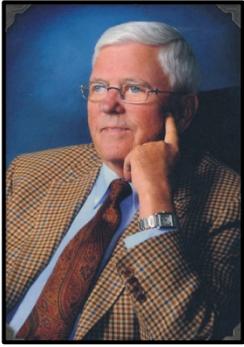


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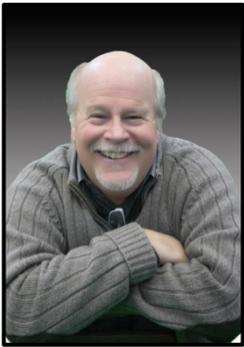
RAY BENTDAHL – CLASS OF 1955

While in high school, Ray was involved in band, choir, and the arts. Ray attended Luther College where he received a degree in economics. An entrepreneur since the age of nine, his business ventures continued throughout high school and college, and after the purchase of his first bank at the age of twenty-nine, he went on to a successful 44-year career in commercial banking. Ray was known by his peers as a businessman of utmost integrity and he exhibited exceptional generosity, monetarily and of his time, to a variety of charitable organizations including the Minneapolis Heart Institute, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the Excel Foundation.



JOHN HEYMANN – CLASS OF 1953

An active athlete at New Ulm High School, John went on to attend the University of Minnesota where he received a degree in civil engineering. He returned to New Ulm to work at his father's construction company, Heymann Construction, and he became President in 1968. Under his direction, Heymann Construction built many of New Ulm's commercial buildings and schools. John has been an active member and volunteer in the New Ulm community including with the Willkommen Committee, Industry of the Year, and the MLC Golf Tournament. John continues to be an active member of the New Ulm community and he exemplifies the best of the New Ulm spirit.



KENT KNUTSON – CLASS OF 1970

At New Ulm High School, Kent was an accomplished singer, soloist and leader in the youth singing group, The Menagerie. He is an award-winning director and producer of more than 200 shows and a published writer of original works. Over his 39-year career in education at Blaine, Anoka, and, most recently, Minnetonka High Schools, he impacted the lives of thousands of students. He also founded not one, but two, community theaters sharing his passion for the arts with hundreds of actors and families. He is currently the artistic director of The Old Log Theatre in Excelsior, MN.



CURT LAMBRECHT – CLASS OF 1971

In high school Curt was active in choir, theater, journalism and was editor of the school year book. After graduation, he went on to study at the University of Minnesota-Morris and had a successful career in Arts Administration. Curt returned to New Ulm in 1983 to become the successful owner of Lambrecht's Gifts. He has supported our schools, volunteering in music and art events, and has served on numerous committees and boards in New Ulm. Over the years, Curt has been intimately involved in keeping our retail community vibrant and growing. He has served and chaired numerous committees in the Chamber of Commerce and the New Ulm Retail Association.



TED MARTI – CLASS OF 1968

In high school, Ted participated in football, gymnastics, track, and was Student Body President. He graduated in 1972 from the University of Michigan with a degree in Natural Resources and then went on to grad school at the University of Minnesota. In 1975 Ted returned to New Ulm to work at August Schell Brewing Company. He became the brewery's President in 1986 and helped turn it into the largest brewer in Minnesota. Ted has served on many boards and committees in New Ulm including the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Brown County Fair Board, the Junior Pioneers, and Turner Hall. Ted is also dedicated to the national "Serving our Troops" program.



ANN VOGEL, MD – CLASS OF 1960

Ann was active in the arts while in high school. She went on to earn her undergraduate and masters degrees at the University of Minnesota and her MD at the College of Pennsylvania. After internship and residency, "Doc Ann" returned to New Ulm to practice medicine. She is dedicated to her patients and the need for accessible healthcare, which includes work at free healthcare clinics and on a Navajo reservation in AZ. Committed to her community, Ann has been a driving force for many projects including the redevelopment of German Park and the Hermann Heights Monument and Master Plan. Ann has also been quietly involved in philanthropy to local projects as well as to individuals in need.