



**2013 SAM URZETTA CLASSIC
RAISES MORE THAN \$15,000!**

This year's tournament was held at Lima Country Club on Friday, Aug. 2. More than 200 golfers participated, thus enabling the Alumni Foundation to raise over \$15,000 to underwrite education-oriented grants for the benefit of East Rochester students. Our success was further ensured by the generous support of more than 150 individuals and businesses who donated cash, gifts, and prizes totaling over \$16,000.

The winning foursome on the Island Oaks course was captained by **Joe Ross** (Class of 1952). His fellow players were **Gordon Lamb**, **John Ross**, and **Joe**

Santucci. The captain of the winning Charleston Pines team was, once again, **Joey Quinzi** (Class of '11). Playing with Joey were **Dale Landl**, **Ken Persson**, and **John Quinzi**. 'Proficiency awards' (such as most-accurate drives and closest to the pin) went to **Jean Berry**, **Sally Cascini**, **Jack Conners**, **Gary DiFlorio**, **Mark Eshleman**, **Tom Evans**, **Tony Mencucci**, **John Quinzi**, **Joe Ross**, and **Pat Walsh**. Collecting \$100 each for being closest to the pin on the two 'Mulligan Holes' were **Ken Persson** and **Ben Tobin**.

During the awards luncheon, the Foundation's 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to the **Hon. Victoria Argento** – a 1980 ER graduate, village resident, longtime supporter of our community, and sitting Monroe County Court Judge. In receiving this award, Judge Argento joined a prestigious group of other ER alumni who have been so honored. Previous recipients are **Nick Verzella** ('44), **Sam Urzetta** ('44), **Larry Weise** ('54), **Brig. Gen. Richard McPhee** ('74), and **Rear Adm. Donald Quinn** ('75).



*the Hon.
Victoria Argento*

Mark your calendar! Next year's tournament is planned for Friday, Aug. 1, again at Lima Country Club. Participating teams must include at least one ER alumnus, resident, or business person, a current or former employee of the ER School District, or a tournament sponsor.

– *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!*

~ MEMORIALS and OBITUARIES ~

Included within the Alumni Foundation's Website is a page entitled 'Memorials and Obituaries.' This page serves several purposes. It contains class member lists from 1910 to the present, identifies East Rochester alumni and friends who have passed away, and provides an opportunity for us to acknowledge individuals who have made donations to the Foundation in memory of one or more of the listed decedents.

While we receive notice of the deaths of alumni and other friends of ER via published obituaries, some do not appear in local papers and some do not appear in a timely fashion. If you become aware that an ER alum has passed away, please make us aware of that fact by notifying Jim Burlingame at jimburlingame@rochester.rr.com. In this section, Jim provides the names of all graduates (by year of graduation) and, when known, indicates which of the individuals have passed away. Because lists of this type are nearly impossible to maintain without external input, we always encourage and appreciate receiving any and all updates about deceased alumni. If you are able to help, please let Jim know the name (and, if possible, year of graduation) of anyone who should be included.

Finally, if a circumstance arises where you're searching for a charity to whom you can make, or request, a memorial donation, please keep us in mind. Memorial donations are an important source of revenue for the Foundation and a meaningful way to honor and remember a family member or former classmate. Memorial donations should be directed to the ER Alumni Foundation Inc. at 222 Woodbine Ave., East Rochester 14445. We will confirm your donation and advise the family of your memorial gift.

To view our 'Obituaries and Memorials' page please go to www.erschools.org/alumni.cfm. In the 'Alumni' column click on 'Memorials and Obituaries.'

~ ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS ~

David Cook, ERHS '84, has Big Heart, Deadly Aim

Forty-six-year-old David Cook grew up in East Rochester and graduated in 1984. In order to work year 'round in the golf industry, he moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 1990. Five years later David and his wife, Susana, formed a high-quality, environmentally friendly painting and remodeling service, which they named Lowcountry Finishes. Dave credits his dad, David (class of '57), with starting him down the contracting road by placing a paint roller in his hand for the first time in 1969. He credits his love of competitive golf to his dad and grandfather, Russ Catizone.

Since all work and no play doesn't make sense in a place like Hilton Head Island, especially for a nephew of Sam Urzetta, Dave has always found time to play a bit of golf. He played competitively in PGA Chapter events and finished in the top 10 in one event, and top 30 in the PGA South Carolina Open in the early '90s. He also has three holes-in-one to his credit. His third came this past August, while playing in the Hilton Head Island Celebrity Golf Tournament at Wexford Plantation. Dave struck a perfect 6-iron tee shot which traveled 174 yards, landed two feet in front of the flag, then disappeared from view.

A great shot, a great day under the sun... but even better, this day there was an unbelievable prize being offered for a hole-in-one on the 13th hole. That prize was the use of a 2014 BMW 535 for two years. When Hilton Head BMW general manager Michael Coleman presented Dave with the keys to his BMW, Dave turned them down and asked that the car's lease payments be made to the tournament's charitable causes instead. The estimated value of a two-year BMW 535 lease is \$20,000 to \$30,000. After the tournament, David said, 'That's how I was raised – to give back to the community. There was no delay. I immediately felt that's what I needed to do. My daughter went to the Providence Children's Daycare Center, a beneficiary of the event, and this was my chance to pay it forward.'

David learned his commitment to community at an early age, as he helped raise funds for the lights on the ER



David Cook (left) is awarded – but declines – the keys to a new BMW.

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As we began to look at ER alumni to spotlight, we were amazed at the number 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. Please feel free to write to eralumnispotlight@gmail.com if you have any suggestions! While we know we'll never be able to highlight all of them, we'd like to feature Laurie Heimes in this edition, and continue in the issues to follow.

Laurie Heimes, ERHS '86

Praised for her 'sparkle and humor, radiance and magnetism' and hailed for 'a voice equally velvety up and down the registers,' soprano Laurie Heimes is widely regarded as an artist of great versatility, with a repertoire ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century. She has collaborated with many of the leading figures in early music, including Andrew Lawrence King, Julianne Baird, Tempeste di Mare, The King's Noyse, Paul O'Dette, Chatham Baroque, Apollo's Fire, Voices of Music, Pegasus, New York State Baroque, Brandywine Baroque, and Piffaro: The Renaissance Band, a group with whom she has toured the United States. Laurie has been heard at the Miami, Boston, Connecticut, and Indianapolis Early Music Festivals, the Oregon and Philadelphia Bach Festivals under the baton of Helmuth Rilling, and the Carmel Bach Festival under Bruno Weil and Paul Goodwin, and in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil, in concerts of Bach and Handel. With the Philadelphia Orchestra, she appeared as Mrs. Nordstrom in Stephen Sondheim's 'A Little Night Music.' December 2003 marked her Carnegie Hall debut (in Handel's 'Messiah' with the Masterwork Chorus), and in December 2011 she appeared in an acclaimed stage production of the same work with the Pittsburgh Symphony, under Maestro Honeck.



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football field. In high school he earned the Ideal Teammate award for varsity golf. In South Carolina, David continuously supports his community by volunteering for the Island Recreation Association, selling concessions at festival events, and providing his professional services to repair, build, and paint concession booths. He donates extra paint and building materials as part of the low-key 'Paint It Forward' program he started two years ago. He is also a 'Key Sponsor' of the Alumni Foundation's Sam Urzetta Alumni Classic.

Sincere, enthusiastic thanks to David and Rosemary Cook for raising such a kind, generous son and for teaching him the importance of giving back to the community. It appears that a painting apprenticeship at 3 and golf lessons at 6 clearly helped as well. 'You done good,' David and Rosemary!

– Carl Tobin

Laurie's most recent recordings include 'On the Just Treatment of Licentious Men' (modern art songs by Peter Flint); 'Cantatas Françoises' (music of Jacquet de la Guerre and Clérambault); 'Handel Duets and Trios'; 'Oh! the Sweet Delights of Love: the songs of Purcell with Brandywine Baroque'; 'The Lass with the Delicate Air: English Songs from the London Pleasure Gardens'; 'The Jane Austen Songbook' and 'Caldara's Il Giuoco del Quadriglio' with Julianne Baird; and 'The Queen's Chamber Band,' conducted by Stephen Altop.

A native of Rochester, Laurie earned a Bachelors degree from SUNY Geneseo and Masters of Music degrees in Choral Conducting and Voice Performance from Temple University. She has recorded for Dorian, Pro Gloria Musicae, Plectra Music, Sonabilis, Albany, Avian, and Zefiro records.

In speaking with Laurie, it is evident she is humble with her many accomplishments, and she is most proud of her role as 'Mom.' Laurie is married to another ER graduate, Doug Conners '78. More information about Laurie can be found on her Website, www.lauraheimes.com.

– Helen Tortorici

~ IN MEMORIAM: BERYL PUNT ~

This past August, the East Rochester community lost an incredible educator, Beryl Baldwin Punt. Beryl touched the lives of so many children (as well as adults) with her dedication and commitment to teaching. Her love of nature, creativity, and excitement of learning new things helped to develop the minds of all children who were fortunate to grow within her classroom.

Beryl began her career teaching art to young people at Rochester's Memorial Art Gallery, and in 1971 began a 22-year career as an ER kindergarten and first-grade teacher. After retiring, Beryl started 'Moments with Muzzie' – her own little Pre-K classroom in her home, at the end of Lincoln Mills Road. For the next 15 years she continued to help children gain a confidence in learning, and help them realize that each and every student was an important human being. In her eyes, every child was special. Her goal was always to help each child she taught realize his or her unique potential.



Linda Marino, retired East Rochester teacher and principal, referred to Mrs. Punt as 'our magical Pinocchio.' Each year in her classroom, children made paper mâché Pinocchio puppets. Students placed their puppets on pop bottles as they painted and pasted felt to their own version of this iconic story character. Without a doubt, there is a Pinocchio on a shelf or stored away in many children's keepsake boxes.

Another retired ER educator, Anita Mance, not only taught with Mrs. Punt, but had her as an art teacher and did student teaching under her guidance. Miss Mance likes to refer to Rachel Carson's book *The Sense of Wonder* when thinking of Beryl and her influence on the children she taught. "A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement. If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder without any such gift from fairies, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." That was our Mrs. Punt!

A memorial service was held at the Memorial Art Gallery on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013. All who attended were moved by the thoughts and memories shared by students, friends, and family. Beryl Punt will long be remembered not only for her teaching, but for her compassion toward all living things.

– Marilyn Lopez