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Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund holds Bags for Wags tourney

The Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund (BEWSF) recently held their annual Bags for Wags fundraiser making this one of their most profitable events since the organization's inception in 2010. The BEWSF's mission is to encourage motivated young leaders to make a positive impact in their lives and the welfare of their communities through volunteer service. The foundation was established in memory of Brain Edwin Wagner who tragically passed away in an auto accident 25 years ago. Since that time his story and passion to make a difference is remembered through this scholarship program. Those that receive the award proudly carry on his legacy.

The current board members of the BEWSF are: Barbara Wagner - Lackey, Mike Wagner, Ed Lackey, Becky Lawton-Wagner, Tracey, Degnan, Nikki Doherty, Brian Doherty, Jason Gentile Dan Gibbons, Tom Hagensee, John Halloran, Mark La Shure, Kaitie Mayberry-Hauser, Bryan Hauser, John Noldan and Pete Zamar. They have granted this distinguished honor to more than 20 college bound high school seniors from: Fenwick, IC Catholic Prep, Montini, Timothy Christian and York Community High School. All proceeds raised at the "8th Bags for Wags" charity event will be used to defer the first year tuition costs of recipients who are selected this spring. The ideal candidates will emulate Brian's most admirable qualities: resilience,

fortitude and integrity.

At the sold-out bean bag tournament, 32 teams competed and raised enough money to bestow several scholarships this year. The overall winning team was Trevor and Megan Stotts. The long standing tradition of reuniting Elmhurst and the surrounding community every February to celebrate Brian Wagner's life received incredible support and created an environment of encouragement and camaraderie. In addition, to the tournament itself thousands of dollars in raffle prizes were donated by local businesses and gifted to those in attendance.

"I have come to understand what an amazing person Brian was through his wonderful family and friends," said BEWSF Director Nicola Doherty-Caso. "I am proud to be a part of the cause and our commitment to awarding scholarships to young people who inspire others, like Brian did. The continuous outpouring of community support is a testament to his memory."

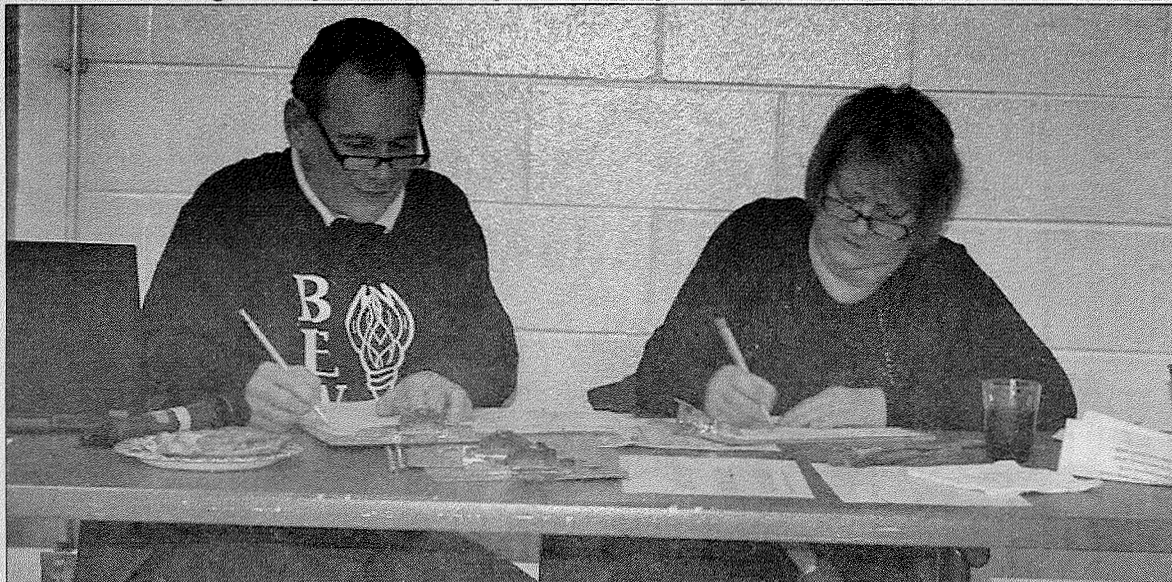
The committee gave special recognition to Linda Roberts, Visitation Parish and Mama Maria's Restaurant for making the evening possible.

Students who wish apply in future years will have the opportunity to tell their personal stories and share experiences of how their leadership experience has impacted the community and the lives of others. More information can be found at BrianEWagnerFund.org.

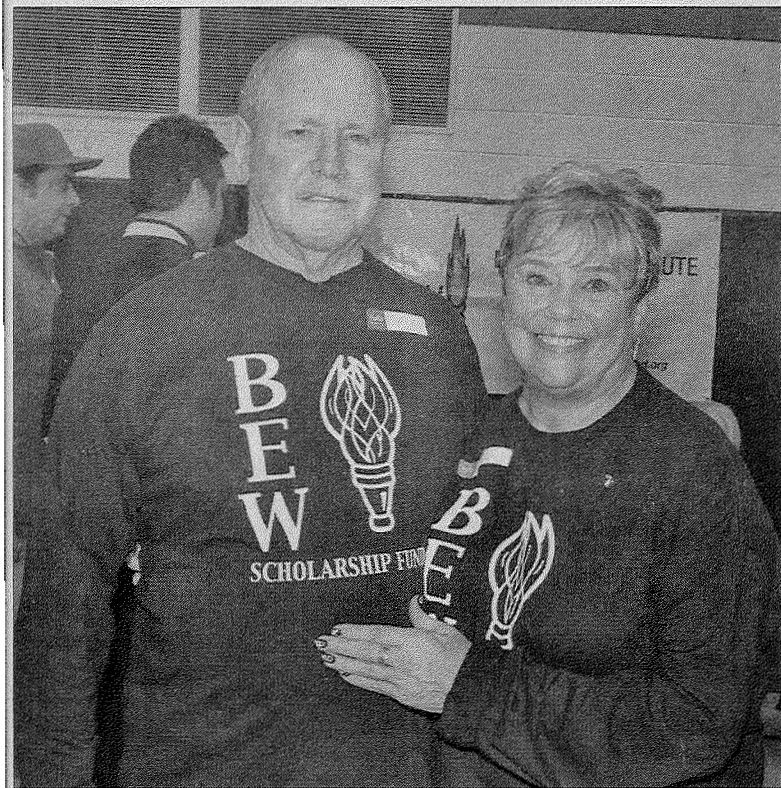


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Teams play during a fun filled evening 8th Annual Bags for Wags Bean Bag Tournament. The sold-out event raised enough money to award multiple scholarships this year.



Tournament Director Tom Hagensee and his wife Debbie ran the scorer's table at the 8th Annual BEWSF charitable event. This year's Bags for Wags tournament drew 32 teams of participants.



Ed Lackey and Barbara Wagner-Lackey, who sits on the Board of Directors, enjoyed the camaraderie at the 2018 Bags for Wags Tournament. The 8th annual fundraising event turned out to be one of their most profitable events since the organization's inception in 2010.

Hospital's SHARE support group helps parents who have lost a baby

For nearly 30 years, the SHARE support group of Naperville's Edward Hospital has helped parents grieving the loss of a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or neonatal death. The group is now offering its services at Elmhurst Hospital for residents of Elmhurst and nearby communities served by Edward-Elmhurst Health.

The new SHARE support group at Elmhurst Hospital, 155 E. Brush Hill Rd., will meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., starting March 6. Meetings will be held in the Birch Room on the hospital's lower level. It's

recommended those attending park in the East Lot and enter through the East doors.

Meeting dates for 2018 include March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. SHARE facilitators support and respect the feelings of support group members. No one is forced to participate in discussions.

In addition to support group meetings, SHARE offers a closed Facebook group for parents who have lost a baby. To join, visit facebook.com/groups/ShareofEdwardElmhurst