson

Save the date! Third-annual "Christmas 'Round the World" – Saturday, Dec. 15

Much more info to come as the date approaches!

2013 Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic Golf Tournament set for Friday, Aug. 2

This year's tournament – the seventh annual – is set to take place at Lima Golf & Country Club on Friday, Aug. 2. It's a 'scramble' format to encourage participation by players of all skill levels, and will be played on both the Charleston Pines and Island Oaks courses. Registration, a continental breakfast, and a putting contest will begin at 7 am, and the tournament kicks off with a shotgun start at 9 am.

Originally known as the East Rochester Open, our tournament was renamed the Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic in 2008. Our intent was to honor our dear friend and a true golfing legend. In addition to his many sporting, social, and charitable contributions, Sam was a founding member of the ERAF Board of Directors and a key member of the ER Open committee.

The entry fee of \$90 per person includes greens fees, a cart, a continental breakfast, tee prizes, a hot dog and soft drink at the turn, a fabulous buffet lunch, loads of door prizes, and a small donation to the Alumni Foundation. On the day of the tournament a putting contest, Mulligan purchases, skins games, and a giant raffle (with prizes including a flat-screen TV) will be available to players for additional charges.

We will try to accommodate foursome preferences with regard to course selection. To avoid course and banquet delays, a maximum of 55 foursomes (220 players) will be registered. Early registrants will be given priority in regard to course selection. In addition, foursomes who have registered and paid by Sunday, June 30 will be entered into an 'early bird' drawing, and the winning foursome will receive a full refund of their \$360 registration fee. Early registration is encouraged and sincerely appreciated!

Registration forms are available at the District Office, the ER Village Office (Commercial Street), and LGCC, and on ERAF's Website – www.erschools.org/alumni.cfm. At least one member of each foursome must be an ER alum, a current or former teacher or staff member, a village resident, a local business owner/operator, a student, or an Alumni Foundation sponsor.

If you have a question, are interested in becoming an event sponsor, or wish to discuss making a donation of any size, please contact Carl Tobin at ctobin@frontiernet.net or 526-6120.

~ Alumni Spotlight: Ray Manard, ERHS '83 ~

As part of our ongoing effort to shine a light on East Rochester alumni who have realized great accomplishments in their adulthood, the Foundation is pleased to showcase Raymond Manard.

Ray resides in Fairport with his wife, Caroline, and their two daughters, Abigail and Ava. His brother, John, is also an ER alumnus, having graduated in 1982. Ray, salutatorian of the class of '83, went on to graduate from Syracuse University in 1986. He began a career in film/video production and worked in Rochester, Washington D.C., and San Diego before settling back in Rochester in 1991. In '95, Ray and Caroline started their own company, Crystal Pix. The company has grown steadily over the years, with satisfied corporate clients such as Paychex, Constellation Brands, Kodak, Sprint, and Ricoh USA, as well as many local advertising agencies. The company and employees also lend their hand to the community. One recent example is their assistance in helping Fairport Baptist Home create a four-minute music video entry for the Pink Glove Dance Competition, for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

In 2005 a Crystal Pix employee, Don Casper, pitched a concept for a documentary about the origin of baseball signs. The story highlights William 'Dummy' Hoy, baseball's most celebrated deaf player, and William Klem, a legendary umpire. In '06, Ray and his associates embarked on production of this documentary, 'Signs of the Time.' With Oscar-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss as the narrator, the film was ready for release four years later. 'Signs' was entered in dozens of film festivals, and won six Best Documentary awards. In 2012, the movie aired on public television stations across the U.S., which led to it being nominated for six New York Emmy awards. On April 14, Ray, Caroline, Don, and the film's screenwriter, Jim Hughes, were all in attendance in NYC when the film won three awards – for Best Documentary, Musical Composition/Arrangement (Rob LaVaque, composer), and Editor: Program, with this award going to Ray himself! It's an amazing film and we congratulate all who had a part in its production. We also applaud Ray for the many personal and professional accomplishments he has amassed since graduating from ERHS in 1983.

– Denise Ash



Don Casper (left), Caroline Manard, Ray Manard, and Jim Hughes in Times Square after the New York Emmy Awards.

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The Alumni Foundation receives much of its financial support, and many of our event gifts and prizes, from more than 150 very generous local businesses, service providers, graduating classes, and individuals. Continuing with this edition, we are publishing a partial list of those businesses who have demonstrated their support of the foundation and their commitment to East Rochester. Please take a minute to review this list, and consider patronizing them. Your support of those who support us is an excellent way to let these businesses know their generosity is deeply appreciated. Please be aware this is only a partial list, and other sponsors and individuals will be highlighted here in upcoming issues. Please let these businesses know you support them because they support our kids and our community.

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