

# Roughrider Scholarship Foundation News

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## Frank E. Parker scholarship fund established *Ceremonies include birthday celebration*



Frank E. Parker was honored last fall with the establishment of the F.E. Parker scholarship. Parker retired from the board in October after serving since its organization in 1988. Family and friends also helped the longtime Center businessman celebrate his 80th birthday following the scholarship ceremony. During Parker's time of service, the scholarship foundation has grown to more than \$1.1 million and last year awarded scholarships of \$800 to all 72 Center graduating seniors who applied.



## Foundation newsletter seeks to inform, unite *Looking for names to build data base of Center graduate*

You're reading the first edition of a Roughrider Scholarship Foundation newsletter designed to keep everyone informed on Scholarship Foundation happenings, as well as class reunions and other Roughrider exes events.

We also hope that the newsletter will serve to keep the alumni of Center High School more informed on the whereabouts of all CHS grads.

Last but not least, we hope it will serve as a tool to keep the Roughrider Scholarship Foundation energized and growing in order that we can continue helping Center High School graduates to obtain a college education.

The first task on the agenda is to build a data base of names and addresses of Center graduates. The more we can keep informed, the stronger the alumni association and scholarship foundation will be.

In order to do this, we're sending this

first edition to everyone we have information on and asking for your help in gathering names and addresses.

### Your help is needed

If you have old reunion lists, names and addresses in your address book or any other source of information that you can share with us to build on our data base and better inform everyone, please help us by contacting Contact Lisa McAdams by phone at 936-598-8479; mail at 439 CR 1130, Center, TX 75935 or by email at [lmcadams62@hotmail.com](mailto:lmcadams62@hotmail.com).

With that in mind, reunions will be coming up sooner than we think. We're hoping to publish an issue in July or August with a list of all the planned reunions, dates, times, etc.

If you have any information regarding Center exes, class reunions or other activities that you would like publicized in the

newsletter, please send it to Leon Aldridge by mail at General Shelters, P.O. Box 2108, Center, TX 75935 or email at [laldridge@generalsshelters.com](mailto:laldridge@generalsshelters.com).

With one of the principal goals is to continue to build up the Roughrider Scholarship Foundation to provide more scholarships for Center graduates.

Donations or questions about donating can be directed to F.E. Parker at P.O. Box 1776, Center, TX 75935; email [<fep1@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:fep1@sbcglobal.net) or phone 936-598-9885; Fred Wulf at P.O. Box 1417, Center, TX 75935; email at [<fred@5stargroup.net>](mailto:fred@5stargroup.net) or phone 936-590-9100; or Becky Jeans at Roughrider Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 152, Center, TX 75935; email [<bjeans@generalsshelters.com>](mailto:bjeans@generalsshelters.com) or call 936-598-1406.

Anything of value can converted to a scholarship donation and all donations are 501.3c tax deductible.

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## **Something New ...** **From the Roughrider Scholarship Foundation!**

*Look inside.*

*It's the first edition of the Roughrider Scholarship Foundation News.  
Learn how you can help Center graduates stay in touch and informed,  
plus be a part of insuring future Center graduates of scholarships.*

## **Foundation has rich history of steady growth**

The Roughrider Scholarship Foundation passed the \$1 million mark last year reaching \$1,125,000. The Roughrider Scholarship Foundation is commonly referred to as the Catherine Pinkston Roughrider Scholarship Foundation in honor of one local citizen whose lifelong efforts have been centered around Center's youth.

A Youth Center established in 1956 in an old county fair exhibits building provided a place for CHS students to gather and was dubbed the "Rider's Roost." In 1965, citizens raised funds for a new building on land donated by the Shelby County Fair Association. The new building would serve as the city's Youth Center until the 1980s when the idea of a scholarship fund was proposed. \$36,000 from the Rider's Roost savings account was donated to form the Roughrider Scholarship Foundation and \$57,000 was added when the Youth Center sold its idle building to the City of Center making \$93,000 as the basis for the foundation's beginning.

Generosity of local supporters provided volunteer services for legal organization, filing, writing of the constitution and by-laws, book-keeping and filing of tax documents.

The Roughrider Scholarship Foundation is completely donor supported by individuals, community organizations and businesses. In 1991, the Center Rotary Club launched a "Fun for Funds" auction. The most recent auction raised more than \$62,000 alone. Other civic clubs, such as the Center Noon Lions Club, are regular contributors through fund raisers and outright donations.

Memorials and other donations are a major portion of the foundation's support. The average memorial donation is \$5,000 although memorials in any amount are accepted by the foundation. Former students often want to give something back to the school in the form of a donation. One former student, now living in South Carolina, donated \$9,000 in stock. A local couple donated more than \$22,000 in stock that will return dividends to the foundation.

Donations of many kinds are accepted by the foundation. They include land, stock, guns, and automobiles – anything of value that can be converted into funds for the foundation. For more information on donating, contact F.E. Parker, Fred Wulf or Becky Jeans. Contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.