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Remembering Paul E. Marturano

by Hannah Casey Forti

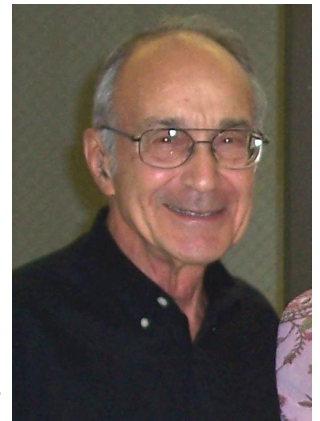
The passing of our leader, mentor and friend, Paul E. Marturano, marked the Fall season in Chisholm and at the Foundation. A pillar of both our city and foundation, we remember him in this newsletter, but also reflect on his values and lessons so that we may carry them forward.

When I write for this newsletter or reflect on what it means to be from Chisholm, I am struck by a mindset that seems to permeate our institutions and people. It's a conviction that seems to say — go ahead, dream the impossible, then do it. Let problems inspire solutions. Look at your community—embrace it. Crystallize what others may call crazy ideas into reality. Perhaps it is the voice of eternal optimism and resilience of our immigrant fore-fathers and mothers, or maybe it's something more. But it is a graceful optimism that fearlessly leads to create, do, envision, dream, give, connect and congregate.

In my adult life, one soul best embodied it: Paul E. Marturano. When Mr. Marturano and I first met, he wanted to show me some concerns he had with the upkeep around the Iron Man Memorial. I was in the early stages of my career and community involvement as an "adult". Logically, as Mr. Marturano was in his mid-eighties, I would be tempted to say he was in the late stages of his career and community involvement. However, from what I can tell, his passion and commitment to community never waned or wavered, but rather continued steadfast until the end. I was new to the Chisholm Community Foundation. He was in his last year of the 24 years that he served on the Foundation. We met at Valenti's and he drove us to the Memorial. "Look, this is the entrance to our great city. We can do better than this." He wasn't angry or bitter, rather he had observed a problem and was intent on fixing it. We drove across the highway to what is now the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Marturano told me that we have many veterans from our city, but we do not have a memorial to commemorate them. So he, along with other members of the American Legion, built one. Now, we do have a memorial to commemorate our veterans.

In the years to follow, I would see Mr. Marturano, typically with his wife, Florence, it seemed like everywhere in our community. He was always smiling and always happy to be with others. I would also learn more of his life. Mr. Marturano was born in Buhl and married Florence Lautizi from Chisholm. He served in the army in Germany and attended the Nuremberg Trials. He spent his career dedicated to mining, advancing to various leadership positions and working different locations, both locally and in Canada before permanently returning with Florence to settle in Chisholm. They are the parents to seven children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, of whom anyone reading this newsletter knows at least one.

Along with his family and church, Mr. Marturano found his inspiration in his community. He was both immersed in it with others to enjoy it and endlessly worked to improve it. He committed his time to the community, including his church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, the Police Commission, Recreation Department Board, Chisholm School Board, St. Joseph's Church Finance Council, Chisholm Hospital to Heritage Manor Transformation Committee and the Chisholm Community Foundation. And as a member of the Chisholm Community Foundation, his impact was immense (continued on page 2).



In Memory of Paul E. Marturano (cont'd)

by Hannah Casey Forti

However, perhaps rivaling his commitment to and impact on the CCF, was Mr. Marturano's pivotal role in saving and reviving a community landmark—Valentini's Supper Club. In 1999, when Valentini's closed, from my math, Mr. Marturano would have been about 72. He could have very easily blamed it on changing economies, reiterated at excess that this is a dying town, complained about the takeover of corporate America or preached about how the young people never return home anymore. However, that was not the Chisholm Mr. Marturano knew nor the one he was interested in watching it become.

Instead, he saw and knew the importance of community space for individuals to commemorate and congregate and was determined to continue this space. The closure for Mr. Marturano was never a dead end but a new beginning. He worked to envision and implement its reopening. Then, Florence and he became its staple. Always there and always smiling as they greeted customers, enjoyed a cocktail, helped craft homemade food, helped with maintenance or talked with community members.

Mr. Marturano's impact on individuals was as significant as it was on his community. Our longtime office manager that makes this Foundation possible, Mary Jo Newbauer, reflected on Paul: "Husband. Father. Grandfather. Family Man. Kind. Caring. Loving. Supportive. Funny. Charismatic. Mentor. Community Leader. These are just a few words that come to my mind when talking about Paul E. Marturano. I've known Mr. Marturano since the family moved to Chisholm in 1974. I was fortunate to have been able to spend time with him throughout the years and we had many meaningful conversations about life. He was a mentor and father figure to me and he taught me a lot. I will miss his bear hugs that I thought were going to break my ribs and him telling me that "you can always tell an Italian, but you can't tell them much" - and always laughing with that sparkle in his eyes after he said it. He was a very special man and it was an honor and privilege to know him. Rest in Peace, Mr. M. I'll miss you."

Jeannie Quirk, CCF Chair, said: "Faith, family and community-minded were the words used to describe Paul at his funeral. The CCF was blessed to have him as a leader and active board member until recent years. He made every effort to attend all events and all his family members have been a great support to the CCF. I had the pleasure to serve on the board with Paul for a few years. His passion and vision for our small town was amazing. Our community and the CCF are better because Paul, along with a few others, had a vision that, at the time, seemed almost impossible. But they persevered throughout the years and their effort and dedication are what's made the CCF so successful today. Thank you, Paul for your wisdom and service. We've got it from here and we will work hard to always make you proud."

Jim Vitali, longtime CCF Board Member stated: "I was saddened by the news of the passing of my good friend, Paul Marturano. Immediately I thought about all the good things he did for his family, his church and the community. In the days that have passed since he left us, I have had a chance to recall all the times we worked on projects at the Chisholm Foundation. I remember how Paul was always the person who kept us focused at meetings, and his wisdom and personality were valuable assets to the progress we made in the early years. I could go on and on about how much the community will miss Paul, but everyone knows that. May he rest in Eternal Peace and may Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him."

Glenn Jackola, past CCF chair and active community member recalls: "I had been a sitting member on the Chisholm School Board when Paul Marturano was elected to that body. I did not know Paul and I was informed that, as an administrator at Hibbing Tac, he ran a tight ship. I have a liberal bent and was concerned that ideological differences were eminent with this new board member. People call me Primo and after the first meeting, Paul said, "A Finlander called Primo can't be all bad." Paul and I developed a close friendship and mutual respect while serving on several boards together, including the CCF. I always admired his energy, his integrity and commitment to every undertaking. Paul's legacy will have a lasting impact on me and the community he loved."

Dave Pessenda, past CCF Chair and community activist wrote to Paul: To a friend, mentor and good man. These are some memories you left with me when you left on your journey to eternal life. You introduced me to Silent Retreat at Demontriville. From that time, we worked at the church, Knights of Columbus and with the Finance Council. You always had an opinion and some solid advice that encouraged all of us. Thank you. You will be missed by many, so rest in peace, Paul, as you continue your journey to eternal life."

I never did take on finding the solution to the needed upkeep at the Ironman Memorial. I say this now with some regret but also with optimism because someone did. I have noticed that the grounds there look better maintained, certainly more of a quality deserving for one of our city's entrances. I imagine, even at 80 something, Mr. Marturano wasn't going to wait for me to find the solution, but rather he found it himself. Although I was not part of that solution, Mr. Marturano, along with our other community leaders, did teach me to envision the impossible, then find a way to create it, to dream of what I wanted our city to be and then do it and to act without fear of failure but rather with optimism for the possibility of success. On my best days, I would like to think I can carry his legacy forward.

Mr. Marturano's legacy touches every block of our city: its parks he helped build and fund, its school he helped lead, its main street he helped revitalize, its care centers he helped improve, its organizations he helped nurture and continue and its endless people he helped mentor and lead. The loss created by his passing is immense. However, he would not want us to dwell on it, but rather to carry that spirit, optimism and grace forward. He would fully expect us not to miss a stride and to envision our next project or opportunity, then realize it.

We will all remember Mr. Marturano in our own ways. However, amongst all his successes and accomplishments, one image seems to stand out: Florence and Paul, walking side by side, smiling as though every outing was their first date. May we all live our lives with such love, dedication and courage and carry his legacy forward.

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Pernat, Agnes	Chisholm
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Peterson, Marge	Chisholm
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Sellers, Herb & Mara	Dark Lake, MN
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Swendseen, Joan	Edina, MN
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Tomassoni, Chet & Helen	Chisholm
Tupac, Jim & Elaine	Sun City West, AZ
Van Baak, Gary	Tower, MN
Zgonc, Jack	Chisholm

Upcoming CCF Events

Mark your calendars for the following events!

Keyboard Liquor Friendraiser. 12th Annual Holiday Wine & Cordial Tasting. Friday, December 6, 2019.
Valentini's Supper Club beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Burger Bash. March 2020. Valentini's Supper Club. Begins at 4:30 p.m.

32nd Annual Investors Dinner Meeting. May, 2020. Valentini's Supper Club. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m.—Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

25th Annual Golf Outing. Monday, July 27, 2020 Mesaba Country Club, Hibbing. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Start-time—Noon

2019 Grants



The CCF awarded the school \$5,000 for new starting blocks for the CHS Pool.



Pictured above is a mural located on the side of Terry's Barbershop which was done by Adam Swanson. An \$8,000 grant for this mural was given to the Chisholm Downtown Revitalization Committee.



The CCF awarded Chisholm Kids Plus \$3,000 for the Annual Water Ski Show on Long Year Lake.
(picture submitted by Paul Sajevic)

24th Annual Golf Tournament

The Chisholm Community Foundation held its 24th annual golf tournament on July 29, 2019 at the Mesaba Country Club. One hundred five golfers participated in a very chilly but fun-filled day on the Links. A delicious buffet dinner was held at Valentini's Supper Club after the tourney. There was a tie this year for the champs—the team of Jon Rice, Larry Johnson, Frank Gornick & Chuck Oman tied with the American Bank team that consisted of Mark Casey, Jodie Dragseth, Cindy Marturano, Jeannie Quirk & Marvin Vuicich. Each team had a score of 63. Congrats to both teams!

Thank you to all of our corporate partners, hole sponsors, golfers, businesses and individuals who donated prizes, and all the volunteers who gave their time to assist throughout the day and evening. With your help, we raised almost \$13,000.00. Special thanks go out to the Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce for conducting the raffles at the event and donating the proceeds to benefit the CCF and to the City of Chisholm for sponsoring the lunches. *Join us next year on Monday, July 27, 2020 where we will be celebrating 25 years of this terrific event!*



Pictured is the Big Stone Therapies Golf Team – L to R: Megan Corradi, Gail Mohs, Nick Gigliotti, Amber McNickle and Janice Rupp. Thanks for your support!



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- ☐ Catherine Cox Family Fund
- ☐ Philip Falcone Family Fund
- ☐ Rudy & Mayme Gazvoda Family Fund
- ☐ Ron & Carole Gornick Family Fund
- ☐ Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Marturano Family Fund
- ☐ NHS-Northstar Specialized Services Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Dr. Ben Owens Fund

2019 Bluestreak News

by Janey Blanchard



It's an exciting time in the Chisholm School District. We have taken out a bond for \$5 million to do much needed repairs across the district. We are doing everything from a new roof at the Vaughan Steffensrud to new gutters at the High School. The Elementary building has gotten the least amount of attention, but it is getting a new look with windows on the west and south sides. We are also putting some money into the beautiful auditorium by upgrading our sound system. This upgrade will allow us to continue to host community events such as the opera.

Our numbers are remaining stable and that helps us make good decisions about curriculum and instruction. We are also exploring a collaboration with Saint Louis County Schools, Mesaba East, Ely, Hibbing and Nashauk/Keewatin to enhance our Career and Technology classrooms to meet the workforce needs of the area. It's an exciting time to be in education with the changes in the way we do school. Chisholm Schools were also awarded a grant from the IRRRB to bring new technology into the 7-12 programs. This program will allow a student from anywhere to be digitally present in the classroom. This school year the teachers are learning the technology and next year we will market the program.

The Foundation has played an important part in the support of the school. Small grants have been given to the school. Items like starting blocks for the swim teams or band needs. All of the grants have allowed the school to meet more of the needs of the students. We are grateful for all of the things the Foundation does not only to support the school but also the community.

The Chisholm Public School Foundation is always looking for new investors. If you are interested, please send your investment to the Chisholm Community Foundation and note that you would like your donation to go to the Chisholm Public School Foundation. There are no administrative costs associated with this fund so all of the dollars invested go directly to benefit the students.



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much."*

Keyboard Liquor Holiday Wine & Cordial Tasting

Paul and Suzi Ruper, owners of the Keyboard Liquor Store, will be hosting their 12th Annual Holiday Wine & Cordial Tasting on Friday, December 6, 2019 at Valentini's Supper Club beginning at 6:00 p.m. Numerous wines and spirits will be available for you to sample. Enjoy the music of the Ivo Trio again this year. Cost for the event is \$50.00 per person.

Last year, approximately 100 people attended the event and sampled over 50 different wines. People were able to purchase their favorite wine and receive it in time for the holidays. Valentini's added their flair with an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Paul & Suzi donated the proceeds from the event to the CCF (\$3,200).

CCF Advisory Board Members assisted in planning and helping with the event. **Thanks so much for your support, Paul & Suzi!**

Join us in celebrating this very festive occasion! To RSVP, call Keyboard Liquor at 218-254-7271 or the CCF office at 218-254-1101. Hope to see you there!



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