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## Foundersfest Celebrates A Milestone



Student Speakers: Hannah Ferry, Dan Rawson, Sarah DiFrancesco

Lutheran High Founders celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Foundersfest dinner on October 23, 2005 at the Venice Club in Brookfield. **Chairman John Jaeckel and his wife, Sue**, greeted and welcomed the crowd who enjoyed fellowship and delicious hors d'oeuvres before dinner. The Lake Country Lutheran High School Concert Choir, under the direction of **Mrs. Sally Denkert**, performed a variety of selections which were received very well by the audience. The choir also led the audience in a sing-along of a few favorite hymns and songs which was enjoyed by all.

A highlight of the evening was the opportunity to thank the men and women whose meeting 30 years ago gave birth to the Lutheran High Founders organization: the **Rev. Victor and Zae Bartelt, Hilbert and June Drews, Fred and Jean Groth, Jim and Audrey Joppe, Lester and Carol Prange, and Dr. Martin and Carol Wessler**. We were thankful that Hilbert and June Drews, Carol Prange, and Carol Wessler were able to join us at Foundersfest as our special guests. The Rev. Victor and Zae Bartelt, Jim Joppe, Lester Prange, and Dr. Martin Wessler have received the crown of eternal life. Audrey Joppe and Fred and Jean Groth were unable to attend Foundersfest. John Jaeckel shared with the audience a few words from Fred recalling the events of those first meetings. Fred was grateful for the opportunity to share his thoughts as he and his wife were at their winter home.

We are grateful to these leaders for their foresight which established an organization that helps alumni and

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## Auction Celebrates 25 Years for Kids



*A Night for Kids* dinner auction celebrates 25 years in 2006. **Tim and Beth Young Eagle and Tom and Shelley Schoewe** are looking forward to co-chairing this exciting event at the Country Springs Hotel on Friday, April 7. Tim and Tom are MLHS 1973 and 1979 alumni respectively. *A Night for Kids Goes to a Masquerade Ball* is

the theme for this black-tie optional evening. Staff, co-chairs, and volunteers are working diligently to make this a very memorable evening for its guests.

The annual dinner auction is the largest fundraising event for our high schools. Many behind the scene activities keep staff and a host of volunteers busy. We invite your participation to help make this an evening to remember.

- ❖ **Donate an auction gift!** Popular items are baskets filled with goodies (new items) of any kind, shape or color. Popular theme suggestions include: Going off to College, Favorite Book Worm, Italian Dinner, New Baby, Mexican Fiesta, Pamper Yourself, Gardening, Fishing, Music Lover, Wine and Cheese, Kids Birthday Party or your favorite sports team. Get together with a couple of family members or friends and put together a basket of your favorite goodies and donate it to the dinner auction. Donations can be dropped off at one of the high school offices or the Association office. Clearly mark the item "Dinner Auction," along with your name, address, and the value of the item. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged in the auction catalog and for tax purposes.
- ❖ **Attend the auction!** Invitations will be mailed in February to all previous auction guests, Founders, and parents. Bring a friend with you.
- ❖ **Volunteer your services!** There are opportunities to help during the day and night of the auction.

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## Superintendent's Message

### Responsible Living in God's Creation

God gave human beings the privilege of caring for all that He had created but sin damaged that creation and has affected our motivation to be good stewards. The fifth of the value added life roles supported by the values that underlie our mission is that of being a Responsible Steward. In the previous issues of this newsletter we discussed the anticipated spheres in which our students would find themselves including relationships, education, work, and civic roles. This last sphere is the world and we are attempting to help students understand the importance of being responsible stewards in that context.

The scope of this context may seem overwhelming as various interest groups show concern for specific environmental issues. While important, the environment is a narrow issue and only a part of this responsibility. In the broader sense, God has given us the physical world, human resources such as family, friends, communities, and institutions, along with various mental and physical resources growing out of them. We need to see all of these as critical and valuable parts of the world.

In the first place, we view God as the Creator of the universe and human beings as the crowning work of His creation. Not only does the Genesis account identify God as a purposeful and marvelous Creator, but so do the writings of the Apostles John and Paul identify Jesus Christ as Creator and the One who holds everything together. This deals with a critical issue of concern for people today as the debates rage over origins. And we need to recognize that everything still belongs to the One who created it.

Secondly, we recognize that the fall into sin affected the rest of creation as well as the soul and character of human beings. In his letter to the Romans the Apostle Paul describes the groaning of creation waiting to be released from the affects of sin. The atoning work of Christ has already dealt with our immediate spiritual problem and restored us to a relationship with the Father, but the release of creation from the affects of sin will wait until the second coming of Christ.

As we continue to live on planet Earth we have a responsibility to care for ourselves and all of God's creation making sure that we appropriately utilize what He has given us. Thus, in the broader sense, we concern ourselves with the ethical and responsible manner in which we treat and organize human resources, how we work alone or with organizations to identify, harness, and utilize physical resources, and anticipate local and global needs or challenges.

We have a penchant for seeing things as ours to use for our own enjoyment or purpose. This value added life role calls on us to view all things as God's and our role as responsible stewards who are dedicated to accomplishing His purposes. When we remember that all other value added life roles are also developed from a Christian worldview, we can understand that this additional one is but a continuation of the development of that worldview. It is important that we see privilege, opportunity, and duty as God's people and prepare to be His willing servants.

*Thomas M. Buck*  
Thomas M. Buck, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

### Welcome New Founders

*Dale & Linda Boedeker  
Darrell and Sally Foell  
Dan Guenther  
Jeff Guenther  
Thomas & Tamara Scheck  
Stephen & Debra Schneider  
Dana & Tanya Schulz  
John & Barbara Thompson*

### Special Thanks to the Following Founders for Increasing Their Giving!

*Lucille Englert  
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friends of our high schools stay connected. Founders provides not only needed financial support, but more importantly prayerful support which is greatly appreciated by the students and faculty.

**Dr. Thomas Buck**, superintendent, shared with the audience through a Power Point presentation highlights and pictures of recent events at our high schools. Included were photographs from the land dedication ceremony for the permanent site of Lake Country Lutheran High School which was held on August 28, 2005. Photographs depicting the progress of the site preparation from August through October and photographs of the new bleacher stands at Martin Luther and Milwaukee Lutheran High Schools were also shown.

Seniors **Sarah DiFrances** (Lake Country Lutheran), **Dan Rawson** (Martin Luther), and **Hannah Ferry** (Milwaukee Lutheran) expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the support given to them during their years in high school by the Founders organization. The students also praised their teachers, thankful for their willingness to assist them in their studies, co-curricular activities, and their faith-walk.

Guests also had the opportunity to complete a Foundersfest Survey. Results of the survey are noted in a separate article (see page 4). In celebration of Founders' milestone, guests enjoyed a few surprises. We are very thankful to each of the high school athletic departments for their generous donations of school apparel which were used for random drawings throughout the evening. Each of our three high schools donated apparel (T-shirts, sweat-shirts, baseball caps, blankets, seat cushions, etc.) monogrammed with their school's name and mascot. The Association donated a 2005-2006 Pass which entitled the winner and a guest to attend athletic events, concerts, and plays presented on any campus for this school year. Six goodie bags were enthusiastically received by their winners through random drawings. In addition, to

commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Foundersfest, all guests received a Founders Prayer Reminder notepad.

The evening ended with the passing of the chairman's gavel as John Jaeckel introduced the new Lutheran High Founders Chairman, **Paul Gruetzmacher**. Paul thanked John for his dedicated service during the past several years as Founders Chairman. He also thanked **Sue Jaeckel** and **Tom and Kathy MacDonald** for their commitment and service on the Founders Advisory Board. **Jane Buck**, **Gene Gruetzmacher**, **Ann Jobst**, and **Lori Land** were also thanked for their service on the Foundersfest Committee. We welcome and congratulate Paul as he serves our Lutheran high schools in his new role as chairman.

The Foundersfest Committee will announce shortly the date, location, and other details for this year's event. Foundersfest is a great opportunity to introduce a friend or family member to Founders. Plan to join your fellow Founders for a delightful evening of fellowship, entertainment, and great food, and consider bringing a guest.

## Foundersfest 2004 Student Speakers -- Where Are They Now?

**Charles Hartwig**, ML speaker, is attending the University of Miami in Florida.

**Brynn Horne**, MLHS speaker, is attending Valparaiso University in Indiana.

**Chad Kelling**, LCLHS speaker, is attending the United States Naval Academy in Maryland.

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We are grateful for the support Lutheran High Founders provide for the students attending our high schools. If you would like more information about the dinner auction, please contact Shari or Madelyn in the Development Office at 414.421.9100.

## Special Events

### February

10-12 ..... MLHS Dinner Theater  
19 ..... ML Chamber Concert

### March

10-12 ..... ML Musical  
12 ..... MLHS Band Concert  
19 ..... MLHS Choir Concert  
24 ..... MLHS Guild Shrimp Dinner  
27-31 ..... Spring Break

### April

7 ..... LHSAGM 25th Annual  
Night for Kids Dinner Auction  
16 ..... EASTER  
28-30 ..... LCLHS Musical  
28-30 ..... MLHS Musical

### May

10-13 ..... ML Guild Rummage Sale  
12 ..... LCLHS Band Concert  
12-13 ..... ML Fine Arts Festival  
13 ..... MLHS Fine Arts Concert  
14 ..... LCLHS Choir Concert  
27 ..... MLHS Graduation (9 AM)  
ML Graduation (1 PM)  
LCL Graduation (3:30 PM)

### June

7 ..... ML SAC Golf Outing  
19 ..... MLHS Red Knight Golf Outing  
TBD ..... LCLHS BOLTS Golf Outing

### KEY --

CALL THE NUMBER LISTED FOR EVENT DETAILS

LHSAGM = Lutheran High School  
Association of Greater Milwaukee  
414.421.9100

LCLHS = Lake Country Lutheran High School  
262.569.6500

ML = Martin Luther High School  
414.421.4000

MLHS = Milwaukee Lutheran High School  
414.461.6000

## 2006 Founders Advisory Board

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*Steven & Barbara Hentz*

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*John & Sandra Wehmeier*

*Thomas & Jane Buck*

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## Foundersfest Survey

At the October 2005 Foundersfest, guests were asked to complete a Foundersfest Survey to help the Founders Advisory Board understand the needs and interests of its members. The intended purpose of Foundersfest has been to provide an opportunity for members of the Lutheran High Founders to gather in celebration of the educational ministry of our Lutheran high schools. Over the years the Friday night program has remained strikingly similar - fellowship, a dinner, news from the schools, student speakers, and some entertainment. All this is designed to strengthen the Founders bond through

fellowship and information. This bond is further strengthened through the continual good words, prayers, and gifts of our Founders who are determined to assure the future of our Lutheran high schools.

Survey results showed that Friday and Sunday evenings were rated as the most popular nights to hold Foundersfest. Some comments were made about how we can fine tune, improve, or streamline the program, but most participants indicated that they enjoyed the current format and it was suitable for the program.



We would like to survey those **WHO DID NOT ATTEND FOUNDERSFEST THIS PAST YEAR!**

Please take a moment to complete the following survey questions and return it to: Lutheran High Founders, 5201 South 76<sup>th</sup> Street, Greendale, WI 53129-1197.

I would be more inclined to attend Foundersfest if ...

... it was held on a different evening such as \_\_\_\_\_.

... the cost was \$20 \_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_.

... the location was \_\_\_\_\_.

... the program included \_\_\_\_\_.

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.*