

John E Robinson



Memorial Scholarship Fund

August 2015 Newsletter

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How far we've come...

An idea born in 2000, to honor the former Lone Oak High School Principal, has come a long way in 15 years. The story is well known and documented on our web site, but what may not be as well documented is the amount of work accomplished over the years. The small steps, began in 2000 by a few, led to participation by many bearing donations large and small. Lots of hard work culminated in April 2002 with dedication of a Bronze Bust of John Robinson and the renaming of John Robinson Avenue and John Robinson Arena. From there, with seed money to begin a scholarship fund, a year later three seniors were the first of many to benefit from the dream. The Bronze Bust and many other artifacts from the Robinson years are now on display in a dedicated room at the old High School.

Every year for the dozen years since, a small group of alumni led by the JERS Committee have worked hard



Our 2015 John E Robinson Scholarship recipient is **Andrea Kionna Waldon**. Kionna, a member of the Championship McCracken County Lady Mustangs Softball team, will be attending Wabash Valley College in Mt Carmel, IL working toward a nursing degree and playing softball. The \$2,500 award is renewable annually for up to four years, totaling \$10,000. Congratulations Kionna, we wish you success in your education and career.

to build that scholarship fund with fund raising events and the faithful participation and generosity of literally hundreds of alumni. The fund has grown with more than \$20,000 per year in donations and so have the scholarships awarded - from an initial \$500 per award, to \$10,000 over four years - quite an accomplishment.

Thank you!

Here we are...

Fifteen years later, 2015, 46 graduates have received \$93,500 in awards with an additional \$17,500 allocated for renewable scholarships. As of June 30th, our West Kentucky Community Foundation (WKCF) Endowment fund had a balance of \$203,239. Awards for 2015 were paid from cash on hand.

We now have five renewable scholarships, and very pleased that all of our recipients are outstanding students progressing well in their college careers.

This fall we are planning our usual "Robinson Weekend" with the John Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday September 25th and the annual Lone Oak Community Breakfast on Saturday Morning

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September 26th. Many are already inquiring about these events. You may find information along with a golf sign up in this letter and our website. It promises to be another exciting weekend with friends and alumni.

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Where are we going...

Last year at this time, we had begun the process of transitioning fund administration to West Kentucky Community Foundation. The change, delayed to 2015, is largely due to IRS regulations but also presents an opportunity to move the John E Robinson Scholarship fund to the next step. That step moves award processing, administration and payment from the existing John Robinson Scholarship Committee to WKCF; allowing the committee that created and administered the scholarship since 2002 to be dissolved; and perpetuates the scholarship for generations to come.

To ensure the Robinson ideals remain, three of our committee members will be placed on the WKCF selection panel and part of the selection process. Those members are Buddy Rushing, Ned Buchanan and James Hollowell. The transition process will be completed in the next few months.

All present awards will be honored and the plan to award one renewable scholarship each year still holds. For the fund to become perpetual, a return of 4.64% is required. In our present economy we are still a ways from that point, so we still solicit and accept donations for ongoing scholarships and if necessary hold fund raising events, although these events may be held by the LOHS Alumni Association and not the John Robinson Committee. Like the students who grow up and eventually move out on their own, so the memorial and the fund must reach maturity.

As always, your support of the John Robinson Memorial Scholarship is greatly appreciated by the committee and especially by the students who reap the rewards of your generosity. Please continue to send your tax deductible donations to the address on this letter,

John Robinson Scholarship Committee



Thank You!
Lone Oak Lions Club

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www.lohsalumni.com

Or on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/LOHSAlumni

Or check out the Archival Project at:

www.loneoakalumni.org

Saturday Sept 26th

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

**13th 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 25th**



John E Robinson
Memorial Golf Tournament
2015

**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 18th

**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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