

John E Robinson Scholarship Fund

August 2017 Update



If **2016** was a year of transition, then **2017** became the year of assessment. At the end of 2016, following the annual Robinson Weekend events, the Alumni Council evaluated the needs for 2017:

- ◆ The 2016 Golf and Breakfast events were successful in that just under \$10K was added to the fund, thanks to many generous donations; however participation was down for both.
- ◆ Having awarded another \$10,000 scholarship for 2016 and renewed all current awards under the administration of West Kentucky Community Foundation, the application and renewal processes for 2017 and years to come are in place and working great.
- ◆ The monetary goals of the fund have all been met and exceeded. As of this publication, the market value is in excess of \$234,000.00. Scholarships are fully funded at the \$10,000 award level through 2027.
- ◆ The John E Robinson Scholarship award is large enough to make a difference and is sought after by many Lone Oak students each year.

Can one improve upon such success?

The obvious question

"Do we hold additional fund raisers in 2017?"

After a lot of discussion among the committee, those task with working the events and those who have participated as well as an analysis of the fundamental needs. The decision was made to end the Golf Tournaments effective in 2017 and continue the Lone Oak Community Breakfast for this year.

NO Golf Tournament in 2017

Congratulations Cameron Hartig

Recipient of the 2017 John E Robinson Scholarship. Cameron plans on attending Western Kentucky University working toward a degree in Business and Construction Management. We wish Cameron success in his education endeavors.



Since 2003, the John Robinson Scholarship Fund has awarded 51 scholarships totaling \$126,000; eight were \$10,000 renewable awards. Thanks to all who have contributed and continue to support the memorial's effort to make a difference in the lives of these students.

WHY?

The biggest consideration is simply that we don't need to continue major fund raising events. As explained in our 2016 Update, the "Available to Grant" fund holds enough to ensure a \$10,000 annual award through 2027. In ten years a lot can change in higher education costs and scholarship needs. If, at some point in the future, we see the need to raise additional funds, we can explore options at that time.

Sure... golf is a lot of fun for those who participate, always a reunion of sorts, but generally for less than 100 alumni and friends from the Robinson year classes. Golf is also a lot of work over a period of months for those making it happen, which over past years has fallen to fewer and fewer volunteers.

On the other hand, the **Lone Oak Community Breakfast** has become a larger community event than just a scholarship fundraiser. While it doesn't have the return on investment of a golf event, it has a much greater participation, averaging over 400 in attendance, including alumni beyond the Robinson years, families, faculty and community friends. Event preparation is still work, but the Middle School staff

15th Annual Lone Oak Community Breakfast

*Saturday
September 30, 2017*

Adults - \$7.00
Children - \$3.00

7:00 am to 10:30 am
LOMS Cafeteria

Mail Tax deductible donations to:

**John E Robinson Scholarship Fund
Community Foundation of West Kentucky
P.O. Box 7
Paducah, KY 42002-0007**

OR

**John E Robinson Scholarship Fund
3240 Lone Oak Rd PMB203
Paducah, KY 42003**

Remembering Jim Mitchell



On January 3, 2017, Jim Mitchell lost the battle with COPD. Jim, a LOHS Class of 61 graduate, returned to serve his community as teacher and administrator in McCracken County Schools, Jim joined the John Robinson Scholarship Committee early on, serving more than 14 years, working hard to promote the memorial and grow the fund. Jim was also an active participant in the Lone Oak Alumni Group serving in multiple positions over the years. Jim is truly missed.

To learn of the John Robinson Memorial, go to:

jers.loneoakalumni.org

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

Email us at:

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takes care of a lot of the Saturday morning event. In 2016, the cost of the breakfast against admission was a little better than break even. But, unsolicited donations were 10% of the weekend net. So, once again, in 2017, the LOHS Alumni will host the breakfast with proceeds going to the alumni and donations received for JERS.

Of course, donations are invited and always welcome year round to further grow the scholarship fund regardless of the events.