

# A TRADITION IN EXCELLENCE

## Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

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### Fifth LEF Golf Outing an Annual Success

A hazy, humid, but luckily dry day greeted golfers to the Fifth Annual Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Golf Outing. The outing took place at Lake Michigan Hills GC in Benton Harbor and was not only fun but was financially successful.

A low score of 59 by two teams tied for first place, with the clubhouse playoff awarded to Ken Ankli, Terry Laurin, Ron Raade, and Pat Duensing. Second place went to Denny Kniola, Marty Tretheway, Gary Witkowski, Jr. and Gary Witkowski, Sr. Don Frank, Jim Sanford, Erik Hudak, and Mark Nate were right behind with a score of 60, good for third place. In fourth place with a score of 61 were Brad Berles, Tom Kirwin, Dave Sonnenberg, and Jim Weisel. The first place women's team with a score of 74 went to Ann Miller, Joy Bancroft, Marcia Bowman, and Melissa Kennedy. In second place for the women were Heidi Roberson, Rajean Alexander, Denise Brooks, and Terry Armstrong.

A number of special events enabled many players to take home an assortment of fine prizes, all donated by the community. Long drives were awarded to Peter Ward and Diane Radewald; closest to the pin were George Welch and Trisha Bly; and longest putt went to Dan Hanson.

Several major sponsors, including Entergy Palisades, KitchenAid, Indiana Michigan Power, Express-1, LeValley Buick, Whirlpool, Meredith & Kamp Realtors, Michigan Pizza Hut, Supreme Casting, Abonmarche Consultants, Gary & Karen Campbell, and SW Michigan Anesthesia Care supported the outing. There were many community sponsors as well, with hole sponsors and raffle donors as listed. The golf outing is the major fundraising event for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation and it would not be possible without the tremendous support of ALL of our players and sponsors. The LEF would like to thank everyone that contributed as your support enables us to continue to Reach Higher! (see full sponsor list on page 18)

### LEF Celebrates 10 Years

What a night it was! The full moon, soft glow of candlelight, and smooth jazz wafting from the Point O' Woods pool side set the stage for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's 10th anniversary kick-off party this past August. This was the first event of its kind—an event hosted by the Lakeshore Community for the Lakeshore Community—and it was a stellar success!

The LEF wishes to acknowledge with thanks all those who attended and all those who donated—your participation in the partnership in the pursuit of excellence is what makes the LEF thrive. The success of the evening was truly a cooperative effort, made even more profitable by generous donations from area businesses, by those who provided the Silent Auction Gift Baskets and by those who won them!

In our first 10 years the LEF has raised over half a million dollars that has been put to work in our schools and community. It is affirming and energizing to have such enthusiastic support from this community as we look forward to reaching even higher over the next 10 years—and beyond!

*Stepping Stones to Enrichment is a Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF) program created to provide financial assistance to Lakeshore students who want to REACH HIGHER and participate in programs that interest them. Awards are given out three times a year.*

We are pleased to announce our two award winners for June, 2007:



*Sydney Watkins* is currently in 8th grade and was invited to participate in a Girls Soccer Camp at the University of Notre Dame.



**Caitlin Dahmer** attended a music camp at Western Michigan University. She is a senior at Lakeshore High School.

LEF is accepting

applications for this year's scholarships. Applications are at each Lakeshore school building with the next deadline October 15, 2007. Please contact Terri Armstrong (428-1717) if you have any questions.

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### High School Landscaping Underway with LEF and Nature's Way

Staff, students, and visitors to Lakeshore High School have noticed several planting beds, new stone flower boxes, and a tiled patio around the flagpole at the front entrance. This extensive landscape project has been initiated by the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation in cooperation with Nature's Way. Keep watching as the "curb appeal" increases with plantings this fall!

### LEF New Members



**Dave Boelke** is a southwest Michigan native, graduating from Lakeshore High School in 1973. Dave went to Central Michigan University where he

majoring in Geography/Environmental Planning and minored in Conservation. Dave is the owner of the Boelke Heating and Air Conditioning, a family business established in 1963. Dave has served on many community boards, including the Lincoln Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Lincoln Township Fire Department, St. Joseph Catholic Parish Council, and Stevensville Village Council. Currently he is a member of the Lakeshore Rotary Club and also coaches a Southwestern Select Soccer Team. He and his wife Diane have two daughters, Emily and Randi, who attend Lake Michigan Catholic High School.



**Chad Deja**, a native of southwest Michigan, graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1992. He attended Michigan State University, graduating with a Bachelor's

degree in Accounting in 1996. Chad worked as an accountant for Plante & Moran in Benton Harbor before marrying his high school sweetheart Lori. Soon after, he joined his in-laws at their family business, Schultz Roofing Supply, where today he works as the General Manager. Chad is the President of the recently formed Lakeshore High School Alumni Association. Chad and Lori have two preschool-aged children, Wes and Audrey, and are proud to call Stevensville home.

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