



SUMMER FUN AND LEARNING

ERAF PLEASSED TO HELP WITH 'FITS' PROGRAM

For the last two years the East Rochester Alumni Foundation has donated funds to the district's Fun in the Sun summer program, providing scholarships for students with financial need.

FITS is a summer program for kids entering grades 1-7. For a few hours a day Monday through Friday, children enjoy both quiet and physically active experiences in a fun and safe environment.

They have the opportunity to take part in large- and small-group activities, arts and crafts, science projects, and swimming. Along the way they also have the chance to learn new things and good sportsmanship. Older students provide positive role models as they help younger children learn good habits.

The Alumni Foundation is pleased and proud to be able to provide funds to help kids have an experience they might not otherwise be able to have.

– Anita M. Mance, Grants Chairperson



Rollerskating is just one of the many activities that are part of the F.I.T.S. program.

FOUNDATION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

2013 will mark the fifth year the Alumni Foundation will present its Distinguished Alumni Award to an East Rochester graduate who has made significant and ongoing contributions to the students and village of ER, and his or her community, country, and/or chosen profession. The goal of this award is twofold. First, the Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes ER graduates for noteworthy lifetime accomplishments and contributions. Additionally, it offers a powerful opportunity to underscore the potential which exists for kids who are lucky enough to grow up and be educated in East Rochester.

This award is presented at the Alumni Foundation's Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic Golf Tournament, which is held annually on the first Friday of August. DAA winners from 2009 to '12 are, respectively, **Nick Verzella '44**, co-winners **Brig. Gen. Richard McPhee '74** and **Rear Adm. Don Quinn '75**, **Sam Urzetta '44**, and **Larry Weise '54**.

Beginning this year, the Alumni Foundation's Board of Directors is looking to expand the field from which it selects a DAA recipient by encouraging ER alumni to recommend individuals for its consideration. Recommendations can be made by printing the Distinguished Alumni Award nomination form on the Foundation's Website (www.erschools.org/alumni.cfm) and returning the completed document to the District Office, 222 Woodbine Ave. Nominations must be received by Friday, April 5, and selection will take place during May.

FIELD HOCKEY ALUMNI GAME, DINNER SET FOR JUNE

Plans are underway for the second-annual Alumni Field Hockey Game and Dinner, to be held Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29. Organizers John and Marie Bray would like to hear from anyone who's interested in participating. For more information and/or to sign up, please visit www.erfieldhockey.com and click on the 'alumni' link, or contact Marie at erfh@erfieldhockey.com.

~ CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE WORLD ~

ER's second-annual "Christmas 'Round the World" celebration was held Saturday, Dec. 15, at various locations around town. It was a fun-filled day featuring school choruses, local vendors and musicians, horse and carriage rides, and a variety of refreshments. A big thank you goes to the event sponsor, Van Bortel Ford of Marsh Road, transportation sponsor Powers Farm Market, and the site sponsors: Century Enrollment & Benefit Services, Lilac Family Dental, Lovejoy Photography, and NY Life Insurance Company. The event was organized and hosted by representatives from the ER Chamber of Commerce, the ER Rotary, the ER Association of Churches, the village of ER, and the ER Alumni Foundation.

Activities included:

- * Vendors, entertainment, and kids' crafts at Piano Works Mall,
- * Cookie decorating at Northside Park,
- * A visit from Santa Claus at the Jean Daniel Senior Center,
- * Food vendors and a variety of music at Edmund Lyon Park,
- * Performances by the third-grade, fourth-grade, and fifth/sixth-grade choruses at the school, and
- * A live nativity and around-town transportation provided by Powers Farm Market.

Christmas 'Round the World was a great part of the holiday season, and the Alumni Foundation is proud to have been a part of it. Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended!



Mrs. Claus spends some time with a couple of young visitors during Christmas 'Round the World. More photos from the day are at www.tinyurl.com/alcmr4b.

Thank You Sponsors and Supporters!

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 the 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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