

Donald F. "Cuz" and Jane T. Klein Scholarship Endowment

Donald F. "Cuz" Klein and Jane T. Klein of Lenexa, KS, were lifetime area residents and members of Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa, KS. Jane's involvement in the community spans more than 35 years. Her commitment to Lenexa was to actively represent and champion for Lenexa's interest. Jane served in a variety of public and community service capacities, including: Holy Trinity Building Committee, Lenexa Chamber of Commerce, Lenexa Historical Society, Lenexa Kiwanis, Johnson County Task Force on Drug and Alcohol (board member), Lenexa Safety Council, Kansas Calvary, National League of Cities, Shawnee Planning Commission, Lenexa Planning Commission, VFW Post 7397 Ladies Auxiliary (Past President), American Legion Post 407 Ladies Auxiliary, and many more. She also served on the Lenexa City Council for over 20 years, serving a variety of roles including Council President. Don was an avid sports fan and led an eventful life punctuated by youthful baseball heroics including signing with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1953 as a pitcher. Don was a tremendous athlete and excelled at anything he did from softball, bowling, horseshoes, swimming, trap shooting, sprinting, and golf. Don worked at JC Penney's Distribution Center and participated in all of the above mentioned events during many years in the Kansas City Corporate Challenge. Don was also involved in community service as a member of the Lenexa City Council for more than seven years.

Don and Jane believed in giving back to the community and volunteer work. Excelling through school, sports, and helping others were just a few of the things they impressed upon their children. Strive to always better yourself and your family and those traits will rub off on those around you.

The Don and Jane Klein Memorial Golf Tournament is the primary source of income for the endowment in their memory. Approximately \$100,000 has been raised during the past 10 years for a variety of causes including Parkinson's Foundation of the Heartland, Parkinson's disease and Movement Disorder Center at University of Kansas Medical Center.

Our goal is to raise enough to make the scholarship a self-sustaining entity through the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas (CFNEK). Currently the plan is to use a portion of the tournament proceeds to fund an annual scholarship award and the remaining portion to build the endowment for future awards.

The 2017 Don and Jane Klein Scholarship recipients and their parents;

Anna Le - Thanh Nguyen & John Le
Emily Conard - Jack & Jill Conard
Abby Davidow - Larry & Clarissa Davidow
Lauren Niesen - Gil & Deb Niesen

Eligibility Criteria

The Donald F. and Jane T. Klein Scholarship Endowment will honor them by giving away scholarships to individuals who embody their love of community, family and church. The scholarships will be given to high school seniors from the Holy Trinity Parish Community, Lenexa, KS. A one-time scholarship award made in accordance with the CFNEK distribution policy will be sent in the recipient(s) name to the college of choice upon proof of enrollment.

Award Process

Applications will be available through the Holy Trinity Parish office. Applications are to be filled out and returned to the parish office by April 30th 2018. The selection committee will review and score all the applications and select the scholarship recipients. The recipient(s) will be notified by telephone, or email and announced in the Holy Trinity bulletin and recognized at the annual golf tournament. The name of the recipient(s) and college of enrollment must be provided to CFNEK prior to issuance of the award.

