

John E Robinson



Memorial Scholarship Fund

August 2014 Newsletter

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The **John E Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund** began awarding scholarships to Lone Oak High School Seniors in 2003. Since then, the fund has awarded 48 scholarships to 45 students totaling \$81,000. As of June 30, 2014, with 2014 scholarships allocated, we have a balance of just over \$200,000 in all accounts. Including the memorial bust and operating expenses through the years, we can easily say that well over \$300,000 has been donated to honor this uncommon Lone Oak educator. That is quite an accomplishment. On behalf of the 45 students whose educational careers have already benefitted and the many more in the future, **THANK YOU** for your donations and support. Just think

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The 2014 John E Robinson Scholarship was awarded to **Tyler Cope**. Shown above presented by former LOHS Assistant Principal Buddy Rushing in front of the entire MCHS student body in the MCHS Strawberry Hills Arena. As in previous years, the award for 2014 was in the amount of \$2,500 renewable annually up to four years for a total of \$10,000 each. The John Robinson Scholarship program now has four ongoing scholarships and will add a new one each year as previously awarded scholarships mature.

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The John Robinson scholarship program continues on plan with four four-year \$10,000 educational grants, awarded annually in \$2,500 increments, renewable for up to four years. For 2014, we presented a new award



to MCHS Senior and former Lone Oak student Tyler Cope; and will continue previous awards from 2013 to Sean Murphy and Nicholas Elias and from 2012 to Alison Kaler. Our future commitment for these scholarships is \$20,000 through 2017.

Previously, annual donations to the John Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund and returns from fund raisers were sufficient to cover annual awards and expenses. Consequently the committee chose to pay those awards directly from our cash accounts and then passed any excess funds to West Kentucky Community Foundation (WKCF) for investment. Our goal was to attain a level of investment that would allow a perpetual \$10,000 endowment solely from the annual

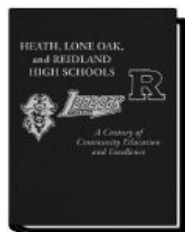
earnings of the fund. Our hope was to attain that level of investment at \$200,000. Once that goal was attained, we would continue to receive donations, but would scale back our annual fund raising events.

Unfortunately, due primarily to a continued stagnant economy and a less than necessary 5+% return, reality has fallen somewhat short of our perpetual \$10,000 goal. Thus it is incumbent upon us to continue our annual John Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament and Lone Oak Community Breakfast for a few more years or until the annual return from the WKCF funds our scholarship and expenses. And as donations allow, we will continue to grow those investment accounts.

In addition, due to changes in IRS regulations regarding educational endowment accounts, WKCF will assume a larger role in the awards process. This year, WKCF will actually write the scholarship checks for each recipient. Starting next year, with oversight from our Education Subcommittee, WKCF will administer the application process, screen the applicants, present and pay the awards based on our long established criteria. After years of hard work, the JERS Committee welcomes this "side benefit" of our relationship with WKCF. West Kentucky Community Foundation administers many other educational endowment funds in the same manner, and we have the utmost confidence in their protecting the memory of John Robinson.

We will long reminisce of Lone Oak High School, the 93 years of classes that walked the halls of multiple buildings and the many people that affected our lives. And we continue to ask your support to honor one such uncommon educator that for 21 of those 93 years had a big impact on a lot of us.

John Robinson Scholarship Committee



Due to the last minute rush, the deadline for your biographies and memories for the *The Final Yearbook* has been extended to Sep 30th. From Acclaim Press, this "coffee table" book features personal biographies from alumni and students, along with histories of Heath, Lone Oak and Reidland High School from the past 100 years. Planned for release next year, the compilation will undoubtedly become a collectors items among alumni. Order your copy today. Go to www.lohsalumni.com and look for the book icon.



MORE JUNK MAIL?!?!?

Yes, we have added to our mailing list. You are getting this newsletter because you are an alumni, former faculty or just a friend of Lone Oak High School. We thought you might like to see what the alumni are doing.

If you want your address dropped, added or changed, please **Submit or Update Address** at:

jers.loneoakalumni.org/letters

To learn of the John Robinson Memorial, go to:

jers.loneoakalumni.com

You can also follow the alumni at:

www.lohsalumni.com

Or on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/LOHSAlumni

Or check out the Archival Project at:

www.loneoakalumni.org

Saturday Sept 27th

**Country Ham,
Eggs, Biscuits
and all the "fixins"**

12th Annual Community Breakfast

Adults - \$7.00
Children - \$3.00
No Reservations

7:00 am to 10:30 am
LOMS Cafeteria

**Tax-Deductible Donations, Hole Sponsorships,
Golf Fees and/or Reservations may be mailed to:**

**John Robinson Scholarship Fund
830 Lakeview Drive
Paducah, KY 42003**

Sponsor a Golf Hole!

Show your support with a \$100 Hole Sponsorship sign. Businesses, Families, Individuals, Groups - all welcome!



Friday September 26th

11th
Annual

John E Robinson
Memorial Golf Tournament
2014

Proceeds go to the
John E Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Four Person Scramble Best Ball

\$60 per person or \$240 per team including lunch and mulligan. Sorry, Paxton Park Memberships and Discounts do not apply.

Form your own team or we can place you on a team

11:00am - Registration
11:30am - Lunch
12:30pm - Tee Off - Shotgun Start

Lunch by the LOHS Alumni Association included in Fee. Others may eat for \$5 each. Reservations Requested.

Make Your Reservations by September 20th

Call the contacts listed below or...

E-mail your team to JERS@LoneOakAlumni.Org or...

Sign up on-line at Jers.LoneOakAlumni.Org or...

Complete and send this form to the return address.

Entry Fee may be paid at registration or mailed with form.

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