

# Connections

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## Dr. Bruce Peterson Has a Passion To Help Patients Survive Cancer



Dr. Bruce Peterson, a Warren High School, Class of 1963, alumnus has spent his entire medical career as an oncologist at the University of Minnesota Medical School. His passion as a researcher, teacher, physician and caregiver has been the foundation of a very interesting, rewarding and enlightening life story which the WAO Education Foundation is thrilled to share with

all alumni. Describing what his work involves, Dr. Peterson stated, "As a Medical Oncologist, I have a responsibility to provide care for people who have cancer. One of the benefits of working at the University Medical School is that, not only can I provide cutting edge medical care, but I can also teach students and residents and also do my own research. In order to do this effectively it is important to focus. In my career, I have focused exclusively on what are called "hematologic malignancies". This group of diseases includes leukemias as well as Non-Hodgkin and Hodgkin lymphomas".

Looking back at his beginnings, Dr. Peterson comes from a large family. His parents are the late Clarence (Kelly) and Marjorie Peterson. His father established the rural bus route service for Warren Public Schools and was bus supervisor for many years. He has four siblings who are all WHS alumni. They are brothers, Brian (1960); Ross (1962); Alan (1967) and sister, Kathy Swanson (1972). An interesting tidbit is that he had four first cousins in his 1963 graduation class of 43 members. He is married to the former Linda Freyer who is originally from Lima, Ohio and she is a lawyer for the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. They have been married for 38 years and have one daughter, Rebecca. More on Rebecca later in this article.

During his school years at Warren, he attended elementary school at the old Washington School which was located where the North Valley Health Center is today. The high school or Lincoln School was located where the Landmark Center is now. He commented, "The high

school had a stage at one end of the gymnasium where we would put on our holiday programs and plays. For those of us who were used to the relative simplicity of the elementary school, this building seemed huge and unfamiliar with many places in its multiple levels to explore or in which to hide". The new high school where WAO High School is now was completed in time for his class to begin 7th grade.

Dr. Peterson was an active participant during his high school years. He was an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. He lettered in football and baseball; was on the annual staff and participated in choir and school plays. He said, "Only in a school the size of Warren could I have been on the football team (we won a total of three games during my junior and senior years); sung in the choir or had roles in drama productions. We had a lot of very talented students, performers and athletes and I had the pleasure of participating with them".

His classmates and former teachers presented the most memories to Dr. Peterson during his school years. He gave a brief synopsis on some of his most memorable instructors. His introduction to discipline came from his second grade teacher, Mrs. Esther Skatrud, who had a well-known reputation as a strict disciplinarian. He began to realize education was a serious business from his sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Fern Gilbert, who helped prepare him for a big transition to junior high. The experimental approach in science was introduced by his junior high science teacher, Oliver J. Peyton, who he said provided him a foundation for science studies he used through medical school.

As he moved through high school, three teachers had a very lasting influence on him. They included Mr. Carlisle Landgrebe (choir); Mr. Ronald Nesbit (English); and Mr. Ken Sherwood (English and choir). He mentioned all three had very high expectations of their students and had a great passion for their subjects of literature and the arts. He credits the influence of all these teachers having a positive effect on him through college and beyond.

When asked if going to school in a small town environment was an advantage or a hindrance as he prepared for his future endeavors, he replied, "I was absolutely well prepared to find a career coming from a small school. I remember a conversation I had with Mr. Percy Gilbert, our guidance counselor.

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## Elementary Winter Concert Refreshments

The Education Foundation board and volunteers will be serving Christmas cookies and ice cream in the high school cafeteria following the Elementary Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 1. Free will donations will go to purchasing an ipad for the Elementary library. Thank you to Bremer Bank for donating the refreshments.

## Ed. Foundation Fundraiser

## Baked Potato Supper

Feb. 14, 2012

WAO Ponies  
vs. Stephen/Argyle Storm  
Boys Basketball Game  
WAO High School Cafeteria  
Serving: 5-7 p.m.

## Golf Scramble

The 8th Annual Education Foundation Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 27, 2012 at Warren Riverside Golf Course.

## Marshall County Fair

July 25 – July 29, 2012

## Class Reunions

Please contact the Education Foundation with your class reunion details for our next edition of "Connections." We would be glad to give you our most current addresses for your classmates. In return we ask that you give us any address updates that you become aware of.

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## 2011 Class Reunions



**WHS CLASS OF 1971** — Front row: Left to right: Gayle Short, Rod Myrfield, Pete Hapka, Les Swanson, Deb (Hildenbrand) Stinar, Jeanine (Stone) Rasmussen, Sandy (Johnston) Camp. Second row: Left to right: MaryBeth (Maruska) Edman, Sandy (Solvik) Schmidt, Mary (Sorenson) Sedlacek, Linda (Potucek) Gornowicz, Peggy (Golden) Duray, Patty (Rominski) Gogolin, Bette (Jenkins) Solberg, Cheryl (Anderson) Novak, Sandra (Bodell) Lawrence. Third row: Left to right: Jay Peyton, Ruth Drews, Mike Flaten, Floyd Kliner, Diane (Miska) Yatskis, Kathy (Hillman) Peterson, Mag (Melgard) Johnson, Becky (Edgar) Loeslie, Don Gloude. Back row: Robin Johnson, Larry Omdahl, Mike Sorenson, John Amundgaard, John Rehder, Mark Wilson, Scott Loeslie, Mark Maruska



**WAO CLASS OF 2001** — Front Row: Left to right: Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson, Rachel (Olson) Johnson, Ashley (Lubarski) Rainsberry, Lisa Amundgaard, Kari (Stinar) Miska, Katie (Swanson) Ellerbusch, Heather Holter. Second Row: Left to right: Brett Lindenberg, Billy Bopppe, Ashley (Jenkins) Fredrickson, Emily (Hille) Gustafson, Patty (Meyer) Bjorneby, Anna (Sjol) Sadler, Mark Wimpfheimer. Back Row: Left to right: Josh Gornowicz, Ben Miska, Paul Fredrickson, Mark Ellerbusch, Katie (Johnson) Olson, Derek Boman, and Luke Sadler



**WHS CLASS OF 1951** — Front row: left to right: Donald Slusar, George Hedquist, Tom Carr, Ron Nowacki, Richard Pinkerton, Carl Anderson and Don Laidley. Back row: Left to right: Marge (Backlin) Erskine, Vera (Potucek) Jackson, Georgine (Novak) Worthington, Henrietta (VanBaalen) Bergman, Mary (Morkassel) Hapka, Delphia (Pearson) Johnson, Connie (Swanson) Moen and Elsie (Palya) Anderson. Not pictured Lillian (Judovsky) Nowacki.



**WHS CLASS OF 1961** — Front row, left to right: Bonnie (Peterson) Hayes, Lois (Rokke) Monroe, Beverly (Myrfield) Karr, Patty (Neegard) Anderson, Elizabeth (Spilde) Anderson, Anita (Stanghelle) Carlson, Dianne (Renz) Lindgren, Bertha (Abeld) Larson, Marion (Miska) Hickman, Karen (Peterson) Joing and Carol (Anderson) Reynolds. Second row, left to right: Wayne Edgar, Mike Dougherty, Tom Magoris, Bill Bossman, Chuck Cheney, Milo Monroe, Roger Hickman, Inez (Nelson) Schweigler and Michal (Loeslie) Sands. Third row: Marvin Stengrim, Robert Filipi, Leon Erickson, David Sherry and Gary Pulkrabek. Back row, left to right: Jay Peyton (former teacher), Richard Fanfulik, Earl Rogalla, Loren Knutson, Jim Sherack, Robert Vanek, Larry Sandberg and Duane Yeado.



**WHS CLASS OF 1956** — Front row, left to right: Shirley (Stark) Johnson, Roselle (Ranstrom) Carlson, Karen (Ulrich) LeMere, Mary (Ovsak) Bliven, Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning, Karen (Wilkinson) Wiele, Don Goodrich and Jackie (Backlin) Berggren. Back row, left to right: Don Loeslie, Earl McGregor, Marshall Fulks, Gary Vettleson, Gene Cook, Loren Engelstad, Sharon (Strunk) Carlson and Phil Carlson.

**WHS CLASS OF 1945** — Back row: Frances (Pinkerton) Fanfulik, Helen (Horgen) Peterson, Eileen (Myrfield) Baird, Donald Vansickle and Delone (Sorenson) Riopelle. Front row: Eugene Otto



**WHS CLASS OF 1981** — Front row: Left to right: Carol (Wittman) Kilen, Audrey (Goroski) Blomquist, Dwight Kasprovicz, Glenn Nelson, Jody (Westberg) Pulkrabek, Lana (Walker) Maruska, Lynnae (Rud) Hanson, Gene Fayette, Jim Myrfield, Melanie (Fulks) Nelson. Middle row: Left to right: Lynette (Nowacki) Bebee, Brian Johnson, Alane (Pederson) Dobie, Lisa (Pederson) Heichel, Brian Knoll, Debbie Peterson, Amy (Vonasek) Turgeon, Kaye Sorenson, Mike Brekke, Kevin Jadeke, Chris Johnston, Jodi (Mattison) Kuznia, George Feltman, Keith Abrahamson, Bob Plencner. Back Row: Left to right: Neil Johnson, Keith Porter, Joel Stone, Mike Bodell, Larry Sabol, Mike Knoll, Lee Hendrickson, Mary Boman, Greg Peterson, Wanda (Sundby) Holter, Darryl Korynta, Steve Brosdahl.



# 2011 Class Reunions



**OSLO CLASS OF 1981** — Front row: left to right: Roxanne (Yale) Gowan, Jeff Gowan, Howard Haug, Lori (Lindemann) Uhrich, Joel Slominski, Rhonda (Jones) Schaefer. Second row: left to right: Dawn (Campbell) Gowan, Sue (Zola) Cullinan, Wanda Holter, Michele (Johnson) Watts, Connie (Nelson) Strand. Third row: left to right: Theresa (Gerszewski) Lind, Gene Babinski, Harold Narlock, Rob Johnson. Fourth row: left to right: RaeLee (Wilkens) Briske, Shelly (Michalski) Gowan, Paul Paschke.

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## News and Notes . . .

Karen and Peder Larson were named Warren's Outstanding Senior Citizens for 2011. Their dedication to the community, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and the local senior center earned them the honor. Peder taught in the Warren School system for 34 years. They also owned and operated the Petal Patch Flower Shop. Peder and Karen have 3 children, all Warren High School graduates, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The WAO Education Foundation is very appreciative of the Scott E. Forbes Memorial Scholarship that will be offered to the Class of 2012. Scott was born in Cambridge, MN in 1964, the son of **James** (WHS 1955), and Diane Forbes. The scholarship is given in his memory by his parents and Uncle, William Forbes. It will focus on student (s) pursuing a degree in marine biology, wildlife biology, forestry or natural resources.

The Warren Lion's Club is alive and well. ....

Recently, **Jim Johnston** (WHS 1968), **Mark Swanson** (WHS 1970) and **Bob Mattson** (retired WAO teacher), received 25 year membership pins. **Rick Schmiedeberg** (WAO teacher), was recognized with the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award presented to any individual. Bob was also presented the Helen Keller Award for his many years of dedicated service.

**Jane (Emerson) Holland** (WHS 1982), can boast she is the mother of one of only three 17 year olds, to win the Pine to Palm Golf Tournament held at the Detroit Lakes Country Club. Connor Holland claimed the 79th championship in August. Jane, husband Paul and their 2 children live in West Fargo, ND. Connor is the grandson of Howard (former Warren teacher and coach, deceased in 2010) and Mary Emerson, who resides in Hudson, WI.

Congratulations to **Delroy and Marlene (Olson) Shane** (Alv 1960 and 62), on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Alvarado, May 27, 1961. Delroy and Marlene reside in Rice, MN and have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

The Warren community has enjoyed the efforts of several dedicated people, as a Farmer's Market was started this summer to offer homegrown and homemade items to residents. Warren alumni, **Randy Trudell** (WHS 1978), and wife Amy, **Matt Ellerbush** (WAO 1997), and wife Kay, **Matt Munger** (WHS 1982), with Ron and Elsie Sherek and Jerry Hapka, have successfully organized vendors offering a large variety of fresh produce and other commodities.

*"I don't even know how to begin complimenting your WAO Foundation team for the successful golf tournament you sponsored. It was very obvious that hours of planning and work went into all the little details. What a professional event! Every individual on your team was so cordial and obviously dedicated. I hope you get due credit for your outstanding service to the school and community."*

**Faye Wallsten** (WHS 1963)

Now retired, Faye taught school for many years, worked as a product manager for Philips in Toronto and was a flight attendant and instructor for Northwest Airlines. She had the privilege of working on several military charters bringing troops to and from Iraq during Desert Storm. Faye is a talented water color artist and very active in her community of Eagan, MN.

*"Special thanks for everything you do. All your time and effort really shows and I appreciate it so much. The money you gave me to prepare for my first classroom has been a live saver. I cannot thank you enough."*

**Ashley Holien** (WAO 4th grade teacher)

*"Thank you for the welcome letter from the WAO Foundation. I can't wait for school to start. I am excited to be teaching my passion for art to students in my hometown. I am anxious to be wearing orange and black again."*

**Trista (Anderson) Lund** (WAO 1996)

*"Ed Foundation, thank you so much for selecting me to receive the Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarship. I will use it at Mayville State."*

**Danny Mattson** (WAO 2011)

*"WAO Foundation, thank you for awarding me the \$800 scholarship from the WAO Education Foundation and the Carlson Family Scholarship. It is an honor to be chosen and it will help greatly as I further my education at MSUM."*

**Wade Narlock** (WAO 2011)

*"Thank you so much for all of the help you gave me and my class in furthering our education."*

**Jayce Hapka** (WAO 2011)

**The WAO Education Foundation appreciates any information sent in to be shared from past graduates from the Warren, Alvarado, and Oslo area. Keep them coming!**

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The cost of education is increasing at a rapid rate that far outdistances the resources of the present funding. The goal of the district is to provide each child with a quality education that will equip them with the skills needed to succeed when they leave this district to work, to continue their education at a college or technical school, or whatever they choose to do. It is important for our school to have a resource to assist them in this task.

## How Can I Give?

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Establish a Named Benefactor Endowment Fund with an outright or irrevocable planned gift of \$5,000 or more. Scholarship funds and education program areas can be specially endowed with your gift; for example, the Gates Family Endowment for Math and Science.

*Life for our children, our grandchildren,  
and the neighborhood children will be better  
because of your efforts and contributions.  
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our children are equipped to succeed.*



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WHS Class of 1981

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## FROM COMMUNITY FUND TO ED FOUNDATION —

Sheila Hoerner, secretary of the Warren Area Community Fund, left, presents a \$500 check to the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation. Carol Anderson, president of the Ed Foundation explains the funds will be used to purchase leveled guided reading materials for students at WAO Elementary School.



Greg Schanil

My thoughts: This past summer I had the opportunity to go to a leadership seminar in the Twin Cities called O'Brian Youth

Leadership (HOBY). We listened to many speakers from large businesses all over the country. One of their main goals was to get us out of our comfort zones and to get us more comfortable with being uncomfortable!

One of the speakers talked about how there are four different types of leaders:

Sunshine Yellow: Sociable, enthusiastic, and persuasive.

Fiery Red: Competitive, strong-willed, purposeful.

Cool Blue: Cautious, questioning, and formal.

Earth Green: Caring, encouraging, and patient. I fell into the Earth Green category.

We were put into groups of 9-10 where we did teamwork activities to accomplish the goals. As a service project my group went to an Urban Garden and did a lot of weeding. Overall, I thought the weekend was really fun and I learned a lot. I would recommend that any high school sophomore ask their administration about HOBY. The WAO Ed Foundation donated towards Greg's sponsorship for this conference.

The WAO Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization and every contribution is greatly appreciated. Even though we have carefully compiled this list of Memorials and Donations, please notify the Foundation if you believe any error has occurred.



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Dallas & Joyce (Andresen) Way  
Darlene (Sherry) Sitko  
Darlene Haave  
D&D Commodities  
Dean and Mary Jo Chandler  
DelRoy & Marlene (Olson) Shane  
Delwyn and Shirley Olson  
Diamond Home Entertainment  
Digi Key  
Donald Diedrich  
Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler  
Drenckhahn & Williams, P.C. Law Offices  
Dougherty & Company LLC  
Dr. Ken Henry  
Duane & Marie Fillipi  
DuBore Funeral Home  
Duaine Sanden  
Duane & Shari Swanson  
Earth Grains Bread  
Elite Video & Sound  
Eric & Nancy Mattson  
Eric & Mary Stanislawski  
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Evergreen Implement  
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Fern (Abrahamson) Frothingham  
Farmers Union Oil Co.  
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Frazee Golf Course  
Fraye & Jean Ranstrom  
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Food Services of America  
Gayle (Quern) Gjovik  
Gary Boman  
Gerrell's Sport Center  
Gerald & Carol (Gulbranson) Janssen  
Gerry & Patti Evin  
Grace (Sherry)Griffin  
GE Consulting  
Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning  
Gertrude Gerszewski  
Ginger A. Johnson  
Greg & Sandy (Jagol) Johnson  
Gordon and Reola Bush  
Golf Center  
Hardware Hank  
Harvey & Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie  
Harold & Virginia (Anderson) Berg  
Hugos of EGF  
Invisimax  
James Duckstad  
James Kuznia  
Jeff & Alise Monroe  
Jane (Emerson) Holland  
Jacob & Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson  
Jill M. (Johnston) Anderson  
Joel & Betsy (Peterson) Stone  
Joel Praska

Josh Saunders  
Jay & Kelly VanSickle  
Joe & Mary Beth (Martin) Keller  
Jeanie Ulferts  
Jerry & Rita Dalzell  
Jet Stop  
Jim Dagg Insurance Agency Inc.  
Joel & Jody (Westberg) Pulkrabek  
John & Sue Amundgaard  
Johnson Controls  
Josh & Patti (Meyer) Bjorneby  
June (Golden) Dosen  
Kay (Hendrickson) Root  
Karen Peterson  
Karlstad Country Golf Club  
Ken & Kathy Dagoberg  
Kim (Jackson) Renslow  
Kimberly (Bubb) Kuhn  
Keith & Sandy Porter  
KROX  
Lee & Karleen (Johnson) Eberly  
Lee Hestnas  
Liberty Business Systems  
Lori (Wages) McMahon  
LPL Financial  
Lucille (Judovsky) Bruce  
L. Peder & Karen Larson  
Mallory's Studio  
Margaret (Streich) Dufault  
Marvin L. & Hansena Swanson  
Mary Lou (Johnston) Krueger  
Melody's Cafe  
Melanie (Fulks) Nelson  
Michele Judovsky  
Mitch & Stacy Franks  
Monique (DuBore) Collette  
Michael & Joyce Knoll  
Minakwa Golf Club  
Murry Schantzen  
Napa Supply of Warren  
NEF Family Foundation  
Nordic Fiberglass, Inc.  
NCTC of EGF & TRF  
North Star Ag Services, Inc  
North Valley Health Center  
Northwest Grain  
Northwest Grain/ St Hilaire  
One-N-Only Bar  
Oxbow Golf & Country Club  
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Paul & Mary Jo (Gowan) Richard  
Phyllis Novak  
PKM Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Phil Thompson & Associates  
Price & Donna Jenkins & Family  
Roley Electric  
Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman  
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Ryan & Monica (Thompson) Nelsen  
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Roger's Garden Korner  
Sarah Roley & Greg Yeager  
Sand Hill River Golf Club  
Scheel's Sports  
Scott and Tamara Oberg  
Seven Clans Casino  
Steve Brekke  
Steve & Marie Goodwin  
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Scott Turn  
Sjoberg Cable TV  
State Farm Insurance  
Strickler Seed  
Tatum Schuler  
Tom Novak  
Thune Insurance Network  
Thomas and Bobbie Carr  
Town & Country Plumbing & Heating  
Thygeson Construction  
Trudell Contracting  
UND Ray Richards Golf Course  
University Of Minn. Crookston  
Universal Screen Print  
Valley Oil Company of Argyle  
Valley Golf Course  
Violette (Tack) Lindberg  
Warren Eye Care  
Warren Community Fund  
Warren Dairy Queen  
Warren Pharmacy  
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Warren Riverside Golf Course  
Warren Jaycees  
Willis & Janice Grochow & Family

# Pony Alumni Basketball Reunion



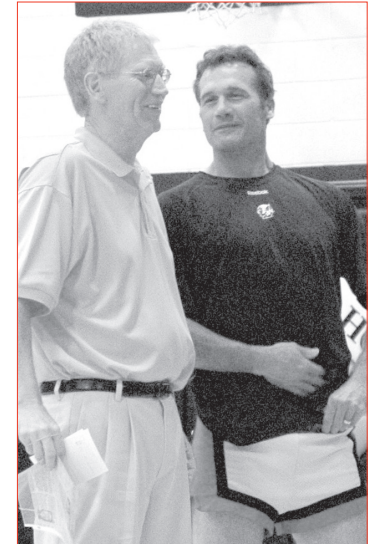
Gary Schuler

The 1974-1986 team prevailed, 68-63, in overtime.

Submitted by Pete Myszkowski ('85)

Over 150 people, including approximately more than 80 former Pony basketball players who played for Coach Gary Schuler, attended the Pony Alumni Basketball Reunion on July 30, 2011, to celebrate the establishment of the Coach Gary Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund which is now over the \$30,000 mark. Starting in 2012, the fund will provide a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a graduating WAO senior.

The reunion brought together former coaches, players, administrators, fans and members of the community for a five hour celebration that included speakers and an alumni basketball game. More than \$2,000 was additionally raised for the scholarship fund and \$1,000 was raised for the current Pony basketball programs during the event. The game featured a team consisting of alumni from 1974-1986 versus alumni from 1987-1997.



Gary Schuler and Mark Poolman, WHS 1985

## Dr. Bruce Peterson *(Continued from page 1)*

I asked what disadvantages there might be for a student from Warren going to college. He answered emphatically, "None." He was absolutely right. Larger city schools might have more resources and a greater selection of subjects. However, they will never have better teachers, give students more attention or provide better opportunities to participate in activities to the extent possible in a small school like Warren. At no time in college or medical school did I feel that I hadn't been well prepared in my education in Warren".

After high school, Dr. Peterson attended North Park College in Chicago for two years. Then he transferred to the University of Minnesota where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English (a choice he attributes to the influence of teachers Mr. Nesbit and Mr. Sherwood). Then it was on to medical school which sealed his interest in cancer research. After earning his Medical Degree, he completed his residency and fellowship at the University of Minnesota. His entire college and medical educational process spanned a total of 13 years. He deadpanned, "Afterward, probably lacking imagination, I joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota and have remained there ever since".

Despite a lifetime of diligence Dr. Peterson has done with cancer research, teaching cancer education and fighting all he can for cancer patients, his family is proof that none are immune from the ravages of this disease. Just after his daughter, Rebecca, began her freshman year at the U. of M., she was diagnosed with aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma. A CT scan showed a large tumor in her chest. On her way for a biopsy, she turned to him and said, "Dad, I always wanted to go to work with you, but I never thought it would be like this".

Throughout her ordeal, he stated, "Her humor and determination were remarkable during the nearly two years it took her to recover and it was a source of strength for Linda and I". The treatment for her type of cancer is aggressive chemotherapy. Because of the lack of progress for this type of lymphoma, a new treatment was used for her combining chemotherapy with a new antibody. She entered remission and has been cancer free for about six years. She graduated from college in 2010 and went to Tanzania as a volunteer English teacher. Currently she is teaching in the inner city of Minneapolis. With pride, but also with a touch of sarcasm he added, "Yes, I am quite proud of Rebecca – most of the time".

With all his devotion to his work, Dr. Peterson has found the time to be an active volunteer for the American Cancer Society for over 30 years. He has served on the Midwest Division Board of Directors and as the Board Chairman. Adding some closing thoughts, he stated, "It is my privilege as a physician to help those who are seriously ill, many of whom are never cured. It is extremely rewarding work to help educate the next generation of young physicians and cancer researchers. Although substantial progress has been made over the past two to three decades of cancer research, and what is on the horizon is truly amazing but unfortunately, so much still needs to be achieved. My generation isn't going to complete the task of eradicating cancer, which is why the legacy of a teacher – a lesson I learned from the teachers in Warren – will always be of such importance to me".

There is no greater gift a public school system can receive than to be given such a sincere tribute by an alumnus who has achieved the stature of Dr. Bruce Peterson.

Pony Pride is alive and well!



# Chat with the Chairman

by Carol Anderson

Greetings from the Warren/ Alvarado/ Oslo Public School Education Foundation!

Autumn is in the air and perhaps by the time you are reading this a snowflake or two will be in the air too!

The past weeks I ran a piler at the Warren Piling Station. As I watched the beets of varying sizes go from one conveyor to another and up into the pile I was reminded of the variety of alumni that we have. Many of the truck drivers were former students, parents, co-workers, superintendent, and friends. Some traveled a long distance to come to work with the harvest. Our alumni are wonderful people!

July was a very busy time for the Foundation with the Marshall County Fair Parade, our 7th annual golf scramble, and numerous class reunions. In addition the Pony Basketball Reunion and the official giving of the Schuler Scholarship to the Foundation happened. We were overwhelmed when we had to turn golfers away. Our final count was 155 golfers, 38 teams! Again, the weather was wonderful! We hope everyone will register earlier next year in order to secure a spot in the scramble on July 27th. All golfers that are registered by July 13th will be entered into a drawing to receive their \$45.00 registration fee back!

What fun it was to “catch up” with alumni at many class reunions. Thanks for coming “home”. If you are planning a gathering for 2012 and haven’t contacted the Foundation office for a list of current addresses of your classmates, please do. The only thing we ask in return is that you provide us with any current updates and e-mail addresses.

As we look to some of our future events, we will be serving refreshments again this year after the Elementary Christmas Concert on December 1st. The proceeds will go towards an iPad for the elementary building. We are most appreciative to Bremer Bank for funding the food for this event.

The board decided not to do Celebrate Music & the Arts this coming spring. Instead on February 14th, the night of the Stephen/ Argyle Pony Boy’s basketball game, the Foundation will serve a baked potato/ topping supper along with a salad bar with a free will donation.

Three new scholarships will be added to our list this spring. The Gary Schuler Scholarship which was started by former Pony Basketball Players has reached \$30,817. James and Diane Forbes and William Forbes have started the Scott E. Forbes Memorial Scholarship in memory of their son and nephew. Also the Family of Magda Spilde has asked us to facilitate the scholarship that they give in memory of their Mother. Are you aware that when you give a donation to the foundation you can earmark where you’d like it to go within the foundation? Write the name of the fund/ scholarship on the envelope along with the other information and all things that are not earmarked go to the general fund.

Our membership list has grown, thanks to you, our friends and alumni. \$25.00 will provide you with a membership for one year and the money will be used for the staff and students at WAO for their need requests. It’s a win, win deal!

Our database is constantly being updated. If you relocate, PLEASE send us an e-mail at edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us or call us at 218-745-4646, ext. 317 to give us your new address and phone numbers. We certainly appreciate all of the updates that we’ve already received. We are really trying to update our e-mail addresses also. Perhaps one day we’ll e-mail the “Connections” out rather than mailing it!” Our database is only as accurate as you help make it.

Please consider making a donation to the WAO Education Foundation. If our board can be of any assistance to you with more information, please feel free to contact me or one of our board members. “We can’t succeed without you!”

## Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

These are death notices of alumni and staff that we have received. If you have additions or corrections, please contact the Education Foundation.

Class		1956 WHS	Ruth ( Morkassel) Kristiansen
1931 WHS	Thelma (Enge) Buchanan	1957 ALV	Violet (Demeyere) Anderson
1935 WHS	Morris Maruska	1959 WHS	Gary Olson
1935 WHS	Edna (Gustafson) Kloempken	1960 WHS	Leroy Ferencik
1941 ALV	Alvin Hendrickson	1961 WHS	Steve Nelson
1941 WHS	Gwen (Antonius) Lindberg	1963 ALV	Gary Skavlem
1942 WHS	Dana Allen	1972 WHS	Sandy (Arnold) Hapka
1942 WHS	Mildred (Dahlin) Fossel	1975 WHS	Darwin Nelson
1944 WHS	Paul Morkassel	Friend	Ralph Plencner
1945 WHS	Robert Anderson	Friend	Dorothy Hanson
1952 OSLO	James Gowan	Friend	Eldor and Stella Omdahl
1953 WHS	Delores (Mykleby) Metcalf	Friend	Mardy Miska
1954 OSLO	Arden Larson		

## Centurions



**Olga (Boardson) Engevik** (ALV 1929), resides at the Greenleaf Assisted Living Center in Thief River Falls, MN. She celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 30, 2011. Olga received her teacher’s training at MSU in 1931. She married Ervin Engevik in 1934, raised 4 children, farmed at Gatzke, and taught school until 1974. She also directed the Silvertone Choir at Zion Lutheran and the Heritage Community Choir in Thief River Falls. Olga was named Outstanding Senior Citizen of Pennington County in 1991 and 1999. She loved volunteering and logged in over 1,600 hours at the TRF hospital coffee shop. Happy Birthday Olga!

**Ida (Fisher) Meyers** (WHS 1930), Lake Placid, FL, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, July 2, 2011. She used the celebration to fulfill a lifelong wish – to ride on a motorcycle.



Ida was the guest of honor at a birthday party before the cycle adventure began. It didn’t take much prompting as Ida said she had waited for this all her life. The cycle was driven by Rev. Steve Davison. “I promise to keep it under 100 (miles per hour),” he told Meyers. Ida replied “99 and let’s go!” Ida and husband Casper, spent most of their lives in Monroe, WI. Over the years they owned a variety of businesses including a radio station, cheese store, tavern, and Dairy Queen.

## FALL 2011 NEEDS

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Early Child	iPad touch
Kindergarten	Phonics board/word center
Kindergarten	Snap word teaching notes
Kindergarten	Math practice mats
Special Ed	Special Ed reading
Music	Music smart board, stand/ speaker
Tech Coordinator	Webcasting
English	Smart board lessons
Special Ed	iPods
Business	Flip video/image stab
Visual Art	Kiln
Library	Junior Library Guild
WAO HS	MCA prep books



The WAO Education Foundation Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that Tamara Johnson Oberg (WHS 1994) has accepted the office manager position. Tamara is married to Scott Oberg (WHS 1991) and they are the parents of 3 daughters, Emma (9), Elise (7) and Ava (5). The girls are all students at WAO. Tamara says she is excited to be working with the Foundation.

## Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Schools Pony Pride

As the Dean of Students and Activities Director here at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School, we at the school are extremely thankful for all of the contributions from the alumni of Warren, Alvarado and Oslo. Your contributions and support to Pony Pride definitely impact us as staff, students and as a community as we move forward towards students success. We at WAO are proud of the many things that we do as a school and community to help increase student achievement here in our school district.

### Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Academic Points of Pride

1. This year more than 60% of our high school Juniors and Seniors will have earned or will earn college credit through our college in the high school program with the University of Minnesota-Crookston while attending WAO high school.

2. WAO students consistently score above the state average on the state MCA-II tests.

3. WAO High School gave over \$5,000 to the Class of 2011 in scholarship dollars.

4. The WAO Education Foundation gave over \$45,000 in scholarships to the Class of 2011.

5. Over 97% of our 2011 graduates planned to further their education at either a 2 year college or a 4 year college/university in the Fall of 2011.

6. WAO High School has over a 95% average graduation rate over the past 5 years.

7. WAO School District places a high value on technology in its schools. We have seen new technology each year in the form of desktop computers, laptop computers, I-pads, video cameras, smartboards and other new technology over the past 5 years. We will continue to grow technologically as we move forward as a district.

8. WAO High School has added Advanced Placement US History for the 2011-12 school year. We are in the process of adding AP Art next year in 2012-13.

9. WAO Elementary School has

an extensive Accelerated Math and Reading program.

10. Great communities have great schools and great citizens. WAO will continue to grow as a school district because of the great people in the communities of Warren, Alvarado and Oslo.

### Future Activities/Projects at WAO High School

1. We at WAO will be hosting our 2nd Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament on February 18, 2012 at WAO High School. Last year we had 5 teams that raised \$1,000 for our Boys and Girls Basketball programs. Please talk with your graduating class about adding a team to this years tournament.

2. We will be putting championship banners in our High School gym this winter from past athletic teams representing Warren, Alvarado, Oslo, WAO and other co-op teams from the past. As alumni, you will be very proud to see past championship teams recognized on these championship banners hanging from the rafters in our gym.

3. This winter, we will be webcasting all of our athletic and arts activities on our WAO website for alumni to keep in touch with Pony activities.

4. This winter, we will try to replace our old stage curtains and screen in our HS auditorium. The bill for this replacement may run between \$16,000-\$20,000.

As an alumni of WAO, if there is anything that I can do to help out yourself or your family in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me at the high school at (218) 745-4646 or email me at cpeterson@wao.k12.mn.us. Also, if I can communicate any information regarding Warren-Alvarado-Oslo academics or activities, please email me or go to our WAO website at [www.wao.k12.mn.us](http://www.wao.k12.mn.us).

*In Pony Pride,  
Craig J. Peterson  
Dean of Students/Activities Director  
Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School*

## Where are they now . . .

**James Bergman** (ALV 1981), graduated with a mechanical engineering degree and started BEAMCO, an Engineering and Manufacturing Company in 1991. Early on, he developed and sold components needed at Polaris Industries. His contract base has grown with his largest customer being LM Wind Power, a manufacturer of wind turbine blades. He now has plants located in Oslo and Argyle with 60 percent of its business in production and 40 percent in development. James employs many local residents with a rural background, knowing their knowledge comes from real life experiences that provide skills in problem solving. James is married, has 4 children and still farms in the Oslo area.

The WAO Education Foundation thanks **Pete Myszkowski** (WHS 1985), for his vision and leadership in organizing the Schuler Scholarship and the Pony Alumni basketball reunion. S-U-C-C-E-S-S! Pete lives in Rochester, MN with his wife, Mioki, and their two boys, Danny (4) and Elliot (3). He has been involved with higher education most of his career and currently leads the marketing and recruitment efforts for Winona State University's Rochester campus. Mioki is a family medicine/obstetrics physician at Mayo Clinic.

**Mark Plencner** (WHS 1976), served as Master of Ceremonies at the Pony basketball reunion. He is married to **Stacy (Toupin)** (WHS 1977) and they live in Fargo. Mark is coordinator at Roger Maris Cancer Center Pharmacy and also serves as chairman of the Hemophilia Alliance in Fargo. They have 2 sons, Joseph, (wife Jessica) and Joshua.

**Nicole Reardon** (WAO 2003), has completed her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. She graduated with high distinction and also received the American Association of Women Dentists-Eleanor Bushee Award. Nicole will be living in Madison, WI during her year-long residency. Her future plans are to move back to the area to set up a dental practice.

After 60 years, **Jean (Filipy) Daniels** (WHS 1963), and her kindergarten teacher, **Lola (Hoff) Gowan** (ALV 1949), were reunited. They had been corresponding since September of 2010, after the death of Lola's husband. They enjoyed a special lunch and exchanged memories from 1951, when Lola practice taught in Warren. Other members of that kindergarten class were; Linda Nelson, Roger Novak, Ronald Vanek and Adrian Wesolowski. Lola taught for a short time, married and raised a family of 6 children. She lives in Oslo where she enjoys her 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.



Jean resides in Moline, IL. She recently retired after many years as an accounting clerk for a general contracting company. Jean says she may be relocating as her daughter and son live in Iowa along with six grandchildren.

**James Oberg** (WHS 1987), is a major at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. He was recently named commander of the 319th Comptroller Squadron. He stated "In the finance management community, being selected for command is like winning the Super Bowl." James attended the Air Force Institute of Technology and prior to that served as executive officer for the director of financial management at Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio. James and wife Debbie, reside in East Grand Forks. They have two children, Nicholas and Elle.

**Russell Miller** (ALV 1979), has accepted a new position as Marshall County executive director at the Farm Service Agency in Warren. Russell also serves as a WAO Education Foundation director. He resides in rural Warren with his wife, Sue and children, Tyler (WAO 2011), and Chris, a junior at WAO.

**Kent Broten** (WHS 1978), follows family tradition when tending the steam engines at the Larson Mill during Old Mill State Park's annual Grinding Day. He has restored a variety of vintage machines and is active in several organizations promoting and preserving the history of antique machinery and their purpose. Kent farms with his brother Robert near Viking. He and his wife, Evonne, live in Warren.

## Webcasting at WAO Schools

There will be an advertising opportunity as part of our Webcasting that WAO Schools will be starting in the near future.

This is how the advertising opportunity works. Students will approach asking if you'd like to be a sponsor on our WAO Webcasting page. If you decide to be a sponsor, a banner will be created based off information you request and will be shown in a rotation of 15 second intervals. Half of the money you donate towards this advertisement will be given back to the school. What a great way to give back and stay connected!

Further details on this opportunity will be posted on the WAO website under the WAO Education Foundation link, [www.wao.k12.mn.us](http://www.wao.k12.mn.us).



# WAO Ed Foundation Golf Scramble Held July 29



Left to right: Wayne Larson, (WHS 1978), Casey Larson, (WAO 2010), Brian Ranstrom, (WHS 1978) and Jim Ranstrom (WHS 1977).



Sarah Durand and Bailey Jenkins, Riverside Country Club employees that were awesome helpers.



Left to right: Kurt Peterson, (WHS 1991), David Erickson, (WHS 1996), Bob Conely, (WHS 1976) and David Durand.



Left to right: Brenda Ackerson, Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble (WHS 1970), Kyle (Anfinson) Erickson (Oslo 1982), Amber Schoepp.



Left to right: Cheri Mattson, Michelle (Kirkland) Strickler (WHS 1990), Betty (Bjorgaard) DuBore (WHS 1986) and Jan (Narlock) Mortimer (WHS 1990).



WHS class of 1961: Left to right: David Sherry, Wayne Edgar, Earl Rogalla, Michael Dougherty, and Bill Bossman.



155 golfers, 38 teams participated in the 7th annual golf scramble on July 29 during the Marshall County Fair. The weather was wonderful again this year!

## Thank You

We, the board of directors of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation, would like to sincerely thank all that supported the Foundation in the past months and years.

We have heard from many of you. Many of you have paid dues above and beyond what you needed to send or have given memorials or donations. We sincerely appreciate all your support. Without it, we would be very limited with our efforts.

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