

# GALESBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

## Fall Flashback

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### Two Groups Hold Fundraisers for the GPSF

We would like to thank two groups who very generously took it upon themselves to fundraise for the Foundation over the summer.

**GHS Class of 1981:** This thoughtful group of GHS alumni planned to hold a golf outing as part of their class reunion, and then they took it one step further and decided to make it a fundraiser for the GPSF. During their planning, the golf outing grew even bigger when the Class of 1981 added Budde's Pizza night and a post-golf-outing fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings, which included a bags tournament, a



Photo courtesy of Teresa Powell

50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. This group worked very hard and rallied support from all over the community. When the last bag was tossed, the final total of the fundraiser was \$3,679.00! Please see our Facebook page for a list of the community sponsors for this event. We are very grateful for their support!

**Ron Clark Academy Teachers:** This dedicated group of teachers used part of their summer to plan a "Let the Games Begin!" Fundraiser for the GPSF, to give back for our support of teachers and staff who attend the Ron Clark Academy each year. This event featured a DJ,



card and board games,

delicious food and desserts, a photo booth, a 50/50 raffle, prize drawings, and Pie-Face the Principal! By the end of the night, the RCA Teachers had raised \$337.00! (Photos courtesy of Kelly Poyner and Jean Ruebner)



### Margaret Clary Leaves a Legacy

We are grateful to recognize a very generous benefactor. Margaret Clary, who was a graduate of the GHS Class of 1939 and a long-time Galesburg resident, passed away in January of 2015. Through her will, she gifted many local non-profit organizations, including the GPSF, with a sizable donation. This endowment will help our Foundation as we continue to help our Galesburg students. Miss Clary will long be remembered with gratitude for her generosity and for her investment in the future of our Galesburg students.

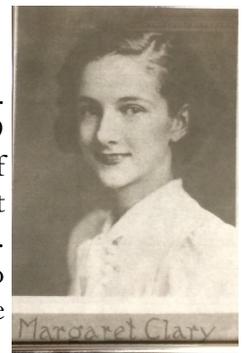


Photo courtesy of  
Lynn A. "Pudd" Nelson

## Your Donations at Work

Thanks to the generous support of our community, the GPSF has been able to fund the following requests this fall:

**TBRI:** Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is a program that trains teachers, caregivers, and anyone else who works with children who have experienced trauma in any form, including abuse, neglect, and poverty situations. Due to their challenging histories, these children have brains that are wired differently than their peers, and they often have a much harder time conforming to a traditional classroom setting. However, when the adults in their lives understand how to help, then learning is more consistent and classroom management is less challenging, so everyone benefits. Cindy Barshinger, a teacher at Bright Futures, and Melanie Kochersperger, a teacher at Gale Elementary, spent part of their summer and fall in TBRI training, and soon they will be offering training to other teachers and also members of the community.



Photo courtesy of Cindy Barshinger and Melanie Kochersperger

The following are quotes from Mrs. Barshinger and Mrs. Kochersperger:

**Mrs. Barshinger:** “We can’t thank you enough. When you know better, you can do better. I have already had the opportunity to share with colleagues and parents the information. My church is in the process of providing a listening room where people can access this information.”

**Mrs. Kochersperger:** “One of the most informative weeks of my entire life!! I left encouraged and hopeful that our children, teens, and even adults from hard places, can heal and become whole! I am so thankful to the GPSF for this opportunity! I am already using it in my classroom, and I am excited about the change I see already.”



**Nielson Family Reading Night:** In April, Nielson Elementary School will hold “Camp Read-a-Lot,” a school-wide event that encourages reading by offering various games, crafts, and activities, by spotlighting students who write for the Illinois Young Authors contest, and by giving a free book to each child who attends. The GPSF is very happy that we were able to fund this exciting event for the children at Nielson!

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## Memorial Donations



We would like to thank everyone who chose to make the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation the recipient of their friends’ and loved ones’ memorial donations. This year, memorial donations were made in the names of:

Ann Rhykerd Asplund (GHS 1949)  
Liz Dechow  
Richard E. “Dick” Johnson  
William J. “Bill” Keith  
Dr. Jeffrey E. Melhus

Dwayne I. Morrison  
Clare Tegarden  
Dorothy E. Varner (GHS 1949)  
Francis L. Zeches

These monies are used to help our students in many different ways. Our deepest condolences are extended to the family members and friends for their loss, and we greatly appreciate their thoughtful consideration of the Foundation in honoring the memory of their loved ones.

## Coming Soon: Exclusive Saver Fundraiser!



In early March, we will hold our annual discount card fundraiser. This year's card will be created by Exclusive Saver, located in the Quad Cities. CUSD #205 students will be selling cards for \$20.00 each. These cards will include discounts from a wide variety of businesses in and around Galesburg.

Last year, we were able to give the schools, PTOs, and Key Club a combined total of almost \$16,000.00 after the sale of our discount cards. We are hoping to give them even more this year! Keep on the lookout for fliers with the Exclusive Saver logo displayed at local businesses that will be part of our Exclusive Saver card!

### How You Can Help

With the many recent budget cuts throughout our state and district, the GPSF is receiving more requests for funding than usual. There are many ways that you can help the Foundation to help our schools:

- ◆ Support our fundraisers, like the Exclusive Saver discount cards in March.
- ◆ Volunteer your time to help with GPSF projects and fundraisers.
- ◆ Clip the bottom of this page, and return it with a donation in the enclosed envelope.
- ◆ Honor a loved one with a memorial donation.
- ◆ Consider creating a legacy with the Galesburg Public Schools Foundation (see enclosed insert).



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### Help us Help our Students Succeed!



**Yes, I want to support the GPSF's innovative educational opportunities for all District 205 students.**

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**Thank you to our Elite Educators!**



Elite Educators (formerly Quacker Backers) are businesses and individuals who have pledged \$500.00 or more to the GPSF. These donations, as well as other contributions we receive, allow us to help schools to do more for our Galesburg students than their current budget allows.

We are proud to recognize our 2016 Elite Educators!

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