

# First Monday



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*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO*  
*Monday, November 3, 2003, 8:00 a.m.*

**Dr. Marjorie Lauson ('63)** has established the Marjorie and Spencer Lauson Endowed Scholarship Fund with a gift of \$10,000. The Lauson Scholarship will be awarded each year to an undergraduate senior completing a degree in Elementary Education/Early Childhood, or to a graduate student pursuing a Master of Education/Early Childhood. Dr. Lauson taught at Eastern Montana College from 1959 until her retirement in 1975. She earned her Master of Education at Eastern, and also holds a Bachelor's degree from DePauw University, a Master's from Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. from University of Wyoming. During her tenure at EMC, Dr. Lauson worked tirelessly to help establish the first Master's degree in early childhood education at EMC. That legacy of commitment to the education of the very young will now live forever through the Lauson Endowed Scholarship. Many thanks to Marjorie, a beautiful, and still brilliant, 93-year-old!

**Linda Raedeke and Charley Swift** of Berkeley, California hosted a Leadership Dinner in their Berkeley Hills home overlooking San Francisco Bay on October 2. Linda is Group Manager of Integrated Lab Technologies for Chevron Texaco. She serves on the MSU-Billings College of Technology (COT) Advisory Council and the National Campaign Leadership Council (NCLC) for the *People, Pride & Promise Campaign*. John Cech, COT Dean; Kathie Riggs, Campaign Director; and Jill Hirschi, Executive Assistant were on hand to chat with guests and share news about MSU-Billings. Guests included:

- **Marilyn Howland ('39)**, a retired Education Professor from National University in California, and her husband Paul. Marilyn and Paul live in Fremont, California.
- **Charlene McPherson ('69)**, a second grade teacher at Country Club Elementary. Charlene lives in Danville, California.
- **Anne Veraldi**, an artist, and her friend **Tomas Nakada**. Anne and Tomas live in San Francisco. Anne's father is Dr. Louis Veraldi, MSU-Billings Business Professor Emeritus.
- **Bob ('73) Johnson** of Concord, California. Bob is an accountant with Pacific Service Employees Association. His wife, Catherine ('74), who was unable to attend that evening, is a middle school librarian.

**A sincere thank you to Nancy ('77) and Alan Nicholson** of Helena, Montana for their \$15,000 pledge to the *People, Pride & Promise Campaign*. Nancy, who earned her Master's degree at "Eastern", is a Vice President with D.A. Davidson and Co. in Helena, Montana, and also a former Trustee of the MSU-Billings Foundation. Alan is a real estate developer with projects throughout Montana. Nancy and Alan have thoughtfully left their gift unrestricted to allow its use for pressing annual needs.

**An Alumni Leadership Dinner** was held October 21 in Bozeman, Montana at the Wingate Inn. Bruce Parker, *People, Pride & Promise Campaign* Co-Chair; Terrie Iverson ('82), Administrative Vice Chancellor; Kathie Riggs, Campaign Director; Dick Buckley, Development Officer; and Joy Hayworth ('96), Campaign Associate all traveled to Bozeman to meet with the following guests and hear their reminiscences of their days at MSU-Billings.

- **Trudy Burke ('41)**, a retired bookkeeper, regaled the group with her recollection of the lyrics of the school song "Yellowstone & Blue."
- **Nancy Lund ('76)** is a teacher for Highwood Public Schools. She lives in Bozeman with her husband, Dr. John Lund.
- **Patsy ('77) & Ken Saatjian.** Patsy is a retired special education teacher and her husband Ken is a jeweler and owner of The Jewelry Studio.
- **Ellen ('03) & Greg Erickson.** Ellen graduated magna cum laude with a BS degree in Liberal Studies in 2003. She and Greg live in Belgrade.
- **Elaine ('61) & Leo ('60) Schlenker.** Elaine retired as Activity Director at Bozeman High School and Leo, who was a Soil Specialist for Soil Conservation Service, is also retired. Leo was a member of the 1959 Yellowjackets football team and the 1959 All-Conference team.
- **Jeannette ('92) & Larry Wix.** Jeannette works in tech support for Right Now Technologies in Bozeman. She and Larry live in Belgrade.
- **Doris Parker ('45, '63, '70),** a triple alumna of MSU-Billings, has retired from teaching in the Belgrade School District.
- **Harry Erickson ('63)** is a retired Superintendent for the Belgrade School District and lives in Bozeman.
- **Cheryl Johannes ('68)** is the Director of Field Experiences for the Anderson School District and lives in Bozeman with her husband Jim.

Also in attendance were our gracious Bozeman hosts who arranged the event:

- **Dan ('77) & Bertie Rust.** Dan is an agent/owner with State Farm Insurance Co. and lives in Bozeman with his wife Bertie. Dan is a member of the NCLC for the *People, Pride & Promise Campaign*.
- **John ('74) & Gwyn Nordwick.** John is President/CEO of Bozeman Deaconess Health System. He and Gwyn live in Bozeman.
- **Tom Stump ('79),** Tom is the Director of Auxiliary Services at MSU-Bozeman and lives in Bozeman with his wife Lisbeth.

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