

# Local Focus

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## Twenty \$2,500 scholarships available to WHS seniors

*From Rose Whitten Fund*

WAKEFIELD — The Trustees of Rose Nesmith Whitten Student Loan Fund of The Kosmos Club, will award 20 scholarships of \$2,500 each to deserving college-bound Wakefield Memorial High School Seniors. According to Dorothy F. Green, trustee and chairwoman of Rose N. Whitten Fund, "this year is particularly special because it represents the largest number of scholarships and the highest dollar value of scholarships ever authorized to be awarded by this Fund."

This year's scholarship awards are the crowning achievement of the Fund, which has awarded interest free loans to qualifying Wakefield High School seniors for 99 years. These 20 Scholarships will be among the final awards from the Fund. Sadly, after 109 years of community service, The Kosmos Club was disbanded in April 2004. While this year represents the closing chapter of The Kosmos Club, the Fund's present Trustees hope that the 2005-2006 Scholarship recipients will carry on the Fund's spirit of community service.

The Fund has been administered by a Board of Trustees composed of five appointed Kosmos Club members. The Trustees have volunteered their time and talents to provide finan-



CURLY LAW Firm LLP Attorneys Mark M. Curley and Patrick G. Curley advise Rose Nesmith Whitten Student Loan Fund Trustees of the Kosmos Club regarding the creation of 20 new scholarships for college-bound Wakefield Memorial High School students. Shown seated (l to r) are Trustee Dorothy F. Green, chairwoman; Geraldine F. Russell, treasurer, and Martha Ackerson, secretary; standing (l to r) are Attorneys Mark M. Curley and Patrick G. Curley; missing from the photo are Trustees Bette Volpe, assistant secretary, and Marie Beyer.

mos Club fundraising, gifts and bequests. Initially, The Kosmos Club awarded scholarship loans of less than \$100 per student. Recently, those loans have risen to as much as \$3,600.

Applicants must be current Wakefield Memorial High School seniors who have applied to colleges for the 2005-2006 academic year. Scholarships will be awarded based upon the applicant's academic performance, SAT scores, extracurricular activities, teacher references, community service,

Memorial Library. Applications must be submitted by March 15.

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cial help to as many students as possible each year. Local Attorney Mark M. Curley, who serves as legal counsel to The Kosmos Club, notes that, "With college education costs increasing dramatically each year, 20 local students will benefit significantly from these generous scholarships." Better still, in contrast with past years, the scholarships are outright gifts - not loans - and do not need to be repaid.

The Scholarship Fund is named after Rose Nesmith Whitten, who was president of The Kosmos Club from 1905 to 1907. Under her leadership, the Fund was created in 1906 to address the financial needs of local students as expressed to her by the then principal of Wakefield High School. The Fund grew year after year through Kos-

documented financial need and other relevant information provided. Applicants may secure applications for the Rose Nesmith Whitten Student Loan Fund Scholarship at the Wakefield Memorial High School Guidance Department or Lucius Beebe

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