

PALMYRA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Palmyra Community Foundation is a public charity under Federal Tax Law and was created to receive and accept tax-deductible donations of cash or property for education, cultural, charitable or community development purposes for the benefit and improvement of the Palmyra area.

The following are former and current Palmyra residents and businesses that have made the commitment to give back to their community through scholarships to graduating seniors at the Palmyra-Eagle Area High School:

- **The Standard Process Inc. Scholarship**

Standard Process Inc. is a whole food vitamin supplement manufacturer located in Palmyra. The DuBois family is the third generation to own and operate the company since its inception in 1929. Charles DuBois has been president since 1995.

- **The Anich Family Scholarship**

In memory of Anthony J. and Lucille M. Anich, and Mark J. Anich.

Anthony “Tony” J. Anich moved to Palmyra with his wife Lucille and started A.J. Anich Lumber Company, which was incorporated in 1960. Tony owned and operated the lumberyard along with Pal Steel and Interstate Aluminum until his death in 2001. Lucille passed away in 2018. Tony’s son David now owns and operates the businesses.

Mark J. Anich, son of Tony and Lucille Anich, was a 1972 graduate of Palmyra-Eagle Area High School. After graduating from Waukesha County Technical College in 1979, Mark and wife Cathie moved to Arizona and had a successful career in real estate until his death in 2000.

- **The Weiler & Company Inc. Scholarship**

Anton “Tony” J. Weiler opened a farm machinery repair and metal fabrication shop on Second Street in Palmyra in 1939. This business would become Weiler & Co. Inc. and eventually would move to Whitewater in 1965. Tony designed a heavy-duty grinder, which is still being used in the food processing industry.

- **The Amelia K. Weiler Scholarship**

Amelia Weiler the wife of the founder of Weiler & Co Inc., Tony Weiler. Amelia worked alongside Tony during the formative years of the corporation.

- **The Nick & Janet Lesar Scholarship**

Janet Weiler Lesar, a daughter of the founder of Weiler & Co Inc., Tony and Amelia Weiler, grew up in Palmyra and worked at Weiler & Co most of her life. After graduating from UW-Whitewater, Janet married Nick Lesar and moved to Palmyra in 1970 where they lived for over 40 years. Nick joined Weiler & Co in 1968 and became President and CEO in the early 1980's. Nick and Janet retired from the company in 2008.

- **The MK Weiler-Levall Scholarship**

Mary Weiler-Levall, a daughter of the founder of Weiler & Co., Tony and Amelia Weiler, grew up in Palmyra. After graduating from UW-Whitewater, Mary taught elementary school for 25 years.

- **The First Citizens State Bank, Palmyra Branch, Scholarship**

Formerly the Palmyra State Bank and Farmers Savings Bank, the Bank has been a corner stone of the Palmyra community since 1911.

- **The Woodrow T. and Gertrude B. and Connie L. Wilson Civic Involvement Scholarship**

Woodrow "Woody" T. and his wife Gertrude and daughter Connie L. Wilson. Woody, born in 1915 and a 1933 graduate of Palmyra High School, and Gertrude, a 1934 graduate of Palmyra High School, were life-long residents of Palmyra. Woody and Gertrude were dairy farmers and business owners and Woody was a former President and Director of Palmyra State Bank. Woody passed away in 2004 and Gertrude in 2018 at the age of 104. Connie is a 1969 graduate of Palmyra-Eagle Area High School and retired from the University of Wisconsin-Madison after 42 years as an Assistant Dean in Student Services.

- **The Palmyra-Eagle Scholarship and Educational Foundation**

A non- profit organization that promotes student learning by providing resources for continuing education and resources for unique education projects; to involve community leaders to enhance extended education opportunities, and; to promote broad community support and encourage individual and business assistance.

- **The Michael “Squidy” G. Squire Memorial Scholarship**

Michael “Squidy” G. Squire was a lifelong resident of Palmyra and a 1978 graduate of the Palmyra-Eagle Area High School. Squidy was in the tavern and restaurant business for 25 years with Sadie’s Tavern and then owner of Squidy’s Bar & Grill before his death on July 28, 2017. Squidy was always committed to giving back to his hometown.

- **The Palmyra-Eagle Alumni Association Scholarship**

A group of Palmyra High School graduates started the Alumni Association to help organize the all school reunion and eventually solicit donations in order to award a scholarship to a graduating senior at Palmyra-Eagle Area High School.

- **The Joe Smith Family Scholarship Fund**

Joe started his farming career in Illinois at the age of 13, moving to the Palmyra area in 1946 in his mid-twenties. H worked and managed thousands of acres at the Richard Gumz Farms in the Town of Palmyra until his retirement in 1986. He provided vegetables to local businesses and distributors through-out the nation, and also grew a large crop of “mint” plants which were processed on the farm. Oils from these plants were extracted and shipped to be used by the Wrigley Company for their mint flavored products. His passion for conservation extended beyond farming into his continued preservation of nature.

- **Jim Frehner Scholarship Fund**

After graduating from Wisconsin State College – Whitewater in 1964, Jim started his 40 year teaching career at Palmyra Middle School teaching 6th and 7th grade math. Jim also coached middle school basketball, JV basketball, football, softball, summer baseball and serving as middle school athletic director. Jim also served his community volunteering

for the Palmyra Fire Dept. and Fire and Police Commission while being a charter member of the Palmyra Lions Club.

Jim was dedicated to his students and the teaching profession and an advocate for the skilled trades.

- **The Denny and Rita Kehoe Memorial Scholarship**

Denny and Rita Kehoe were dedicated educators, teaching both Spanish and English. They joined St. Mary's Parish in 1976. They were friends with many Hispanic families in the community and taught alongside other local teaches at summer school in Rome, Wisconsin, in the 1980's. They valued education and helping others.

- **Rolland D. Nelson Memorial Scholarship**

Rolland and his wife Judith Nelson and Family moved to Palmyra in 1964. Rolland was a Professor at WCTC in the Math and Science Department from September of 1965 until he retired in January of 1993. Rolland and Judy decided to live in Palmyra after his retirement and enjoyed the area greatly. Rolland passed away in February of 2021.

Other foundation funds currently not participating in scholarships:

- **General Fund**

Tax-deductible donations that are not linked to any named funds. To be used for education, cultural, charitable or community development at the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors

- **A-1 Creative Consulting Inc. Fund**

James W. Omdoll, Jr, a 1958 graduate of Palmyra High School, grew up in Palmyra and in 1980, founded A-1 Creative Packaging, Inc., a contract packaging company. Jim's son Scott Omdoll, a 1991 graduate of the Palmyra-Eagle Area High School, joined the company in 1999 and founded A-1 Creative Consulting, Inc. in 2016 to help grow the packaging division. Jim passed away in 2015 and the company operations are still in motion as they were since 1980.

- **Mary Squire Memorial DO-GOOD Fund**

Mary Squire was a resident of Palmyra since 1963 where she was a real estate agent and real estate appraiser for many successful years until her death in February of 2012. Mary was a long time member of the Palmyra Lioness Club and always enjoyed helping others and giving back to the Palmyra Community. Fund was created to help under privileged kids with school expenses at the Palmyra Elementary School.

- **Friends of PEASD Fund**

Fund was created by a citizens group of volunteers to advocate and fundraise for the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District to help support both the immediate and long term needs of PEASD and to insure students have quality local public schools with adequate funding for desired programs. Funds raised may be used for items such as, but not limited to: Technology, Education Endeavors, Extracurricular Activities, and Building Maintenance.