

# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO  
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## *Happy New Year!*

I wish you all a safe, prosperous, and peaceful 2008.

The magnificent generosity of our donors was demonstrated throughout December 2007. Here's a sampling of contributions given last month:

- **Sam McDonald** gave \$170,000 to benefit the Judith C. & Sam E. McDonald, Jr. Family College of Business Excellence Fund, the College of Technology land purchase, the new soccer complex, the Men's Baseball Endowment, and the Wine Festival scholarship lot.
- **Western Security Bank** donated \$20,000 to the College of Business Management Information Systems lab.
- **John & Claudia Decker** added \$15,000 to the Briggs Dist. Co. Inc./John & Claudia Decker Endowed Scholarship.
- **Arlys & Ted Rieger** established the Lester & Cora Engdahl Memorial Scholarship Endowment, a tribute to Arlys' parents, with a \$13,250 gift.
- An **anonymous donor** contributed \$10,000 to the Homesteader's Scholarship.
- **David & Roxanne Warne** added \$10,000 to the Spildie/Warne Family Scholarship Endowment.
- **Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club** established the Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club Scholarship Endowment with a \$10,000 gift.
- **Karen Abrahamson** increased the Abrahamson Family Endowed Scholarship with a \$9,992 gift.
- **Scott Blue** donated two vehicles valued at \$9,230 to the College of Technology automotive technology program.
- **Wayne Hansen** contributed stock valued at \$5,021 to an endowed operating fund.
- **Keith Cook** donated \$5,002 worth of stock to the College of Business Faculty Excellence Endowment (\$4,502) and to an unrestricted fund (\$500). He also secured 1:1 matching funds from First Interstate BancSystem Foundation.
- **Marilyn & Don Floberg** took advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, rolling over \$5,000 directly from an IRA. Their gift will benefit the Marilyn & Don Floberg College of Business Faculty Excellence Endowment (\$4,000) and the College of Business general fund (\$1,000).

- **Connie Lowe** donated an additional \$5,000 for improvements to the William R. Lowe Child Care & Enrichment Center.
- **Wyo-Ben Inc.** contributed \$5,000 for the College of Technology land purchase.
- **Jane & Joe Howell** contributed a total of \$4,500. The Jeanette Winter Tilley Endowment for Library Excellence received \$2,500 while the Math Scholarship Endowment received \$2,000.
- **Sandy Wong** donated \$4,000 to the Health & Human Performance Recognition Scholarship Endowment. Her contribution will be matched 1:1 by the Wells Fargo Educational Matching Gift Program, thereby doubling the value of her gift.
- **Bruce Parker** made gift annuity revocations totaling \$3,879, benefiting the College of Business Faculty Excellence Endowment.
- The **Jane Buttrey Trust** allocated \$3,500 to the Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarship Fund for spring semester scholarship awards.
- **Gainan's Flowers & Garden Center** gave an additional \$3,000 to the Gainan Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Elizabeth "G'ma G" Gainan.
- **Jennifer & Steven Corning** added \$2,500 to the Steve & Jennifer Corning Endowed Scholarship Fund.
- **Montana Society of Public Accountants** contributed \$2,500 to the Montana Society of Public Accountants Scholarship.
- **Darryl & Jamie Rensmon** donated \$2,500 to the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000) and to an unrestricted fund (\$500).
- **George & Patty Selover** made a \$2,500 unrestricted gift.
- **Mike Ross** contributed \$2,351 to the Mike Ross Endowed Scholarship through a direct gift of \$2,000 and gift annuity revocations of \$351.
- **Ken & Lena Heikes** gave \$2,250 to the Kenneth W. Heikes Family Endowed Scholarship (\$1,500) and to the MSU Billings Retiree Endowed Scholarship Fund (\$750).
- **Jeanette Bieber** added \$2,000 to the Bieber Endowment for Student with Disabilities.
- **Computers Unlimited** donated \$2,000 to the College of Business Management Information Systems Lab.
- **Jeannie McIsaac-Tracy & Nate Tracy** added \$2,000 to the Curt Kochner Endowed Scholarship for Student Leaders.
- **Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation** donated \$2,000 to the Homer A. & Mildred S. Scott Foundation Scholarship.

During December, the following individuals and businesses made commitments for the new soccer complex:

- **Gary Gray** pledged \$10,000
- **Felt Martin Frazier & Jacobs, PC** paid \$2,000 toward their pledge
- **Mark & Barbara Stevenson** pledged \$2,000

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