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Founders Day

MAY 12, 2023

MERLIS BELSHER HERITAGE CENTRE
Luther College High School

About Founders' Day

Founders' Day recognizes the generosity and spirit of our many benefactors, past and present, who have played a part in the establishment and growth of Luther College.

On Founders' Day we come together as a community to honour individuals, families and donors who have made significant contributions in support of the College's vision, mission and priorities. Collectively these gifts have tremendously enhanced the educational experience for Luther College students.

The Founders' Society acknowledges those donors whose cumulative lifetime giving to Luther College is \$10,000 or more.

All donors who are members of the Founders' Society, with the exception of those who wish to remain anonymous, are listed in this program. Names that are highlighted in bold are being recognized for entering a new giving category this past calendar year.

*Thank you for your support
and generosity.*

Program

Cocktails

Wine, beer and punch will be served

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Andrea Wagner

Grace

Rev. Dr. Sarah Dymund

Dinner

Prepared by Luther College High School Cafeteria

Entertainment

State of the College Address

The Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry

Recognition of Donors

Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards

Dr. Mary Vetter (University)

Presented by Dr. Volker Greifenhagen & Jodi Kydd

Berbel Knoll (High School)

Presented by Rev. Larry Fry

Closing Remarks

Lifetime Giving Recognition

FOUNDERS' SOCIETY — \$10,000+

Jim Arsenych

Sue Barber

Bill & Penny Barlow

Russ Barlow*

Michael Best

Dick & Christine

(Sinton) Bissett*

Janet & Sterling Bjorndahl

Agnes Bowman*

Leonard Bradley*

Daphne Bramham

Carole Bryant

Arthur Bucholtz*

Blake Carson*

The Carson Family

Stacey Cattell & Family

Jane Chalmers

Lee Chalmers

Paul Kwan Hon Chan

John Chomay*

Barbara Christiansen

Ida & Wes Cudmore

Suzie Daum

Herb* & Helen Domes

Vernon Dressler*

Ernie Everingham*

Dr. Nicole Fahlman

Dennis Fenwick

Dennis & Joyce Fitz

Michael & Lynn Fix

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Justin & Sarah Freitag

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Gerry Gerrand

C. Wes Gibbings*

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Robert M. & Shirley Gordon

Dona Gritzfeld

Otto & Heidi Gudehus

Mary Hampton

Affandy & Yvonne Hariman

Darlene Harrison

Irvin Hohm

Richard Hordern & Nancy

Talsness Hordern

William Hordern*

Dallas & Sandy Howe

Erna Huget*

Russel Husum in memory

of Adolph Husum

Orlie Inverarity

Robert & Violet (Krell) Jacob

Donald James

FOUNDERS' SOCIETY — \$10,000+ (Continued)

The Rev. Dr. Marc & Marnie Jerry	Rachel Mielke and Hillberg & Berk
Carmen Johnson	John R. Morris
Ryan Johnson	Joann Mundin
Steve & Lee Kimbleton	Ted Odling*
Don & Pat King	Harry Allen Ohrt
Henry & Edythe* Kinzel	Fred Oster & Carol Haines
Berbel & Alvin Knoll	Nancy Ostime
Murray Knuttila & Wendee Kubick	Lorna Pederson
Hilda Kontz*	Verda Petry
William Krell*	Yvonne Petry & Gary Diver
Arthur & Caroline Krentz	Joseph Pflueger*
Janet & Ron Kuchinka	Margaret Pflueger*
Jeannette Kuiper	John & Leah Phillips
Wally Kurtz*	Ken Phillips
Marvin Lange	David & Leanna Prost
Olga Lange*	Elsie May Quick*
Gerald Langner	Joan Quick*
Rebecca & Stephen Larson	Edith Rath*
Mike & Jo-Anne Lee	Alvin Reimann*
Mona Leippi	Reid & Annabel Robinson
Paul Liefeld*	John & Caroline Salaway
Harold & Jean MacKay	Warren Sauder
Arthur Marcinkowsky*	Milbert Schneider*
Pat & Inger Marshall	Daryl Shirkey
Dr. Don & Laurianne McCarvill	Esther Shirkie
Mark McCondach	Murray & Margaret Sihvon
Rich & Bernadette McIntyre	Ken Stalwick
	Joanne Stan Morgan

bold denotes new giving category

* denotes deceased

Lifetime Giving Recognition

FOUNDERS' SOCIETY — \$10,000+ (Continued)

Dr. Robert Steadward,
CC, AOE, LLD

Barbara & John* Stevenson

Peter & Janice Stratychuk

Sharon Stuart

Art Symons*

Rudolph & Gertrude Tank*

Les Tendler*

Betty Jane Thomas

Peter Tiefenbach

Angela Tillier

Margo Toole

Cheryl & Jim Toth

Hao & Hong Tran

Clint Uhrich

Ralph Ulmer

Barry Vall & Donna Kilarski

W.J. Vancise, Q.C.

Nancy Vancise

Morley Wagner

Wilfred Wagner*

Murray Wallace

Don Watt*

Ruth Whitmore*

Victoria Whitmore

Bernard & Rita Wilhelm*

Renee Wilkinson

Gary & Wendy Williams

The Willows Family in Memory
of Joe & Ethel Willows

Clarke Wilson

Barb & Dave Wright

Dean & Katherine Zimmer

Alliance Energy

Arlin Foundation

Christ Lutheran Church,
Regina

Dusyk & Barlow Insurance
Brokers Ltd.

Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Canada

Harvard Property
Management Inc.

Our Savior's Lutheran
Church, Regina

Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC
Valleyview Petroleums Ltd.

Voice Construction Ltd.

Whitmore Farms Limited

Anonymous (7)

HERITAGE SOCIETY — \$30,000+

Mark & Roxanne Anderson

Morris & Betty Anderson

Ted & Sharon Cardwell

Doug & Beryl Chalmers*

Meredith & Carl Cherland

Agnes Dusterbeck

Doug, Tamara, Kalen &

Derrick Emsley

Ella Fricke*

Kevin Gooding

Volker Greifenhagen &

Susan Cherland

Candice & Craig Grotsky

Steve Haddad

Dennis & Beth Hendricksen

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Paul & Carol Hill

Art & Adele Irwin

Christine (Wright) Kahler

Kevin Knight & Family

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Ken & Brenda Leach & Family

Marilyn & Don Lee

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Dietrich Leurer

Donnie MacKay &

Kayla Punshon

J. Clifford MacKinnon*

Jim & Beth McHattie & Family

Gunter Mende

Dwight & Christine Nelson

Linda & John Nilson

Ann & Richard* Nostbakken

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Keith Peacock*

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(Schneider) Risch

Jim Robinson*

Alfred* & Vicky Sattler

Leona Schmidt*

Ron Schramm*

Eugene & Deb Seitz

Ron & Elizabeth Shirkey

Jacqui Shumiatcher*

Rein & Ella Sommerfeld*

Erna Stein*

Shawn Stieb

A. Kent Symons

George Thorn*

Corinne & Roger Vogel

Irma R. Wagner*

Bud & Shirley Walker

Grace Walker*

Alice May Weston*

Fouché & Wilna Williams

Elaine Zinkhan-Turnbull

Calgary Foundation

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Lifetime Giving Recognition

PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY — \$70,000+

Randy & Janice Beattie

Margaret Belcher*

Lloyd Carlsen

Joyce & Harold* Dietrich

Lil Farley

Dianne & Ben Gwaltney

Dale* & Britta Hardy

John & Monica Kurtz*

Speers Funeral Chapel/
Lumbard Family

Glenn* & Jeanann McEwen

The Meekins Family

Vivian & Gerry* Norbraten

Don & Lydia* Olafson

Gwen Randall

F. Walter Schmidt*

Jennifer & Duane

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Dr. W.A. Silver* &

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Cornelia Taschow-Graupe

Henry Taube*

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Arnold Tiefenbach*

Jeff & Melanie Tiefenbach

Karl & Kathy Tiefenbach

Mary Vetter & David Sauchyn

Lorne Vinge*

FaithLife Financial

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- Parent Association

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1913 SOCIETY — \$150,000+

Lloyd & Duna Barber

Family Foundation

Walter Ellis*

Mike & Michelle Fritzier

Graeme & Sandra Hepworth

Bruce & Cherry Perlson

Walter Posehn*

Ken & Bette Sexton*

Gertrude Sherriff*

Oscar Sonstelie*

Robert & Lois Vanderhooff

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Central Evangelical

Lutheran Church, Regina

Darann & Wendy Sauer



MARTIN LUTHER SOCIETY — \$300,000+

Bryan & Joanne Hillis

Anna Kovacs*

Soren & Caroline Oberg

Henry Timnick

Dilawri Foundation

Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Foundation

1926 SOCIETY — \$700,000+

Tree of Life Foundation

BLACK & GOLD SOCIETY — \$1,000,000+

Ken & Marlene* Lee

Hertha Pfeifer Foundation

Gavin Semple & Family

REX SCHNEIDER SOCIETY — \$3,000,000+

Merlis M. R. Belsher

The Kramer Family

BLUE & WHITE SOCIETY — \$5,000,000+

None

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Visionaries Society

The Visionaries Society recognizes donors who have made provision for a future gift to Luther College in their wills or estate plans. The Society allows us to recognize individuals for their thoughtful future gift and thank them today for being a treasured friend and supporter of Luther College.

The following individuals have informed us that they included a legacy gift to Luther College in their wills or estate plans:

Bryan & Joanne Hillis

Bob & Vi Jacob

Chris Marshall

Dwight & Christine Nelson

Kenneth S. Ring, Q.C. &

Carole Ring

Murray & Marg Sihvon

Cornelia Taschow-Graupe

Ed & Marg Tiefenbach

Karl & Kathy Tiefenbach

Peter Tiefenbach

Ron Vasilash

If you are planning to leave a gift in your will to Luther College and would like to join the Visionaries Society, or would like more information about planned giving opportunities, please let us know by email to giving@luthercollege.edu. We would be pleased to help you.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award was established in 2012 and is presented to individuals who, through their ongoing loyalty, commitment, outstanding contribution and service, have shown dedication to and support for Luther College and its vision, mission and values.

Recipients

2012

Dr. Morris Anderson

2013

Dick Stark

2014

Rein & Ella Sommerfeld

2015

Richard Nostbakken

2016

Dr. Don Lee

2017

Allan & Barbara Christiansen | Dr. Roland Miller

2018

Rev. Dr. Art Krentz | Rev. Don King

2019

Mary Jesse | Gerry Harris

2020

Dr. Paul Antrobus | Harold Dietrich | Paul Liefeld

2022

Rev. David Kaiser | Rev. Larry & Gail Fry

2023

Dr. Mary Vetter | Berbel Knoll

Luther College accepts nominations for the Distinguished Service Award from any member of the Luther community. If you have someone you would like to nominate, visit www.luthercollege.edu to fill out the nomination form.

2023 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Berbel Knoll



Few in the Luther College High School community have made such a unique impact as Berbel Knoll. She served over three decades, including as the Dean of Women in the 1970's and eventually Principal in the 1990's and 2000's.

Berbel (Miss Guenzel at the time) was hired in 1975 as a half-time teacher and full-time Dean to over 60 dorm girls. Berbel excelled at being “mom” because her compassion helped them feel like Luther was truly their home.

She became a full-time teacher of German and English in 1980. Berbel will always be a critical part of the Luther story as the school's first female vice-principal in 1992, as well as its first female principal in 1995.

Berbel was equally committed to school life beyond the classroom. She coordinated student exchanges with schools in Germany. She was a dedicated member of various committees, including those for the LIT 50th anniversary and the Luther College 100th anniversary. She served as a soccer coach and as a volunteer for musical, helping with costumes and behind-the-scenes logistics.



Her quiet yet resolute leadership, calm disposition, organizational skills, patience (just ask her how many unfortunate pronunciations of her name she has endured), fair-mindedness, and unfailing common sense made her an ideal administrator. Berbel also has a wonderful sense of humor. She once dressed as Elvis Presley for Halloween and sat amongst the students without being recognized.



Education was a vocational calling for her, a living out of her abiding faith. She credits her longevity to her “love of teaching and complete appreciation for the culture.”

Berbel’s legacy will be at least partly rooted in her very first role as Dean, for she generously established *The Guenzel Knoll Dormitory Scholarship* awarded annually to an exemplary dorm student. Although she retired in 2007, Berbel remains a strong Luther advocate and familiar face around campus, attending alumni gatherings, baccalaureate services, and Luther community events throughout the year.

Berbel and her husband, Alvin, are also long-time donors to Luther College scholarships, programs, and capital campaigns.

Luther College is proud to honour Berbel Knoll with the 2023 Distinguished Service Award.



2023 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Mary Vetter



One cannot talk about Mary's contribution to Luther College at the University of Regina without the word "first." A trailblazing professor, she joined the College in 1984 as the first female science professor, teaching biology. In fact, Mary was the first female tenured professor at Luther, and one of the first female science faculty members on the larger University of Regina campus. The Lutheran scholarly setting was a natural

fit for Mary, having attended a Lutheran college herself in the United States for her undergraduate degree.

Mary enjoyed the opportunity at Luther College for team-teaching in an interdisciplinary environment, partnering with professors in other disciplines and bridging the gap between fields like science and Religious Studies. Passionate about science, and with a Ph.D. in botany, Mary was also a prolific researcher, and she did all of this while raising three successful children – Robert, Hannah, and Leah.

In 2002, the new administrative position of Assistant Dean was created, another first for Luther College, and for Mary. She took on this role to assist students experiencing times of hardship



and struggle, which she did admirably. She held this title until 2005 when she became the first female Academic Dean, a role she held for seven years, until 2012.



During her years at Luther, she also volunteered on numerous committees such as the Luther College 100th Anniversary Committee and the Emergency Planning Committee. Mary didn't enter retirement without another

first, as she took on the role of Director of the Voluntary Sector Studies Network in 2016 – a new initiative designed to bridge the gap between academia and the community. It would not have been possible to get this project off the ground without Mary's support and leadership. After 33 years, Mary retired in 2017 as one of the College's longest serving and most pioneering faculty members.

Mary and her husband, Dr. David Sauchyn, a professor of geography, are active in many environmental and climate change causes and are frequent community speakers on such issues. Mary and David are also long-time donors to Luther College scholarships, ministries, and capital campaigns.

Mary's achievements and long-time contributions of her time and talents to Luther College have made her more than worthy of the two nominations she received for this award.

Luther College is proud to honour Dr. Mary Vetter with the 2023 Distinguished Service Award.





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Luther College is situated on Treaty 4 lands.
These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihşināpāk,
Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and
the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.