

 2012-2013
ANNUAL REPORT



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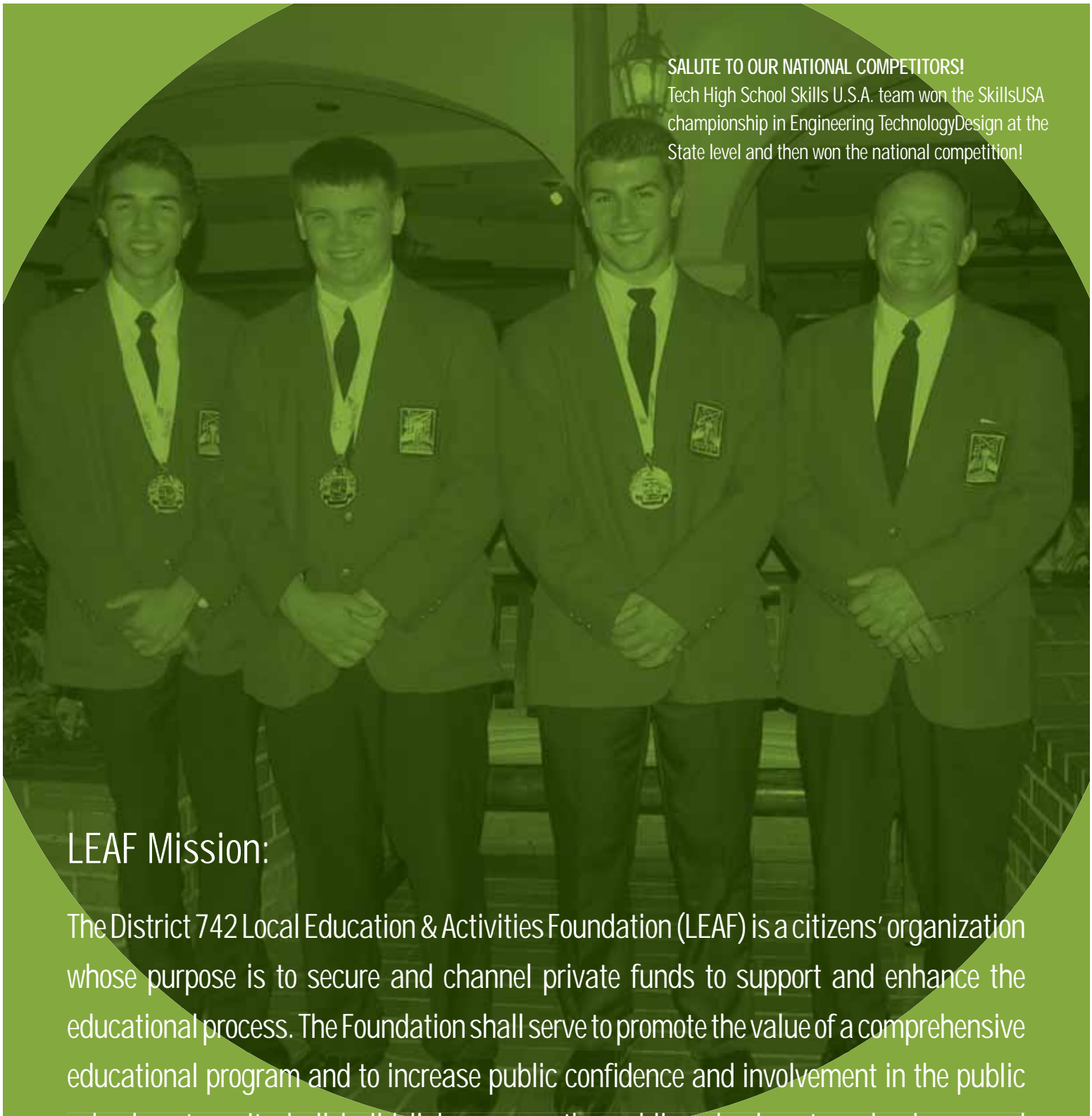


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LEAF Mission:

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) is a citizens' organization whose purpose is to secure and channel private funds to support and enhance the educational process. The Foundation shall serve to promote the value of a comprehensive educational program and to increase public confidence and involvement in the public school system. It shall build links among the public school system, business and industry, government, civic organizations, and the public.



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Friends of the Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF)

Following banner years for fundraising and granting in 2010 and 2011, the board began last year by updating our strategic priorities to help ensure that our enthusiasm and efforts were still meeting our mission while expanding efforts. We set two strategic priorities: to increase net endowment contributions by an average of \$100,000 a year for the next three years, and to increase the granting impact we had on the community by 10% for each of those years. We were satisfied with our results this past year, adding nearly \$100,000 in new contributions to our endowment; we increased granting impact by 12% to over \$115,000 granted for the students of District 742 who participated in academics and activities this past year.

Having these focused priorities has been helpful as we have many programs and events over the course of the year. We start with our annual LEAF Kickoff luncheon in August and hold an appreciation event late in the year to honor volunteers who have helped us over the years. February brings the annual Night of the Stars to the paramount, and each fall we raise money for our Adopt A Classroom program. We conclude our major events with the Learning Renaissance fundraiser, held for our fast growing Academic Enrichment Fund. These don't constitute all of our efforts – but they are significant.

None of this could be possible without our generous contributors, supporters and volunteers. Each year more individuals recognize the need to support the students of District 742 and academics and activities to help them become successful citizens of our community and our world. We would like to thank all of you that have contributed to our success. Working together we are confident we can increase our impact and help even more students.



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1,000,000 REASONS TO GIVE NOW

LEAF is on the verge of reaching the \$1,000,000 milestone that will help us reach even more students.

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR
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LEAF REACH \$1,000,000
TO GIVE A \$1,000,000!**



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Annual Appreciation and Recognition Awards Reception and High School Musical

On Saturday, November 17, 2012 The Board of Directors welcomed honored guests and LEAF supporters to the ninth annual awards reception. This event seeks to publically recognize service and thank donors and volunteers. The venue was Tech High School where, following the reception, guests were treated to the Musical, *Little Women*, by the Tech Drama Department. This continues the tradition of alternating between the two district high schools, where students and staff enthusiastically host and showcase their creative talents.

2012 Award Recipients

Life-Time Service:

Don Watkins

Volunteer Service:

Wayne Schluchter

Charitable Giving:

Mark & Angie Benson

Bernick's Beverages & Bernick's Family Foundation

Coaching/Advising Excellence:

Cynthia Kaercher and Karmin Schraw

Instructional Excellence:

Mark Weimer, St. Cloud Robotics Program

Jennifer Doom, Tech HOSA Program

William Garceau, Tech Skills USA Program

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Night of The Stars

The 2013 Night of the Stars variety show opened on February 22 at the St. Cloud Paramount Theatre. Thanks to the supporters, volunteers and audience, over 125 students had the great experience of performing to a sold-out crowd on Friday night and large crowds for 2 performances on Saturday. The student acts delighted the crowds and helped earn nearly \$12,000 for the District 742 activities program and the LEAF activities endowment. The Night of the Stars is one of the highlights of the school year!

2012 Night of the Stars Sponsors:

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Annual Kick-off Luncheon

The sixth annual Fall Kick-off Luncheon was held on August 13, 2013 at the Holiday Inn. Many Apollo and Tech Seniors gathered with area business sponsors to celebrate the beginning of the school year. This year's guest speaker was St. Cloud's Fire Chief Bill Mund, a graduate of Apollo High School. Other speakers included the Superintendent of St. Cloud Schools Willie Jett, St. Cloud Mayor Dave Kleis, LEAF Vice President Rolf Jacobson, and LEAF Executive Director Bruce Hentges. LEAF Board member and former Apollo Principal Pat Mullen was the emcee. Others in attendance included mayors Tim Goenner of Clear Lake and Bob Kroll of St. Augusta as well as St. Cloud's new Police Chief, Blair Anderson.

2012 Annual Kick-Off Luncheon Sponsors:

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Learning Renaissance Academic Fundraiser

On October 13, 2013 LEAF raised over \$15,000 at the third annual food, wine and art experience supporting the LEAF Academic Endowment held at Café Renaissance in Waite Park. In addition to enjoying food and wine, guests had an opportunity to bid on a variety of items during a live auction and to support specific academic programming during the Fund-A-Need auction. And because of a generous matching donor, \$20,000 was raised from our Fund-A-Need auction, with nearly \$16,000 going to support the following programs:

- 1) PAKRAT/One District, One Book,
- 2) 9th Graders & The Community Read: To Kill a Mocking Bird Production transportation/tickets
- 3) Granite City Gearheads Robotics Team competition and supplies.

A Learning Renaissance Sponsors:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013

Income:

Public Support	
<i>Contributions</i>	\$156,296
Earned Income	
<i>Special events, net of expenses</i>	\$55,921
Investment Income	
<i>Investment Activity</i>	\$112,425
Total	\$324,642

Expenses:

Program Services	
<i>Grants to District</i>	\$159,422
Supporting Services	
<i>Fundraising</i>	\$26,662
<i>Management & General</i>	\$17,459
Total	\$203,543

Change in Net Assets	\$121,099
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	\$736,171
Net Assets – End of Year	\$857,270

2012-2013 CYCLE I ACTIVITIES GRANTS – FALL 2012

School	Project	Grant Amount
Apollo	Camera for Year Book	\$750
Apollo	IPAD App for Golf	\$50
Apollo	Re-institute Bacchanal	\$700
Apollo	New B. Hockey Jerseys	\$1,000
Apollo	Girls Basketball supplies	\$500
Apollo/Tech	Timing Device for Cross-Country	\$825
Apollo/Tech	St. Cloud Robotics Club supplies	\$1,000
District-Wide	Financial support for impoverished Students to participate in activities	\$1,000
North Jr. High	Art Club supplies, scholarships	\$500
North Jr. High	Service Learning Day	\$2,000
Tech High School	New B. Hockey Jerseys	\$1,000
Tech High School	Update Wellness Center	\$1,500
Tech High School	Speech Team supplies, coaches	\$1,000
Tech High School	B & G Golf Team bags & uniforms	\$3,000
Tech High School	Chamber Orchestra: music, tuner, etc	\$500
Tech High School	New Soccer Uniforms	\$2,000
Tech High School	Students to WEDAY Manitoba	\$593
Tech High School	HOSA student events & supplies	\$1,000
Tech High School	Tech Drama Grant	\$2,000
		Total Grants \$20,918
		Cumulative: \$311,032

FUND-A-NEED GRANTS – FALL 2012

Apollo	Classroom Response Remotes	\$400
Apollo	Books for EL student Mentoring	\$500
Clearview	Amity Cultural Exchange Program	\$3,000
Clearview	Ipods for Daily 5 Literacy activities	\$1,000
Lincoln	Technology (SmartBoards) to reduce Achievement Gap	\$2,000
Madison	Ipod Touches for Kindergarten math/reading Interventions	\$875
Talahi	Math Interventions	\$250
Talahi	Junior Achievement BizTown Participation	\$1,580
Talahi	Reading Intervention Program	\$2,835
Talahi	SmartBoard for EI JumpStart Program	\$1,300
		Total Grants \$13,740
		Cumulative: \$324,772

2012-13 CYCLE II ACTIVITIES GRANTS – SPRING 2013

School	Project	Grant Amount
ALC McKinley	ALC Youth Service Project at VA Hospital	\$1,500
ALC McKinley	MAAP Stars Competition	\$1,500
Apollo	Motivational Speaker for Softball	\$150
Apollo	Digital Media Design Group Start up	\$750
District-Wide	Robotics Team funding for supplies/competition	\$2,000
District-Wide	MN Opera Performance Transportation for 6th graders	\$750
North Junior High	Service Learning Project	\$500
North	Student transportation to MNSOTA Orchestra Festival	\$500
Tech	Skills USA State/National competition	\$500
Tech	Rental for a Baby Grand Piano for Senior Project	\$323
Tech	Activities Program Designated Funds	\$1,352
Tech	Football Program Designated Funds	\$1,455
		Total Grants \$11,280
		Cumulative: \$343,702

2012-13 CYCLE II ACADEMIC GRANTS – SPRING 2013

City Life	Participate in Benton County Fair Exhibition	\$240
District-Wide	Kits for theme-based learning for Deaf/Blind students	\$500
Kennedy	Purchase "Who Was" series	\$416
Madison	Kindergarten multicultural supplies	\$400
Oak Hill	Chromebooks for English Language Arts Standards	\$1,494
District-Wide	Instructional materials for preschool handwriting & math	\$600
Talahi	Create a Reading Garden in library courtyard at Talahi	\$400
Talahi	PAKRAT book bins & supplies	\$200
Talahi	Tier 2 & Tier 3 Reading Intervention Program at Talahi	\$1,500
Talahi	Curriculum materials for Leveled Literacy Intervention	\$900
Westwood	Chromebooks for Classroom	\$1,000
		Total Grants \$7,650
		Cumulative: \$332,422

2012-13 CONTINGENCY GRANTS

Tech	Speech Team to Harvard	\$500
Apollo	Anatomy Classes to Science Museum	\$500
District-Wide	Robotics to National Competition	\$500
North	FPS to National Competition	\$500
Tech	SkillsUSA Team to Nationals	\$500
		Total Grants \$2,500

2012-2013 LEAF GRANTS

For the 2012-13 school year, LEAF granted a record total of \$115,307 to the P-12 academic, activities, arts and athletic programs in District 742! The grants were made through its twice-yearly grant cycles (listed here), ticket surcharge return and *Night of the Stars* ticket sales grants. In addition, with the help of a grant from the Morgan Family Foundation, LEAF has given \$27,914 to support the District 742 PAKRAT child literacy and parent involvement program. The total grants represent better than a 10% increase over the previous academic year grant total.

GRANT BREAKDOWN FOR 2012-2013

Fall Activities	\$20,918
Fall Academic Fund-A-Need	\$13,790
Spring Activities	\$11,280
Spring Academic	\$7,650
Adopt a Classroom	\$15,000
<i>Night of the Stars</i> Ticket Rebate	\$5,599
District Ticket Rebate	\$10,656
PAKRAT Program	\$27,914
Contingency	\$2,500
Total	\$115,307



LEAF Legacy Giving

LEAF Legacy recognition goes to those individuals who have made a provision for a future gift to LEAF in support of education in District 742, through their will, trust, retirement or life insurance plan or a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. Planned gifts can be arranged by contacting LEAF's Executive Director.

LEAF Welcomes Two Members of the LEAF Legacy Society:

George & Shirley Torrey
Linda Prescott

Make a Million-Dollar Difference in the Lives of 9,700 students!

As of the end of fiscal year 2013 year (August 31, 2013) the total LEAF endowed funds invested with the Central Minnesota Community Foundation totaled \$846, 334! As our endowment grows so will our ability to support academic, activities, arts and athletics in District 742. Make a difference in the lives of 9,700 students and help us reach the \$1 million level this year by giving generously LEAF! You can make a contribution at leaf742.org or by contacting LEAF at 320-253-5780.



Major Gift Support and Named Funds

Major gifts from generous donors provide a solid foundation for the success of LEAF. Join other community members who support our youth. Gifts of \$25,000 or more (given over a period of up to 5 years) allow donors to set up a named fund within LEAF that can be directed to benefit a specific activity or educational program, or be given in the donor's name to a program/activity chosen through the LEAF grant process.

CURRENT LEAF NAMED FUNDS:

LEAF Tech Athletics Fund
LEAF Tech Football Fund

LEAF Receives Two Notable Awards

At the annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner on Sunday, January 20, 2013, LEAF was given the 2013 NAACP Service Award in recognition of the Foundation's efforts in raising funds to support student activities and academic enrichment opportunities for all students of District 742. On May 7, LEAF was also proud to accept the District 742 Partners in Education Award for "significant contributions to public education and student success in our community". The LEAF Board of Directors was proud to accept both recognitions on behalf of all citizens who have contributed to the LEAF Mission!

Adopt A Classroom 2013

This is the third year of LEAF's effort to connect local businesses and individuals with specific classroom through the Adopt-A-Classroom project. The purpose of the Adopt-A-Classroom project is to help provide needed supplies that teachers and families usually have to purchase on their own. Businesses or individuals can "adopt" a classroom by making a \$250 contribution for the needed supplies. Thanks to our donors, \$12,000 was contributed and 48 classrooms were provided with financial assistance to purchase needed supplies at the time of this printing. *See our Adopt A Classroom contributors at www.leaf742.org/adopt-a-classroom*



PAKRAT Making Great Strides!

Over the last two academic years LEAF has been awarded grants from the Bernick's Family Foundation (\$20,000), the Morgan Family Foundation (\$27,914), and has contributed several thousand dollars from our academic fund in support of the unique child literacy and parent involvement program called PAKRAT. With the help of the Morgan Family grant, in 2012-13 the program was expanded to include the District 742 preschool students.

Last spring, a survey of parents, teachers, and most importantly students, was conducted to determine how the program is perceived. A total of 87.9% of the District K-3 students participated in three rotations of PAKRAT during the current school year. The number of students participating grew to 2,986 in the third rotation. These students read 83,758 quality books with their parents or other family members! 1,238 parents returned surveys about the PAKRAT Program.

A brief overview of the survey results follows.

Parent Surveys

- 94% of those parents indicated they read PAKRAT books with their children 2-4 nights per week. (The program is designed for a maximum of 4 nights per week).
- 78% of parents reported that involvement in the PAKRAT reading program has made their child a better reader.
- 98% of parents said they wanted the PAKRAT program to continue.
- 86% of parents said that the PAKRAT program increased their reading involvement with their child.

Teacher Surveys

- 100% of K-3 teachers reported that their class participated in the PAKRAT program.
- 77% of K-3 teachers participated 3-4 nights per week.
- 99% of teachers reported that the PAKRAT program has benefited the literacy development in their students.
- 98% of teachers reported that the PAKRAT program was effective in building literacy connections between home and school.
- 96% of teachers want to see the PAKRAT program continue

Student Surveys

- 2,379 students responded to the survey.
- 85% reported that they liked the PAKRAT reading program.
- 87% of students reported that reading PAKRAT books has made them a better reader.
- 71% of students reported that they and their family read more together because of PAKRAT.



LEAF Supports District 742 Student Participation In National Competitions!

The 2012-13 school year was a great one for several District 742 competitive teams that were recipients of LEAF grants.

- The Tech Speech Team traveled to Harvard for the National Forensics League competition.
- The North Junior High Future Problem Solving team was crowned state champions at the State FPS Bowl in Forest Lake, MN! They were then invited to the International FPSPI Competition in Bloomington, Indiana, from June 5-10, 2013.
- The District 742 Robotics Team won the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics competition and then advanced to the F.I.R.S.T. Championship in St. Louis, Missouri!
- Finally, the Tech High School Skills U.S.A. team won the SkillsUSA championship in Engineering Technology Design at the State level and then won the national competition in Kansas City June 24-28, 2013. The team invented the Drill and Pop, a device that clears a slug from a hole saw. There were 28 other Engineering State Champion teams in this category, making the accomplishment by the Tech team all the more remarkable. It was also the second year in a row that a team from Tech High School won the national competition for SkillsUSA! Last year's team was invited to the White House and got to meet the President!

Each of these teams received financial support from LEAF as they pursued excellence in their activity. Congrats to team members and coaches/advisors of these great teams. We are proud to support you and your team!



Retired Educators Still Support Education

In 2012, LEAF began a Retired Educators Club and offered retired educators the opportunity to join the club by donating to the LEAF Activities or Academic Funds. So far 65 educators have joined the "Club" for one year and 16 of those educators have joined both years. Together, they have contributed a total of \$6,575 in just two years! Our sincere thanks to all our retired educators for your years of service to students, and for your continued concern for the future of education in District 742!

Following are the members of the Retired Educators Club as of October 1, 2013: *John & Darelyn Anderson, S. Victor & Susan Beckman, Warren Bradbury, Robert & Sandra Burtness, Paul & Joan Buttweiler, Ron & Ruth Carlson, Bruce & Jo Ann Carlson, Robert Domek, Juel & Sharon Dragland, Kermit & Betty Ann Eastman, Alice Ellingson, Walter & Deanna Erickson, Lucille Fletcher & Sandra Fanyo-Tucker, Pete & Roberta Frantti, Michael & Juliana Gabrielson, Gerald Gerads, Roger & Carol Haire, Ty & Joyce Hamerlik, Nick & Marie Hasselfeldt, Marj Hawkins, Paul & Dorothy Heine, Bruce & Colleen Hentges, Pat Hill, Fran Hill-Rowan, Harold & Ardis Hines, Dennis & Joyce Hummel, Mrs. Warren Hutchens, Bob & Nancy Johnson, Ed & Nancy Johnson, Jay Keller, Hubert P. Kelly, Jimmy Lee, Mary Leisen, Mary Ann & Vern Leitch, Ed Leuthner, Mark & Susan Lindquist, Donald & Dorothy Matakis, Jim & Mary Michaud, Patrick & Cathy Mullen, Jane & Dennis Munson, James Noonan, Margaret Obremski, Gil Otto, Jane & John Oxtan, Charles & Dorothy Peterka, Teresa Ries, Dr. Virginia Riser, Judy & Luther Rotto, Gerald & Donna Sales, Leon & Patricia Schnobrich, Chuck & Cathy Sell, Jeanne Slingluff, Dave & Sonja Strutz, Jack Toftey, Tolly & Karen Vollen, Gordon Wagner, Jack & Jill Wahman, Pat Welter, Bob & Pat Werschay, John Wertz & Margaret Schlangen, Lonny & Carol Wild, Tom & Sue Williams, Dennis & Jo Ann Wilson, and John & Jean Wittrock.*

Many of these retired educators have contributed to LEAF in other ways than the Retired Educators Fund. Thanks!

Growing a stronger community through academics, activities, arts and athletics



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The District 742 Robotics Team advanced to the
F.I.R.S.T. Championship in St. Louis, Missouri!

THANKS

Thank you to all of our donors who gave so generously in 2012-2013. Your continued support of LEAF's mission during times of economic uncertainty confirms the strength of our vision and our community's commitment to the students of District 742 and a world-class education. If you are a new LEAF supporter and interested in making a tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website: www.leaf742.org.

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