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## Senator David J. Tomassoni Bridge of Peace Memorial

In honor of the late Senator David J. Tomassoni, a memorial arch and recreational plaza will be built on the Senator David J. Tomassoni Bridge of Peace, located on the Long-year Lake causeway in Chisholm, Minnesota. The archway honoring the late Senator is recognition for his 30 years of service in the Minnesota legislature and the many economic initiatives he directly and indirectly championed in area industry and the people of his district. His career delivered billions of dollars to help sustain the economy of the Iron Range – particularly natural resources such as mining and forest products. The memorial will also honor the Iron Range veterans of all military conflicts, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice.

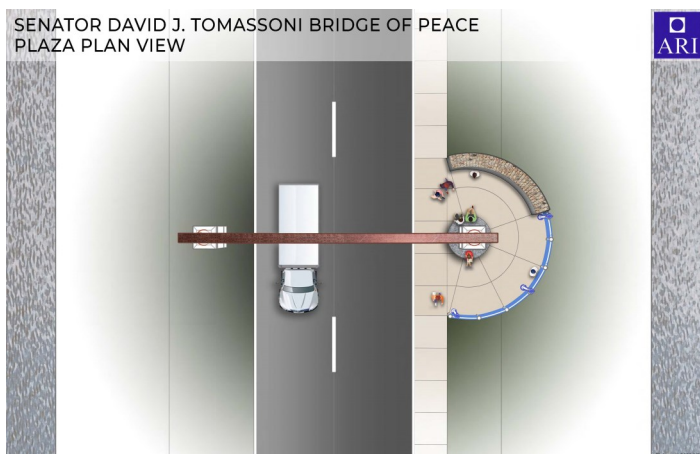
### Non-profit Status

The Chisholm Community Foundation is proud to be the fiscal intermediary for this project. Contributions to this project should be written to and received by the Chisholm Community Foundation, Four S.W. 3rd Avenue, Chisholm, Minnesota 55719. Contributions are tax deductible and donors will be provided with a tax receipt from the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation. The Chisholm Community Foundation, an affiliate of the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation, is a permanent, philanthropic endowment for the enduring benefit of our community. It secures, manages and allocates investors' gifts for charitable purposes in the Chisholm area, working to improve the quality of life for local residents.

**To make a donation, the memo on the check should state the following designation: Senator David J. Tomassoni Bridge of Peace Memorial.**

Architectural Resources has generously provided in-kind services for the design of the memorial. The City of Chisholm will be the project manager and will also provide in-kind support. This project is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2023.

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Article submitted by Shelley Valentini

### CCF Mission Statement

*The CCF's mission is to be a steward of funds for innovative and creative projects that are responsive to community and economic development in the areas of social service, education, arts and culture, conservation and historic and environmental preservation.*

## ***Senator Tomassoni's Career Accomplishments:***

- Senator Tomassoni helped secure millions of dollars in capital investment for plants and equipment for the taconite companies, working in cooperation with the Steelworkers by passing and approving annual investment tax credits for the taconite companies.
- He secured millions of dollars for the U of M's Natural Resources Research Institute to improve taconite production and research into DRI, using taconite tailings for construction, and other innovative research for mining.
- He proposed bills to streamline the permitting processes for mining, providing certainty for companies.
- He passed a law prohibiting the teardown of shutdown taconite plants—which helped preserve National Steel.
- When the industry hit tough times, he secured passage of extended unemployment benefits for steelworkers—which insured a stable workforce when the taconite plants reopened.
- He partnered with Senator Bakk on State Park expansion on USS lands near Lake Vermilion.
- He vigorously fought for the advancement of nonferrous mining for jobs for future generations and overall development of the region.
- He created the Iron Range Scholarship from mining royalties that now supports over 20% of the incoming freshmen at the University of Minnesota. He worked tirelessly for educational opportunities for all ages.
- He was in support of paper, pulp and biomass expansions such as Huber Manufacturing and the Hibbing-Virginia Laurentian Energy Authority (LEA).
- He worked thoughtfully with Minnesota Power and other State utilities on mercury emissions reductions and renewable energy expansion, including Taconite Ridge wind and Heliene Solar plant manufacturing and jobs.
- He was a key leader (along with a team of federal and local politicians/leaders) in securing the location of the Iron Range Reservations Call Center (Northwest/Delta) in Chisholm, Minnesota. This project brought significant jobs with great benefits to the Iron Range area and job diversity to the region.
- He supported many projects that created jobs, bolstering broad band while diversifying the Iron Range economy and strengthening transportation options. He also secured funding for the Range Regional Airport
- He passed special legislation that specifically ensured adequate funding for Range Center, Inc., a large nonprofit organization serving adults and children with developmental disabilities.
- He fought for care for the elderly and the mentally ill and worked to ensure people have the health care they deserve. He secured funding to help research Mesothelioma lung disease in miners.
- As a son of a veteran, he has supported veteran care and our military.
- He was instrumental in bringing recreation opportunities to the Iron Range such as the 132-mile Mesabi Bike Trail, public campgrounds area wide, the state's only Off Highway Vehicle Park located here on the Iron Range, and securing funding to reclaim an iron ore pit turning it into the world class Redhead Mountain Bike Park.



*Senator David Tomassoni*

In June of 2021, Senator Tomassoni was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. In his last session, fighting the physical challenges from the disease, Senator Tomassoni stuck to his values. He was able to pass legislation that will provide \$20 million to ALS research and \$5 million to caregiver support. He himself was not able to see the benefits from this bill, but he knew how important this legislation would be to his constituents.

Senator Tomassoni passed away on August 11, 2022.

**Upcoming CCF Events**

**Mark your calendars for the following events!**

*Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival. Friday, December 2, 2022. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.*  
Valentini's Supper Club.

*Casino Night—2023.* Date to be determined. More info to follow.

*27th Annual Golf Outing. Monday, July 24, 2023.* Mesaba Country Club, Hibbing.  
Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Start-time—Noon.

## INVESTORS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Allison, Rick	Chisholm	Marturano Family	Chisholm
Ambrozich, Ramona	Hobart, IN	Marturano, Joe & Deb	Side Lake
Barke, Karl & Suzanne	Longview, WA	McDonald, Carol Tiburzi	Buhl
Belluzzo, Bob	Chisholm	McLaughlin, Kim & Paul	Hibbing
Belluzzo, Denny	Hibbing	Mosca, Jerry & Judi	N. Mankato, MN
Bresnik, Kathy & Barry	Chisholm	Moscattelli, Jim & Bernadine	Stockton, CA
Bugliosi, Joanne	Hibbing	Nehiba, Cindy & Steve	Mt. Iron
Butkovich, Bill & Karen	Chisholm	Nelson, Cindi & Aaron	Chisholm
Butorac, Elaine	Blaine, MN	Newbauer, MJ & Rich	Chisholm
Carlstrom, Dave & Geri	Chisholm	Ongaro, Carolann & Aldo	Hibbing
Casey, Kendra	Chisholm	Palmquist, Dorothy	Chisholm
Charter, Rita	Hibbing	Paoli, Pam	Chisholm
City of Chisholm	Chisholm	Pascuzzi, Tom & Janet	Chisholm
Class of 1960	Chisholm	Pervenance, Jim & Patty	Chisholm
Class of 1972	Chisholm	Pessenda, Marisa	Chisholm
Clayton, Peggy & Richard	Grand Rapids	Petron, Mary	Hibbing
Comstock, Julie & William	Highland, MI	Puhek, Donna & Rick	Chisholm
Corradi Simon, Jackie	Chisholm	Quirk, Jeannie & Donny	Chisholm
Corradi, Greg & Shelley	Chisholm	Range Center	Chisholm
Deluca, Ernie & Karen	Faribault, MN	Roberts, Dan & Candi	Hibbing
DeStefano, Joanne	Green Valley, AZ	Rudolph, Bowser	Chisholm
Dormanen, Gordy	Chisholm	Ruper, Paul & Suzi	Chisholm
Dunda, Steve & Elaine	Chisholm	Rush, Sandy	Side Lake
Elioff, Josie & Dominic	Virginia	Samsa, Ruth	Chisholm
Elj, Cheryl & Larry	Chisholm	Schowalter, Jennifer	Chisholm
Enrico, Dick	Wayzata, MN	Scott, Gerald & Jean	Hibbing
Erickson, Jerry & Monica	Hibbing	Scott, Judi & Bill	Chisholm
Gongoll, Nancy	Elk River, MN	Sertich, Joe & Nancy	Side Lake
Gregorich, Tom & Kathy	Chisholm	Simons, Nancy	Chisholm
Guenther-Gleason, Patti	Claremont, CA	Simonson, Brian & Nancy	Hibbing
Heck, Mike & Karen	Chisholm	Simonson, Dave & Andrea	Side Lake
Hodnik, Al & Erika	Aurora, MN	Sinko Excavating	Chisholm
Holmstrom, Charles	Sioux Falls, SD	Skalko, Gary & Claudia	Mt. Iron
Hooper, Doug & Nancy	Chisholm	Skinner, Robin & Ben	Elk River, MN
Howard, Dean & Mary	Shoreview	Slover, Delrae & Darrell	Greenfield, MA
Hyduke, Pete & Karen	Milaca, MN	Smoltz, Richard & Barbara	Side Lake
Jackola, Glenn & Liz	Chisholm	St. Lawrence, Fred & Rose	Chisholm
Jensen, Stephanie	Chisholm	St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation	St. Paul
Jim's Sports Club	Chisholm	Sterle, Rose	Chisholm
Johnson, Andrea	Chisholm	Stoddard, Robert	Castle Rock, CO
Johnson, Tim & Barb	Chisholm	Succio, Sue Ann & Bob Brown	Chisholm
Johnson, Tom & Linda	Side Lake	Tahija, Tom & Shelley	Chisholm
Jordan, Jerry & Marcia	Chisholm	Tom & Jerry's	Chisholm
Jubilee Foods	Chisholm	Tomassoni, Dick & Jane	Shoreview
Kimball, Floyd & Eloise	Stillwater, MN	Tylla, Leonard & Leona	Side Lake
Kne, Jon	Chisholm	Vake, Travis	Chisholm
Kne, Leonard	Coon Rapids, MN	Van Baak Agency	Chisholm
Lake Country Power	Mt. Iron	Varichak, Jim & Jill	Side Lake
Lantman, Judie	Mason, OH	Waters, Mary Jean & Ed	Chisholm
Larson, Tim & Kathy	Chisholm	Weber, Mark & Kathy	Bonita Springs, FL
Madich, Jim & Carrie	Plymouth	White, Nancy Jo	Hibbing
Marino, Rosie & Bill	Chisholm	Yuretich, Kim	Chisholm



## CCF Hosts 26th Annual Golf Outing

The Chisholm Community Foundation held its 26th annual golf tournament on July 25, 2022 at the Mesaba Country Club, where 112 golfers participated in a great day on the course. A delicious buffet dinner was held at Valentin's Supper Club after the tourney.

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 over \$15,000.00. 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 24, 2023 for a fun-filled day on the links!*



*Nordic Group won the tourney this year with a score of 56. Pictured L to R are Craig Baron, Todd Scaia, Steve Olson, Brian Bolf, & Carter Olson. Congrats Guys!*



## Jim's Sports Club Hosts All Class Reunion Breakfast

The 2022 Chisholm All Class Reunion was held in August and, by all accounts, was a huge success. There were many activities for everyone to attend and/or participate in—from the school tours, bean bag, axe throwing, smear & golf tournaments to the film festivals, waterski show, 5K run, live music, parade and fireworks—everyone had a great time! No other community does it like Chisholm!! A very special shout out and thanks to Mark Wangenstein, Jeannie Quirk and Hannah Casey Forti for all the time and effort they put into planning this outstanding community celebration.

Another event that took place was the All Class Reunion breakfast sponsored by Jim's Sports Club. Special thanks go out to Kelly and her crew for all their hard work and for donating proceeds of \$1,000 to the CCF! Thanks to Miss Chisholm, Jolene Quirk and candidates, Gracie Bakkethun and Lola Huhta for helping out at the breakfast. We appreciate everyone's support!



## 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

### CORPORATE PARTNERS, HOLE SPONSORS & PRIZE DONORS

Thank you to all of our corporate partners, hole sponsors and prize donors who helped to make our 26th annual golf outing a success. Your support is very much appreciated. Listed below are the corporate partners, hole sponsors and prize donors (corporate partners in all caps):

ACCT Inc.  
American Legion  
Bark Design  
Bechthold Jensen Eye Care  
Shaun & John Briski  
Casey Drug  
Rita Charter  
Chisholm Class of 1978  
Chisholm Kiwanis Club  
**CITY OF CHISHOLM**  
Emerging Business Systems  
**FAIRVIEW RANGE**  
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Iron Range Carpet Cleaning  
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Jim's Sports Club  
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L&M Radiator  
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Max Gray Construction  
Medallion Management  
Midwest Communications  
Minnesota Industries  
**NHS-NORTHSTAR SPECIALIZED SERVICES**  
Owens Family Charitable Foundation  
Pam Kne Joffe  
**PARK STATE BANK**  
**RADOTICH ENTERPRISES LLC**  
Range Regional Airport  
**RUPP FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE**  
SAFE-T Inspections  
Sammy's Pizza  
Samsa/Aikey Construction  
Judi & Bill Scott  
Sertich Plumbing & Heating  
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Starkovich Distributing  
Sunrise Bakery  
Chet & Helen Tomassoni Family  
Trendz Hair Studio  
Robert Valentini  
Valentini's The Bistro  
Zahorsky CPA  
CCF Board

Aikey Electric  
Architectural Resources Inc. Bark Design  
Baron's Pharmacy  
Jeff & Carol Biondi  
C&L Distributors  
Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce  
Cherry Greenhouse  
Chisholm Curling Club  
Chisholm Tribune Press  
Dolheimer Beverages  
Excel Business Systems  
Fairway IMC – Bobbi Jo Amic  
Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricators  
Hibbing Co-Op Credit Union  
**INDEPENDENT ELECTRIC**  
Iron Range Tire Service  
JPJ Engineering  
Johnson Brothers  
**KEYBOARD LIQUOR**  
L&M Supply–Grand Rapids, Hibbing  
Leustek Sand & Gravel  
Joel Maturi  
**CAROL TIBURZI MCDONALD**  
Mesaba Country Club  
Minnesota Discovery Center  
Minnesota Twins  
North Country GM  
Palmer's Tavern  
Popper's Bar/ BG's  
Radko Iron & Supply  
Radotich Inc.  
Rice, Cindy  
Rupp Furniture  
Romell & Scott Salner  
Ruth Samsa  
Samsa/Aikey Tree Removal  
Security State Bank  
Sidelines Sports Bar  
Snickers Pizza  
Sterle & Co.  
**TOM & JERRY'S**  
Senator David Tomassoni  
Trenti Law Firm  
**VALENTINI'S SUPPER CLUB**  
**VAN BAAK AGENCY**  
30 West Fitness  
Jay Madigan & Gretchen Wright

***WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!***



## MEMORIALS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Anderson, Virgil  
Brown, Robert, Sr.  
Bugliosi, Ramon  
Cihak, Adelaide  
Dosen, John  
Dostal, Emily  
Gornick, Ron  
Henningsen, Dale  
Hewett, Tammy  
Hutchings, Dale  
Kne, Sheila  
Lahti, Dick  
Lamke, Catherine  
Leoni, Joe  
Lindell, Marlene  
Margo, Maribeth

Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Hibbing  
Minneapolis  
Grand Rapids  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
West Jordan, UT  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Hibbing  
Chisholm  
Glendale, CA  
Chisholm  
Moundsview, MN

Milich, James  
Moscatelli, Sam Jr.  
Nosan, Tom  
Nosie, Christine  
Podpeskar, Tracy  
Ranta, James  
Rodgers, Arlene  
Smilanich, Ward  
Smith, Margaret  
Smoltz, Skip  
Stalker, William  
Sterle, Frank  
Tomassoni, Chet & Helen  
Tomassoni, David  
Varda, Anne  
Yachwak, David

Buhl  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Virginia  
Winter Haven, FL  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Chisholm  
Mesa, AZ  
Hibbing  
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*What better way to perpetuate the memory  
of a loved one, family member or friend,  
than by giving a memorial to the Chisholm  
Community Foundation*

### Trivia Questions

*What was former CCF Chair, Glenn Jackola's, nickname?*

*Answer: Primo*

*What is Chisholm's oldest family business that started on  
Lake Street in 1905?*

*Answer: Rupp Furniture*

## More Golf Pics





## Yes, I want to invest in the future of Chisholm!

I hereby pledge the amount of:

Payment:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Bill me as follows

As an investment \_\_\_\_\_ As a memorial for \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to: **Chisholm Community Foundation, 4 S.W. 3rd Avenue,  
Chisholm, MN 55719**

**\*\*Make checks payable to Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association, 4 S.W. 3rd Avenue,  
Chisholm, MN 55719\*\***

Please check the fund(s) you would like to donate to:

- ☐ Chisholm Community Foundation
- ☐ Chisholm Community Foundation Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Chisholm Public School Foundation
- ☐ \*\*Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association \*\*
- ☐ Robert Jon Corradi Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ☐ 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

## 2022 CPSF News

The start of the school year is my favorite time of the year. Lots of laughter and excitement fill our school grounds with the return of students and staff. There are some new faces here in the Chisholm School District. We welcomed in a new E-6 Principal, Mrs. Karla Winter, and a new Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Mike Fredeen. We also have implemented some new mental health support through North Homes Children and Family Services as well as providing Check-N-Connect supports throughout our school district funded by a grant through St. Louis County.

We also are very excited to launch our new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Lab at the Chisholm Elementary School. Students will be building robots, flying drones, building circuits and many other fun and exciting STEM lessons throughout the year. The lab also doubles as an ESports Lab where students participate in team gaming.

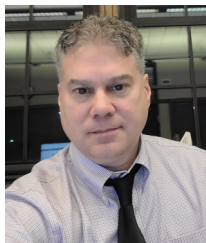
I was recently asked what I liked best about being Superintendent in Chisholm. My response was the strong sense of community pride and support of our school district. This summer, the Chisholm All Class Reunion proved this to be true. The buildings were filled with former students taking tours where I heard over and over again "keep schools in Chisholm."

One of the most exciting things about the school district will be voted on November 8th. There will be two questions on the ballot:

1. Operating Levy renewal
2. Building Bond Referendum

- ◆ Our current Operating Levy is about to expire. The school district is not asking for an increase but rather status quo. The operating levy provides the school district funds for classrooms, instruction and other school operating costs.
- ◆ The Building Bond Referendum is for a \$32 million new Early Childhood through 6th grade building. This would be located in the current parking lot of the High School and attached to the gymnasium. Two of our school buildings are over 100 years old. The repair costs far outweigh the new building cost. The new building would provide better air quality, heating and cooling, as well as 21st Century learning spaces. This addition preserves the auditorium and gymnasium as well as adding a new additional gymnasium and cafeteria. Safe and secure entrances as well as bus pick up and drop off safety will be addressed in this plan.

Please view our website (<https://chisholm.k12.mn.us>) for further details, stop in and say hello, email, or call the school.



Adrian Norman,  
Chisholm Public Schools  
Superintendent

## CCF Classified Ads

### WANTED: New Investors.

Please tell your family and friends about our Foundation. Our funds are growing thanks to so many of you who continue to send investments in appreciation for our community and schools and the effect both have had on your lives.

**WANTED:** Community-minded, doers, donors & door openers to serve on the CCF Advisory Board. Call the CCF office at 218-254-1101 if you are interested in joining our team!

### WINE & SPIRITS TASTERS

**WANTED:** Join us for the 14th Annual Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival on Friday, December 2, 2022 at Valentini's. Good wine & spirits, good food, good people & lotsa fun! Call the CCF at 218-254-1101 or the Keyboard at 218-254-7271 to RSVP.

### WANTED: Hole Sponsorships at the Annual CCF Golf Outing.

Sponsorships demonstrate your support of the Foundation and the community—can be businesses or individuals. Sponsorships are \$75. Call 218-254-1101.





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[chisholmcommunityfoundation.com](http://chisholmcommunityfoundation.com)

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*"...together we  
can do so  
much."*

## Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival

Paul and Suzi Ruper, owners of the Keyboard Liquor Store, will be hosting their 14th Annual Holiday Wine & Cordial Tasting on Friday, December 2, 2022 at Valentini's Supper Club beginning at 6:00 p.m. Numerous wines and spirits will be available for you to sample. Cost for the event is \$50.00 per person.



Last year, approximately 105 people attended the event and sampled over 50 different wines and spirits. People were able to purchase their favorite beverages and receive them 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 (\$3,125). 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 Mary Jo at 218-966-3223. Hope to see you there!



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The Chisholm Community Foundation  
would like to extend our sincere thanks  
to our Corporate Partners.

Your generosity and commitment of \$1,000  
per year emphasizes your feelings toward  
the CCF and Chisholm.

***We truly appreciate your support!***

