

ALUMNI FOUNDATION ADDS TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At its June 24 Annual Meeting, the Alumni Foundation Board of Directors elected two of its interim members – Dina Marcoccia and Pam Narsisian – to fill two-year terms. Interim positions occur when a ‘permanent’ member leaves the board. In such cases, an individual is (or individuals are) selected to serve in an interim capacity until voted to a full two-year term at the next ERAF Annual Meeting.

Dina grew up in East Rochester and graduated from ERHS in 1986. In ’98 she moved to Alabama, where she was an administrative assistant at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dina returned to ER last year and is employed as a secretary at the University of Rochester. In her spare time, Ms. Marcoccia enjoys playing kickball, traveling, gym time, visiting with friends, and spending time with her mom and faithful pooch, Maddie. During the time Dina has served with us on an interim basis, she has begun work on an ERAF orientation document, which will be used to help new board members get comfortable with foundation policies, guidelines, procedures, and goals.

Pam Narsisian is a Brighton native who graduated from high school in 1967, then studied legal secretarial science at MCC. Pam is married to Tom Narsisian (ER Class of ’67) and has lived in ER for 42 years. Pam and Tom are the proud parents of Scott (’91) and Jodi (’93). After working in the International Patent Department at Kodak, Mrs. Narsisian joined the ER School District as a teacher’s aide in 1981. In ’94 she became a teacher assistant in the Middle School computer lab, a position she held until retiring in June of last year. Many students will recall Pam chaperoned numerous eighth-grade Washington, D.C. trips during her years at ER. She enjoys golfing, gardening, reading, traveling, taking care of her first grandson (born in 2012), and spending time with her family at Conesus Lake. Pam has had active roles in the ER PTA, ER Cares, and the Civil Service Employees Association, and remains involved in her family’s business, Narham Construction. The ER Alumni Foundation quickly volunteered Pam to manage its Website and guide us in our acclamation to other evolving technologies.

For a complete list of ERAF board members and to learn more about what we do, please visit our Website at www.erschools.org/alumni.cfm.
– Carl Tobin

Save the date! Third-annual East Rochester Christmas Festival – Saturday, Dec. 14
(formerly known as Christmas ’Round the World) *Much more info to come as the date approaches!*

CELEBRATING OUR NEWEST ALUMNI

At the conclusion of graduation rehearsal on June 21, the members of the Class of 2013 were welcomed to the ranks of alumni. Katie Connors DeVito and Anita Mance (Alumni Foundation Board members) distributed brown and white ER mugs as gifts to the graduates.

Addressing the Class of ’13, Miss Mance said, ‘Many people have given of themselves to support you along the way. As you look back to your time in our school, please know you are part of our ER family, and even though you graduate, you remain part of us. In the future, perhaps you’ll find a way to give back to our ER community.’ Since 2007, the Alumni Foundation has been able to award more than 80 grants to help our school and students in many ways. During the 2012-13 year, 18 grants were awarded, including funds:

- to purchase clothing for My Friend’s Closet;
- for the district-wide Junior Achievement program;
- for scholarships for students in financial need to attend the Fun in the Sun summer program;
- for the eighth-graders to see ‘And Then They Came for Me’ (a play about Anne Frank) at Nazareth College and the sophomore class to attend ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ at Geva;
- to support the SAT prep course;
- to purchase supplies and equipment for the high school’s Science Olympiad team; and
- for t-shirts for the sixth-grade door monitors.

– Anita M. Mance, Grants Chairperson



~ ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS ~

Ann Ross Chaintreuil, ERHS '65

Ann Ross Chaintreuil, a 1965 graduate of ERHS, is among the most outstanding female architects in the United States. After graduating from Syracuse University and studying abroad, Ann joined the firm of Macon & Cunningham in the '70s and settled back home in Rochester. She was one of only two female architects in the area at that time. Soon the firm became Macon & Chaintreuil, and she is now the principal architect at Chaintreuil, Jensen, & Stark Architects, which has offices in Rochester and Florida.



At the beginning of seventh grade, Ann moved to ER from a large neighboring school district, and in her own words, 'blossomed.' She found ER offered her so many more opportunities to develop one's interests and talents than a larger school. The community was a perfect size in which to grow up, and the district was one in which you felt like an individual, not just another student. Ann also remembers so many teachers who contributed to her success. Mrs. Barrett, Miss Neidig, Miss Beardsley, and Mr. Montcrieff are just a few from the areas of English, math, art, and industrial arts who mentored her throughout high school.

Over the years Ann has earned a multitude of honors and recognitions for her contributions to architecture. A few years ago she received a most distinctive award when she was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects for her contributions to architecture and planning. She has served her community on the boards of directors of the Rochester Museum & Science Center, the Strasenburgh Planetarium, Cumming Nature Center, St. Joseph's Villa, and the Fairport Urban Renewal Agency; currently she serves on the National Architectural Accreditation Board. Over the years Ann has also been on the faculty at RIT and lectured at Syracuse, Cornell, and the University of Virginia. The renovation of the Eastman Theatre several years ago is one of her proudest achievements, along with so many others in Rochester, including Strong's National Museum of Play.

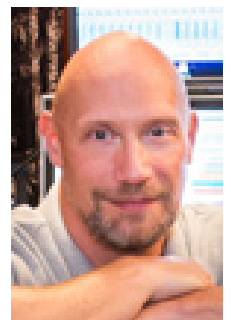
Ann remembers her years in ER with pride. She recommends to young people today to take full advantage of all the opportunities available in high school, choose good values, and follow your heart.

– Marilyn Lopez

As we began to look at ER alumni to spotlight in the next several issues of the newsletter, we were amazed at the number of alumni who have been extremely successful in the field of music. With this in mind, we decided to focus on those talented graduates who have gone on to careers in music. While we know we will never be able to highlight all of them, we'd like to begin with Casey Filiaci, and continue in the issues to follow.

Casey Filiaci, ERHS '74

Well-known in ER as the co-producer of 'Sing-Out' each year, Casey has been a lifelong star in the music world. He began playing piano at age 3, and played his first professional gig at 12. After earning a bachelor's degree in composition from Berklee College of Music in '78, Casey immediately began his professional life. As a jazz pianist, cruise ship music director, Atlantic Records recording artist, and composer/arranger for many themes commonly heard on TV and radio, his career has included many facets of the music industry. Twice nominated for Emmy awards for his music productions for HBO, his name can be found in the credits of premier productions across the media spectrum, including NBC, HBO, Disney, the Golf Channel, the Baseball Hall of Fame, the NHL Channel, independent films, and numerous TV and radio jingles. Casey has also earned several Silver Mic and Telly awards for his commercial work.



Recently he expanded his talents into musical theater as the composer and music director of three new musicals already boasting productions in New York City, Atlanta, and Rochester. The newest, 'Moses Man,' finished a very successful run at the JCC in April. He has also served as musical director for many professional theater productions in Rochester, including 'Annie' and 'Seussical.'

Casey and his wife, Nancy, live in Pittsford with their three talented children – Casey Mae, Gino, and Frankie.

With more than 30 years experience in the field of music, Casey Filiaci stands out as a widely respected and true professional. We are proud to claim him as an ER alumnus. More information about Casey can be found on his Website: www.caseyfiliaci.com.

– Helen Tortorici