

THE 2013 SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

The Spirit of Philanthropy Banquet, which took place at Dining Services on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, is the kickoff event for Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Two Spirit of Philanthropy Awards were presented and 202 new members were inducted into the Golden Hearts Club.

Martha Jeanne Anderson (BA '50) was recognized for establishing an endowed scholarship for students and **Clyde L. Roggenkamp** (BA '63) was honored for his donations and support to the Department of Aviation. Following are excerpts of the individual presentations to the award recipients.

Martha Jeanne Anderson

*Presented by Tari Popp, director,
Planned Giving & Trust Services*

“Aren’t I so blessed?!!!” If you spend any time with our first Spirit of Philanthropy recipient, you will be asked that enthusiastic rhetorical question at some point. And Martha Jean Anderson, “Marty” to most everyone, is indeed blessed! But some might be surprised to learn Marty feels that way.

Marty was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. After graduating from Broadview Academy in 1946, she came to Emmanuel Missionary College where she earned a home economics degree. Challenged by a classmate who said she would never have the courage to leave the Midwest, she accepted her first teaching position at the Adventist academy in Fresno, Calif. Following Fresno Union Academy, she studied at Walla Walla College and then taught at Laurelwood Academy in Oregon as well as Glendale Academy in Glendale, Calif.

It was in Glendale that Marty, only age 22, was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis. She was well aware that this meant years of pain and altered appearance, for both her father and her brother suffered from the disease. She recalls that she spent the next 10–15 minutes grieving bitterly but then, in a defining moment, she decided she would submit and commit her life to the Lord. She believed her job in life would be to help people see *God’s* beauty! She also began to pray that the Lord would help people see the “inside” Marty; not the “outside” Marty.

Marty went on to work at the Southern California Conference and the General Conference before returning to Chicago to be near her parents. She landed a temporary

job at the Portland Cement Association, which represents cement companies all over the United States and in Canada. This temporary job turned into a successful 36-year career at the organization. Before retiring in 1994, Marty was head of the Office of Human Resources, handling the needs of more than 1,200 employees.

Possibly because Marty was encouraged by medical professionals never to marry and have children, she has always had a soft spot in her heart for young people. The first time Audrey Castelbuono and I met Marty, she told us she was going to spend Thanksgiving in Houston with “#21.” Later in the conversation she referred to being with “#19.” We were confused as to what these numbers meant until we realized that Marty takes literally the admonition to “count your blessings.” Each number refers to a young person who she considers one of her “children.” Young people who have sought her out, treasuring her wisdom, love and encouragement during difficult times. In fact, the Lord has blessed Marty with a family of 27 children!

So it was natural, when Marty was working on her estate plan recently, for her to want to do something for young people. Her attorney suggested she might remember her alma mater, an idea Marty liked very much. She contacted our Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services, and we helped her craft an endowed scholarship agreement that will be



funded someday with her assets. The Lord has blessed her financially and she wants to give forward by establishing an endowment that will help young people for years to come. She was pleased when her estate plan was finished, but she didn’t realize what peace this step would give her until recently.

In early August, Marty was out running errands in Northbrook, Ill., when the accelerator stuck on her little BMW. Before she had time to respond, she had smashed through the glass window at Binny’s Liquor Store. Almost immediately her car was surrounded by five feet of flames, and Marty was trapped against her steering wheel,

unable to get out of the inferno. Because of quick action on the part of a young employee in the liquor store, Marty was pulled to safety while fire engines arrived to keep the flames from spreading. Although she was sent to the hospital she sustained not a scratch!

The story of the little lady who had never taken a drink sending \$100,000 worth of liquor up in flames became big news. Marty was interviewed by NBC, ABC, the *Chicago Tribune*, and radio stations WLS and WGN. Media people came to the hospital and her home for the next few days and asked her in various ways the same question. Was she terrified while surrounded by flames? Again and again she was able to say “No” and tell them why. She told them that it was due to two reasons. Number one, she has a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus, and number two, she has her “house in order!”

So to your question, “Aren’t I so blessed?!” Yes, Marty, you are! And so are the many young people you have mentored and assisted over the years and the ones who will continue to be blessed in years to come from your generosity and careful planning!

It is, therefore, a great pleasure for me to present the 2013 “Spirit of Philanthropy” award to Miss Martha Jean Anderson in gratitude for the wonderful spirit of philanthropy she has shown to Andrews University.

Clyde L. Roggenkamp

Presented by David Faehner, vice president, University Advancement

Roggenkamp’s connection with Andrews began in 1959 when the Ruth and William G Murdoch family chose to move to Andrews

University. Clyde was a close friend of their son Floyd and therefore decided to attend EMC as well. He majored in biology. One of his stories of interest and almost tragedy was when he was working on a section of the campus called Beaver Point, using a mowing tractor. Apparently he got too close to the edge of the riverbank, and the tractor flipped over and ended up going into the river. Clyde was thrown off and landed on a rock. He was injured but survived.

After completing his Bachelor of Science at Andrews, he attended Loma Linda University where he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1970. Clyde ended up going into restorative dentistry in the military as a colonel for the U.S. Air Force. He currently works as associate professor of restorative dentistry for the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University.

Clyde has been a pilot most of his life and recently gave one of his planes to the University, as well as encouraging some of his friends to do likewise. Four years ago he came to me and said, “My 50th anniversary at Andrews will be in 2013 and I’m going to commit myself to getting as many friends as possible back there.” He and his wife Kirsten (BA ’63), both from the Class of 1963, worked hard and we have one of the largest groups of returning alumni for the 50th year reunion at Homecoming this year. For his 50th reunion from Takoma Academy in 2009, there was a record 70% participation, due in large part to his encouragement.

Opposite: President Andreasen and Martha Jeanne Anderson

Below: President Andreasen and Clyde L. Roggenkamp



The goal of the Class of 1963 has been to raise \$25,000 for a scholarship for mission pilots who graduate from the Andrews program and choose to serve in the mission field (see page 44 for further details). His contributions and support have enhanced our aviation program.

For your spirit of philanthropy in donations to Andrews University and your tenacious efforts to rally all your classmates to come back for this weekend, we are honored to present you with a Spirit of Philanthropy award this evening.