

Chairman's Corner

It has been a remarkable 25th year for the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund. We held our annual Award Dinner in April, providing a record amount of scholarship money, \$50,000, to a record number of 20 winners. Then there was the annual golf outing in June, which also raised a record amount to support our mission. Finally, in September we celebrated our 25th anniversary, in the process raising a record \$240,000.

Thanks to Golf co-chairs Bill Bridges, Pat Hughes Sr., Joe Keitel, John Powell, Bob Reece, Bart Rocca and the rest of their committee.

Thanks to the 25th Anniversary co-chairs Nicki Pearson and Oliver Ruff and the other members of their committee.

Thanks to our outstanding board and the entire Cherry community for their ongoing support.

Please join us at our next Award Dinner on April 28, 2019, and at the golf outing, scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019, in Wilmette.

Finally, I hope you will consider donating to the Cherry Scholarship Fund. We need your help so we can continue our work of investing in the education of ETHS graduates. It is important to note that several past Cherry recipients are now teaching our future leaders. Without the scholarships they received, their dream may not have become a reality.

Thank you in advance for your kind contribution.



Patty Cherry Reece

Donors have deep Cherry roots

Denny Cummings is a major donor to the Cherry Scholarship Fund. In addition to financial support, he attends all WCSF events, escorts a Cherry applicant during the interview process and provides insight and knowledge to the Cherry organization. He is married to longtime Cherry board member Sandy Vitantonio.

"My wife, Sandy, taught at Lincoln School when Warren Cherry was principal," Mr. Cummings said. "She got to know Warren and I got to know him too. He was a remarkable man in ever so many ways, and I admired him greatly."

When the Cherry Scholarship Fund got started 25 years ago, after Warren Cherry's death, Mr. Cummings decided he wanted to support it and its mission. "So many organizations of this kind start well but peter out over time as members and supporters grow older and get distracted by other events and causes. I wanted to help ensure that that didn't happen to Cherry, and I'm happy to see that this wonderful organization has only grown and expanded its impact over the years," Mr. Cummings explained.

He said that one of the most unusual things about the Cherry Scholarship Fund is that 100 percent of the donations it receives go to young people. "With strong guidance from Patty and Bob Reece, as well as the Cherry board, they have stuck to their mission of providing support to kids like Warren, who might have struggled academically or simply not had enough money to finish

college.

"When you hear their stories — and often they are quite emotional during the interviews — you realize that

Cherry scholars are following in the footsteps of Warren Cherry. Everyone in the organization is so committed to continuing the mission of the Cherry Scholarship Fund. That keeps me going."

Frances Cook is a retired Evanston District 65 principal at Walker School and a former WCSF board member. When she retired 12 years ago she relocated to Texas but has continued to support the Cherry mission and attend WCSF events.

"I first became involved more than 20 years ago when I was asked to serve as an escort for finalists who were being interviewed by the selection committee," she said. "After doing that for several years, I was extended an invitation to join the Cherry board of directors. As a retiree of District 65, I have

continued to support the organization as a donor."

Ms. Cook was a teacher at Lincoln School for five years while Warren Cherry was principal. She admired his dynamic personality and his larger-than-life presence. "He was admired and loved by all and he created a school environment where both students and teachers could flourish. The school was a happy place and he fondly referred to it as the 'Lincoln Love Boat.' My time on the Lincoln Love Boat was one of the

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Denny Cummings



Frances Cook

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Sun, scores shine brightly

The Cherry Scholarship Fund continues its remarkable run of good weather for the 25th annual Golf Outing. This year's event was held June 25 at the Wilmette Golf Club, and once again participants enjoyed a fine, rain-free day. With a new record total of 110 golfers, we netted \$40,000 to advance our mission.



Michael Kamin, Allan Alson, Mark Miller, Seth Weinberg

Awards went to the following:

- Women's longest drive: Mary Daley
- Men's longest drive: David Porter
- Women's closest to the pin: Sheila Keitel
- Men's closest to the pin: Calib Donnell
- Longest putt: Jonathan T. Howard
- 1st place gross: Dan Calhoun, Casey Vaughan, Brian Theil, Elliot Thron
- 2nd place gross: Matias Orbea, Jon Hasnam, Matt Schroeder, Chip Schroeder
- 1st place net: Joe Krouse, Robert LaPata, Fred Gale, Cary Michael
- 2nd place net: Everett McKissic, Rich Foreman, John Johnson, Cliff Hurd
- Snake eyes: Jim McIntosh, Chris Rouch, Phil Zera, Dave Morrison



Hass Adamji, Mary Daley, Dave Berbach

Four-time Cherry scholar Anamaria Rosales addressed the attendees during dinner following the golf outing.



Jonathan Howard, Hillary Keitel, Sheila Keitel, Marty Heffner

As always, thanks to the members of the 2018 Golf Committee:

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First-place gross team Dan Calboun, Casey Vaughan, Brian Theil, Elliot Thron



Patricia Zelinski, Paula Zelinski



Ready for a fun day!



First-place net team members Joe Krouse, Fred Gale, Robert LaPata



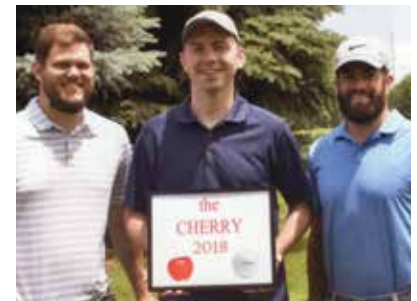
Robert Reece, Willie Miller



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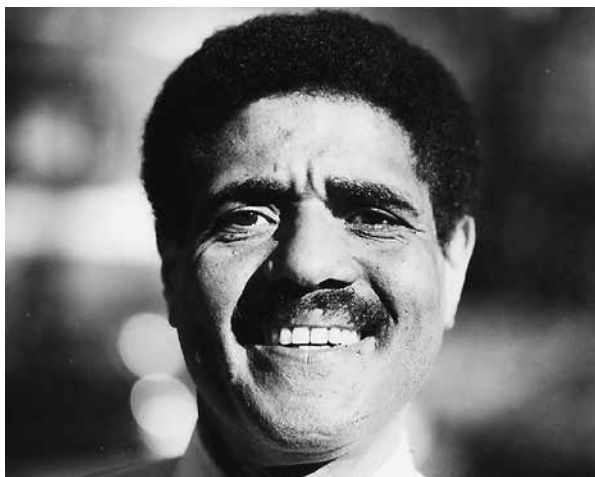
Scholars make Cherry proud

Janelle Bradley was a Cherry scholar in 2009. Since June 2017 she has been working at D.C. Prep Academy in Washington, D.C. She is the associate director of high school support for the school's alumni program, PREPNEXT.

Anamaria Rosales was a four-time Cherry scholar from 2014 to 2017. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2018. After doing her student teaching last winter at Lincolnwood School in Evanston she was hired by School District 65. She is now teaching first grade at Oakton School.

Olivia Yates was a Cherry scholar in 2010. With the help of the Cherry scholarship, she attended Bradley University, majoring in special education with an endorsement in elementary education. She is currently in her sixth year as a special education teacher at Duke Ellington School on the West Side of Chicago. After school she works at a local library, tutoring students who need homework help from a certified teacher. She said, "A couple of years ago I had an opportunity to invest in the area where I teach by buying a building that is 10 minutes away from my school. The Cherry scholarship helped me become successful in all ways of life and I will be forever grateful for it."

The mission of the Warren W. "Billy" Cherry Scholarship Fund, named in memory of a much-loved and respected Evanston educator, is to perpetuate his total acceptance of all people, his commitment to the highest standards of educational excellence, and his energetic dedication to enriching the children and institutions of Evanston. For more information, visit cherryscholarship.org.



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most richly rewarding experiences in my entire career as an educator."

Warren Cherry was Ms. Cook's mentor as well her principal. "I attribute much of my success as a principal to the guidance I received from Mr. Cherry and my other mentor, Steve Strauss, who was also a member of the Cherry board of directors," she said. "When Mr. Cherry personally told me his story about his time as a student in Evanston schools, I was totally dumbfounded. It seemed hard to believe that a person of his intelligence and abilities was not a stellar student with a long list of academic achievements.

"Realizing that there are many students in the Evanston community who have similar circumstances and experiences as his, I felt compelled to do whatever I could to help find and support these individuals so they too can find success in life. My reason for remaining an ardent supporter is pretty simple. I have found that throughout its existence, the Cherry organization has remained true to its mission and purpose. It has always looked for more and better ways to reach and support those individuals who may be deserving of help to reach their dreams. The results of their efforts have been very impressive because so many of the Cherry scholars are now experiencing success in their careers and giving back to the Evanston community."

Ms. Cook added, "By the way, I have one other reason for my continued support. I love Bob and Patty Reece. As Bob would say, 'they're good people' and it's really, really hard to say no to them!"

Dates to Remember

The Cherry Scholarship Fund is looking for scholars—students who may have struggled in high school, but who love kids and are dedicated to working with young people. Please help by encouraging deserving individuals from the Evanston community, particularly those who will graduate from Evanston Township High School in 2019, to apply for a Cherry Scholarship. Applications are available online at cherryscholarship.org. And please note that scholarships are now available for part-time and graduate students.

2018-2019 dates:

Applications available - Dec. 1, 2018
Application Deadline - March 15, 2019
Interviews - April 14, 2019
Award Dinner - April 28, 2019
Golf Tournament - June 24, 2019