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WAO Enhancing Use of Technology Tools

By Dave Jameson

"It's going to be life changing for some of my students — pretty exciting!" says Mary Stanislowski, a Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School teacher about the many learning possibilities of one of the latest new personal computer devices, the Apple iPad.

Stanislowski's enthusiasm, expressed near the end of a day filled with new technology updating for WAO teachers, staff and school board members, echoed the comments of several other teachers of the district who were impressed by the way students in many schools already are using iPads and other new technology tools to more effectively achieve learning goals.

The hands-on orientation into new educational applications for iPads, laptop computers and similar devices and supporting software came on Monday, November 8 and included separate focused sessions for elementary and high school, as well as the district's technology committee and school board members. Presenting the wealth of information and new ideas were Paul Musegades and two colleagues from the Twin Cities office of Apple computer corporation.

A typical comment from teacher participants in the day's mini-course on the educational possibilities of the new technologies was that they felt filled to the tops of their heads with ideas, impressions and the desire to learn much more. Another typical comment, voiced by Superintendent Bryan Thygeson and others, is that WAO, generally, is at the "we don't know what we don't know stage" regarding the newest technology developments.

To move forward effectively from this point, the district is planning a number of highly effective learning experiences for teachers and administrators alike. These already have included a sort of jump-start session for several educators from WAO who visited the Apple world headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., several months ago, an eyeopening experience that spurred on the current quest for greater use of technology tools at WAO. In December, several from WAO will participate in the TIES Conference in Minneapolis, one of the biggest exhibitions of technology integration into K-12 education in the world.

Both in connection with TIES and at later opportunities, selected WAO teachers will be visiting Minnesota schools that are already successfully putting iPads or similar devices into the hands of students for delivery of the schools' curriculums. Some of the schools being considered for tours are using a "1-to-1" model, meaning each student has a permanently assigned device. In other

schools being considered for visits, the devices are shared by the students on a check-out basis.

WAO wants to take a wellthought-out approach to fact-finding tours of other schools and,



Patrice Pribula works with a student with one of the new iPads.

indeed, to the whole process of moving more actively into the use of technology tools. The district has had a planning structure in place for this kind of decision-making for some time. There is a technology committee in both the elementary and the high school, as well as a district-wide technology committee. In addition, the Quality Education Taskforce strives for a forward-leaning stance on matters dealing with the school learning environment, which includes incorporation of technology. Functioning as a sort of steering committee for the whole process in each building are the principals, Kirk Thorstenson in the elementary and Craig Peterson in the high school, along with Heidi Thorstenson, district technology coordinator, and the superintendent.

The QET is looking to the future in 3-, 5- and 10-year intervals. As an example of the kind of planning needed in that effort, Thygeson says the teachers and others must try to imagine what the high school curriculum will look like for today's third graders. Will there still be printed textbooks, or will a move to digital textbooks, already begun, be well advanced? What will media centers in the schools look like — shelves of books, or stations to download course content onto their iPads?

"It's out there," says Thygeson of the approaching wave of technology. "At WAO, we've got to be deliberate, know what we're looking for, take the time to look for the webbased programming that we can use and then incorporate some of those ideas into our 3-5-year planning."

Technology is not a new thing at WAO, of course. As with other area schools, personal computers began making their entrance into local education about three decades ago, and the advent of the Internet opened up a new world school leaders have wanted to make it possible for students to explore.

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Elementary Winter Concert Refreshments

The Education Foundation board and volunteers will be serving refreshments in the high school cafeteria following the Elementary Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 2, with a free will donation. The proceeds will go to an iPad for the elementary. A big thank you to Bremer Bank for donating the funds for the refreshments.



If you have talents you would like to share with us please contact the Ed Foundation.

Golf Scramble

The 7th Annual Education Foundation Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 29, 2011 at Warren Riverside Golf Course.

Marshall County Fair

July 27 – July 31, 2011

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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2010 Class Reunions



ALVARADO CLASS OF 1960 — Celebrated its 50-year reunion. Attending the reunion were: Carol (Bren) and LeRoy Holub, Carol (Ferencik) Mack, Rose (Hedlund) Duray., Douglas Huderle and wife, Sandra, David Olson and wife, Kay, DelRoy Shane and wife, Marlene, Lawrence Torgerson, Sylvester Vanyo and wife, Carol.



WARREN CLASS OF 1970 — 40th Class Reunion. Back row left to right: Lonnie Swanson, Steve Kremin, Dale Grega, Richard (Dick) Knutson, Bev (Sorenson) Kronstedt and Arlyn Stroble third row left to right: Mark Swanson, Rob Knutson, Jim Novak, Ted Engelstad, Patty (Miska) Erickson, Doreen (Hammerback) Jensen, Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble, and Sue (Edgar) Lindquist second row left to right: Diane (Johnson) Danielson, Judy (Olson) Walker, Pete Hanson, Nancy (Roeske) Westerlund, Coralie (Horning) Jones, Janet (Carlson) Aakre, Marilyn (Steer) Kuznia, Jill Oien, Craig Hanson. Front row left to right: Conrad Goroski, Lynn Waldorf, Marijo (Anderson) Nabben, Cindy (Riopelle) Filipi and Karen (Erickson) Benitt. Present, but not pictured: Gary Ross & Keith (Sam) Potucek.



WARREN CLASS OF 1980 — Front row, left to right: Joan (Danielski) Ferrar, Julie (Fulks) Jonasson, Carrie (Haugen) DeLisle, Connie (Tress) Kliner, Peggy (Pawlowski) Campbell, Patricia (Burwell) Lund, Diane Plencner, and Raanne (Burwell) Bork. Middle row, left to right: Erik Myhre, Scott Kliner, Troy Lund, Lisa Walker, RuthAnn (Nicholls) Schleif, Lori (Toupin) Johnson, Mitchell Anderson. Back Row, left to right: Eric Johnson, Danny Omdahl, Mark Turgeon, Jeff Westberg, Robert Truhn, Wayne Klegstad.

2011 Class Reunions!

The American Cancer Society for the Marshall County Relay for Life chapter is interested in connecting with all high school alumni holding class reunions in 2011! There are as many as six classes - 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001! The Warren Alumni Team represents all alumni, annually, in the Marshall County Relay for Life. The donations raised by the Warren Alumni Team during your class reunion events contribute directly to the Marshall County chapter of the American Cancer Society assisting your family, friends and loved ones impacted by cancer. This link contains more information regarding the Alumni Team. http://www.wao.k12.mn.us/education/school/school.php?sectionid=3 Julie (Fulks) Jonasson, Class of 1980, is our representative and will be contacting the class leaders to answer any questions and include more details in your upcoming communications. We sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Submitted by Julie Fulks Jonasson Class of 1980

WARREN CLASS OF 1955 — This class was the 1st to attend classes and graduate in the new Warren high school buildings. Spouses of 3 deceased class members , since the 50th, were remembered with a rose. Classmates pictured: sitting left to right: Lois (Hedquist) Simmons, Phyllis (Roley) Troska, Barb (Potucek) Horien, Gloria (Larson) Cady, Betty (Abrahamson) Bengs. Middle Row: Ray Burwell, Robert Fagerstrom, Marvin Roley, Larry Golden, James Forbes. Back row: Dennis Myerchin, Jack Buchner, Clifton Anderson, Cal Sorenson, Tom Pinkerton, Ken Poolman, Delroy Lieberg, Donald Nelson and Gary Carlson.



WARREN CLASS OF 1990 - Top: Rodney Votava, Joel Luedtke, Charles Blacklance, Steve Golden, Jason Bye, Scott Polley, Ken Satkunam, John Hamre. Second from top: David Roux, Dan Diedrich, Beth Dalzell, Mark McGregor. Second from bottom: Michele (Fulton) Diehl, Kristin (Strickler) Kehr, Michelle (Kirkland) Strickler, Janice (Narlock) Mortimer, Darla (Hess) Schroeder, Tina (Stauffenecker) Larsen, Mindi (Abrahamson) Acker, Tammy Murphy, Kim (Carlson) Molacek, LuAnn (Lynne) Stillwell, Shiela Morgan. Bottom: Lynette (Jorgenson) Franks, Monica (Dahlman) Starrett, Janelle (Nelson) Van Dorn, Shari (Leverington) Erdman, Wendy (Shereck) Reitmeier, Pam (Mitchell) Socwell, Dean Maruska.

2010 Class Reunions



WARREN CLASS OF 2000— Top Row: Lisa (Aakre) Pribula, Josh Johnston, Tami (Osowski) Gowan, Kristen Hanson, Cindy (Nowacki) Franks, Brad Johnson and Justin Linder. Bottom Row: Mark Lydeen, Natasha (Johnson) Osowski, Selina (Potucek) Anderson, Krissy (Craig) Potucek, Rebecca (Novak) Lundin, Jill St. Germain, Alicia (Vasek) Hillesland, Beth (Lindberg) Zak, Laura (Anderson) Efta, Billy Franks, Jake Anderson, Chris Stalboerger and Scott Hurst.

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News and Notes . . .

Warren High School Class of 1957 has a newsletter too! The first edition was "Summer 2010 Update" very nicely done too! They met the challenge of reaching the \$10,000 mark for the Class of '57 Scholarship! And with an extra gift from a classmate they were able to grant their first scholarship to WAO 2010 graduate Megan Garfve. Arnette Johnson Nelson welcomes anyone to send any address updates or messages to: Arnette@usfamily.net. Way to go WHS class of '57!

Chuck Graham, WHS 1966, was presented a certificate of appreciation for his 29 years of service to the U.S. Postal Service. Graham was officially retired on June 30, 2010. Chuck is married to Lavelle Johnson Graham a WHS 1971 graduate and they have two daughters Janna, WAHS 1991 and Amanda (Graham) Lund, WAHS 1993.

John Johnson, is an advocate-trainer at Option Center for Independent Living in East Grand Forks, has been chosen Region V Advocate of the Year by the Nation Council on Independent Living. Region V includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. The award will be presented at the NCIL conference in Washington, DC.

John Johnson WHS 1962

Phil Awes, OSLO 1968, of Alvarado, has been a trained wild land firefighter for 11 years and is a part-time employee of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He is on-call from June-September each year to help fight wildfires in the United States and Canada. Through the years, Awes has fought fires in California, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Ontario and Manitoba Canada. Through wild land firefighting, Awes says he has seen some breathtaking country, different than where the tourist go. Phil states, "I wouldn't trade it for anything else I've done. I absolutely plan to do this as long as I can." Phil is a former Warren Teacher, Education Foundation board member, and WAO School Board Member.

Warren's North Valley Health Center recently announced plans to build a new facility that will be connected to the 60 bed Good Samaritan Society nursing home. Mitch Kotrba is the CFO at the NVHC says "A hospital is a big part of any town because it provides jobs and provides traffic." Kotrba says a new facility will help in attracting patients and staff, specifically a fourth medical provider, providing a better quality of life for residents.

Mitch Kotrba WAO High School 1998

Joel Anderson, ALV 1981, Grand Forks County Weed Control Officer, was presented the 2010 Early Career by the North Dakota Weed Control Association. The award recognizes North Dakota weed officers and weed board members with 10 years or less in noxious weed control efforts.

The SLD class at WAO High School says "Thank You" for purchasing three iPods for their resource room. Comments from the students are:

"They are awesome and you can listen to them anywhere."

"They are very convenient."

"They make my English class way more fun."

"I would have never read 'The Grapes of Wrath' without it."

"I have read 8 books since we got these iPods."

"If I read on my own I can't understand it, but if I listen to it on the iPod it makes sense and is fun."

Mrs. Amber Schoepp - Special Education Teacher - WAO High School

Jean Ranstrom of rural Alvarado was selected by American Artist Magazine to have a winter scene pastel painting featured on a 2011 calendar. Ranstrom's painting, titled "Winter Shadows" will be featured on the December page of the calendar, which will be distributed nation-wide. The calendars will be available for purchase through Jean Ranstom. Jean's spouse is Fraye Ranstrom an Alvarado High School 1951 graduate.

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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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. Be a part of this campaign to ensure that our children are equipped to succeed.

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Corrine (Goplin) Slaughter

In Memory of Wayne Marek Henry & Phyllis Hammerback

In Memory of Evelyn Lenhart John & Rachel Peterson

In Memory of JoAnn (Filipi) Moyer Henry & Phyllis Hammerback

In Memory of Carmen (Knoll) Olson Carol J Anderson Don & Ellen Strickler Doris Erickson

In Memory of Jack & Denora Knute Kristina (Knute) Long

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In Memory of Dick Nelson Carolyn Nelson

In Memory of John Weiland Rovella Weiland

In Memory of Bruce Wallsten Fave & LeeVila Wallsten

2011 Class Reunion Dates and Contacts

WHS 1951

WHS 1961

Chuck Cheney ccheney@far.midco.net

WHS 1971

Linda Gornowicz & Meg Melgard lgornowicz@wao.k12.mn.us

> WHS 1981 July 29 & 30

Melanie (Fulks) Nelson dmnels@wiktel.com

WAHS 1991

WAO 2001 July 29 & 30

Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson jakeash@wiktel.com

Ed Foundation recently funded items to assist WAO Staff

- Elem-HS Speech-Lang Digital Tape recorder - \$65
- Elem 2nd Grade Math temp-SMTBRD CD - \$385.22
- Elem Title 1-Read Reader's Theater Books - \$726
- Camera-Video \$280
- Elem Kindergarten Sent Bldg Tiles - \$91.18, Sentence Kit -\$85.12
- Elem Preschl Early Childhood Laptop - \$1,699
- Elem 2nd Grade Toobaloo-Whisper Phone -\$252.69
- HS Librarian Junior library Guild - \$669.60
- TitlePeek Subscription \$130
- HS Business Apple Remote Desktop - \$533.31
- HS Spec Ed (3) iPads w/ cases - \$1,881
- HS Art Clay Pottery \$1,200
- HS Science Soudan Mine Trip - \$1,320
- HS Music Microphones -\$279.20

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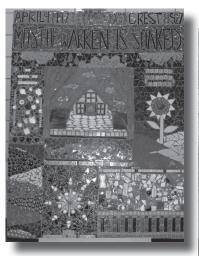
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Mosaic Art

These two 3-foot x 4-foot pieces of mosaic art, which memorialize the 1996 and 1997 flood events, were created under the direction of mosaic artist Lisa Arnold. Mara Wittman coordinated the project by acquiring sponsorship and funding through Northwest Regional Arts Council, WAO Community Education and WAO Education Foundation. About 30 community members participated in making the pieces of art. One of the mosaics will be displayed at the high school and the other will be at city hall.







The WAO Ed Foundation purchased reference books and calculators for the high school paras for use when they work with students.



The NEO 2 is a hand held computer that is student directed and currently used for Accelerated Reading Testing. This machine has many reading capabilities.

Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund

Submitted by Pete Myszkowski ('85)

An anonymous donor has come forward to support the Gary Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund to the level of a \$5,000 match. All new donations to the fund will be matched one for one by the donor up to a total of \$5,000 in new donations – meaning that a \$50 donation from an individual will turn into a \$100 donation to the fund until the total of new donations, plus the donor's match, reaches \$10,000. Currently, through many generous donations from former players, fans, friends and community members, the Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund is a little over the \$17,000 mark. The goal of the fund is to reach a total of \$25,000 so that an annual \$1,000 scholarship can be awarded to a graduating senior of Warren-Alvarado-Oslo. Steve Brekke, a former Pony great who helped lead the Ponies to their first-ever state basketball tournament appearance in 1979, is currently donating to the endowment. "I am excited to not only donate, but am honored to help raise donations for the Schuler endowment. What great satisfaction there is in knowing that we are helping a young person further their education and what better way than with a scholarship. Let's remember these young men and women are our future and we can help invest in their future by giving to the Schuler endowment and further their education. What an opportunity we have now to increase the Schuler endowment with the matching gift up to \$5,000. I would ask that you please consider giving to the Schuler endowment, and remember that every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$5,000!," said Brekke. For the past nine years, the WAO Booster Club has awarded a \$1,000 Gary Schuler Scholarship to a graduating senior. Recipients of the scholarship have included the following (many of whom are sons and daughters of WAO alumni, as well as current and former teachers and administrators): Brock Sombke, son of Bob and Debra Sombke; Jordan Aakre, son of Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre; Tyson Giles, son of Dave and Lori Giles; Nicole Olson, daughter of Wayne and Annette Olson; Jeff Chandler, son of Dean and Mary Jo Chandler; Cole and Lucas Goodwin, sons of Steve and Marie Goodwin; Jessica Aakre, daughter of Paul and Janet Aakre; Casey Larson, son of Wayne and Sharon (Ranstrom) Larson; and Dillon Nelson, son of Sheila Nelson and the late Richard Nelson. Each of these students has gone on to further their education and were able to use the scholarship to offset the costs of that education. One of the many goals of the WAO Education Foundation is to increase the scholarship offerings available to graduating seniors. The Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund would join 10 other Foundation scholarship funds that are currently awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. The Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund is approximately \$8,000 from its goal. With the exciting news of an anonymous donor coming forward with such a significant match of up to \$5,000, the Fund is realistically only about \$4,000 of new donations away from its goal. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation that would be matched, please send a check to the WAO Education Foundation, c/o Schuler Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762.

Where are they now . . .

Jeff Lahl (Warren Class of 1972) is working in Haiti, installing solar-electric panels at health centers. He states, "Since the earthquake thousands are still living under sheets draped for shelter. I would like to sell my solar panels for tents. It is very hard to understand why there hasn't been more help sent."

Susie Novak (Warren Class of 1993) executive director of the North Country Food Bank, Crookston, resides in East Grand Forks. Her newest project is to oversee the Back Pack Project which provides food for children on weekends and when school is not in session.

Scott Johnson (Warren Class of 1974) is presently living in Afghanistan. He is employed by the Defense Contract Audit Agency. He and his team provide audit oversight over the large civilian contractors that support services to the military in Southern Afghanistan.

John Carlson (Warren Class of 1976) has recently been appointed Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Mohave Electric Corporation in Bullhead City, AZ. He resides with his wife, Shelly in Peoria, AZ. They have three children.

Craig Vasek (WAO Class of 2002) was ordained to the Catholic priesthood in July. He studied in Rome for three years at the Pontiful North American College. He has one more year of study in Rome and then will return to serve in the Crookston Diocese.

Michelle (Fillipi) Blanck (Warren Class of 1991) relocated from Nissawa, MN, to Daejon, South Korea. She and her husband, Darin will be teaching in the Daejon Christian International School for two years. They have two children, Elijah and Sophia.

Gloria (Wahlin) Smith (Alvarado Class of 1963) lives in Ellabell, GA. She is an English teacher, married to a minister for 35 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

There were many alumni home for class reunions this summer...

DelRoy Lieberg (Warren Class of 1955) lives in Clarksville, Ohio. He is an accomplished wood carver. During the reunion he presented his classmates with a hand carved Christmas ornament made especially for each of them. A classmate responded, "These gifts are precious and priceless to all of us. Thanks DelRoy from the Class of 1955."

Don Kotts (Warren Class of 1960) spends most his time between Alaska and the Bering Sea off the coast of Russia. He has been involved with the fishing industry as a purser since 1975. Over the years he has taken a boat through the Panama Canal as Captain, built a small sailboat and sailed the Caribbean Islands, the South Pacific and many other ports of call. He has recently built a cabin near Seattle where he spends time with his wife Rimma. Don also has a business as a marine artist, commissioned to do boat portraits, magazine covers, posters and calendars.

Dick Knutson (Warren Class of 1970) is a CPA, working for 30 years at a law firm as chief operating officer. He is a dedicated volunteer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and has served on the National Board of Directors. Dick's wife Karen is an artist by trade. They have 2 children and live in Eden Prairie, MN.

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Mark Turgeon (Warren Class of 1980) works for Dish Network Retailers. He and his wife Lisa live in Suamico, WI. They have two sons, Travis and Tyler. Mark reminisces that his favorite memory from Warren High was the trip to the state basketball tournament in 1979. The team took fourth place and it was a very exciting time for the Pony players and fans!

Leslie Goulden (Warren Class of 1985) lives in Kirkland, WA. She is a realtor and in the process of adopting two little boys. The class of 1985 enjoyed their reunion under the stars at the Warren Sky View Drive In.

Kristen (Strickler) Kehr (Warren Class of 1990) resides in Coon Rapids, MN with her husband Steve and twin daughters Ava and Grace. She received her BS in medical technology from NDSU and in 2000 graduated from Augsburg College as a Physician Assistant. She is employed by Fairview Andover Clinic.

David Adrian (WAO Class of 2000) received his Masters and PHD in Chemical Engineering from MIT in Cambridge, MA. He is employed by Dow Chemical in research and development. He lives in Midland, MI where he enjoys participating in a men's choir and recently took part in a community theatre production of Sound of Music.

Former teacher, Lyla Larson Eukel (Warren Class of 1943) resides in Roseville, MN. She remembers with fondness her second grade classes and the coffee parties that were given for the retired teachers.

Carl Lasiter taught and coached in Warren in 1956-57. He quit teaching to join the Air Force in 1957. He was shot down over North Vietnam on February, 1968 and was held as a POW until March, 1973. He retired from the United States Air Force as a Lt. Colonel and is living in Surprise, AZ with wife Eleanor. Carl writes, "Although our stay in Warren was brief, that year stands out as one of the most enjoyable years of our lives. Thank you, to you the graduating class of 1960, to Mr. McKinnon, to Mr. Gilbert, to Lea and Jay Peyton, to Mary and Hank Johnson and to the many others who were a very important part of our lives." From all of us on the WAO board we thank you, Carl, for your dedicated service to our country.

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		1941 WHS	Ethel (Malek) Nicholls	1954 WHS	Margie (Westberg)
1933 OSLO	Edna (Shane) Olson	1942 WHS	Olive (Stroble) Moyer		Robins
1936 ALV	Norman Thompson	1943 OSLO	June (Holter) Laymon	1956 WHS	Gene Johnson
1936 WHS	Irene (Torgerson)	1943 OSLO	Clayton Oseth	1957 WHS	LaVerne Owens
	Erickson	1946 WHS	Joyce (Carlson) Eaton	1958 ALV	Gordon Fillipi
1936 WHS	Ruth (Omdahl) Omundson	1946 OSLO	Ambrose Larson	1958 WHS	Betty Lou (Mykleby) Lewis
1936 WHS	Raymond Miska	1947 OSLO	Almore Lind	1965 WHS	Mark H Olson
1937 WHS	John (Jack) Quistgard	1948 WHS	Duane Nielsen	1966 WHS	Wayne Marek
1939 WHS	Elmer Miska	1948 OSLO	Charles Gowan	1966 WHS	JoAnn (Filipi) Moyer
1939 ALV	Ardis (Hanson)	1949 WHS	Carmen (Knoll) Olson	1966 WHS	Robert Peterson, Jr
1707 1111	Ferencik	1949 WHS Dagney (Roley) Christenson		1969 WHS	Lyle Jorgenson
1940 WHS	Ivan Johnson	1951 WHS	JoAnn (Boardson)	1972 WHS	Nancy Confer
1941 WHS	Robert Thompson	1931 W113	Pinkerton	Teacher	Sylvia (Kjos) Filipi
1941 ALV	Stanley Johnson	1952 OSLO	Franklin Storbakken	Teacher	James Sharp
1941 WHS	Gwendolyn	1954 ALV	Joyce Hedlund	Teacher	E Howard Emerson
	(Peterson) Beaird		- ,	Friend	John Weiland



Gulbranson Sisters

Alumni of Alvarado Public School, left to right, are Avis Iverson, Grand Forks, ND, class of 1957, Carol Janssen, Redding, CA, class of 1962 and Lois Dodson, Redding, CA, class of 1967. Photo was taken on a vacation in San Diego, in March, 2010.



Funding by the Ed Foundation was given to the art department for enlargement of student art work. These are examples of students college artwork.

Fast Facts

2010 Income Totals

Contributions	\$3,194.01			
Memorial Gifts	\$5,965.00			
Memberships	\$1,080.00			
Designated	\$1,806.12			
Golf Tournament	\$9,411.41			
Celebrate Music	\$3,069.77			

2010 Distributions:

Spring Classroom Needs Purchases \$11,672.00

Fall Classroom Needs Purchases

\$9,318.12

Scholarships Awarded \$3

\$36,750.00

Scholarship Endowment Balances:

 Schuler Endowment
 \$17,261.29

 WHS Class of 1957
 \$12,606.00

 WHS Class of 1969
 \$3,480.00

Please Share! Where are YOU now?

Please send information about yourself to WAO Ed Foundation so we can include you in our next publication.
P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762 or email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us

Technology Tools (*Continued from page 1*) The WAO School Board underscored its commitment to the

future in September when it added \$95,000 to the district's capital budget for technology, boosting it to \$150,000 for the current year. Acting on that emphasis, the district recently took delivery on a \$52,000 purchase of 37 Apple computers, 9 MacBooks (laptops) and 5 iPads. Funding for the purchase was from a combination of sources, including moneys from the district's existing 21st Century grant and the district's own capital reserve.

The 37 computers have already been installed in the elementary school, replacing outmoded technology in the school's larger computer lab. With previously acquired laptops, the 9 new MacBooks have made it possible to deploy a portable computer lab for use in the high school.

The iPads are being used for teacher familiarization with the technology and for classroom use in selected cases.

The iPad, a new personal device recently introduced by Apple, is a lower-cost alternative to a laptop, coming in at \$499, less than half the cost. While the iPad lacks computing moxie, it can be loaded up with curricular material — a digital biology book, say — and it is very easy to use. Kids can easily carry it around in their backpacks.

While iPads have features that may make them good candidates to be the "schoolbook" of the future, WAO is not rushing in that direction. As John Kinsey, one of the Apple education specialists visiting WAO in early November, advised, "We don't want this to be about a device. We want it to be about learning outcomes. Then decide what device will best help achieve the results you want. . . . Keep in mind, [technology] is just a tool. Great teachers are going to be great teachers no matter what tools they have to work with.'

While the details are not crystal clear today, probably no one at WAO doubts that some sort of personal device giving students greater ownership of their learning strategies is a certainty for the future.

Generous contributions to the WAO Education Foundation already have made possible a good part of the district's venture into the exciting world of technology-based learning. Friends of the WAO school system can continue to help the local communities' youngsters become well prepared for the future through financial support of the Foundation's mission.

Alumni Elected......

- Bob Quanrud (Warren 1976) was elected as Alderman At Large to the Crookston City Council.
- Deb Wages Myrfield (Warren 1970) was elected Mayor of Warren
- Scott Kosmatka (Oslo 1987) was elected Mayor of Oslo
- Darrell Olson (Alvarado 1967) was elected Mayor of Alvarado.
- Sandra McGuire Simonson (Oslo 1965) was elected to the Oslo City Council by a write-in vote.
- Cam Fanfulik (Warren 1973) was elected to the Warren City Council
- John Golden (Warren 1974) was elected to the Warren City Council
- John Rehder (Warren 1971) was elected to the Warren City Council
- Rodger Haugtvedt (Warren 1986) was re-elected to the Warren City Council
- Jarod Peterson (Warren 1994) was elected to the Warren City Council.
- Donald Narlock (Warren 1985) was elected to the WAO School Board
- Krissy Craig Potucek (WAO 2000) was elected to the WAO School Board
- Ken Dagoberrg (Alvarado 1973) was re-elected to the WAO School Board

Chat with the Chairman

by Carol Anderson

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

The summer of 2010 was an exciting time for the Education Foundation. It was so good to see many of you back in the area for the Marshall County Fair Events and your class reunions. It was interesting to hear your stories and "where things used to be" as you toured though the school buildings. Thank you for coming back to your "roots"! An added plus was when many of you participated in our 6th annual golf scramble. This is one of our major fund raising events for the year. Almost \$10,000 was raised in this year's event. Much of that money was used to purchases fall needs that the staff submitted to us. Thank you for your part in helping to fund needs for our students and staff.

A big part of this year has again been the updating of addresses of our alumni and friends. Thank you to those of you who e-mail or contact us when you move. We really appreciate it. We now have all of the alumni from all 3 schools into our database. Networking with various people has been a huge factor in locating all of the addresses. Please continue to remember us when your address changes!

As we look to some of our future events, we will be serving refreshments again this year after the Elementary Christmas Concert on December 2. 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.

Mark April 7 on your calendars as the date for 2011 Celebrate Music & The Arts. We promise you an evening of great entertainment and tasty desserts!

Various scholarship groups have been working to add additional money to their funds. The Gary Schuler Scholarship is getting closer to endowment thanks to the hard work of that group and an anonymous donor who is matching funds up to \$5,000. Are you aware that when you give a donation to the foundation you can earmark where you'd like it go within the foundation by writing the name of the fund/scholarship on the envelope along with the other information? All things that are not earmarked go to the general fund.

You will find a separate story in this issue about the exciting technology needs at the schools. Any taxdeductible donation that you might wish to make towards the technology of WAO needs may be given through the foundation.

We are continually working on our policy and procedures. Our January meeting will be devoted to working on goals for 2011.

Please remember when you are planning for a class reunion that you contact us to get names and addresses. The only thing that we ask in return is that we're given a list of any updated information.

Technology coordinator Heidi Thorstenson updates the web page for the foundation too. Check out our link on the left hand side. You'll find photos of this year's golf event, Celebrate Music & the Arts, the scholarship winners in addition to a copy of this newsletter.

If any of the board members can be of any assistance to you, please contact us. We are here to help you, but "We Can't Succeed Without You!"





Saturday February 19, 2011 President's Day Weekend

The tournament will begin at 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo High School Gymnasium.

- Teams will be by class (ex. Class of 2008, 1995, 1987). Teams/players need to have graduated or attended school at Warren HS, Alvarado HS, Oslo HS, Warren/Alvarado/Oslo HS or other co-ops involving Warren, Alvarado or Oslo
- Tournament will be a Bracketed Single Elimination Tourney with a 2 game
- guarantee.

 Cost will be \$10 per player with all the proceeds going to the Gary Schuler Scholarship Endowment and to the WAO Boys & Girls basketball teams.

In addition, Warren/Alvarado/Oslo will be putting Championship Banners up in the High School gym. If you know of any Championships from Warren High School, Alvarado High School, Oslo High School, Valley North, Marshall County West (Section, Region, Sub-Section, District, Sub-District) please email Craig Peterson, WAO Athletic Director at cpeterson@wao.k12.mn.us.



The Ed Foundation recently made possible the purchase of this benchtop milling machine for the high school Technology Education department through a designated donation. Milling machines are used to create highly accurate components from metal or polymer materials. The machine will be used in the Metal Manufacturing and Transportation classes to teach 7-12 grade students about the processes of precision manufacturing.

WAO Ed Foundation Golf Scramble Held July 30



Sons of Alumni and WAO Grads - Kipp Loeslie (08) Dad Kipp (W1981), Scott Jorgenson (07) parents Rodney (W1973) and Carolyn Omundson (W1974), Tanner Conely (2010) parents Bob (W1976) and Shelly Anderson (W1978) and Kyle Beaudry (08) Dad Mike (ALV1980) are all sons of alumni and each has received a Foundation scholarship to further their education.

WAO Staff Members and volunteers Alison Geary, Bill Sedgeman, and Renee Borowicz, along with many others, helped to make our annual scramble a huge success.



Bailey Jenkins (WAO2013) Warren Riverside Golf Course Employee, assists Duane Swanson (W1969), foundation board member, with a poster. The foundation is most appreciative of the support and assistance of the course employees in working with our fund-



Faye Wallsten (W1963) and foundation board member Ellen Fillipi Strickler (W1963) rest their feet for a minute after serving lunch all day to over 120 golfers and workers. Faye and family began sponsoring a putting contest in connection with the yearly scramble in memory of her late brother, Bruce (W1970), who was an avid golfer. The family has also donated many golf items to the WAO golf program.



Patrick Carr, husband of Kathleen Vansickle Carr (W1960) of Cottonwood, CA, Michelle Gilbert, Bill Gilbert (W1960) of Richland WA and Sharon Botko Kays (W1960) of Mesa, AZ took time out of their 50 year reunion activities for a day of golf.



Retired Social Studies teacher/coach Bob Mattson, wife Cheri, daughter Gretchen (W1985) and friend Chad Kraft spent the day golfing. The Mattson family has returned year after year to help support the works of the Foundation.



Warren 1982 Classmates - Monique DuBore Collette, Craig Peterson, Betsy Peterson Stone, Mary Kay Nicholls Voll and Bruce Nelson enjoyed a fun day of golf and reminiscing.

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.

Through your generosity, we are able to honor many requests made by the teaching staff at

WAO and award scholarships for secondary education.

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If your address has changed, call, email or write to us with your new address. If you are still receiving mail at your parents' home address, please notify us of your most current address.

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