

D.C. EVEREST  
RECOGNITION CELEBRATION  
2007



April 30, 2007

Reception 5:30 p.m.

Dinner / Program 6:30 p.m.

Mountain Bay Banquet & Conference Center  
5902 Schofield Avenue

## *DCE Chamber Players*

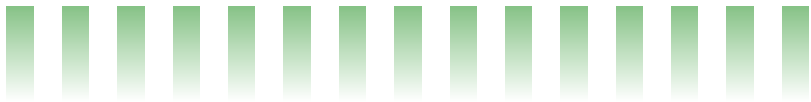


Front row - Aleese Kenitzer, Katie Heinzen, Sarah Schmitt  
Back row - Clinton Dieck, Ross Austin, Amanda Schneider  
Not Pictured - Nicole Bartsch

## *DCE Chamber Choir*



Front Row - Josie Balk, Marna Larson, Cara Falkowski, Laura Carsello,  
Emily Hotchkiss, Mallory Oboikovitz, Lindsay Kujawa, Emily Haas,  
Jana Groeschel.  
Back Row - Lucas Schilling, Jason Jadzinski, Lao Moua, Taylor Traeder,  
Simon Bolin, Robert Buffington, Jonathan Nelson-Jeffers,  
Sam Erlandson, Scott Strand.  
Not Pictured - Alex Anderson. (Photo by Payne Photography)



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### **Mission Statement**

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to be an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.



## PROGRAM

### **Invocation**

*Dan Bettger*

### **Welcome & Introductions**

*Larry Schaefer*

### ***Fire, Fire My Heart***

*Chamber Choir*

### **Recognition of Silver “E” Members**

*Rita Kasten*

### ***Not One Sparrow is Forgotten Together in One Song***

*Chamber Choir*

### **Induction of New Members**

*(Please come forward as your name is announced)*

*Valerie Palarski*

Tim Baranowski

Robert Kaszubski

James Brinkman

Kathy Mezei

Jean Durski

Tim Nyenhuis

Dan Endrizzi

Renee O’Brien

### **Recognition of 30 & 35 Years of Service**

*(Please come forward as your name is announced)*

*Mary Hancock*

### **30 Years**

Marlin Block

Diane Mirasola

Randall Colton

Judi Olson

Joyce Endrizzi

Andrew Ott

Karen Kelbley

Charles Reynolds



## 35 Years

Kathy Peitsch

Marcie Wermund

Rita Weiske-Johanning

## **Recognition of Teacher of the Year Club**

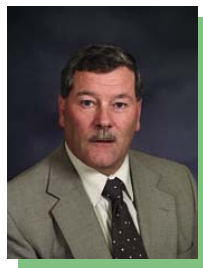
*Gretchen Thuot*

## **Recognition of Honored Retirees**

*Kristine Gilmore & Lois Alt*

### Don Abel

Don Abel began his career at D.C. Everest in 1968 as an elementary teacher at Schofield School. He became Schofield's principal in the fall of 1975 and moved to the *new* elementary building, Riverside, in 1979. He was named Lead Elementary Principal and Easton/Hatley principal in 1995. Don Abel has had a stellar career as an educator at D. C. Everest. As a classroom teacher, a principal, and as lead elementary principal, he had a tremendous impact on the students and staff. He is a teacher, a leader, and a mentor to all who know him.



### Donna Benson

Donna Benson was hired in August 1992 as a reading specialist and joined the Reading Recovery Team in 1995. As an elementary reading support specialist, Mrs. Benson has embodied what it means to hold high expectations for all students. Her students knew they would have to tow the line because Mrs. Benson knew they were capable of great things. Mrs. Benson also assisted developing teachers by sharing her knowledge and expertise through model lessons and study group leadership.





## Marlin Block

Marlin Block joined Everest as a guidance counselor at Evergreen Elementary in 1977. He also worked at Rothschild and Schofield schools through the years. Marlin established excellent rapport with students, using positive reinforcement to mold behavior. He always maintained a positive attitude and worked well with students individually and in the classroom setting. Marlin was enthusiastic about his work and empathetic in his relationships. He has been the announcer for Everest hockey for many years.



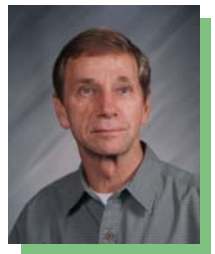
## Kenneth Morien

Ken Morien retired January 5 after working in the custodian ranks since May 1986. He worked at the Twin Oaks Environmental Center, Weston, Evergreen, junior and senior high, and Schofield schools. Ken, always responsive to the needs of those he worked with and quick to respond to requests, was named Custodial Employee of the Year for 1995-96. He took a personal interest in his fellow staff members and students, who often commented on his kindness and the way he encouraged them. Ken would talk with the students and listen, showing a real interest in what each student had to say.



## Judd Smith

Thomas 'Judd' Smith joined the math department at D.C. Everest Senior High in July 1970. Respected by both students and staff, Judd's trademark is his subject matter competence coupled with a quick sense of humor. He initiated AP calculus and statistics curriculums at the high school and his students have achieved some of the highest success rates in the state. Judd's dedication to students extended beyond the classroom as he supported them in many of their sporting events.



## Frank Biesel

Frank Biesel joined the Everest community in October 1977. Frank worked at various buildings in the district including Schofield, and Evegreen, and is retiring from the Senior High. Frank is an avid golfer, sharing his expertise with the community through the Community Services program. He often spoke of his Vietnam War combat service to social study classes giving students a special understanding of history. His story is part of the Everest oral history project, *Vietnam Experience: Stories of a Troubled Past*.



## Shirley Bjorklund

Shirley Bjorklund became a reading specialist at D.C. Everest Junior High School in August 1981. She was active in the Central Wisconsin Reading Council, the Wisconsin State Reading Association and the International Reading Association, keeping herself abreast of modifications in reading strategies throughout the years. Shirley strongly supported students' involvement in co-curricular activities and worked at volleyball, basketball and track events throughout the years, encouraging students with her positive feedback on their successes at these events.



## Mary Jo Brinker

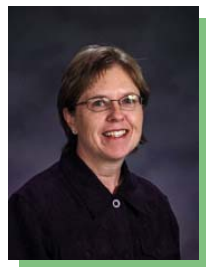
Mary Jo Brinker became a member of the faculty at Easton and Hatley Elementary Schools in 1978 and remained at both schools until transferring to Weston in 1991. She is known for creating a warm, friendly environment for all students. She also was a constant resource and promoter of reading in the district and took part in piloting the new math program. Mary Jo willingly and enthusiastically worked with district colleagues, taking leadership positions and sharing information. Her upbeat and positive attitude and communication skills complemented her professional reputation.





## Karen Churness

Karen Churness joined the Weston faculty in August 1985 as a Learning Disabilities teacher. Karen established herself as a caring and dedicated professional with one goal – to help students succeed. She was known for her bond with students and establishing positive relationships with them. Karen was a dedicated professional with an enthusiasm for teaching and was always receptive to new ideas. She challenged her students while giving them all the opportunities for the success they needed. For the past twenty-two years with Everest she enjoyed working with children in the area of learning disabilities and more recently at the fourth grade level.



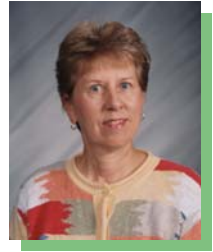
## Sue Leider

Sue Leider began teaching home economics on August 23, 1975 at D.C. Middle School (now known as DCE Junior High School). When the new D.C. Everest Middle School opened in 2002, Sue transferred there. Sue has been a great leader in the schools offering her expertise in her department and with extra-curriculars, Student Council in particular, for many years. With the hundreds of Student Council students she has influenced over the years, her role in promoting leadership skills in our top students district-wide has been tremendous. Sue held many top offices with Student Council in the state, and was recently a finalist at the national level for Advisor of the Year.



## **Barbara Leszczynski**

Barb Leszczynski joined the district in 1990 as hall monitor at the senior high. In 1992, she moved to Rothschild Elementary as health aide and then rejoined the D.C. Everest Senior High staff in 1995 as an IMC Aide. A warm, caring individual, Barb always took an interest in students and their needs and is known for her rapport with students and staff. She is a positive person and a role model for all high school staff and students with her healthy eating and exercising habits.



## **Lynn Maier**

Lynn Maier started at Rothschild Elementary in August 1974 as a first grade teacher and later transferred to third grade at Weston Elementary. Lynn is hard working, empathetic, and organized, while communicating high expectations for students. Known as an outstanding and effective teacher, she understood the needs of each individual student. Her loyalty to Weston, its students and the district and success as a team worker made her a valued member of the Everest community. Lynn believes she might be one of the first people to go through the whole Everest School System for grades K-12, come back after college, teach her whole career in it, and also retire from the Everest district.



## **Kathryn Mezei**

Kathy Mezei joined the district's paraprofessional staff in 1982 and worked as a special education aide at Weston, Riverside, Rothschild, and Schofield, transferring to DCE Middle School in 2002. Kathy was an effective and efficient employee, very responsible and consistent. Her positive attitude and rapport with students was an asset in every position she held through the years. Respect for her students made her a most effective employee and her receptiveness to new ideas showed in her continual efforts to achieve excellence.





## LeRoy Miller

Leroy Miller joined the Senior High social studies faculty in 1970. Leroy, one of the most popular teachers in the social studies department, taught at a high quality level. He developed the Psychology and AP Psychology curriculums and has been an effective instructor and an optimistic influence on his students with his consistent encouragement. Leroy is known for his expertise in Psychology and U.S. History, and for his positive attitude, cheery smile and likeable personality, a combination that built a strong foundation and continually fostered a large clientele for his Psychology classes.



## Kathryn Pietsch

Kathy Pietsch joined the staff at D.C. Everest Middle School (now DCE Junior High) in August 1972 anticipating it would be a short stay in her career. Thirty-five years later, Kathy's love for her students, teaching, and the welfare of the junior high is still evident. She was always cognizant of updating course curriculum so her students would obtain the most relevant content available to the Family and Consumer Education program. Kathy was also a true team player working hard to oversee the department's budget, keeping the equipment in order, fostering relationships in the department, and organizing social events for staff. In her words, "It has been one wonderful trip!"





## Susan Wynhoff



Sue Wynhoff began her career at D.C. Everest in 1989 at Riverside and Schofield Elementary schools and transferred to the junior high in the fall of 1998 as vocal music teacher. Sue was always willing and eager to share her time and talents with students to enhance their experiences and Everest's musical programs. Her Noteables are an important and well-known group of ambassadors for the D.C. Everest Junior High's music department. Sue related well to diverse groups of students and pulled them together as a close group resulting in many great musical performances and productions. Her students were involved in performance experiences that remain in their memory for a lifetime!

**Thank You**

*Kristine Gilmore*



## 2006-2007 School Board Members

Thomas N. Rosenberg	President
Larry A. Schaefer	Vice President
Mary A. Hancock	Treasurer
Rita A. Kasten	Clerk
Dan L. Bettger	Member
Valerie A. Palarski	Member
Gretchen Schultz-Thuot	Member



## RECOGNITION AWARDS

### ***Special Recognition Awards***

*Awarded when employees, departments, units, or schools exemplify qualities that support the overall mission of the district. Selections are determined by the Recognition Selection Committee.*

Mark Bohlman  
Michael Bohlman  
James Dahlgren  
Gary Engen  
Jodi Gargulak  
Vicki Oboikovitz  
Jenny Oosterhuis  
Teresa Pederson  
Margaret Peterson  
Denise Rhodes

### ***Meritorious Service Awards***

*Presented to citizens or volunteers for exceptional service to the District. The Recognition Selection Committee recommends possible recipients to the Board*

Deb Grant, Northcentral Technical College





## SILVER "E" CLUB MEMBERS

Abrams, Larry  
Ackerman, George  
Albrecht, Herman  
Aleckson, Paul  
Aleckson, Susan  
Alt, Lois  
Anderson, Martin  
Anklam, Judy  
Augustine, Edward  
Babl, Bonnie  
Babl, Celeste  
Baranowski, Timothy  
Bartnik, Frederick  
Baumann, Gerald  
Baures, Jerome  
Baxter, Michael  
Behrens, Polly  
Belott, Jeffrey  
Berndt, Daryl  
Biesel, Frank  
Bjorklund, Shirley  
Block, Marlin  
Bohm, Kathryn  
Booher-Malcolm, Annette  
Borysiak, Marlene  
Bosman, Thomas  
Bourquin, Sandra  
Brandt, Lavern  
Brenner, Terry  
Brinker, Mary Jo  
Brinkman, Alois  
Brinkman, James  
Brunsell, Barbara  
Brunsell, Steven  
Brusse, Alan  
Bulmer, Harold  
Carlson, Ramert

Chopp, Bruce  
Christianson, Marilyn  
Coleman, Robert  
Coleman, Vicki  
Colton, Randall  
Conrad, Susan  
Conrad, Thomas  
Conway, Mary Ann  
Corazalla, Greta  
Cotrone, David  
Cushman, Charles  
Cramer, Sally  
Creel, LaDonna  
Damrow, Cynthia  
Day, JoAnn  
Dhein, Herbert  
Dickman, Marlene  
Dix, Eugene  
Dombroski, Edward  
Dombrowski, Joan  
Douville, Marian  
Durkee, Oscar  
Durski, Jean  
Ehlert, Laird  
Endrizzi, Daniel  
Endrizzi, Joyce  
Evers, James  
Evers, Marilyn  
Feltz, Julie  
Flory, Beth  
Fochs, Jane  
Foreman, Ronald  
Forsmo, Doris  
Freeman, Marilyn  
Freitag, Jacqueline  
Furst, Douglas  
Geiger, Janice  
Gettelman, Robin  
Gibbs, Ray

Goertz, Bonnie  
Gongoll, Geraldine  
Grade, David  
Hacker, Sally  
Haines, Karen  
Hanke, Sharon  
Hanson, Delores  
Harris, Rebecca  
Hauber, Paula  
Haverly, Jeanne  
Heckendorf, Bart  
Heinz, George  
Heinzen, Rachel  
Hettinga, Norma (C)  
Higgins, Michael  
Hinck, Robert  
Hinke, William  
Hoard, Marcia  
Hoefs, Ruth (C)  
Hojnacki, Leslie  
Holt, Dennis  
Hughes, Ronald  
Jacob, Thomas  
Jellish, Gary  
Johnson, Jane  
Johnson, Robert  
Johnson, Sara  
Jones, Robert  
Jost, Amy  
Kamke, Diana  
Kasprzycki, Marna  
Kaszubski, Robert  
Kegel, James  
Kelbley, Karen  
Kersten, Michael  
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Kislow, Shirley  
Kleist, Evangeline  
Kluz, Patricia  
Knaack, Robert  
Krueger, Bruce



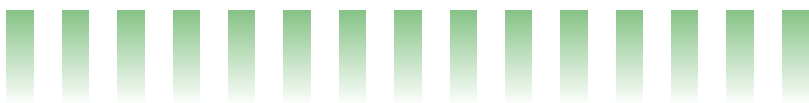
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Langbehn, Dale  
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Lawrence, Robert  
Lawson, Lynn  
Leider, Susan  
Luedke, Richard  
Lutz, Roger  
Maier, Lynn  
Malueg, Robert  
Marquardt, Michelle  
Martin, Lynn  
Mathson, Elizabeth  
Meronek, Ann  
Merriam, Peggy  
Meurett, Thomas  
Meyer, Beverly  
Meyer, Gary  
Mezei, Kathryn  
Michael, Jacqueline  
Miller, David  
Miller, LeRoy  
Miller, Todd  
Mirasola, Diane  
Morgan, Paul  
Morrill, Charlotte  
Mrotek, Ellen  
Mueller, Dennis  
Nyenhuis, Tim  
O'Brien, Renee  
O'Connor, Timothy  
Oelke, Robert  
Olski, James  
Olson, Judith  
Olson, LaVerne  
Osykowski, Diana  
Ott, Andrew  
Overgaard, Jack  
Owens, Thomas  
Perushek, Phillip



Peterson, Edith  
Peterson, Gary  
Peterson, Gregory  
Pietrzak, Frank  
Pietsch, Kathryn  
Pietsch, Richard  
Podolske, Melvin  
Price, Candace  
Price, Donald  
Radtke-Baur, Mary  
Rahne, Donald  
Rakowski, Lois  
Ray, Gerald  
Rebischke, Jill M.  
Reetz, Lois  
Reisenauer, John  
Reynolds, Charles  
Riggle, Burleigh  
Robertson, David  
Salter, Michael  
Scheel, Doris  
Schloemer, Patrick  
Schmidt, Caroline  
Schmidt, Jeanette  
Schoenfeldt, Phyllis  
Schuetz, Jeanne  
Schultz, Lola  
Schulz, Jane  
Schwartzkopf, Ethel  
Seehafer, Laura  
Sheehan, Carol  
Simon, Barbara  
Simon, Mark  
Sippl, Linda  
Skinner, Mary  
Slaney, FaDonna  
Smith, Mary  
Smith, Thomas  
Soenksen, Steven  
Sogn, Marjorie  
Solheim, John



Sowka, Paul  
Spees, Thomas  
Staff, Linda  
Stankowski, Marcella  
Stencil, David  
Stepanik, LaVerne  
Stieber, Dona  
Stoltz-Shannon, Joanne  
Strampe, William  
Swanson, Richard  
Szekeres, Catherine  
Thoreson, Maren  
Turzinski, Delores  
Tuszka, Carol  
Tyberg, Patricia  
Ugoretz, Judy  
Volovsek, Jacob  
Walters, Evelyn  
Weik, Richard  
Weiske-Johanning, Rita  
Wendorf, Linda  
Wermund, Marcie  
Westlund, Kathleen  
Wilhelm, Lois  
Wolfe, Lorenz  
Wonoski, Rita  
Wood, Roger  
Woyak, Kenneth  
Yulga, Frederick  
Zank, Sharon  
Ziebell, Richard  
Zopel, Paul  
Zriny, Karen  
Zwifelhofer, Gloria  
(C) Charter Member



## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ted Aarrestad  
Paul Aleckson  
Susan Aleckson  
Lois Alt  
Christian Ammon  
Edward Augustine  
Daryl Berndt  
Thomas Bosman  
Lavern Brandt  
Steven Brunsell  
Janis Busch  
Lori Bychinski  
Bruce Chopp  
Marilyn Christianson  
Thomas Conrad  
Mary Ann Conway  
James Doepke  
Karen Frisch  
Nancy Gajewski  
Mary Gifford  
Geraldine Gongoll  
David Grade  
Duane Gray  
Karen Haines  
Delores Hanson  
Kathleen Heller  
Michael Higgins  
Dennis Holt  
Thomas Jacob  
LaVon Jensen  
Jane Johnson  
Ruth Kalkofen  
Phyllis Kirsling  
Shirley Kislów  
Lois Klein

Bruce Krueger  
Mary Beth Kulaf  
Lynn Lawson  
Beatrice Lebal  
Sally Lehrke  
Dale Lorfeld  
Annette Booher-Malcolm  
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Ronald McMahon  
Beverly Meyer  
Timothy Micke  
Mary Miller  
Dennis Mueller  
Judi Olson  
Richard Onesti  
Diana Osypowski  
Margaret Pempek  
Edith Peterson  
Candace Price  
Ronald Priquette  
Lois Rakowski  
Eloise Reavill  
Jeffrey Ryan  
Mark Simon  
Mary Skinner  
John Solheim  
Gertrude Snapp  
Robert Stavran  
William Strampe  
Maren Thoreson  
Donald Viegut  
Patricia Waldo  
Laura Weber  
Rita Weiske-Johanning  
Frederick Yulga

## NEW SILVER "E" CLUB MEMBERS



Back row: Tim Baranowski, Dan Endrizzi

Front row: Jean Durski, Renee O'Brien, Kathy Mezei

Not pictured: James Brinkman, Robert Kaszubski, Tim Nyenhuis

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE



Back row: Diane Mirasola, Judi Olson, Karen Kelbley, Joyce Endrizzi

Front row: Randall Colton

Not pictured: Marlin Block, Andrew Ott, Charles Reynolds



## 35 YEARS OF SERVICE



Marcie Wermund, Rita Weiske-Johanning, Kathy Pietsch



## **Special Thank You**

Evolutions In Design

Mountain Bay Banquet & Conference Center  
Dale Elliott & Angie Zahradka

Jeanne Archiquette - Art Teacher  
Middle School Sixth Grade Art Students

DCE Chamber Players & Ann Johnson - Director

DCE Chamber Choir & Karen Haines - Director