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In cooperation with the [Community Foundation](#) for the National Capital Region, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation exists to honor the memories and spirits of two brothers, remarkable young men who were tragically killed by a highway trucking crash in the summer of 2009.



Holt Weeks, Stone Weeks, March, 2009

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Through unbearable sorrow, and unending love, the Foundation has as its mission to try and carry on the dreams of Stone and Holt in their spirits:
By raising money for, creating awareness of, sponsoring participants in and

recognizing volunteers for the many good causes that they were involved with.

Stone and Holt not only believed, but proved -- through their volunteerism and incredible vitality -- that you can do good and have fun at the same time.

They both very much wanted to make the world a better place for all.
And they each had the gift of making everything they did so much fun --
with creativity and originality.

They were young, energetic and inseparable.
They were humanitarians, activists and idealists.

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The Story of Stone and Holt



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The Weeks Brothers lived extremely full lives in their too short time on Earth. More about their lives and interests are here:

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The Beacon of Houston, Texas
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Muscular Dystrophy Association
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Award awarded to Maddie Mier
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Muscular Dystrophy Association
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Award awarded to Dave Cousins
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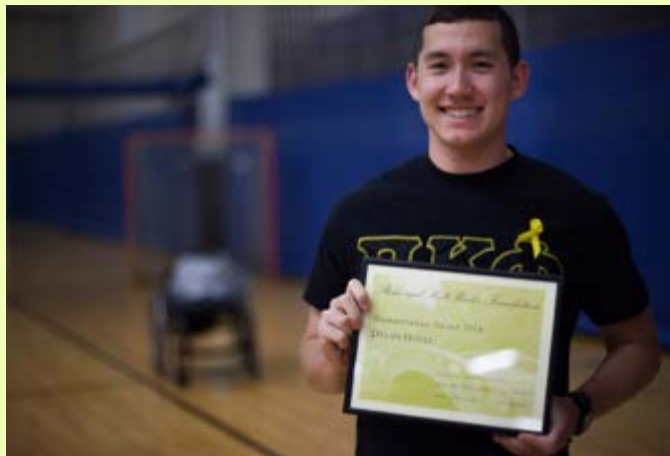


Environment America
2016 Fellows Program presentation of
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2012-2016 Holt Weeks Sportsmanship Award
presented to Jonathan Cheng, left,
pictured with Eckerd Coach Ben Maxwell



Stone Weeks



Holt Weeks

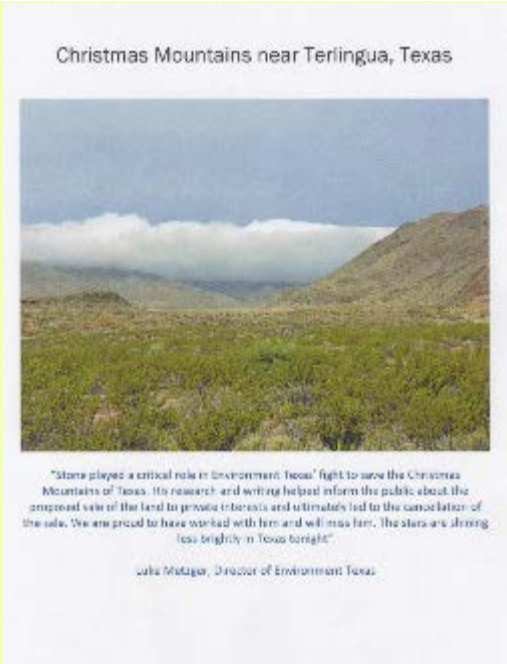
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Opportunities

From an early age, the brothers talked about making the world a better place and, even more important, they took action -- helping those less fortunate, increasing environmental awareness, improving educational opportunities for the underprivileged, building better communities.

The Foundation seeks to provide support to the organizations that Stone and Holt were involved with:

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[Click Here](#) to see at a glance how we are supporting these organizations and more. The Foundation hopes to propel the spirits of Stone and Holt forward by supporting more causes that they believed in:

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Tell us your name and email address and we will use it for one reason and one reason only: To keep you aware of opportunities to build a better future for all on Earth like Stone and Holt wanted so much to do.

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If you have stories about Stone and/or Holt, [or](#) you have a story about how you handed out or received one of our Act of Kindness cards....
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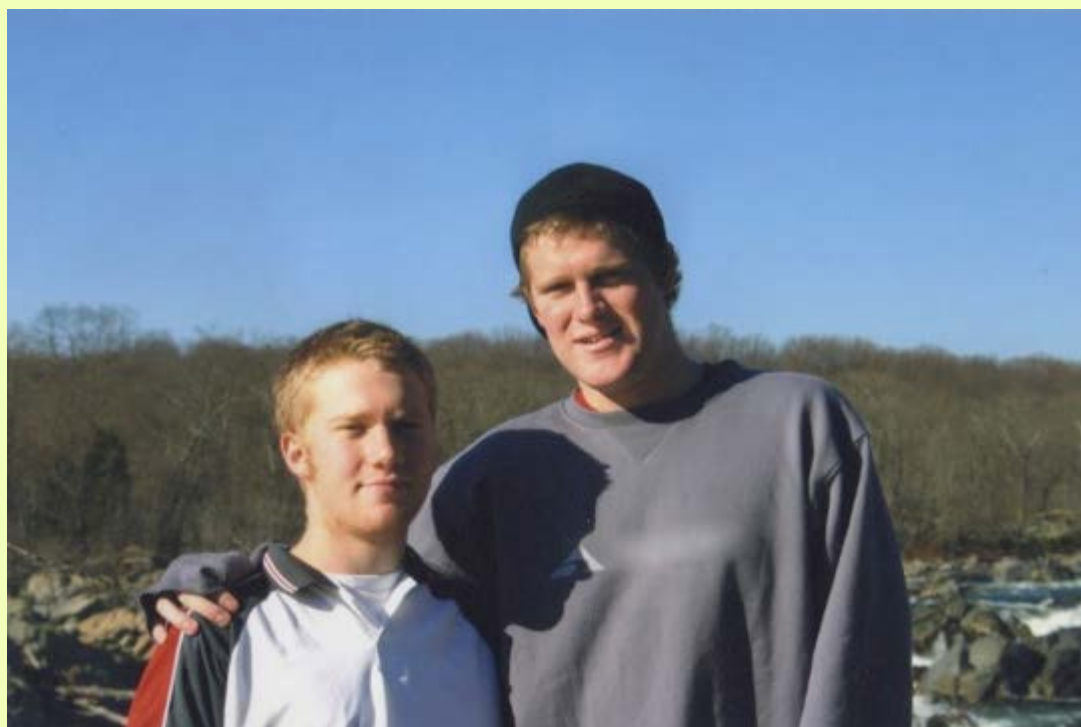
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For a list of organizations the Foundation supports:
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Holt and Stone, December 2006

Newsletters

The goal of the Foundation newsletters is to keep you updated ... on the events related to Stone and to Holt, and to our Foundation.

We hope these events are encouraging and inspiring others, like Stone and Holt always did, to do good and to have fun at the same time.

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Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp Chicago, 2010

Work So Far

By the end of 2016, through seven excruciating years, The Foundation will have raised awareness of, encouraged volunteerism for, and given out nearly \$350,000 in grants to more than a dozen organizations important to Stone and to Holt. Thousands of people have donated, engaged, and worked in creative and compassionate ways to make this possible.

With your help, The Foundation has: supported blood cancer research; contributed to green home repairs and home building for low-income homeowners in Washington, DC and tornado victims in Texas and Oklahoma; helped to protect the environment surrounding America's National Parks and encourage environmental education; served the large homeless populations in Houston, in Washington, DC and in Maryland; sponsored children with muscular dystrophy to attend summer camps in Chicago and Washington; assisted building projects around the world; staged blood drives that served well over 500 patients; contributed to wildlife preservation worldwide; sent hundreds of Washington, DC public school children on nature field trips; supported cognitively and physically disabled Americans, including veterans; and provided medical and rebuilding aid to earthquake victims and school children in Haiti and Nepal, orphans in Nepal, and people impacted by Hurricane Sandy on America's Eastern Seaboard, Typhoon Haiyan in The Philippines, and Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. And The Foundation has encouraged and supported volunteerism especially among young people around the nation.

Because of the generosity of supporters, The Foundation has matured into an endowment fund that will be able to benefit these organizations so important to Holt and to Stone for years and years to come.

With your continuing generosity, The Foundation will be able to increase its current level of giving and respond to emergency relief efforts that Stone and Holt would have compassionately engaged in.

All of this is done in loving memory and in honor of Holt and of Stone -- in our heartbroken attempt to keep their beautiful spirits alive and at work in this world.

How We Are Supporting:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

We Kare-eokes *Washington* have supported the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Holt helped create the very successful Pennies for Patients fundraiser for LLS, a huge tradition now at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland. LLS created the Holt Weeks Trailblazer Cup Award to honor Holt and to encourage more creative and enthusiastic volunteerism in Washington DC metropolitan area high schools.

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Rich Preyer's Appalachian Trail Hike was another very meaningful source of support -- Rich used his hike to raise funds for the Foundation. Half was sent to LLS. Rich spoke about his experience at An Evening with Greta.

Environment America

Also at We Kare-eokes *Washington*, the Foundation has supported Environment America. Environment America recognized Stone's role -- through his intensity and hard work with Douglas Brinkley -- in helping to preserve the Christmas Mountains in Texas. Environment America created the Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award to encourage hard work and intense devotion recruiting others into their Fellows Programs.

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Rich Preyer's Appalachian Trail Hike also provided another very meaningful path of support -- Rich used his hike to raise funds for the

Foundation. Half was sent to Environment America. And Rich also spoke of this at [An Evening with Greta](#).



Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC

At We Kare-eokes *Washington*, the Foundation has supported Rebuilding Together. Holt worked on DC-based Rebuilding projects throughout his high school years, as Stone worked on Habitat for Humanity projects. Rebuilding Together created [The Green Hammer Award](#) in memory and in honor of Holt and Stone.

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American Red Cross

One of the missions of the Foundation is to combine compassion and creativity. Community Cupcakes, created to honor Luke Carter-Schelp, chose our Foundation in February, 2010 to benefit from its American Idol-like fundraiser at Walter Johnson High School. During the evening, we announced that our Foundation would donate all the proceeds, plus an additional grant, to the American Red Cross for Haiti earthquake

relief. We asked that the grant specifically help the youngest victims.

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After the destruction of Hurricane Sandy on the Eastern Seaboard in October 2012, the Foundation granted another \$5000 to The Red Cross to assist in the effort to care for those most deeply impacted.

After Typhoon Haiyan in The Philippines in November 2013, the Foundation issued a generous grant to assist with the widespread devastation there.

Partners in Health

After the devastating hurricane in 2010, Holt's friends at Eckerd College staged a Crisis Kitchen throughout three nights over two entire week-ends for Haiti earthquake relief. We supported their compassionate and original idea with a significant contribution. All proceeds went to support Partners in Health in Haiti. We announced this at the Community Cupcakes event.

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After Hurricane Matthew ravaged the poor nation of Haiti in 2016, The Foundation contributed much needed funds to Partners in Health for medical assistance there.

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The Beacon in Houston

At We Kare-eokes *Houston*, the Foundation has supported The Beacon, a huge volunteer-driven day center established by Christ Church Cathedral Health and Outreach Ministries. The Beacon provides meals, clothing, and other services to people living on the streets of Houston. Stone began as a volunteer at the center, and pulled Holt in during his summers there.

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Habitat for Humanity

Friends in the neighborhood where Stone and Holt grew up, staged a neighborhood home tour. All proceeds plus more from the Foundation were presented to Habitat for Humanity.

Both Holt and Stone volunteered with Habitat.

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The Story of Stone and Holt

Stone Taylor Weeks, 24, and William Holt Weeks, 20, researchers at Rice University, in Houston, Texas, were killed Thursday night, July 23, while stopped in a highway traffic jam on Interstate 81 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. The Weeks brothers were en route to Washington to visit their parents and friends and to attend a book party honoring "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America" by the historian Douglas Brinkley. Stone was Brinkley's research assistant for the book and other projects.

Stone was born in Savannah, Georgia. Holt was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. The boys grew up in North Bethesda and were super-active members of St. Columba's Church in Washington. They had become best and inseparable friends.

Stone attended Wyngate Elementary and St. Andrews Episcopal School. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 2007 with a degree in history. Immediately after graduation, he was hired to be the assistant and researcher for Brinkley, a Rice University professor of history and a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy. After two years of working together on the Roosevelt book, Brinkley wrote this about Stone in the book's Acknowledgements. "I was deeply impressed by his intellect, drive, and computer skills ... During the manuscript preparation phase he was exemplary. He became like family. The world can expect great things from him in the coming decades."

Holt went to Farmland Elementary, Tilden Middle and Walter Johnson High School. He spent his first two years of college at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he focused on history, studied history and political systems in London for a semester, and played varsity tennis. As a sophomore he was chosen by his teammates to receive the Triton spirit award. This summer Holt transferred to Rice University to be near Stone and to be a research assistant -- for the second summer in a row -- to Christopher Bronk, Baker Institute fellow in technology, society and public policy. A graduate-level course on environmental technology and sustainability was

created based on Holt's research from his first summer's work. At the urging of Bronk and several others at Rice, Holt applied for a transfer to Rice from Eckerd. He would have been a junior there this fall.

Both were Honor Roll and Dean's List guys. For a year they attended an international school in Aix-en-Provence, France, while their mother, Jan Taylor Weeks, taught at the Marchutz School of Painting and Drawing.

In high school, Stone played varsity tennis and basketball and as a senior was named Captain and Most Valuable Player of his basketball team. He was on the St. Andrew's vestry and an enthusiastic leader in a vast range of community service projects, including a Muscular Dystrophy Association camp in Chicago and a Habitat for Humanity program in Tennessee. He was always active in student government and he was both the news editor and the editorial editor of the school newspaper. At St. Columba's he was an acolyte and involved in the STEP program.

At Delaware, Stone was a university teaching assistant for history and a founding father of the UD chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He worked with Prof. Guy Alchon to organize a statewide forum titled "Soldiers to Veterans: The Burdens of Conscience and a Careless Public." He assisted in the making of a documentary on the My Lai massacre. Two summers were spent working at Thompson O'Donnell law firm in Washington and the summer before his senior year he was intern to the director of the ACLU in Delaware.

Holt was an avid basketball player until his junior year at Walter Johnson, when he decided to turn his athletic prowess to his other love, tennis. He played four years of varsity tennis and as a senior became their number one player, captain, and Most Valuable Player. He was involved in student government and was a school representative to the Montgomery County SGA Conference. As a junior intern for the school's Leadership Class, he helped create a fundraising project -- now a tradition -- that benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, as a senior intern he led the school's American Red Cross blood drive. He was voted Best Personality by his large senior class. He was an acolyte and a member of the boys' choir at St. Columba's, he was youth representative to the stewardship committee and he was deeply involved in charity building projects, including Rebuilding DC, Habitat for Humanity International and the St. Columba's Appalachia Project. He also was involved in the STEP program.

Stone and Holt both loved Nature and they marveled at this coolest of moments: Stone was working on the history of the American environmental movement and Holt was working on its future.

In Houston, Stone and Holt were together constantly. They reveled in each other's company -- sharing friends, food and fun. Each was a remarkable blend of sensitivity, intellect, and astonishing sense of humor. They both loved a party. The brothers played basketball and racquetball together. They sang karaoke, loved sushi and adored Stone's dog, Priam. They were passionate about history and politics and had such original minds. On Sundays they served food to the homeless.

They are survived by their parents, Linton Weeks, a former staff writer at The Washington Post and now National Correspondent for NPR Digital News and Jan Taylor Weeks, a Washington artist, a teacher of art through the Washington Accueil Association at the French Embassy and Artist-in-Residence at the Marchutz School in Aix-en-Provence. They are also survived by their grandmother, Mary Hunt Weeks of Franklin, Tenn., and countless family members and friends.

To honor the generous spirits of Stone and Holt and to help make the world a better place for all send tax-deductible memorial gifts to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, c/o The Community Foundation, 1201 15th Street, NW, Suite 420, Washington DC, 20005.

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A CELEBRATION IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIVES OF
STONE TAYLOR WEEKS AND WILLIAM HOLT WEEKS
MARCH 2, 1985 APRIL 21, 1989

August 2, 2009, 1:30 p.m.



Opening Argument

Stuart Taylor Jr.

Two Noble Young Men

An estimated 1,500 people filled Washington National Cathedral on Sunday to celebrate the lives of two happy, generous, remarkably accomplished young men, 24-year-old Stone Weeks and his 20-year-old brother, Holt, of North Bethesda, Md. It was the saddest, most moving, most beautiful memorial service I've ever seen.

To share some of that beauty, I devote this column to Stone, Holt, and their wonderful parents, Linton and Jan Taylor Weeks.

Speaker after speaker told of brothers who were also best friends, who exuded a truly extraordinary love for their parents, who threw themselves into academics, sports, and karaoke singing, and who were devoted to helping less fortunate people and fixing our troubled world.

Stone and Holt died in a July 23 traffic jam on Interstate 81 in Virginia when their car was crushed between two trucks and consumed by fire. They were headed from

Texas to Washington, with Stone's beloved dog, Priam, to visit their parents and attend a book party for historian Douglas Brinkley, for whom Stone had been an assistant and researcher for two years at Rice University in Houston.

Following are fragments of the uncommonly eloquent personal reflections by six speakers at the service for Stone

Woody Turner: "I got to know Holt Weeks when he was about 12 years old ... in a junior high youth program at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.... In so many ways, he was already a full man.... He ... would take the new guys under his wing and would look after those on the fringe. He was ... a natural leader ... destined for great things. But probably more important, he was destined for good things—those small, relatively or seemingly insignificant acts of kindness, inclusivity, caring, effort, work, responsibility, courage that ... hold us all together.... He knew that at 12 years old."

Al Hightower, teacher and basketball coach at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md., where Stone was named basketball captain and most valuable player: "Stone ... combined social grace, mental awareness, and an ability to be true to who he was.... The two years that I coached Stone made me a better teacher and a better person.... Stone was so proud of Holt, [and] Holt lit up when he talked about Stone."

Christopher Garran, Holt's principal at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda: "In the Walter Johnson 2007 yearbook, you find Holt being recognized with the senior superlative for best personality.... It was as if he had a personal mission to

■ Brothers and Best Friends



WALTERS FAMILY



■ William Holt Weeks (left) and his older brother Stone Taylor Weeks at Great Falls, Md., in December 2006.

Taylor Weeks and William Holt Weeks. (You can find the video at <http://video1.cathedral.org/wmv/weeksfuneral090802.wmv>.)

make people happy.... He was dedicated to helping our school community and to helping others.... He sponsored our school's blood drive.... He believed in ... being goofy, helping others, caring about our world, leading by doing.... In high school it's rare to see kids bragging about

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their parents. Jan and Linton, he had so much respect and admiration for you. [We] heard it every day."

Drewry Fennell, executive director of the ACLU of Delaware: "Stone spent a summer as my intern just before his senior year.... He was wonderful company [and worked very hard].... One thing I heard over and over from Stone was, 'I can't wait for you to meet my parents.' And when I finally did meet them, I loved watching the three of them together, the sheer joy they took from one another's company." Fennell also told of how Stone inspired a feat of legislative jujitsu that helped the ACLU kill an English-only bill—then took

School in Tennessee, gave the homily. Its poetic beauty and profundity can only be hinted at here.

"On an uncharacteristically cool July evening, on the Cumberland plateau of Tennessee where I live, I stood at an expansive bluff overlook, gazing west toward an impressive sunset.... It was there that I received the call from Linton Weeks. The view changed instantly. The vast array of timeworn sandstone, hardwood forest, free-flowing streams—all morphed into a broad snapshot of chaotic disorder. The out-there that just moments before had seemed peaceful and pastoral and perfect now seemed dangerous and

also news and editorial editor of his school newspaper. Stone played varsity tennis as well as basketball at St. Andrew's. Both were involved in student government. Holt played four years of varsity tennis at Walter Johnson and was MVP as a senior. And both continued their community-oriented activities in college, where they were also "honor roll and dean's list guys," according to their parents.

At the University of Delaware, Stone helped to organize a statewide forum titled "Soldiers to Veterans, the Burdens of Conscience and a Careless Public" and to make a documentary about the My Lai massacre. He helped found the university's chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and was a teaching assistant in history.

After graduating in 2007 with a degree in history, Stone worked intensively for Brinkley on projects, including *The Wilderness Warrior*, a book focusing on Theodore Roosevelt's path-breaking conservation work. In the book's acknowledgments, Brinkley's paragraph of praise for Stone ended thus: "The world can expect great things from him in the coming decades."

Holt focused on history during two years at Eckerd College, while spending a semester in London and winning the tennis team's award for character. He transferred to Rice this summer to be near Stone and spend a second summer as a research assistant to Christopher Bronk, fellow in technology, society, and public policy at Rice's Baker Institute. Holt's research was the basis for a graduate-level course on environmental technology and sustainability. He hoped to run for political office.

The brothers loved nature and loved that Stone was working on the history of the environmental movement while Holt was working on its future. On Sundays, they served food to the homeless.

Linton Weeks, a former *Washington Post* Style section writer who is now national correspondent for NPR Digital News, and Jan Taylor Weeks, an artist and teacher of art in Washington and Aix-en-Provence, have created a foundation—see www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org—to memorialize their sons and "to make the world a better place for all."

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“They would urge us here today to seize life as they did, to honor them and the God who made them.”

her on a “victory lap” around the Statehouse in his car, music blaring.

Erin Koenig: “I was Holt’s tennis coach at Eckerd College [in Florida].... Holt epitomized what a coach looks for in an athlete—a good person, academic excellence, commitment to the sport, a team player, a great sense of humor, and last but not least, a never-quit attitude.... Holt always put his family, friends, and teammates ahead of himself.... This past season [he won] the Eckerd College ... award [that] goes to the student-athlete that exemplifies character on and off the court.”

Douglas Brinkley: “Stone ... got so engaged in history and current events that he was literally kind of ablaze about life.... He was always for the underdog. He was always for the person that was out of luck. He was pulling for the little guy.... Through all this pain, I still find that I have lessons that I’ve learned from him, on how to act, on how to prioritize things.... I will never be the same. I hope I will be better. Somehow this last week my pride has vanished. I feel very humbled.... He will never be forgotten. But we have to face the fact that a major link in our chain of love has been terribly shortened.”

The Rev. John Taliaferro Thomas, who knew Stone and Holt as a St. Columba’s adjunct clergyman and St. Andrew’s chaplain and now heads St. Andrew’s-Sewance

random and desolate. For those of us gathered here today, the landscape of our lives has changed forever.... This is not an occasion to make neat or tidy sense of the death of innocents. This is not an occasion to defend God.... [At first] I let God have it. I could scream and yell and moan and question and curse.... I suspect many of you have done the same ... as we all ought. But in looking up, I found no solace in the swirling heavens. Rather, the process of railing just created an emptiness.... Look around, how many people are touched by these two young men.... You know that they would urge us here today to seize life as they did, to honor them and the God who made them. That is what we will do together.”

What’s especially striking is how both boys, from an early age, combined deep devotion to helping downtrodden people with academic and athletic excellence, personal kindness, fun, and occasional eruptions of what Thomas called “wildly creative ... mischief.”

Both were active in Habitat for Humanity and other charity programs at St. Columba’s. Through their respective schools, Stone worked at a Muscular Dystrophy Association camp, and Holt helped create a fundraising project for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Stone was

IN MEMORIAM *Into thy hands we commend thy servants*

Remembering Stone and Holt Weeks

ON AUG. 2, 1,500 mourners filled the nave and transepts of Washington National Cathedral for the funeral of two young St. Columbans, 24-year-old Stone Weeks and 20-year-old Holt Weeks, who were killed on July 23 in a car accident involving multiple tractor-trailers as they were driving from Houston to the Rockville home of their parents, parishioners Linton Weeks and Jan Taylor Weeks.

Six eulogists spoke of these young men's many academic, athletic and professional achievements, a remarkable list, given their too-short lives. Early in their childhood, their parents and this congregation introduced them to community service. All four members of the Weeks family were regular STEP volunteers – parishioner Kathy McKay recalls the tall, lanky Stone playing basketball with the Dreamers, and Holt, who was the same age as the children served by the program, fitting in so well with them that his little blond head can be seen in the second row of a group picture taken when the Dreamers were in 4th grade.

Both boys led various service projects at their high schools, colleges and here at St. Columba's, where Holt was especially active – he participated in SCAP, Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity. In Houston, where Stone worked for historian Douglas Brinkley and Holt was to



COURTESY OF THE WEEKS FAMILY

begin his junior year at Rice, they volunteered together at a soup kitchen. Jan and Linton have established a foundation through which their sons' commitment to service will live on. The foundation's website (www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org) has links to other tributes, including video from the service at the Cathedral and a Facebook memorial group. It is a challenge to find any greater meaning

in such a senseless tragedy, but the foundation's motto – "Seize Life!" – is a good place to start.

I knew both brothers myself as a youth leader – Stone was in my class in junior high, and I was one of the leaders for Holt's J2A class. Like so many of you, I remember them as bright, polite, friendly, fun-loving and uncommonly close to their parents and to each other. As I left St. Columba's after the reception that followed their funeral, I was amazed to see a rainbow in the sky over Albemarle Street. I will never forget that sight, or these two fine young men.

Two young people who grew up in this parish join me here to share their own memories of their friends: Emily Farris, who knew Stone as a lifelong family friend, and Sarah Lasseron, who was in the first-ever Rite 13/J2A/YAC classes at St. Columba's with Holt.

– Elizabeth Terry

Stone

Stone was never my friend because we were forced to be based on our parents' history. Stone was my friend because we had a common love and respect for each other. I last saw him when I visited him in Houston last year. It will be one of my most meaningful times with him, not because it was our last time together, but because he was so happy. As we took turns throwing a ball to his dog, we talked about our new lives as "adults," and shared stories of our

as always, our plans for our futures. We laughed for hours that night.

Even when we spent time apart, the second we reunited we would bounce back as the best of friends. It is rare to find friends you can return to so naturally. The spark of love and appreciation is so strong that you never feel pressure or discomfort, only pure joy. I am forever grateful to be blessed with a real friend like Stone Weeks.

– Emily Farris

Holt

I remember you as the shining light of our group
I remember the boy with an unbelievable understanding of life
I remember the man who had constant faith in humankind
I remember your hacky sack skills and how much I envied them
I remember your colorful and eccentric outfits
I remember the boy with whom I sang in choir
I remember the man for whom I baked a gingerbread cookie
I remember my buddy who always reminded me of the value in living life to the fullest

I love and miss you
May you go in Peace.

amazing brothers, our parents and,

— Sarah Lasseron

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Holt, 2006. High School Homecoming.
Having promised his date that he wouldn't
dress funny.



Stone, 2008. Family Reunion. Six feet,
six inches tall, making everyone laugh.

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*Rice Memorial Chapel
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Andy Le

My name is Andy Le. I was one of Stone and Holt's closest friends in Houston. News of the accident shocked me. I could not believe it. As many others did, I grieved.

However, this is not the purpose of what I want to say today. I want to thank Jan and Linton for the honor of having both Stone and Holt as friends. I thank you both for bringing them into the world. I thank you both for giving me the chance to meet not only one great friend, but two. I thank you for providing such great influences to my life, as well as the lives of so many others.

I thank you for giving me the privilege to play Rock Band with both Stone and Holt, who were passionate players. Stone was the vocals, Holt was the drums, Kyle Tenas was the guitar, and I was the bass. We played for hours. And I am sorry to say that we will never play together again. Stone and Holt brought happiness, and laughter into my life ... from their ridiculous antics to their wise words and opinions. These will remain with me for the rest of my life.

Stone and Holt are not gone, nor will they ever be ... they live within me as well as in all of the lives that they have touched. I know all the "We are sorrys" will not ease the pain.... but just know that I am forever grateful to have known such brilliant and enthusiastic men.

Now we can rejoice in the influence that they have had over so many people and the lives that they lived. I feel sorrow for those who will never have a chance to know such great men. I am thankful to have met them.

Again I thank you very much for allowing me to have such great friends. Because of their smiles they have made life so much more beautiful.

If you ever miss them, look into the faces of the lives they have touched, and you will see them.

I do every day. I look into the mirror. "What's up Stone? What's up Holt?"

Jennifer Condi

My name is Jennifer Condi and I was Stone's neighbor in Houston.

Jan and Linton, I want you both to know that your son Stone inspired me to be a better person.

First of all, it is because of Stone that the residents of Autrey Condos recycle. His concern for the environment was evident. We started out with one recycle bin, which I believe Stone had secured for us and wanted to make sure we had plenty of recycle bins- one for each resident. There was a time before the recycle bins arrived, that any time I would run into Stone, whether it was in the hallway, or the parking lot, no matter what time of day or night he would stop me and ask if we had more recycling bins would I start recycling. I'm ashamed to say I have never been very concerned about the environment; but Stone's enthusiasm was contagious. I soon found myself separating trash from plastic and making use out of those recycle bins. Anyone who knows me remotely would understand what a remarkable feat this was for me. I am not proud of this, but if you looked it up in the dictionary you would have found a picture of me under the definition of litterbug.

I met Holt this summer and did not know him as well as Stone but after hearing Stone talk about Holt I knew

what a special person he was. Stone had shown me a picture of him and Holt as kids and told me how Holt was his best friend and how excited he was about the summer because Holt was coming. As an only child who has always wanted siblings I have to admit I was kind of envious. I was very fond of Stone he was like the little brother I always wanted and after meeting Holt, I realized he was the other little brother I had always wanted.

As his neighbor I was only a very small facet of Stone's life, but he had a huge impact on mine. After moving out for a year, I moved back to my condo in June '08 and Stone befriended me. Despite the 8 year difference I was very grateful for his friendship; and although I was permanently banned from vocals, I always looked forward to his invitations to come over and play Rock Band. One day Stone and Kyle invited me over to hang out and watch Live Aid. I asked them about Rice and their future goals. After they shared their aspirations Stone turned it back to me. Stone asked me what my future goals were. I explained to them that I had experienced a lot of huge life changes in the past year and my goals were no longer clear to me. I was kind of in limbo. I was half heartedly interested in pursuing different career options. At the same time I had been thinking about going back to school for Studio Art but wasn't too sure if I could handle returning to school at this stage of my life.

Stone encouraged me to go back to school. He thought I would enjoy Studio Art much more than the other career options I had mentioned. He said art is a bigger contribution to society. He also informed me proudly that his mom is an artist. His words were so sincere. The conversation was probably no longer than fifteen or twenty minutes, but in that short time he gave me some of the best advice that I had received in a long time, possibly ever. I couldn't believe these words of wisdom were coming from someone who was almost 10 years my junior. I wish he knew how he influenced me. It was because of the conversation we had that day, I enrolled in summer classes. Because of that conversation, this past summer I knocked eight science credits out of the way, and I am that much closer to obtaining a bachelors degree in Studio Art.

I was always in such awe that someone so young was so passionate and dedicated to making the world a better place. I think it was Easter that we started volunteering together at the Beacon, an institution that offers food, showers, and laundry service to the homeless. Stone saw no distinction between the homeless clients, the volunteers or administrators. He spoke to everyone in the same friendly, easygoing manner and always maintained his great sense of humor. When Holt came to Houston, Stone convinced Holt to volunteer at the shelter with us. Unfortunately it was one of the Sundays I was not able to make it. I missed the practical joke Stone played on Holt. Stone had the volunteers tell Holt that he, Holt, was to be the "Shower Supervisor" and would be in charge of making sure that all the homeless clients were clean. Poor Holt was horrified. But like a good sport he went to fulfill his "Shower Supervising" duties. Holt had almost made it all the way to the showers before Stone revealed that it was just a joke.

The following Sunday we planned to volunteer, Holt was conveniently sleeping in -- it took him awhile to recover from the scare before he would volunteer again.

I am sure you already know what wonderful sons you raised. But I just wanted to let you know how much I admired, respected, and appreciated the friendship of both your sons. Whenever I would see either one of them they would make me laugh and brighten my day. They were always so animated, full of life, energy, and enthusiasm. Every time I picture them in my mind they are in constant movement.

When a neighbor told me what happened, I felt sick and could not stop crying. I literally felt my heart breaking over the loss of these two bright brilliant boys who were destined for great things. As sad as I am now, I cannot even begin to imagine the pain you are feeling right now, Jan and Linton. I am so very sorry for your loss. And I am sorry for the world's loss. This world was a better place because Stone and Holt were in it.

Nath Pizzolatto

I was originally supposed to have a song ready for you today, but for other reasons, I haven't been able to prepare it, so instead I'll be saying a few words about the boys and why I chose the song I did.

I had chosen "Will You Be There" by Michael Jackson to perform today, for a couple of reasons. First, I think

the boys would have gotten a kick out of hearing the Free Willy song, and they would have been out front singing and dancing along. They would have loved to hear one of their friends playing Michael Jackson on acoustic guitar and attempting to sing like him. They would have been reminding us to celebrate the precious gift of life, every moment of it.

That was their nature-- their goofy sense of humor and their enthusiasm ran through everything they did. It was more obvious in Stone, I suppose, since it's hard to miss someone who's that large and energetic, but Holt had the same sense of humor and sincere enjoyment of the gift of life. He was always more quiet and reserved, but like they say, still waters run deep. He was laid-back and approachable, and a great listener, someone who was easy to get along with. You could go to Holt when you needed someone to chill out with and talk to. You could go to Stone when you needed your number one fan to pump you up.

And in them you had loyal, true friends, too. Their zeal for life didn't stop with themselves and what they did-- it extended to all of their friends and loved ones, as well. They cared about how you were doing and were sincere in their enthusiasm and support. I saw them regularly up until their last days, and they were always really encouraging as teammates on the basketball court, or as friends who wanted to know how I was doing at the card tables, or wanting to know if something was wrong any time I seemed down. The last time I heard from Stone, he was texting me as they drove through Lake Charles, just to let me know he was passing through my hometown. That's how the boys were-- they were always thinking about you, even in the silly little ways. They really cared about you.

That's why I picked the song I did-- because no matter the situation, no matter who you were, where you were, if you needed advice when you were struggling, if you needed the good company of a pal, if you needed the help of a hard worker, if you needed the encouragement of a fan, or if you needed the love and support of a friend, if you asked them, "Will You Be There?" the answer was always "Yes."

Nikka Landau, read by Emily Walzer

Introduction: This piece was written by Nikka Landau, who graduated from Rice this past spring. She is now on a Fulbright teaching in Taiwan. She wishes she could be here today with us and sends her love.

Quiet, is not a word I would use to describe Stone Weeks. He radiated an enthusiasm for whatever he was doing. Even if he was walking across campus, he was doing it in the brightest colored clothing and saying hello to every person he knew. In fact, even if Stone didn't know the person, he would say hi.

Stone once told me a story of having said hello to someone thinking that they were in one of Dr. Brinkley's classes. That person said hello back, and so every time Stone saw him they would exchange "hellos". Some time later, the two were in line for coffee, and Stone struck up a conversation, asking how the student was liking Dr. Brinkley's class. Of course, it turned out the person was not in the class. Stone took the slightly embarrassing moment and made a new friend.]

Stone was always making friends. Not just so-so friends either, but really great friends that he wanted to go and do everything with. He wanted to get to know you. He thought everyone was fantastic- just because they were them.

When Stone was quizzing me on my life, he found out that I was Quaker. Most people shy away from this, but

Stone did the opposite. The next Sunday, at 9 am, I was picking him up and taking him to Quaker Meeting.

Quakers worship in silence. It's difficult for most people to sit through the hour-long service for the first time so I thought that I had better get Stone some coffee to make sure he would stay up. In retrospect, this was unnecessary.

Stone's boundless energy and enthusiasm was in full effect early that Sunday morning. He asked about every aspect of Quakerism during the car ride to meeting. When we got there, he introduced himself to everyone.

Amazingly, a quiet came over Stone during that hour. I think it was the only time I ever saw him that way. I couldn't tell what he was thinking or if he was enjoying it at all...until we exited the meeting house. He turned to me and was just one giant exclamation mark. He admitted to having looked up famous Quakers in American history prior to going to the meeting and said that he felt as if he had been connecting with them through the meeting.

I hope that in moments of quiet we can connect to Stone and Holt in the same way.

Stone's love for history and his enthusiasm for politics, ideas and activism were admirable. He was one of those rare people who could live his own life with enthusiasm and still live in a world of ideas. He was always thinking about a bigger picture and how everyday moments and things played into them.

One of the reasons that Stone and I got along so well was because of our shared love for politics and activism. Stone thought it was great that I was applying for the Fulbright. I didn't want to tell people I was applying because I knew it was such a long-shot. When I told Stone about the other things I was applying for he said, "Why would you apply for other things? Of course you'll get the Fulbright!" It wasn't that Stone was trying to make me feel better about myself, he really believed in me as he believed in all his friends.

I knew he had an incredible family as soon as I met him because he was so full of warmth...and, well, he wouldn't stop talking about them. He would talk about his mother's art and living in France for a year. The first thing he showed me in his apartment-- right after the John McCain fundraising letter- addressed to his dog, Priam, that Stone had received and had proudly hung on the fridge..... was a beautiful painting his mother had done... gorgeous oils that I know brought Stone home every time he saw he it.

He would describe his father's work and send me every new story he wrote. I remember signing up for Twitter and Stone sending me an email within minutes with what his father had recently written on the site. He was the proudest son.

I never met his beloved brother Holt, but Stone talked about him so much that I felt like I had. His stories about their travels and adventures went on and on. Stone told me that they were the same person but with different personalities. I know that Stone was an amazing older brother to Holt but it sounded like Holt was often doing as much for Stone.

This was the year that the two of them had been waiting for- brothers and best friends finally together. Holt had been accepted to Rice in the spring. Dr. Brinkley's book, which Stone had poured so much into, was finally to come to fruition. Both were looking into a future with endless potential.

If there is anything that we may be able to find consoling, it is to think of how brilliant those boys were and how happy they were in the moment- they were excited about everything.

Jan and Linton, your boys have given us all so much. I'm not sure there is anything more we can do now.... but to remember and to love them. And to love life.... as much as they did.

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Hisa Sato

For two years we, as a tennis team, spent together with Holt, were a wonderful experience for all of us. We were like a big family. We joked and make fun of each other, discussed our future plans, listened to music, ate together and many of us roomed together. He loved when we were all together. He made so many jokes and said so many funny things that I cannot repeat. At practice, we all made the best effort to improve ourselves on court. As some of you may know, Holt brought our first team winning in his freshman year, and it was one of the most amazing feelings I have ever had in my tennis career. Everybody was cheering Holt to win. I am sure he felt so much pressure in that match and I will never know how he could cope with it. All I can say is that Holt was very brave on court and in every match.

I can be sure he is looking down on us cheering for us to win more matches. Whenever our tennis team is together, his fighting spirit is alive. Two more seasons are waiting for us and it will never be the same without him. But for Holt and Stone, our tennis team will continue to play in their names.

Forever young and never forgotten.

A man, a friend, a teammate, a brother, and a hero.

I'll miss you. We love you. We always will.

And we know you have found peace, perfect peace.

Alex McDonald

The three musketeers, that's what we called ourselves. Paul, Holt, and I.... friends from the start. Of course it was in a joking manner, because what college students would want to be known as that. No one would ever really name themselves that... would they? Truth is I probably wouldn't have kept it had Holt not insisted, but worse things could have happened.

I met Holt Weeks in my first few days at Eckerd College, and he was the first real friend I had here. I had recently transferred from Ohio Wesleyan and was desperately trying to find that connection into the Eckerd Community, and more notably the tennis scene. One evening I was walking out of the café, desperately trying to figure out Floridian Culture and that's when I saw Holt. A textbook image of why I was so gosh darn confused. Backpack draped over one shoulder, racket in hand, an upside down orange visor, and his classic trademark look, the white sleeveless tank, as it is more appropriately referred too. I went up to him having never spoken a word, asking if he wanted to have a quick hitting session, and was relieved when he accepted graciously. What I went looking for that day was a hitting partner, a dinner buddy, maybe even someone to have a beer with, as a I broke into the Florida college scene. That was what I was asking for. What I got in return was much more.

I think it's a fair statement to say it's impossible to sum up Holt and all he was, on a simple sheet of paper. We can never truly grasp the impact he has left upon us both in short term and longevity. If you never got the distinct privilege of getting to know him and happen to be curious, I challenge you. I challenge you to read what people write about him, just look his facebook page. I instruct you to ask any one of us wearing these green bands what he was about. No matter where you turn all of us will have the deepest level of respect and appreciation for who he was, what he stood for, and what he would have accomplished. In doing so you will begin to understand how many lives he touched, and how you will never meet another person as unique as Holt Weeks.

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I had the unique distinction of knowing Holt from all angles of his college life. I knew him as a friend, a fellow teammate, and a brother. I would describe him as one of the most loyal, energetic, and funniest people I have ever come across. Between his eccentric clothing, desire for fun, and love for tennis there was never a dull moment surrounding him. Holt was the kind of guy that would have your back, even if he didn't know what he was even fighting for. In the two years we knew each other, he taught me a lot about myself as a person academically, socially, and athletically. Academically he taught me it was, in fact possible to stay up until the wee hours of the morning playing Schamareoke, only to remember a paper was due at 8, and still receive a perfect mark. Fortunately, I've only tried that once, and will never attempt it again.

As a friend, fellow student, and teammate, we went through quite a lot together, but most notably endured the trials and tribulations of Division II tennis. That is just a fancy way of saying we were getting our behinds handed to us. Athletically speaking, our first year together at Eckerd was the worst we had. Morally speaking, it was one of the best. It became a bit of a mental challenge, and grind having to play Andre Agassi from Lynn University on a Tuesday, only to turn around and play Pete Sampras of Barry that Thursday. Needless to say it can get a bit demoralizing at times.

I refuse to lie and say the thought of quitting didn't come into my mind time and time again. However, every time I approached him with that notion, he informed me in a calm and collective manner that was probably the stupidest and most outrageous thing anyone or I could ever think of doing. He refused to let me quit because he saw what I was capable off. Had I not taken his advice, I would have missed out on one of the greatest experiences of my life.... being a member of the Eckerd tennis team.

Holt had the ability to see what others were capable off, and always lined us up with an honest perspective. Later that season he gave us our first win, winning 12-10 in the third set tiebreak of the decisive match. Going into that tiebreak, I'd like to tell you all that we knew it was his match to win, and we did know that it was his to win when he was up 9-1. We still knew at 9-2 and even by 9-3, we thought "Holt's got it in the bag." By 9-4 we got a



little nervous, and needless to say our emotions at 9-9 need not be described. Holt must have thought we were getting a little bored watching him coast to his first and our teams first win, so felt obligated to make it interesting and entertaining. That evening Holt managed to lose the next 8 points in dramatic fashion, yet the story does have a happy ending otherwise I wouldn't be telling it. My first victory as a Triton came as a result of his racket, a true testament to his attitude, work ethic, and strength as a person. We are gathered here today upon these tennis courts, to pay tribute to one of the most honorable, well liked, and courageous people I have ever met. These tennis courts were his second home, a home all of us as team know all to well.

Concluding our final season together and prior to his "transfer" to Rice University, as a team we unanimously voted him as the recipient of the Triton award, and there could not have been a better fit. Ask any our teammates and they can all attest to H Baby as he was commonly referred to as being one of the most liked, devoted, and loyal teammates anyone of us has ever known.

To this day, not a practice goes by where his name is not mentioned or he is no longer in our thoughts. Anything Holt became a part of, he always ended up contributing in a big way. This upcoming season, we will not only be playing for our school, the community, and ourselves but for something much more. It's no longer just a tennis match, it's a battle on the court, to help his image live on forever. It's unspoken knowledge that this season and the many more to follow are dedicated to the legacy and life of Holt Weeks.

Off the court I learned there were three certainties about Holt. The first being it was impossible to win an argument with him so don't even try. Secondly, unless you have a dangerous amount of free time on your hands, don't even dare utter the word Obama, or even worse George W Bush. Thirdly, nothing in the world meant more to him than his brother Stone. I only met Stone once, but I felt I knew him so much better. Ironically, my fondest memory of Stone comes not through meeting him in person but through Holt.

In May of last year Holt and I were traveling home with a mutual friend from Eckerd to begin whatever adventures our summer would bring. When Stone got word that our mutual friend had been sleeping the majority of the trip he proclaimed it was his duty to give her the "6th man" award.... a title which Holt and I found equally hilarious, and kept us laughing for well over an hour.

Holt and Stone probably spoke close to four or five times that night, but it never got old. The deep appreciation and profound respect they had for one another was truly remarkable, and something that can never be duplicated or explained. From day one, Holt had bragged of his brother telling me I hadn't lived until I had met the truest sonzy of them all, Stone himself. After finally meeting Stone in the latter part of last year, it was very clear to me what Holt had been bragging about for so long.

Together the two brothers had the world at their hands, and had so much in front of them.

When Holt told us that he was thinking about transferring, a bit of sadness struck us all, but we knew it was for the better. Rice was where his brother worked, and had better opportunities in store for him. When Holt tried to console us that there was a only a faint chance he would be accepted, we all knew that was a fabrication. He had worked so hard to get to this point, that rejection wasn't even an option. Yet he told us he probably wouldn't be accepted with the hopes of keeping us in high spirits. When Holt was finally accepted to Rice University it was no surprise to anyone, and I can tell you personally he deserved this more than anyone.

Upon leaving his house in Maryland that final time, I knew I had made a friendship that was going to last a lifetime. I came across another certainty that weekend.... together Holt and Stone were going to do something remarkable with their lives, and I was going to be proud to witness it.

As the months and years pass, we will always ask ourselves why Holt and Stone left us so early in life, only to have our questions left unanswered. The two brothers left the world a better place than they found it, and will be remembered for all they accomplished. They are the sons of Linton and Jan who happen to be two of the strongest people I have ever met, and I know as a community they will never be forgotten. The two brothers left a void that can never be filled and together they will always be forever young.



## Paul Montoya

### More Than Words can Describe or Thoughts Can Imagine...

I want to begin with the most sincere and genuine thank you to everyone for allowing me the HONOR of trying to tell you about two individuals whose impact on this world cannot be qualified or measured because it is impossible to express the greatness that was Holt and Stone.

It took me considerable time to realize that there are simply not enough words in ANY spoken language, or ideas in any sphere or universe that I know of, to articulate the pain and loss that all of us who knew these two brothers experienced on the 23rd of July, 2009.

It was only THEN, when I came to this understanding, that I was brave enough to write down the first word on this page. I am confident that anyone who was fortunate enough to know these two brothers will agree with me. With this established, I offer you my best understanding of it all...

I met Holt my first day at Eckerd College during The Ceremony of Lights. It was simple coincidence but Holt and I sat on either side of a very pretty girl....

Without any notice or warning, the poor girl was BOMBARDED non-stop with what two overly eager freshmen thought were the best slick and sly pick-up lines any girl could possibly have ever heard. Our merciless attempts at flattery, which began as a competition, quickly, almost instantaneously, became the joining of two forces, which I can only describe as, UNSTOPPABLE....

Well... In retrospect, the girl didn't think that we were that Unstoppable. As you can probably guess, it didn't take her more than 5 minutes to run the other way. We were left with an empty chair between us, which any nonbeliever could easily interpret as the seat of defeat... BUT Holt and I knew differently. It was a scene made for the movies: Holt and I turned to each other and said, at exactly the same moment, "Damn, I like your style!"

Two years have passed since that glorious day; I stand here in front of you a better man in a slightly sadder world.

In two years I saw Holt influence a community in ways that an average person only dreams of doing over a lifetime. He was a natural born leader and sought out the best in people regardless of the circumstances.

I can't tell you how much I loved watching Holt be Holt. He had more life in him than anyone I have ever met. If you were ever in a fifty foot radius of this man, you know that what I am saying is true, and you also know that you had no choice but to be pulled in his direction.... Holt had the uncanny ability of making people disregard their inhibitions.

After being abroad for a semester and being overwhelmed at my arrival, I saw Holt and within moments, I was back at Eckerd, with my best friend organizing a group shower of 30 some odd people.

I remember the weekend, only a few months ago, when many of us stood as part of a huge gathering of tear-stricken people, filling the seats of the National Cathedral. There were people standing in the front, passing out pamphlets with the picture and story of my best friend and his brother on the front.

I stood amongst the Eckerd family, feeling half past dead myself, experiencing true grief for the first time in my life. I remember cursing whoever or whatever claims to watch over us, a God if you will, and loosing complete faith in the very idea of DESTINY and a related concept of natural balance between good and evil. Hours later mourning turned into celebration and night into day. As Holt's friends gathered together to celebrate his life. I found myself feeling

blessed that I was surrounded by the best group of people that I have ever had the privilege to be considered part of. Although this incident was a horrible tragedy that can not be explained, I know that it is only because of Holt's ability to see the best in people that we can turn tragedy into Hope.

So, you can ask yourself why over and over again, but in the end you cannot change what has happened to Holt and Stone, that grief will be a part of us for a lifetime. All we have left is a chance to grow from the life they both lived. We must not think of the potential we have lost, although it is immense, but what we have gained by having Holt and Stone in our lives for the short time we did....

We owe them that.

It is crucial to not just remember these brothers as victims of a horrible accident. But to remember them for the incredible people they were. Holt and Stone both believed in helping others and the potential for change. And it is now our job to make sure their message lives on. We must not allow their dreams to get lost in time. What was important to them must now be important to us.... that is the only way to do these remarkable men the slightest bit of justice, in the most unjust of circumstances.

## Breen Eitel

Before the question was even posed to the rest of the group members who were planning the memorial service, my tennis coach first nominated that I speak. At that moment, I couldn't do it, for the task seemed too overwhelming. With time came the beginnings of ideas of how I could crudely express what Holt and Stone were, especially in my life, and so I asked to be added to the list of those speaking a week or so later.

The programs were printed and I was informed that I would be the last to speak and that speeches should be around 2-3 minutes. I knew this wouldn't be the case of anyone speaking (I'm sure Mona [the Chaplain overseeing the service] knew this also) but this meant that my speech especially couldn't be long. So with three quotes from Dr. Elie Wiesel on separate index cards and in my heart, I stand at the podium this Friday afternoon on the campus tennis courts.

This past January, I took a class with Dr. Wiesel and it was his words that I have relied upon to formulate this speech, for Dr. Wiesel knows quite a lot about pain and loss considering what he has endured and done since his unfortunate childhood:

**"Life is not made of years but precious moments."**

**"The opposite of love is not hate, it is indifference."**

**"My humanity is defined by yours."**

Thank you to everyone who has helped put the service together, and also thank you to all of you who came and are even standing in the back to be here.

For the sake of those same people in the back, I will be brief because I want you to leave with 3 things in mind. The first of these is: **Life is not made of years but precious moments.**

Holt and I shared many moments together, so much so that in London we were affectionately called "Brolt."

It would have been too hard, even perverse for me, to just pick a few moments with Holt to share so I would like to focus on Holt's character and how he was beloved by practically everyone he met. Holt was a friend to everyone and I had to admit I was a bit jealous of his personable skills.

I also want to include how easy I found it to entrust in Stone, information that I have shared with only a handful of people in my life.

Next I would like to transition to this: It is as Dr. Eastman so eloquently put it, "If it is as the Beatles say, and all you need is love, then Holt had everything." But of love, I want you all to know this: **The opposite of love is**

**not hate, it is indifference.**

And with this I want to deliver a call to action. Holt was a very impassioned man when it came to politics, and since I am the last to speak, I want to do something in the spirit of Holt that would challenge those in the audience to not be apathetic to the world's woes. While I knew the other speakers would deliver the much needed words heavy with pathos to provide a release, I want to supply a kind of pathos to motivate great things to happen from the deaths of such great men. Especially since living with Holt during our sophomore year seems to grant me an ethos... with this mostly student audience.

After I heard the news, I was speechless. Only when I began to conceive of how I could make light come from this horrible and dark situation, could I begin to find the smallest traces of comfort .... For any of you out there who have a deep hurt within your heart and long for relief, I challenge you to get involved, for this helped me. Whether you get involved in your community, read the news daily, or even do something as simple as voting, I challenge you to get involved and try and make the world a better place than you found it.

While I am beginning to feel like I have turned the podium into a pulpit at this point, my intuition tells me that Holt and Stone would approve of me doing this, for even when Holt and I would speak about the most serious of topics and arrive at a lesson or conclusion, we also seemed to always end things with a laugh. While there is nothing to laugh about in this situation, the closest comfort I can deliver then is motivation.

And so the last thing I want to leave you all with is this: **Holt's humanity, my own humanity, and everyone else's humanity is defined by yours.**

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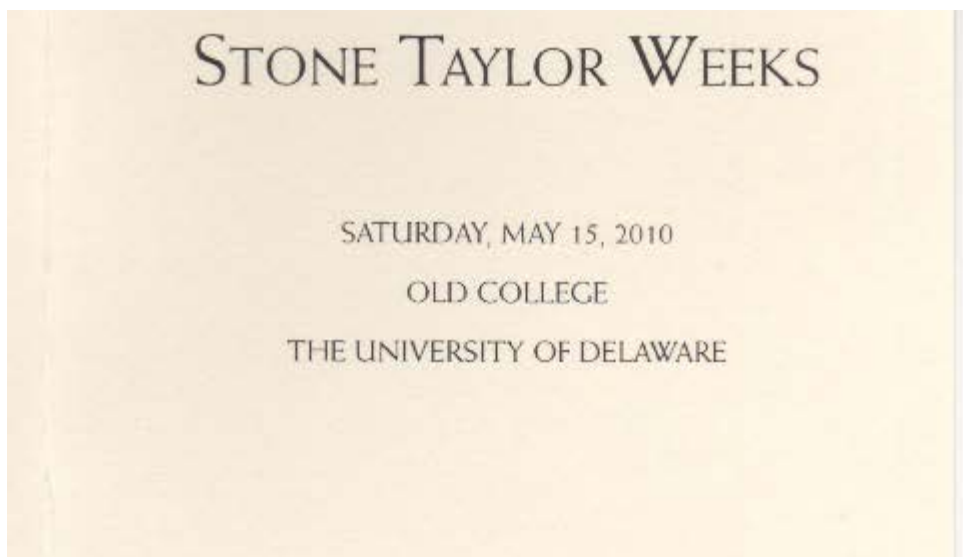
*"... his intellect, drive ... an Internet wizard ... [Stone] was exemplary.*

*He became like family. The world can expect great things from him in the coming decades."*

*— Douglas Brinkley, "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America"*

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Photographs

## Drewry Fennell

[Drew welcomed everyone to the University of Delaware campus to dedicate this bench to Stone, under the shade of an oak tree also dedicated to Stone and to Holt. She spoke beautifully of her meaningful relationship with Stone when he was intern to her as Director of the ACLU/Delaware. Then she read this letter from Stone's friend Maddie Kropa...]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weeks,

As promised, here is the glamour shot of Stone and I from his chartering banquet in 2007. I'm not actually a short girl but they had to make Stone kneel so we could be about the same height. He was so tall!

I'm sorry it took me so long to send this, but every time I sat down at the keyboard, it seemed like such an insurmountable task to find the right words to say to you. I remembered that when I saw you after the memorial you told me to send my memories. So, I hope you might enjoy reading a little bit about my friendship with Stone. Thinking about him always makes me smile.

I met Stone my sophomore year of college in the class, "Archaeological History of the Eastern United States". But some of my fondest memories of Stone were from our times studying and struggling through that unbelievably difficult undergrad course. None of us had any idea what we were doing but Stone and I made the best of it, laughing in utter disbelief at accumulating assignments (one in which Stone even had to deliver a public presentation on our "porcelain" report at the Newcastle Historical Society) and the hours we were required to spend cleaning pottery shards in the archaeology lab. He might tell you that the only reason I ultimately did better in that class than him was because he couldn't stand the distracting sound of my bangle bracelets against the desk during test time. Crazy enough, he eventually told me he didn't even need that course for credit! I like to think that he didn't drop it from his schedule because we were having SO much fun together. No one could make me laugh like him!

Stone and I became fast friends. During that semester, we chatted about everything - traveling, our experiences in Aix-en-Provence, music, art, movies (Stone and I went and saw V for Vendetta after class one night and he gushed about it for months), and of course, we talked about his family. In his words, I was "going to love meeting you." I told him I didn't know if I could keep up, especially since politics seemed like an important part of his family life, and I can be pretty clueless in that arena. His response was, "You're smart. You'll learn." I think he might have been a bit overconfident about my abilities...

Admittedly, I'm not really good at staying in touch with friends over time, but Stone and I always managed to stay connected even after he graduated from Delaware and went to Texas. One evening last September as Stone and I were chatting online he told me, "LOTS of girls come and go (smooth talker huh?). But my thoughts always seem to come back to you. Seriously, I think we should get married because when I'm President, I want you standing next to me as my First Lady." He reminded me that I'd figure the whole "politics thing" out over time. I thought, "This guy either has some serious self-confidence, or he's been drinking. Maybe he just thinks I'd look really good in a conservative power suit...Who knows?" But after that night, most of our conversations began with him asking if I'd marry him. I always jokingly replied that of course I would.

I cherish a text message from October 2008 that somehow, after all this time, never got deleted from my phone. It reads, "So glad you don't like Palin. I'm sold on marrying you." Maybe that was a line

he gave all the ladies (especially around election time), but those out-of-the-blue proposals always made me feel special. He could have been anywhere, doing anything, but he'd let me know he was thinking of me still, despite the fact that we hadn't seen each other in two years. I like to pretend this picture of us from the banquet is the first of what might have been hundreds of Presidential photos down the road.

Sorry if this is a little more if than you cared to know about my friendship with Stone, but I wanted to share just a tiny piece of "our story" with the people who knew him best since we didn't have any mutual friends. Even though it's been difficult talking about Stone these past weeks and not having others really understand my connection with him, it almost makes the time we spent together feel all the more precious. It's as if we functioned in our own little isolated world, and certainly, anyone who heard us talking to one another probably would have felt like an outsider trying to decipher all of our obscure jokes.

I am truly grateful for the short time Stone and I spent together. I wish I had known Holt, but the way Stone talked about him, I almost feel like I did. The love he had for life and for all of you was overflowing, and I am a better person for having known him. Your family is never far from my thoughts. I miss Stone constantly, and I pray for him, Holt, and you with each passing day. Thank you for raising an incredible young man, who, whether he knew it or not, was one of my best friends these past years.

## **Ryan Hathaway**

Stone is a person whom people notice. When he walks into a room he not only fills it with his actual person, but also with his personality. Stone was someone people would say had his priorities straight. Maybe that's because no better word exists. But to me, priorities insist that Stone put one thing before another and that wasn't like Stone. Now everything he did had a good reason, for the most part. He was balanced in maintaining friends and creating a world he wanted to live in. But he never put one before the other, like most of us do. He never said my friend is more important than this rally, or my moral code is too grand to befriend this confused person. He never put anything he wanted to do or become or be with on the back burner. Stone seemingly was everywhere, at everytime, with everyone, and enjoying everything about it. It was simply amazing to witness the amount of good work, friends, family and other accomplishments Stone cared about and for in life.

Everyone who knew Stone, and every friend he made, can see that he was one of the few people who live up to their name. Stone was a rock in many aspects of life. If someone ever tried to argue with him, Stone would not budge an inch nor concede an ounce of his values to them. To those whom were asked to lead Stone, be them a teacher, a coach, or a boss, he was a constant. Like the corner stone in a foundation, people knew he would be in the right place, apply the most effort, and hold as many of the other people together as he could.

If you were Stone's friend, though, you saw the real truth behind his name. Stone was a rock when you needed him to be, he was there to stand for the right things and hold you up when you were not able to stand for them yourself. Stone was always able to put aside what he was doing, and spend time with whoever needed somebody to help.

There are words for a friend who would put time with you ahead of everything else they need to do. Loyal and caring seem to be at the top of that list, but to it I would add Stone-esque, because to me there is no word that could possibly describe Stone's character. He was Stone, and Stone was indescribable at best.

Stone managed to be everywhere for his friends. To be both ready to jump to your defense and at a chance to do something fun. To be sporadic and whimsical, but stick with your carefully made plans. To be funny and witty, but also sensitive to the feelings of those he loved. In the end, Stone managed to do so many things every day, week, month, and year, and any one of them alone would have exhausted the average

man.

Yet, none of this is quite what made Stone uniquely Stone. Stone's actions are a part of his unique person, but they aren't what made him Stone. What made Stone, Stone, was something intangible, but something that historians and scientists both cherish, a fact. What gave Stone his unique ability to be the only Stone-esque person I will ever know, is the fact that Stone did everything in life while making the people around him happier and more thoughtful. No matter how much you may have disagreed with him in that argument, you left thinking and with a smile. Even if two minutes earlier you were red in the face and as angry as a badger, in the end you would somehow smile and laugh. Whether you were his teacher, coach, friend, or family, you probably had a moment where your mind wanted to be mad as hell at Stone, but somehow when he walked away you were smiling and laughing. I can only hope that on my best days I can muster some of this quality.

So, along with the great memories, this is what Stone has left with us: the ability to laugh and smile in the face of life's struggles, and to know that somehow Stone was able to help you do that at the most unlikely of times. We will all have times where we remember him, and I can only hope that before our sadness and remorse takes over, we will smile and think, "Oh Stone, how did you do that?"

## **Bobby Bartocci**

Ever since Jan and Linton came to me with the idea of speaking today I've struggled to find the right words. But then I realized that there are no right or wrong words. Stone was a lot of things to many different people. A son, a brother, a TA, a friend, someone you may have passed on the street, the list could go on and on.

To me Stone was a number of things. But the most important one that comes to mind is mentor. He taught me countless things through his actions in going out of his way for not only myself but even for people he didn't even know. He was the person always there for me willing to hear about my problems or the person that would offer a friendly goofy laugh when I could use it the most. I was lucky enough to be able to call him one of my Big Brothers in the fraternity. And he exemplified that title as if I was truly a little brother of his own. He took me right under his wing and led me down a path in my life where I couldn't be any happier to be on.

The memories we got to share from chartering a fraternity, heated debates on why Mel Brook's Space Balls is a great movie (Stone still thinks I'm nuts for thinking so), and even taking an impromptu trip to New Orleans for Spring Break with no real place to stay will stay in my heart forever. But sadly, I was never fortunate enough to meet Holt but just through all of Stone's stories I felt like I've known him all my life.

When I was coming up with a slogan for the memorial wristbands it was an easy and quick decision to go with "Live for Others" because that's what Stone and Holt did with every waking minute of their lives. And every time I look down and see their names in blue and gold, I strive to even do a small percentage of the things they accomplished. I never take it off and every time someone stops and asks "what's the band for?" a smile comes across my face because I get to tell the story of attempting to honor someone who I truly care about and someone who changed my life forever.

I miss Stone every day, but a small calm and comfort comes over me when I realize the fact that every day I spend apart from him I'm just one more closer to being reunited with him. This memorial bench couldn't be a more perfect fit to honor Stone. It will give people that sit on it the support, comfort, and perspective on life that I was so fortunate enough to gain from having him in my life.

I want to close with a few lines from singer/songwriter Bruce Springsteen from his song Blood Brothers.

“But the stars are burning bright, like some mystery uncovered. I’ll keep movin’ thru the dark, with you in my heart. My blood brother.” I love you Stone. Thank you.

## Peter Ward

Coming back to campus, I look around and feel my memories resurfacing—each one tied to a distinct mental image of my time in Newark. My thanks are to Jan and Linton for allowing me a moment to present just a few snapshots of Stone, a best friend with whom I first crossed paths right here at Delaware, as a freshman.

Today, I will spare you my nostalgia—at least, in part—by recounting just a few impressions of Stone that last in my mind from the time I spent with him at Delaware. My hope is that these moments might offer to you a truth which I have already accepted: Wherever you look; Stone is present.

First, I look over towards the infamous Rodney freshman dorm complex. I met Stone playing basketball on the Rodney courts. Many in attendance today could easily guess that Stone was sporting an outlandish NBA “throwback” jersey, complemented by bright plaid shorts from a thrift store. But that is not important to remember. What strikes me about this memory is that when I met Stone, I met him very much in his element: surrounded by friends, laughing, cracking jokes and hurling cheap insults. I recall Stone’s ability to make goodwill and friendship contagious. To Stone, the act of friendship was effortless—a reflex, consistently paired with other virtues such as peace and tolerance.

Next, I look down Main Street and recall one of Stone’s favorite pastimes. If you happened to be walking down Main Street, Cleveland Avenue, South College Avenue, or any other street near campus, at any given time if you heard blaring 80s pop music—chances are that Stone might have been about a block away in his car. Moments later the volume would increase as Stone would roll by with his windows open—his dog Priam in the passenger seat—and if you were friends with Stone, he would identify you with an enthusiastic shout-out—whether you wanted one or not. The man could make himself heard.

Stone’s voice carried as well in the classroom as it did otherwise in Newark. The last memory I have to share comes from a collection of verbal battles I witnessed Stone fight eloquently in class, at the dining hall, or even on the couch during Monday Night Football. It was then, and always will be so uplifting to hear someone of my generation speak to be relevant; to communicate a sincere message; to generate independent, rational, meaningful thought. I am sure all of you have a handful of rants, outbursts, stories, or speeches Stone delivered to you. Please hold on to them and revisit them next time you have something important to say.

While it may be impossible to remember a lifetime through a series of moments, tapping into them once every so often reminds me that Stone is still here. His presence endures mortality. Before you leave today, I invite you to take a walk around and grasp the memories that come to mind. When you do, please take Stone with you.

## Joe Dewson

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please allow me to apologize for not making it to the bench dedication myself. My Marine Corps obligations have pulled me away in that I have asked a friend and brother, Dave Tully, to read in my absence.

Stone and I first met in Dr. Alchon's History 302, World in Our Time class, in the 2006 spring semester. I was the back of the classroom quarterback preferring to make it through class, while Stone sat in the front



row and made up for my lack of participation. It must have been something to do with him being active in everything he did, from political campaigning for Obama in Texas and the south, to being a founding father of Pi Kappa Phi. I was at a barbeque the day before I left for training for Iraq at Wilburfest when Stone and I ran into each other. It was the first time I can recall we had said anything to each other really, but he wrote me a message later that day telling me to stay safe and take care of myself. I barely knew the guy, but he seemed alright in my book. A true understatement.

When I came home, I went to a fraternity meeting, where I met up with Stone, Chris Murray, and Dave Bennett. I remember we went to Grotto's to watch March Madness and we stayed for several beers. Those several beers turned into another bar, and about 3 house parties, ending with karaoke at his place behind Wonderland at about 5:45 in the morning. It felt amazing to be back in Newark. For some reason, we just clicked, and spent every day drinking beer on his porch, or the roof of his porch, throwing with Bocephus Optimas Priam, and just listening to music.

Stone is the reason I was able to come home from Iraq and not lose half my mind. Transitioning from a war zone to campus is not the easiest thing to do, but Stone accepted me back into life as though I had never left. A friend once asked Stone and I how we got along so well. I fought in a war he opposed, but we could not have been better friends. I think it's because we saw the humanity in each other and that is all we cared about. Jan and Linton, thank you for raising such a great son and great friend.

## Chris Wiggins

[Chris played 'Saying Good-bye', an original instrumental song written for Stone, on acoustic guitar.]

## Guy Alchon

Remarks Upon this Day of Commemoration, of Celebration, of Stone Weeks,  
and Beloved Brother, Holt, May 15, 2010

== First comes gratitude. My thanks to Jan and Linton Weeks for this privilege.

== Thanks, too, to: Drewry and to this band of Brothers...

== Institutions don't feel, but within them are people good and generous, including Robin Wray, Joanna Fink, and Laura Anuinas.

And thanks to this gathering of the young.

I have been asked to read from letters to Stone's parents. This I do in some of what follows.

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The Imminence, the Rightness of today pierced like prophecy even months ago.

In mid-February, at twilight, at its Main Street gates, this beautiful, "be-columned," Georgian pile that is Old College startled with fresh meaning. Soon to welcome Stone's bench, its aspect, even then, was forever changed, its sprawl and shadows heavy with happy gravity, as if in anticipation of this day of consecration.

### On Stone, as one professor came to know him...

Stone devoted much of his last two college years to disciplining his passions, learning to harness them to the mind's work. This was difficult for him as he enjoyed the sparks of rhetorical fireworks. But he began to practice the art of listening to another's point of view. More radically, he undertook the demanding discipline of reserving judgments, a thing Scott Fitzgerald termed "a matter of infinite hope..." And as Stone gentled, he began to wear his seriousness more lightly, with a halfway insouciance that seemed to agree with him, as it arose from the tender precincts of his soul.

Fitzgerald, again, might as well have been thinking of Stone: In a certain book of 1925, he wrote that "If personality is an unbroken series of successful gestures, then there was something gorgeous about him, some heightened sensitivity to the promises of life...; it was an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as I have never found in any other person."

Stone treated me with a beguiling protectiveness, one that corresponded with his winning the post of Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in 2006. His feelings always stronger than there were means to express them, Stone, I think, simply decided to be the best Undergraduate TA possible, ever anticipating my needs, the course's needs. And in one small gesture, he managed to convey care, respect, and more: Walking to class he would insist upon carrying my bags (said he learned this from long practice with his father!). And after class, always before I could get to them, stood Stone, smiling, with my several bags slung over a high shoulder.

### On Stone and the Truth of Hurricanes...

Like the finest personalities, Stone felt the world's pain to a degree always threatening to overrun him. In a short time, however, he found the inner throttle vital to the most passionately articulate. Lincoln struggled with this, as did Emily Dickinson.

From each generation, then, come those whose eyes fix upon the beaten, betrayed, and martyred children of the earth. Certainly in his keenest aspect, Stone bent toward such hard-headed goodness, understood that hope required defiance, and that help and rescue were the totems of a worthy life...

In this, Stone showed that he understood the truth of hurricanes. In the ninth chapter of the Book of Genesis, the rainbow vaulting a blue sky means hope. And amidst the swirling destruction of a hurricane, at its center, the eye of the hurricane is still... and blue... and hopeful.

At our best, we do what we can to push back against man-made hurricanes, the large and small storms of evil. We fight for the blue, to expand the blue. But still the hurricanes come, driven by cruelties, whipped by indifference, and ever a threat to the goodness nestled in the blue.

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### Dear Ones == About goodness and the death of the young...

...Then there is the valediction to young Mary White, penned by her father, the redoubtable newspaperman of Emporia, Kansas, in 1921. And as these next days run into weeks, then months, as the blind-sidings of grief take on different shapes and depths, I pray that you remember that for Stone and Holt, as for Mary White... "the souls of them, the glowing, gorgeous, fervent souls of them, surely are flaming in eager joy upon some other dawn..."

Just now, even as you are pulled back to life, pulled into your new orientation, you do so, I know, with time forever fixed to the minutes of that night and of that day. And you can do that and still live. Just as you can also leave the boys' rooms just as they are, just as they were, and forever. You can do this, too, and still live. Even the inscrutable Miss Emily understood that a numinous stillness, a letting go in order to let things be, for now, arose from contemplation to sensibility to necessity:

Ample make this Bed – Make this Bed with Awe...In it wait till Judgment break

Excellent and Fair...

Be its Mattress straight –Be its Pillow round –Let no Sunrise' yellow noise

Interrupt this Ground...

In Devotion to her Romeo, Juliet of Capulet spoke for the Ages, and sometime late last summer she Friended Stone and Holt.

...If love be blind, it best agrees with Night... Come gentle night... Give me my Romeo;

And when he shall die, take him and cut him into little Stars.

And he will make the face of Heaven so bright

That all the world will be in love with Night

And Pay no worship to the garish Sun.

Dear Ones == Please do not be too much alone...

Cling to the living, love them, and hold on. Solitude enough comes with nightfall. But please remember that with night, even at its worst, you are watched over by your boys. Remember that Juliet's wish for Romeo reaches through time to encompass Stone and Holt. They, too, are stars aglow in the firmament, new ones at that, and so brighter than most.

No matter what night might bring, then, your boys forever pulse in their adoration of you. And now and forever you are kept safe beneath their bright-eyed gaze, one forever fixed upon you.

With love for you, and for your boys, whose midnight skyward gleam makes "the face of heaven so fine." All love, of course., and a kneeling prayer to the angels of endurance.

Finally, to the young adults here gathered

Achingly beautiful you are, living testimony of a part of Stone's fate yet unwritten. Know that the lives you choose to live, the place you choose to stand, all of it will unfold with Stone's hand gently at your back. You, even at your lowest and most fearful, are thus blessed by the hand of a man forever young, who even as you age is your dedicated friend, who asks, in return, a thing deceptively simple: that you hold him close.

Hardest of all "in the rush of everything to waste," Robert Frost's phrase that too well describes the United States of Carelessness and Inattention, the Kingdom of the Superficial, hardest of all is remembering, remembering not to forget. Hold him close; never forget.

The years to come are more trying than you can know. Your memories of Stone, especially the sweet and silly ones, are your treasure, are his gifts to you. He is Always Faithful, but then he mostly was. What shall you be? Where shall you make your stand in a world terrible and random?

Should you be run over by life, from where will come your quiet dignity? How many crosses can you bear

before bending, and then breaking? Your answers, the filling in of the pages of your lives, also fill in the last pages of Stone's book. Hold him close; never forget, never doubt the power of remembering, for Memory is our only connection to Hope. And Hope is life defiant. No wonder, then, that coiled Fate fears it most.

And Hope is Life Defiant.

With affectionate respect... Thank you.

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## The William 'Holt' Weeks Memorial Dedication

Walter Johnson High School  
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## Mary LaFratta

When Holt was a freshman, it was quite an accomplishment just to make the team. The team was quite good back then, so though Holt was a good player he did not begin his tennis career at Walter Johnson as the “star” or even a regular starter. However, as Mr. Laukaitis pointed out, he worked hard and was always concerned about “the team.” It came as no surprise to anyone that by the time he was a senior, he had worked his way to earning the number one spot and being voted captain by his peers.

I had the privilege of working with Holt both on the tennis court on a game he really loved and in the math classroom on a subject that was not his favorite.

As a coach and teacher here at Walter Johnson I have had to listen to many parents tell me that their son or daughter should be playing higher on the ladder, or should have the number one position because “their kid was special.” Or they say “my child should get an A or a B in math because my child is special.”

Jan and Linton, you never did that. You never felt the need to point out that “Holt was special.” You were content to let Holt’s deeds determine is success and failures and what others thought.

After what has happened, I can imagine that you now want to shout to the world, “MY boys were special.” Know that you don’t need to. Every time someone speaks about your sons in their quiet, sad voices -- their words shout from the mountain tops that your sons were special.

We are dedicating a memorial to Holt today, not because Holt was a good tennis player, but because we all knew that Holt was a special young person. It is rare to meet a teenager so aware of the larger world around him and his responsibility to contribute to making that world better for others and the Walter Johnson community is a better place for having him as a student and a player.

This Memorial is at the tennis courts because here is where he would want it. He spent a lot of time here with his friends working hard, having fun, competing, sometimes he won, sometimes he lost, he was sometimes joyous in victory and frustrated in defeat. Holt experienced many emotions of life here and so it is appropriate that this memorial be placed here.

In the years to come many players and students will sit on these benches maybe to savor a victory, or to support a friend in a big

match, or just to relax. Some will see this memorial and ask “Who was Holt Weeks?” and Mr Laukaitis and I will be so happy to tell them about this special young man.

And eighty years from now when we have all joined Holt and Stone, people will sit on these benches: maybe students trying out for the team, or players after a tournament, or perhaps parents after giving their child a tennis lesson. They will ask themselves “who was Holt Weeks?” Though we won’t be there to tell them, this memorial placed here by his high school community will let them know “he must have been someone special.”

## **Fred Delello**

William Weeks.....that was the name I called on my first day at Walter Johnson High School and in the Leadership class. A clear “here” and moved on, but a former student from my days teaching middle school (David Brennan) responded, “His name is Holt” for which I thanked him for the clarification but, of course, forgot by the next day. William Weeks...I called on the second day...and for the following two days, with still a clear response of “here”... but continually corrected by David Brennan. On the fourth day I walked up to William and asked, “Do you go by and prefer to be called Holt?” for which he replied something to the effect of “yea, but it’s not a problem if you call me William for attendance”.

I’m sure you’re wondering, “What’s the point of this story?” Well, in thinking of what I would say that captured my thoughts and feelings, I was brought back to my first days in the Leadership class, this introduction, and how I came to know this incredible young man we all know as Holt. And at the time, I didn’t realize just how much he would impact my life and the lives of so many others.

When many of us first think of Holt, we think of his gregarious nature, engaging and unique sense of humor, and his overall zest for life. And as significant as these traits are in knowing and loving Holt, it was his calm, respectful, yet determined spirit that, for me, truly captured his essence.

You just had to experience Holt in action....

Whether it was coming up with ideas and a plan for the SGA pep rallies  
 -- Planning, organizing, and recruiting donors for the blood drives  
 -- Or creating the now annual and famous Triple P Tournament --  
 Holt always initiated and persevered with a calm, determined, and enthusiastic spirit and attitude.

I remember when Holt was first involved in the Leadership class’s annual blood drives. The goal was always to increase the number of blood donors in order to increase the supply of badly needed blood. Holt recognized that there were many students who were able to give blood but were anxious and afraid. Holt’s action plan.....as students

were registering during the lunch period, Holt walked around and talked with as many students as he knew, encouraging them to donate blood. He was never “in your face” and forceful or tried to make anyone feel guilty for failing to register. Holt appealed to each student’s sense of compassion, educating them on the importance and necessity of blood donation, always recognizing and never minimizing their anxiety and fears. Instead, he promised to sit beside and share the experience with them, whether holding their hand, talking them through the fear, or just being there to serve as a distraction and ease their anxiety.

I don’t know the number of students who donated blood due to Holt’s encouragement and compassionate support, but I do remember him sitting beside many students, holding their hands or talking and laughing with them while they donated blood for the very first time. Needless to say, blood donations increased that year by more than 60 units, and I know without a doubt that Holt played a critical role in making that happen.

That was Holt ..he just “got it”..... he always knew and understood the guiding purpose and goal of each and every task and activity and never lost sight of its significance ....whether to earn money supporting the work of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, finding much needed donors for the blood drive, or supporting and motivating his tennis team toward victory. Not only that, but you witness to the fact that Holt thoroughly enjoyed being involved with and helping others, often turning traditionally mundane tasks into something motivational and fun.

Holt knew what it meant to be assertive yet respectful, bold but positive and encouraging, and honest yet caring and compassionate. How many of us here know just how much he respected, admired, and loved his mother, Jan, his father Linton, and his brother Stone. Their support, guidance and love played a critical role in who Holt was to become as a person and how he will always be remembered....and I know Holt would agree and had shared as much in many of our conversations. He knew and understood the true meaning and importance of “giving”, not in terms of gifts or money, but with time, encouragement, support, and love. Holt was always “giving”....as a family member, a friend, and most importantly as a human being.

I conclude with a quote from Kahlil Gibran, one which I feel serves as a testament to Holt and how he may serve as motivation and inspiration to all of us.

“There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.”

## **David Park**

It is extremely difficult to be brief about Holt and Stone. I could go on for quite a while about their commitment to community and their dedication to making the world a better and more peaceful place. But in the moments when I remember

them best, what stands out is their love for people and their rare ability to immediately put others at ease. Holt and Stone made their friends their family, and their family their friends. I cannot think of any other individuals who blurred these lines so completely. They had the gift of empathy. In the film *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus talks with Scout about the meaning of empathy...he says that you need to walk around in someone else's shoes to understand them. Holt and Stone walked around in everyone's shoes.

I first met Holt through organized team tennis when I was only 8 years old, initially thinking that he would be nothing more than a temporary teammate. Little did I know that he would soon become one of my closest and most trusted friends. Holt and I never attended the same school, but this did not prevent us from seeing each other and spending time together whenever possible. Without a doubt, the weeks that we spent together at Swarthmore tennis camp each summer were among the best and most memorable of my entire life. This was not because of the competitive tennis or the incredible counselors at the camp. It was because these were the weeks during which Holt and I realized that we were utterly inseparable as friends. And this was evident to others as well. One year the counselors even put on a skit that they called "Dolt," a skit in which they combined our two names and similar personalities into one lovable character. Now while this was obviously comical and undeniably amusing, I have come to realize that there is an underlying truth to their observations. Recently, thinking about our relationship, I have come to understand why we seemed to be so alike. I used to believe that it was because we were just innately similar in nature, but now that I have been forced to think deeply back on our priceless friendship, I see the truth. The truth is that when I was around Holt, I wanted nothing more than to be just like him. Although we were the best of friends, I idolized Holt in a way that I have never idolized any other person that I have been so close to. His personal magnetism was one of the infinite number of characteristics that made Holt so unique and special. He set the bar high for himself and, in an unassuming way, made those around him want to be better and challenge themselves to reach high as well. I have strived to be a caring individual and a good person, but it was the time that I spent with Holt that caused me to want to be an exceptional person. And I will always be eternally grateful to Holt for that. Holt brought out the best in me, just like he brought out the best in everyone else that he came into contact with over the course of his life.

Now I know how much Holt loved history, so I thought I would end with something I recently read about the first Great War. During the War, the British Imperial Graves Commission asked British writers to come up with some words to inscribe on the gravestones of young British soldiers who lost their lives fighting on the Western Front. Although it turns out that Kipling wrote most of the official inscriptions, one family of a fallen soldier submitted an inscription that I think is particularly appropriate for Holt. The inscription read, "If love could have saved him, he would not have died."

## **Lauren Euler**

Hi, my name is Lauren and as most of you know I dated Holt for quite a while during high school. Because of this, the Weeks family has been another family to me for many years now. I met Holt out of the

coincidence of not having a ride home from a party one night. In the attempt to find someone, my friends and I followed a car and knocked on the window. Holt happened to be the lucky one driving. From that day on we stuck together and he showed me what it meant to live, laugh and love.

He inspired me to live life to its fullest because he made sure to live every moment with no regrets. He always did what he wanted, took opportunities as they came and experienced them to their fullest potential. Even the little things mattered to him, from making me sing karaoke -- to get over a fear to taking the chance of going to school in Alabama for a better experience.

Holt also taught me what it meant to laugh so hard your abs hurt. I felt as if he had a personal goal to make sure everyone around him was either smiling or laughing. Whether it be at a silly outfit he was wearing or a new word he came up with to describe how cool something was. One day he even made me approve of an outfit that consisted of red and white plaid picnic pants and a band t-shirt. When I responded with a half unsure smile he laughed and said, "then its perfect." From that day on I learned to just smile and nod to all outfits knowing they would all be perfect.

Finally, he taught me how to love. To love is something people take advantage of these days and look over as a common feeling. But Holt showed everyone what it really meant to love. He had more friends than anyone I know, he befriended teachers and coaches, and he adored his family to the bottom of his heart. He would mention to me at least once a day how much he loved his friends and wouldn't change them for anything in the world. To love is to care for, support and enjoy life with those around you and that is just what Holt made sure to do.

To know Stone was to know Holt but a foot and a half taller. Stone was the inspiration to Holt on how to live life. He was just as into karaoke and crazy clothes and was just as outgoing. However he is the only person I know that can pull off a seersucker suit. Now the day I met Stone was actually planned unlike how I met Holt. This day was much anticipated since Holt had been talking about it for days on end. It was the day I got to meet his big brother, his Idol. The most memorable part of that day was the moment that Stone discovered I was the perfect height to be his personal arm rest. From that day on I knew why Holt looked up to Stone so much. He was such a caring person and determined to obtain his goals in life while helping everyone in his path.

The day I met Holt was the start of a new life for me that I continue to live. I know that Holt is looking down on me, guiding me to where I need to be. I fell in love with Holt and his personality, he changed my life for the better and I thank him so much for that. These boys are an inspiration to me and many others. I hope they have come to inspire you as well.

## **Nathan Barash**

I sat down to write this speech and I couldn't think of where to begin. Do I begin with a testament to Holt's character? Do I talk about the inspiration he had on people? Or his goodness and happiness that he spread like the most miraculous benevolent virus known to man, the Sonzy virus? How could I attest to his memory, how could I do him justice? I thought about the words needed to do all these things and I realized words could never suffice. The only thing that could truly honor such a great man is people. The people who knew him, who cared about him and who miss him and surely the 6 billion more who would have had they the gift of knowing him. It is the faces of everyone here today and the people who wanted to be here today but couldn't that honor Holt Weeks. The people who have shed a tear for Holt, the people who don't go 24 hours without thinking about Holt, and a mother and a father who can't go one minute without thinking of their lost beloved sons, it is all these people harboring the collective compassion, wisdom, happiness, knowledge, humor and generosity that embodied Holt that pay homage to his memory.

I met Holt in the 6th grade. We soon thereafter discovered a shared passion that bonded us together, a passion for the John Grisham novels and an ambition to become lawyers one day. We remained friends throughout middle-school but it was in high-school that we became best-friends. I just loved being around Holt. He was smart, witty, hilarious, and he loved to have fun. We were risk-takers, jokers, pranksters, best-friends, and as a lot of you know political rivals, but that's why I loved my relationship with Holt so much. When it came to ping-pong or ultimate Frisbee, Holt and I were always on the same team, that bond we formed in middle-school was still present all those years later, celebration would consist of a fist bump and an enthusiastic lawyers baby. Off the field though, Holt and I were infamous for our political debates, we would be at a party and would literally bring it to a stand-still shouting at the top of our lungs at each other, but once it was over and we calmed down we would hug it out, saying you know I love you man.

It was that kind of unbreakable bond that I had with Holt that I think characterizes Holt as a person. He was steadfast, honest, true to himself and to others, which is why I think this dedication, a boulder, is so perfectly symbolic of who Holt was. He stood up for what he believed and never backed down, which is exactly why neither of us ever won our debates, but he had a sense of humility that so few have. He looked up to his brother, Stone, because Stone had all these qualities as well. In fact, Holt and I would be in the middle of one of our debates and he would stop and say, "omg, I have to call Stone" and he would hand me the phone. After talking to Stone for a minute or two, Holt would say, "See dude, I told you I was right." Holt and Stone's relationship was the quintessence of brotherly love.

That's the feeling I felt with Holt, he was more than my best-friend, he was my brother, my fallen brother, who I will never forget and I will always love and miss.



## Anna Brownstein

Holt Weeks...there are not enough words in any of the world's dictionaries to describe such an amazing person. Holt and I met in 6th grade at Tilden Middle School. We were both going through our "awkward stage" (wasn't everybody?), and hit it off quite well. Rachel and I would walk to the park in the neighborhood and meet Holt to shoot some hoops. For anyone who has seen me touch a basketball, they would know the game ended up being Rachel vs. Holt, with Anna stealing an occasional touch of the ball—strictly by means of force. Anyways, Holt usually went easy on me, but he beat me enough times for me to realize that basketball was not my forte. Our friendship only blossomed from here. Holt was the kind of person who only comes along once in a lifetime, if you're lucky. At the young age of 11, he was more compassionate, more generous, and more full of life than anyone I knew. He pushed everyone to try to do good in the world, even if "good" was just to get a better time on the "fun run" in middle school. Holt constantly brought such an incredible light and charisma anywhere he went.

Throughout high school at Walter Johnson, we remained good friends. Ask most students in high school, and they will tell you there are numerous "cliques". There is of course the popular crowd, the jocks, the nerds, the Goths, etc., etc. To Holt, none of this mattered. Holt didn't care who was considered "cool", and who wasn't, he treated everybody as an equal. This was one of the lessons I will carry with me throughout my life. Holt was friends with anybody and everybody who he ever came in contact with. It was impossible not to be friends with someone so amazing. Anytime I would walk down the hall with Holt, he not only high-fived almost every single student he passed, he also attempted to high-five any teachers, hoping they would reciprocate.

Holt and I still stayed close when we went off to college. We would reminisce about high school and how much fun we had together. He would send me random text messages that made no sense, but were hilarious. I would call him at 2 am on the weekend and tell him about the feast of chicken nuggets and scrambled eggs that I just made. His response would usually consist of "sponzeeeee", "you're so college", or "squa", of which I only understood the 2nd phrase. Whenever we were home for breaks we would always get the crew together and karaoke, which Holt and Stone were phenomenal at. Holt and Stone would tell me to play the drums during Rock Band, just so they could stand there and laugh at my sad attempts to be decent at an instrument, a fake instrument for that matter.

Words cannot express how much I miss Holt. How much I miss his laugh, how much I miss his unique vocabulary, how much I miss his presence in general. I am so incredibly thankful for the memories of Holt that I will be able to cherish forever. He was truly one of the greatest people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I only wish that as I grow older, I will be half as decent of a person as Holt was

**in his short life.**

**I would like to end with a brief poem by George Santayana:**

**With you a part of me hath passed away;**

**For in the peopled forest of my mind**

**A tree made leafless by this wintry wind**

**Shall never don again its green array.**

**...But yet I treasure in my memory**

**Your gift of charity, and young hearts ease,**

**And the dear honour of your amity;**

**For these once mine, my life is rich with these.**

**And I scarce know which part may greater be,--**

**What I keep of you, or you rob from me.**

**Thank you, and Holt, may you Rest in Peace. I'll see you again someday.**

**Alex Seigel**

When you look at the number of quality individuals that have come out of Walter Johnson High School over the years, for the class of 2007, Holt Weeks is a great example of what our grade aspires to be like. If you didn't have the privilege of knowing him, I'm sure you've probably gotten a pretty good idea from the people who have. The best way I can describe Holt is, never a dull moment.

A son, a brother, a friend, a teammate, a philanthropist, a dog owner, the list goes on. Holt exemplified exactly what our society wants out of its individuals. And Holt was just that: an individual. Someone who had a refreshingly original blend of style, intelligence, humor, loyalty, humility, and grace. In such a short-lived life, Holt's well-rounded approach and perspective on life is something we can all only hope to attain.

To get up here and go on about what kind of person Holt was would not do him any justice. The fact remains: Holt's life was taken and nothing can change what happened or alleviate the pain of his void. Having known Holt since first grade, I'd like to share a memory that, in many ways, encapsules Holt's approach to life.

Around the time all of us were preparing to enter high school, Holt realized his future varsity sport would be tennis. Being the hard-working person Holt was, this meant he would have to give up two

other sports Holt enjoyed: basketball and baseball. Ever since elementary school, Holt and I had played on a baseball team coached by my dad. The team consisted of a bunch of neighborhood kids that were far from serious athletes, much less kids with notable baseball prowess. Year in and year out, Holt was always the kid who was on the fence about rejoining the team for another season, claiming he didn't have enough time. Yet the lure of having fun, challenging himself, and helping a team eventually tipped the scale. Even before our first game of the season, Holt was having more fun than everyone. The team lasted through our senior year, despite Holt's ambivalence. At the end of the day, Holt's contribution helped keep the team together and his improvement spoke for itself.

Like Holt demonstrated on the diamond, there is something to be said about knowing where you came from. Holt was a quick learner when it came to just about anything other than arguments, failing to realize that your point doesn't carry any more weight when you raise your voice.

After what has been a rough year for many of us, I am proud to stand before this community to carry on Holt and Stone's legacy by dedicating two benches and a boulder to their memories.

Every time I speak on behalf of Holt and Stone, I am instantly humbled and reminded of the reality that is life. Holt and Stone had a way of celebrating life and making a huge contribution in the process. I firmly believe that from every negative, one can make and take a positive. If there is one thing Holt has taught me, it is okay to be who you are. Holt always saw the positive side of things.

In the spirit of his memory I'll conclude with a quote by Howard Thurman used in the program of Holt and Stone's service at the National Cathedral, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Holt was undoubtedly alive; so much so that he rubbed off on everyone else in the room. He rubbed off on me. Forever. Thank you.

### **Dr. Chris Garran**

Good evening. I would like to again welcome you to Walter Johnson High School. I thank all of you - and our speakers - for being here and for sharing this time with us. Obviously, Holt's influence remains far-reaching and powerful.

As a final reflection, I would like to talk with you a little bit about Holt's Memorial. After all, you will see it every time you enter our tennis facilities or pass this beautiful area of our campus. It sits right here - very close to the Wildcat Walkway. So bear with me, I might take a little longer than some others, a principal's prerogative, but I would like us to think about some of the words on this plaque: Six of them to be specific.

The first word is “amazing” - the adjective selected to modify the other five words: Amazing – as in awe-inspiring, causing surprise & wonder and making a vivid impression. To use “amazing” to describe Holt is what I call being “spot on.” He inspired us. He surprised us. Sometimes, he really made us wonder... And without a doubt, he made a vivid impression. Last summer, at the services at the National Cathedral, I used this very word in my eulogy. I said that Holt had a laser like focus on the positive and he never mistook the glass as half empty. When people were down, he worked to bring them up. The beautiful thing is that he was able to do this with adults with just as much ease... I remember a young man who always greeted me with a handshake and a smile. Walking in the halls or on campus, Holt was the kid that I wanted to see... What an amazing (there it is) quality – a truly amazing quality - To be a person who exudes that type of positive energy and enthusiasm.

The second and third words are “son and brother” - an awe-inspiring and surprising son and brother who made a vivid impression upon Jan, Linton and his brother Stone. Again, to reflect on what I said at National Cathedral, I saw a young man who truly loved his parents and was so proud of them. In high school, it is rare to see kids “bragging” about their parents. Yet, he had so much respect and admiration for his parents. He was so proud and so loved... And while I never had the privilege of meeting Stone, Holt let us know what an incredible older brother he had. Holt admired him so much. Idolized is an appropriate word. Fred Dellelo told me that Holt never texted during his class... except to his brother. About everything... from a topic being debated about which he wanted Stone’s thoughts or news on the personal front. What an incredible love and bond.

The fourth word is friend. From so many reflections tonight, we see the gift for friendship that Holt gave freely to others – peers and adults. With friends, he believed fiercely in having fun. He believed in making people laugh. He wanted his friends to be taken care of... And they wanted him around. Last summer, I remember Rachel saying that if you were about to get in trouble or just got in trouble, you wanted Holt to be there. He would make you laugh. He would make it better. He could even make trouble look good.

The fifth word is teammate. I would like to share again a story that Mary LaFratta told me. It seems that she needed someone to practice with our #1 female player. She did not feel any of the girls were really giving her the competition that she needed. So, she asked Holt. Now, speaking for myself, I can imagine an initial fear as a male player: what if I lose! After all, we are talking about high school. Yet, Holt did not hesitate. It meant helping someone else. As a captain of one team, it meant helping the girls’ team. So, he did it. Also, he continued to play when he went to Eckerd and just recently the Athletic Department there created the Holt Weeks Sportsmanship Award to be given to a member of the men’s tennis team.

The final word is leader. Academically, Holt did very well at WJ and was a leader inside of the classroom... especially when it came to

debate and to argument. As an academic leader, he was a National Merit Commended Scholar. Yet, when I think of Holt's leadership, I am truly impressed by what he did as a member of our leadership class. Let me tell you a story that Jan and Linton and some others have heard. Yet, for me, it truly speaks to Holt's leadership. It is what sets him apart as a leader. It is about risk-taking. So imagine me sitting in my office: Principal of this fine institution of learning behind us. Holt enters - with some peers - and proposes an idea. Let's have a school-wide pong contest. Quickly, in order to avoid being tossed out of my office, he throws in there... It's for charity! As a part of our Pennies for Patients campaign to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Holt felt that we should take a risk... tap into an activity to which students would flock - make it "clean" - which meant water and no drinking if the ball goes in the cup. Also, sell it this way, "C'mon Dr. Garra... anything can be a drinking game? We need to reclaim it."

Now, let me tell you why that's leadership. One - you're proposing an idea to a hostile audience. It takes courage. Two - you have your arguments down. You're organized. You have the counter points ready. Three - You believe in it. You have no doubt that it will work. Four - you know your audience's weak point - How can the principal say no to charity? Five - You are outside the boundaries. You're stretching somewhere new and different. You're taking a risk. You have an idea that does not fit within its current surroundings - playing approved pong in high school - and you are going to make it happen. And he did.

This spring, WJ led the county - again - and came in 5th nationally - by raising just shy of \$30,000 in the Pennies for Patients Campaign... and for another year, students gathered in crazy costumes and played the approved Triple P - Pong for Pennies for Patients.

So this plaque speaks to an awe-inspiring, surprising, wonderful young man who has left an incredibly vivid impression... as a son, brother, friend, teammate and leader... and all that those words mean for the people who knew him... and for those who did not know him, but who will pass this spot... who will maybe sit, rest, linger for a while.

And let me finish by quickly mentioning that next to the plaque we have these two benches that stand side-by-side - just as Holt and Stone always stood by each other. Here - these brothers continue to do so.

And this boulder upon which we have placed the plaque: Know that the word "boulder" comes from a Scandinavian source, "bullensten," from "bullra" - to roar - and "sten" or stone or rock. Thus, we have a roaring rock - a stone in a stream causing water to roar around it - and thus, "bullensten," boulder, noisy rock. Well, knowing Holt, I believe a noisy, roaring stone is exactly what he would want. It reminds us of him and of his brother. And so we place this plaque on a noisy, roaring stone: you hear the debates, the laughs, you hear the music. Together, with these brothers' benches, this is Holt's Memorial at Walter Johnson.

Now, in the spirit of that noise and in recognition of Holt's love for music, let us listen to Holt's Prayer for Us – Bob Dylan's Forever Young.

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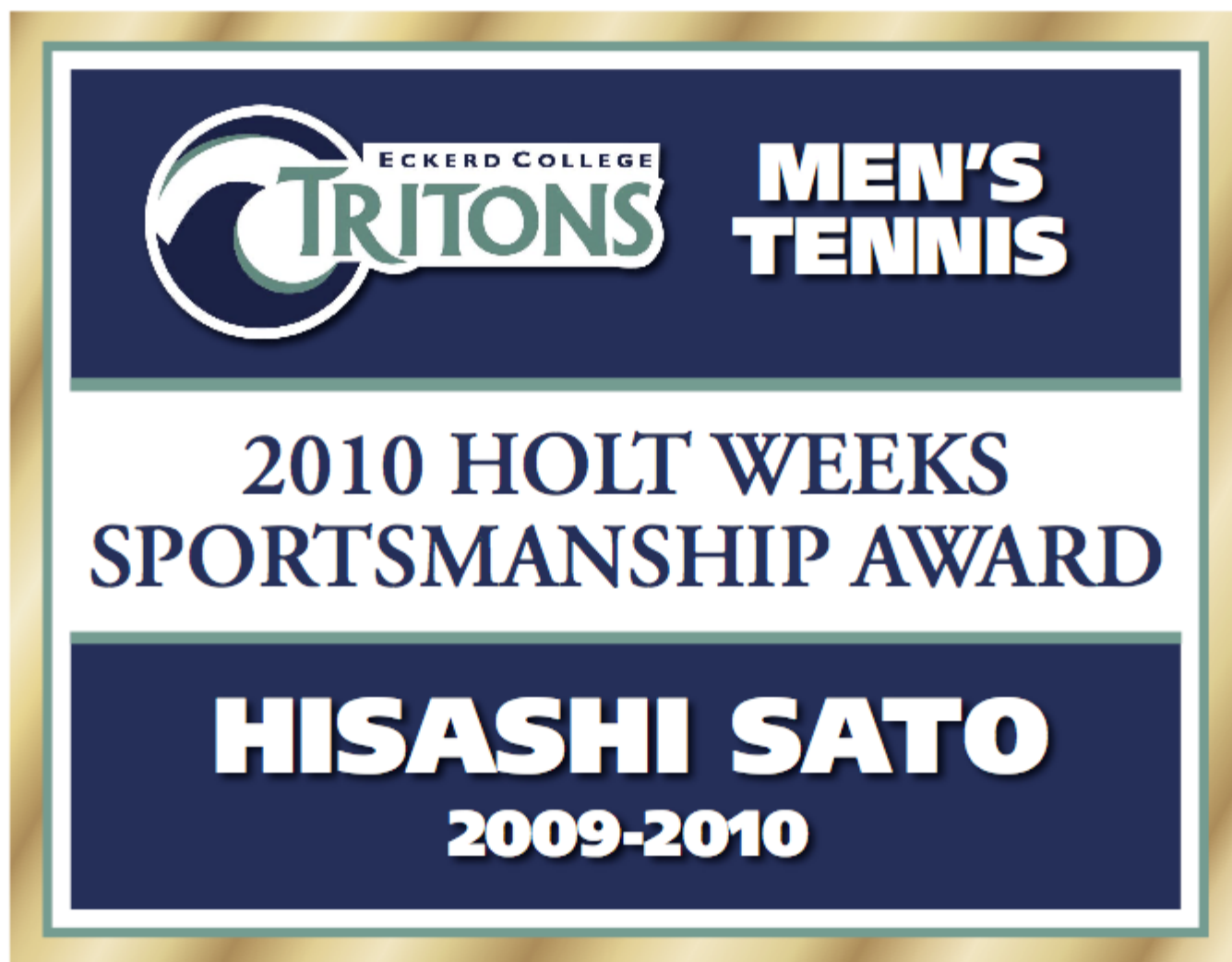
Holt Weeks, a former Eckerd student and close friend of ours, was killed with his brother Stone Weeks by a highway trucking crash on July 23, 2009.

Holt was a uniquely warm, genuine, and interesting man. He was uncommonly knowledgeable and passionate, and was an activist, a humanitarian and truly a citizen in the most meaningful sense. As a society, we acutely needed him; as his friends, we loved and will intensely miss him.

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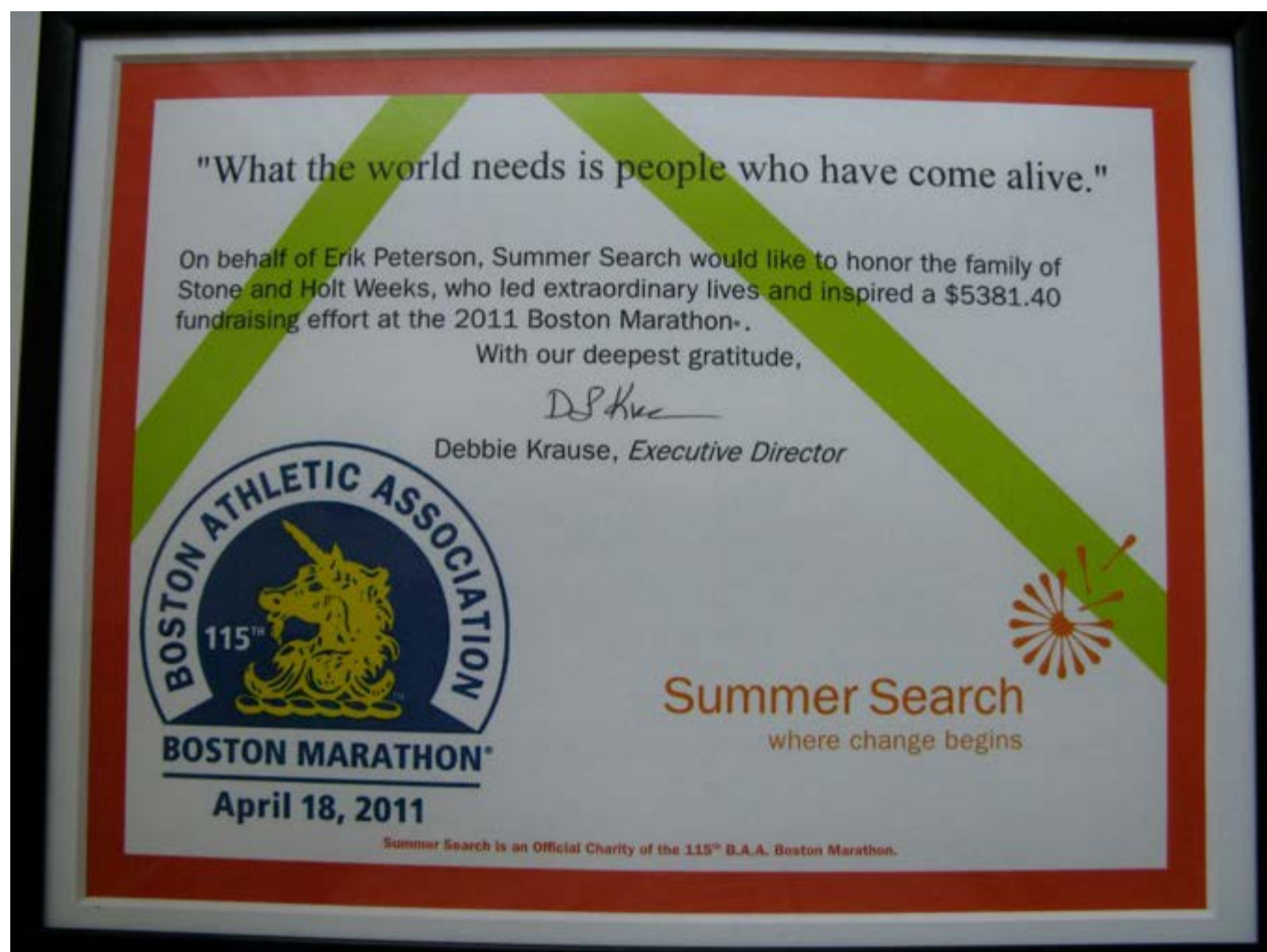
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I cannot adequately express my grief and my sadness over the loss of your sons. Stone was a year below me at St. Andrew's and we served on the vestry together. He was one of the kindest, most sincere and generous people I've ever known, and it was a joy and honor to know him. We also did Habitat for Humanity together and he was always giving 110 percent, never quitting, never complaining, always ready with a joke or a smile and endless energy and enthusiasm. I am proud to have been his friend and I am so, so sorry for your tremendous loss. I wish you all my very best and deepest condolences...

Of Stone, I can easily say that I do not expect to see a man of such integrity, warmth and kindness again.

-- Steven Levenson, Astoria NY

I met Holt only two years ago ... [While studying abroad in London], Holt and I traveled together to Seville, York and Durham, and we often saw each other once we returned to Eckerd and kept in touch after he had left for Houston.

... in London, I was surprised and grateful to have found such a fascinating and amicable man to spend a few months with in a new land.

Our time together left me with countless indelible memories and he told me a great deal about you, his parents, and Stone, who I was fortunate enough to meet one time at Eckerd and whom I made out to be good-hearted, smart and sincere, in strict accordance with the man that Holt had often described and spoke of in conversation.

... Holt was a supremely intelligent and good man. He was a force for good in the world and would have undoubtedly continued to be one. Many people die before their time has come, but rarely is their death a loss to society ...

As I continue to explore new ways to engage people with the social reality of the world and I work to expose and fight to correct the injustices in this reality, Holt's inspiration will never be far from my thoughts. My next step towards these goals will be the creation of the EC Voice online newspaper, an incipient new media project Breen Eitel and I have been working on and which we will dedicate to Holt.

Holt was one of my friends whose future I was watching with eager anticipation, and he was a wonderful person to be around. I loved him and will intensely miss him.

... Know that in addition to myself there are many of us here you have never heard of who grieve with you.

-- David Trujillo, Seattle, WA

I used to be Stone's neighbor in the Foxcroft Apartments during our junior year at the University of Delaware and we stayed friends ever since. Some of my favorite college memories are with your son and I wanted you to know what an awesome person he was! My roommate and I would always joke with him and say he was going to be the President one day because of his passion for politics. I hope you both know what a great job you did raising such a great person. I am so lucky to have met him and will never forget him. My heart is heavy with sadness and I hope you will find strength during this horrible time. Your sons may be gone, but while they were here they made such a difference and touched so many people's lives.

-- Lauren Funk, Hockessin, DE

As I think back to all the memories I have of your son, Holt, I see nothing but the positive energy that he radiated throughout my time with him [as classmates at Walter Johnson High School.] I move on now with the hope that I can carry that positive energy – that your son blessed me with – for as long as I am alive.

-- Alex Vostal, Rochester NY

I well remember Stone – probably when he was in elementary school – helping out on Saturdays in the St. Columba's –Truesdell Education Partnership (STEP) program. He was always positive and had words of encouragement for any project that was going on!

Stone and Holt were always giving of themselves to others. I wish all young people had their strong sense of values.

--Joan Miranowski, Bethesda, MD

I first met Holt our freshman year at Eckerd when we both lived at Delta. He was a much loved member of our Delta family. He was so kind to everyone and always cheerful. He would leave his door wide open with music playing inviting anyone to come in.

He was always making us laugh and always brought energy to any room...He was a true friend to me and to many others. I was shocked when I heard what had happened. You had an amazing son. He was very driven, and with his love of politics, I imagined him interning at the White House someday.

--Sarah Wright, Atlanta GA

You never met me, but I met your son Stone, when he volunteered at my school his senior year. It was called Christchurch Children's Center (now we are Rockspring Children's Center). The kids loved Stone! He was my favorite volunteer and we've had many. ...We still talk about him.

I'm so sorry for your loss. Stone touched my life and I know he touched 16 four year olds' lives, too. The kids LOVED him. He was a giant to them and a wonderful person. He talked very fondly of his brother...I will always have very fond memories of Stone. He was gone way too soon.

--Stephanie Harris, Bethesda MD

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## Jan and Linton Weeks

**L:** We are grateful to all the generous people at the Baker Institute, the student groups -- Humanitarian Medical Outreach, Rice Habitat for Humanity, and Baker Institute Student Forum -- and the entire Rice University community -- for all the love for Stone and for Holt and all the love and support for us. We want to especially thank James Baker whose generous gift made this bench possible.

We are -- and always will be -- completely devastated by what happened to Stone and to Holt -- all that they lost, all that the world lost -- never understanding or accepting. And we are -- and always will be -- completely devoted to them. Our love, admiration, and devotion know no bounds -- in time or in space.

Stone and Holt worked very hard, and so passionately -- and they had teed up their lives so beautifully. And they were excited -- looking forward to so much. They were so overflowing with love. They absolutely loved Houston. They loved being in Houston together. They loved being at Rice, at the Baker Institute, they loved their work here. They loved their friends. They loved history, political debate, intellectual pursuits, sports, music, laughter. They made everything they did so very much fun for everyone. They loved The Beacon and feeling that they were helping to make the world a better place. They loved each other, they loved us, they loved life.

A friend of Stone's at Rice, Tim Faust wrote to us that his lasting impression of Stone-- was how much fun Stone had with everything he did. And his love for everything in which he involved himself-- .... Tim went on to say that everyone really, genuinely was -- and is -- in love with Stone. He wrote, "How couldn't we be, when the guy cared so much for the world around him? It was reciprocal....," Tim added,

"We sat outside Brochstein Pavilion one unusually gorgeous spring day, sipping iced coffees and shootin' the shit when Stone paused our conversation to explain how much he hoped he'd be able to persuade his brother to come to Rice. [I never got to meet Holt, but] Stone's adoration of his younger brother was maybe even more obvious than his height."

Stone spent 2 years here working as Doug's assistant. Holt came one summer, to be Chris Bronk's assistant, between his freshman and sophomore year -- and then the next summer after he was admitted to finish his junior and senior years here. He was so happy to be joining Stone.

**J:** In Houston, on this beautiful campus, we feel the spirits of our sons in the strong and the gentle breezes. We thank you all for this bench. It is a physical, meaningful representation of their spirits. We hope this bench will be a sacred place where students and professors and dignitaries visiting this amazing internationally respected institute will stop

and feel the breezes and remember our amazing sons. We hope that all kinds of people from all over the globe will sit here and meditate and debate and laugh and love and then go forward and carry on Stone's and Holt's dreams of making that world a better place for all.

I would like to end with a meditation woven together from several of Rudolf Steiner's meditations --

Spirit air surrounds us  
Spirit bonds sustain us  
Hold us and embrace us

Your Light is brilliant  
Your Love is radiant  
Our Light is brilliant  
Our Love is radiant  
Eternal Soul bonds

May our Loving thoughts dwell in you  
And may yours dwell in us

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*Time After Time*  
Cyndie Lauper  
Played and Sung by **Clory Martin** and **Beth Martin**



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## Memorial Benches Dedication

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Stone Taylor Weeks

Class of 2003

and

William Holt Weeks

St. Andrew's Episcopal School  
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## Al Hightower

As we gather tonight to honor & commemorate the lives of Stone & Holt Weeks I am so pleased to see classmate's friends and families from past years. It has been a wonderful testament to the boy's lives to see so many familiar faces.... I have been so humbled to have worked with Jan and Linton on preparing for this event. I have said this to you before but I will say again, you have taught me a lot and my wife Charlotte and I love you both.

I will close in telling you a story about Stone. As most of you know I coached Stone in basketball. He was one of my best players and because he was so tall I always expected a lot from him because besides Michael Rogan he was one of the biggest kids in the school. Well, in those days we were trying very hard to step up our program and so we played some pretty good teams. On this particular night we played Georgetown Prep and Stone was assigned to guard their 7'0 center. Stone was so excited, even though he gave up about 6 inches and 50 pounds. Attending the game was former Georgetown Coach John Thompson and current coach at the time Craig Esterick. Stone played his heart out and at one point blocked the 7 footers shot and held him to an astounding 4 points. At halftime Stone looked so exhausted that I asked if he was OK and he responded with "He only has 4 points". I am not going to tell you how the game ended but I will say that Roy Hibbert now of the Indiana Pacers knew that a kid with a big heart had guarded him that night.

This is the attitude that I loved most about Stone and Holt. There was nothing too big for them to take on. It is an honor and privilege tonight to show that St. Andrew's will keep their legacies going.

## Cindy Mathieson

The irony of my being here today is that Stone and I had a conversation right before the day we graduated. I told him I was never coming back here. He told me I would come back for a reunion eventually. I laughed, and until this day I haven't been back since the last day of high school. Now he's laughing at me somewhere, because he is the one who got me back to St. Andrew's. Unfortunately, without him.

I have known Stone since I was 5 years old. You don't realize how important and rare it is when you have friends that long. People come and go, but the ones that survive throughout your relationships, relocation, and personal changes, are the real friends.

I remember the first day of school at St. Andrew's. And it is because of Stone. We went to Wyngate Elementary school together, and on the last day I decided I was going to tell Stone Weeks how I felt about him. I was considered one of the boys, mostly because I was the biggest tomboy, partly because I wore the same hooded sweatshirt 4 out of 5 days a week, and partly because brushing my hair really didn't seem that important. BUT, despite all things working

against me, I walked right up to Stone and told him, "I Love You." Let's just say it was an awkward moment of silence, I turned and walked away. I thought well at least I had nothing to lose I would never see him again, I was being sent to private school. Well, my mother forgot to pick me up from school, so Jan insisted on giving me a ride home, again awkward car ride of silence. Then on my first day at Saint Andrew's, where I had determined to make a fresh start, I saw towering amongst the new 6th graders, as always with his stature, and bowl cut, I may add. I saw Stone. Mortified, as he walked towards me, he slapped me a high five and said, "Let's show these people about Wyngate."

Always positive, always overlooking awkwardness, always making people feel comfortable, well as long as you could take his jokes. Stone was a force.

I will say this, when I told Stone that I loved him, I know now that I meant it as a love between friends, a friend that I was afraid to lose, and now that I have lost him I will never be the same. However, I do know now that I love every awkward moment, and cherish every moment with a friend, because you never truly know when it is your last. The last words Stone said to me were, "Dude, you gotta come to D.C. with us, we are driving up for Brinkley's book signing. "I told him "You know I can't get off work on weekends, and you know I don't go to D.C. ....I'll come visit you in Houston next week."

Sometimes there is no next week.

I am lucky, I got to spend time with Stone and his very loved and awesome brother Holt in New Orleans a few weeks before we lost them. The three of us called Jan one night, and we all talked and laughed. She told us how special it was that we were still friends, and she was happy they got to spend time in New Orleans with me. We also talked right after we got off the phone with Jan, I told them they had the best mom in the world. Jan, and I quote your son's who took a moment of silence for their mom. Our mom is the best, nodding both their heads. They were both so special, and they loved their parents so much.

I'm sorry this is the reason I'm back here, but grateful that we can be here together, especially here together for Stone and Holt, and for Jan and Linton. I love you all very much, and I hope you know how much everyone does.

## **Rob Bouknight**

Earlier this week I found myself sitting in a large conference room at the Woodley Marriot, listening to various speakers on topics relative to the industry in which I work. Taking in my surroundings, I realized that the last time I had been in this particular room had been years earlier, sitting alongside my closest friend, Stone Weeks, at a conference for the ACLU; an organization he had worked for throughout the previous summer.

In this moment, the years began to flash before me as I withdrew from my surroundings and thought back to my first days at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. I thought back to the long hallways that we had run up and down as middle-schoolers, unaware of the realities of the world we lived in; care free. I thought back to my first impression of Stone; well-spoken, outgoing and thoughtful. At this point in our lives we were more concerned with the day to day ins and outs of our social lives than the bigger picture. From our various middle school dances, youth group activities, tennis competitions, and social outlets; Stone and I grew closer throughout middle-school although I didn't realize how close we would actually come to be years down the road.

Following the end of our 8th grade year at St. Andrew's I departed for boarding school although Stone never let this deter him from maintaining contact with me. I could consistently count on him to be there in each and every aspect of my life that he could be, given our ages and circumstances.

It wasn't until my junior year of high-school that I truly realized how much we had in common, and more importantly, how close our bond had become. It all began with a couple hundred dollars, an open road, and a collection of 80's tracks which we played throughout a short-lived road trip down South. On this drive, we had the opportunity to really catch up on our high-school careers to that point and the various developments in each of our lives. We had always been friends and shared common interests but that is never enough to maintain the bond between two people throughout adulthood. From this point forward, there was an obvious change in our friendship as I had the privilege of knowing Stone on a level that most never were able to.

I also, throughout the years, had the privilege of getting to know his younger brother, Holt, who was always at the forefront of Stone's thoughts. As we grew older, I watched as Stone actively pursued a closer relationship with his brother, consistently looking out for him and incorporating him into his own life, whenever he could. Both Stone and Holt possessed an uncanny work ethic and both the intellect and wit to accomplish anything that they set their minds too. Throughout years of heated political debates, theoretical discussions, historical references, and an excessive amount of karaoke I came to appreciate the versatility that both Stone and Holt possessed. Both were uncompromising in their values and morals, loyal, honest, and I could not imagine having a better friend than either Stone or Holt.

Since the accident which took the lives of my best friend, Stone, and his little brother, Holt, there have been many moments in which I was hit with the loss that all of those who were close to these two have suffered. Initially, I cried and struggled to keep my composure regardless of my surroundings. Whether it was the subtle playing of "Time after Time" by Cindi Lauper at a restaurant or a favored eighties hit that put me in the middle of the Week's family room with a microphone in hand, Stone on the guitar and Holt, on drums as always. The more I tried to understand the reality of this tragedy, the more I lost touch with what really mattered; the time that I had as Stone's closest friend. The more and more I have thought about Stone and Holt, all I can do is smile and shake my head, reminiscing on two individuals who carried so much of life's energy within.

## **Michael Rogan**

Thank you to everyone for joining us today. There are two primary themes I wanted to share with today: How I first met Stone and one of many things that made him a special young man.

I attended St. Andrew's for high school. Before I started freshman year, I attended a study skills class with about 20 or so other students, mostly populated by St. Andrew's kids. Stone was one of these students. The class wasn't too long, just two weeks in the afternoons. It became clear that Stone was friends with, if not acquainted personally with everybody in that class. He had a genuinely friendly demeanor, which then, and always drew people to him. The first weekend, after this summer course, my home phone rang. It was Stone calling, inviting me to sleep over. I accepted, and this began a great friendship which lasted as long as Stone was with us.

I could write or speak about Stone all day. I'm sure many others here could do the same. If I



was to narrow down one thing about him which would be relevant to this dedication, it would be his pioneering spirit among his peers. When children are young, they are impressionable and insecure. Nobody wants to stand out too much even if it's for something good. It only takes one popular pessimist in a crowd to make anyone hide an unpopular interest, skill or idea. The reverse is also true. One popular student can declare something cool, only to watch many others follow suit. Stone decided it was cool to care about the environment, to help the less fortunate, to raise awareness about social justice. Stone was proud and unafraid to use his own social influence to do good in the world. This is one of many things that made Stone special.

## **Whitney Delphos**

Stone was not just brilliant, funny, and a great friend. He truly had a heart of gold. He not only had love for the one's he saw needed it the most he had compassion for all.

My fondest memory of Stone was when he came to Rice to be Douglas Brinkley's research assistant. I introduced him to all my friends. After that no one wanted to hang out with me anymore. EVERYONE wanted to be Stone's best friend. Truly he had the personality to get along with everyone.

Both Stone's and Holt's intellects and love for politics impressed the entire Rice community. Their spirits stay with all of us, and will never be forgotten.

Both Stone and I loved music and he thought it was so cool that I play the cello. I would like to dedicate the Bach First Suite to Stone who I know is listening.

### ***Suite I for Violoncello by Johann Sebastian Bach***

## **John Gurdian**

Hello everyone. I'd first like to thank you all for being here today to help support the family and friends, and to honor the memories of Stone Weeks and Holt Weeks. When I was asked by Jan and Linton to speak today I was a little worried about what I was going to say, especially in less than three minutes. I mean, how do you summarize the impact a friend, who has been there for over half of your life, has on you? Especially when that friend is Stone Weeks.

Our friendship began here in 6th grade and I keep many happy memories of Stone both inside and outside these walls. Trips to Camp Varsity, school dances, Rogo Wars, getting in trouble together, getting mad at each other, getting mad at others, having heart to hearts about life when it seemed that no one else could understand, and most importantly, laughing every moment in between.

I wish that I could remember every detail of my friendship with Stone; that I could take all my memories of him and lock them away so they will never be forgotten, but I can't so I try to go through the ones that matter most to me and help me keep him in my heart. One that I keep returning to was only a few years ago right at the beginning of Winter Break of our Sophomore year of college. I was driving home from Oklahoma, and decided to do it all in one trip. Now I don't know if you've ever driven from Oklahoma to Maryland but it's about 1300 miles and takes almost 20 hours, and you don't smell too pretty when it's all over and done with. During

these drives I would call friends to help pass the time or stay awake. On this drive I was actually on a conference call with Stone and Rob and I told them I would be getting home around midnight, a semi-decent hour for a Sophomore in college and a perfect time to go out. I remember as I was crossing from VA in MD I called Rob and he didn't pick up, so I decided to call Stone and tell him that we could just hang out some other time. But oh no, Stone was not having this, and demanded that I come over immediately. So of course I went over to his house, and when I got there he already had opened up a Christmas present from one of his frat brothers, which was a Christmas set containing a bottle of something with two glasses, so he could make me a new drink that he discovered... as he liked to call it a G&T. We continued to drink these new fancy drinks until the early hours of the morning, while at the same time talking about school, our fraternities, girls, and anything else we could think of. Then at about 5 am Stone told me that I was to go sleep in the guest room and he'd wake me up in the morning. I walked into the guest room and he had already pulled out some towels and blankets before I had even gotten there. That's just a miniscule example of Stone but it has always meant the world to me. A brief epilogue to that story is that the next morning Mrs. Weeks, already knowing I was there, called us both to breakfast, and once we were done asked me if I had been home yet to see my mother. I told her no, and immediately she said to me, "John Gurdian, I love you but you get home and see your mother right now." And out I went.

It has always been my belief that you discover who a person is by the people they surround themselves with. The people who are not only around you every day but whose thoughts, experiences, and influences you carry with you as well. I know Stone could not have been the man that he was without his parents. His mother Jan's compassion and ability to see beauty in the world, and his father Linton's constant wisdom and knowledge of what a true man is supposed to be. These two incredible people raised their sons showing them what true love is and put them on the fast track to becoming truly extraordinary men. I will always be indebted to the two of them for the way that they raised their sons, because I am who I am today because Stone Weeks helped me become that way. His humor, intelligence, and love for this world is something that I will carry with me forever. He always wanted people to be the best that they could. It was something that he not only expected but demanded from his younger brother Holt as well. The two of them were an inspiration to everyone around them. To this day both of these gentlemen inspire me, because every time I feel like I've lost my way or things aren't going well I end up looking down, as most do, and see the phrases "Live for Others" and "Seize Life!!" and they lift me up. Thank you.

### **Ryan Hathaway reading Dr. Guy Alchon**

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ryan Hathaway, I graduated a year behind Stone here at St. Andrews. From my first weeks in school, Stone had befriended me, making sure that as a new student I wasn't too overwhelmed. This was his way with people, to make them feel at ease. As a freshman on the varsity basketball team, I was welcomed to practices almost exclusively by Stone at first, taking me to get food after school before practice, and once again making sure I felt welcomed.

My senior year I visited Stone at the University of Delaware, where he once again was welcoming and accommodating. A year later I found myself at UD, once again classmates with Stone. We became closer and unknowingly became neighbors my sophomore year. In my junior year Stone wanted me to take an extra course on the history of the My Lai Massacre, as he had found I had a personal connection to the reporter who first leaked the story. Originally, like many things Stone convinced me to do, I had no intention of actually taking the class. My

thought was that it would require special permission to take an above normal credit load that semester. Stone didn't accept that excuse as he already had more than 18 credits and was TAing a course on top of that, and I found myself sitting in Dr. Guy Alchon's classroom that semester.

It was my pleasure to witness the relationship between Dr. Alchon and Stone. It wasn't a teacher student relationship we've come to expect in school, it was a mentorship and friendship. I was able to watch them develop each others' ideas, debate, argue and debate some more on topics ranging from politics to the meaning of life. Dr. Alchon, and our whole class, was blessed by Stone's enthusiasm and energy in the classroom, and often it seemed as if Stone might complete a lecture if not for his willingness to cede our attention back to Dr. Alchon. This is why it is a distinct honor to read the words of our mutual friend and mentor Dr. Guy Alchon in letters he wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Weeks.

Last year in May, at the University of Delaware dedication of a bench to Stone's memory -- under an oak tree dedicated to Stone's and Holt's memories -- all spearheaded by Dr. Alchon -- he spoke and read from letters he had written to Stone's and Holt's parents over the then-previous 10 months since the deaths of Stone and Holt. I will read from what he said last May.

“Remarks Upon this Day of Commemoration, of Celebration, of Stone Weeks,  
and Beloved Brother, Holt, May 15, 2010

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“The Imminence, the Rightness of today pierced like prophecy even months ago. In mid-February, at twilight, at its Main Street gates, this beautiful, "be-columned," Georgian pile that is Old College startled with fresh meaning. Soon to welcome Stone's bench, its aspect, even then, was forever changed, its sprawl and shadows heavy with happy gravity, as if in anticipation of this day of consecration.

“On Stone, as one professor came to know him...  
Stone devoted much of his last two college years to disciplining his passions, learning to harness them to the mind's work. This was difficult for him as he enjoyed the sparks of rhetorical fireworks. But he began to practice the art of listening to another's point of view. More radically, he undertook the demanding discipline of reserving judgments, a thing Scott Fitzgerald termed “a matter of infinite hope...” And as Stone gentled, he began to wear his seriousness more lightly, with a halfway insouciance that seemed to agree with him, as it arose from the tender precincts of his soul.

Fitzgerald, again, might as well have been thinking of Stone: In a certain book of 1925, he wrote that “If personality is an unbroken series of successful gestures, then there was something gorgeous about him, some heightened sensitivity to the promises of life...; it was an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as I have never found in any other person.”

Stone treated me with a beguiling protectiveness, one that corresponded with his winning the post of Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in 2006. His feelings always stronger than there were means to express them, Stone, I think, simply decided to be the best Undergraduate TA possible, ever anticipating my needs, the course's needs. And in one small gesture, he managed to convey care, respect, and more: Walking to class he would insist upon carrying my bags (said he learned this from long practice with his father!). And after class, always before I could get to them, stood Stone, smiling, with my several bags slung over a high shoulder.

“On Stone and the Truth of Hurricanes...

Like the finest personalities, Stone felt the world's pain to a degree always threatening to overrun

him. In a short time, however, he found the inner throttle vital to the most passionately articulate. Lincoln struggled with this, as did Emily Dickinson.

From each generation, then, come those whose eyes fix upon the beaten, betrayed, and martyred children of the earth. Certainly in his keenest aspect, Stone bent toward such hard-headed goodness, understood that hope required defiance, and that help and rescue were the totems of a worthy life...

In this, Stone showed that he understood the truth of hurricanes. In the ninth chapter of the Book of Genesis, the rainbow vaulting a blue sky means hope. And amidst the swirling destruction of a hurricane, at its center, the eye of the hurricane is still... and blue... and hopeful.

At our best, we do what we can to push back against man-made hurricanes, the large and small storms of evil. We fight for the blue, to expand the blue. But still the hurricanes come, driven by cruelties, whipped by indifference, and ever a threat to the goodness nestled in the blue.

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“For Dear Ones ==For Jan and Linton -- About goodness and the death of the young...

...Then there is the valediction to young Mary White, penned by her father, the redoubtable newspaperman of Emporia, Kansas, in 1921. And as these next days run into weeks, then months, as the blind-sidings of grief take on different shapes and depths, I pray that you remember that for Stone and Holt, as for Mary White... "the souls of them, the glowing, gorgeous, fervent souls of them, surely are flaming in eager joy upon some other dawn..."

Just now, even as you are pulled back to life, pulled into your new orientation, you do so, I know, with time forever fixed to the minutes of that night and of that day. And you can do that and still live. Just as you can also leave the boys' rooms just as they are, just as they were, and forever. You can do this, too, and still live. Even the inscrutable Emily Dickinson understood that a numinous stillness, a letting go in order to let things be, for now, arose from contemplation to sensibility to necessity:

Ample make this Bed – Make this Bed with Awe...In it wait till Judgment break  
Excellent and Fair...

Be its Mattress straight –Be its Pillow round –Let no Sunrise’ yellow noise  
Interrupt this Ground...

“In Devotion to her Romeo, Juliet of Capulet spoke for the Ages, and sometime late last summer she Friendened Stone and Holt.

...If love be blind, it best agrees with Night... Come gentle night... Give me my Romeo;

And when he shall die, take him and cut him into little Stars.

And he will make the face of Heaven so bright

That all the world will be in love with Night

And Pay no worship to the garish Sun.

“Dear Ones == Please do not be too much alone...

Cling to the living, love them, and hold on. Solitude enough comes with nightfall. But please remember that with night, even at its worst, you are watched over by your boys. Remember that Juliet's wish for Romeo reaches through time to encompass Stone and Holt. They, too, are stars aglow in the firmament, new ones at that, and so brighter than most.

“No matter what night might bring, then, your boys forever pulse in their adoration of you. And now and forever you are kept safe beneath their bright-eyed gaze, one forever fixed upon you. With love for you, and for your boys, whose midnight skyward gleam makes “the face of heaven so fine.” All love, of course., and a kneeling prayer to the angels of endurance.

“Finally, to the young adults here gathered

Achingly beautiful you are, living testimony of a part of Stone's fate yet unwritten. Know that the lives you choose to live, the place you choose to stand, all of it will unfold with Stone's hand gently at your back. You, even at your lowest and most fearful, are thus blessed by the hand of a man forever young, who even as you age is your dedicated friend, who asks, in return, a thing deceptively simple: that you hold him close.

Hardest of all "in the rush of everything to waste," Robert Frost's phrase that too well describes the United States of Carelessness and Inattention, the Kingdom of the Superficial, hardest of all is remembering, remembering not to forget. Hold him close; never forget.

The years to come are more trying than you can know. Your memories of Stone, especially the sweet and silly ones, are your treasure, are his gifts to you. He is Always Faithful, but then he mostly was. What shall you be? Where shall you make your stand in a world terrible and random?

"Should you be run over by life, from where will come your quiet dignity? How many crosses can you bear before bending, and then breaking? Your answers, the filling in of the pages of your lives, also fill in the last pages of Stone's book. Hold him close; never forget, never doubt the power of remembering, for Memory is our only connection to Hope. And Hope is life defiant. No wonder, then, that coiled Fate fears it most.

"And Hope is Life Defiant.

"With affectionate respect... Thank you."

Jan and Linton, I know that Dr. Alchon meant so much to Stone, but Stone meant ever more to Dr. Alchon and everyone whose life he touched. Stone and Holt love you both so much, and continue to through their memories and friends. I know Dr. Alchon would want me to pass on his love for your son today.



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DEDICATION OF  
WATER FOUNTAIN AND BENCHES  
IN MEMORY OF  
HOLT AND STONE WEEKS

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

2:00 PM

BULLARD TENNIS COURTS  
ECKERD COLLEGE  
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

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## **President Donald Eastman**

College campuses are very special places – and if they are treated right, become holy ground. They become sanctified, piece by piece, not all at once. And they become sanctified through the experiences and the memories of the people who attend....and become adults there.

Space by space, people remember where they first fell in love. Where they wrote their first check. Where they met someone who turns out to be a friend for life. Where they won a tennis match. Or lost one.

They have the deepest experiences because they are in such a fragile and transformative age – traditional college students.

This is, as you all know, a very young institution. We will have our 48th commencement on Sunday. As some of my British friends say, “I have whiskey older than that.”

I want to thank the Weeks, who fighting through their grief, have become a part not only of the lives of their sons’ friends, but so many of the rest of us to help consecrate this part of Eckerd College to their sons’ memories. Because of them, and your love for them, where we stand now will forever be a place that reminds us of the beauty and youth and grace of their boys.

It is a place that in some ways will exhibit the song that was played over and over when they came here a year and a half ago for the memorial event that we had, a song that I knew as a Bob Dylan song – Forever Young. A piece of which I have gotten in the habit now of repeating at commencement in my last concluding remarks. And will do so again on Sunday.

So while we all continue to be stunned by the injustice of what happened to Holt and Stone, it is wise of us to take this opportunity to use the consecration of this place to their memory ... so we are all lifted ... so that we all understand the connection between Holt Weeks and Eckerd College and thereby better understand what it is a college is really supposed to do. And what its campus is really about. Welcome to this special ceremony.

***The Prophet : On Time by Kahlil Gibran***



AND an astronomer said, Master, what of Time?

And he answered:

You would measure time the measureless and the immeasurable.

You would adjust your conduct and even direct the course of your spirit according to hours and seasons.

Of time you would make a stream upon whose bank you would sit and watch its flowing.



Yet the timeless in you is aware of life's timelessness,  
And knows that yesterday is but today's memory and tomorrow is today's dream.

And that that which sings and contemplates in you is still dwelling within the bounds of that first moment which scattered the stars into space.



Who among you does not feel that his power to love is boundless?

And yet who does not feel that very love, though boundless, encompassed within the centre of his being, and moving not from love thought to love thought, nor from love deeds to other love deeds?

And is not time even as love is, undivided and paceless?



But if in your thought you must measure time into seasons, let each season encircle all the other seasons,

And let today embrace the past with remembrance and the future with longing.

## Vice President and Dean of Students James Annarelli

As contemporary people, we have lost our memory. I am not referring to our capacity to intellectually recall events, facts, or experiences. Rather, I am referring to the loss in the modern consciousness of the profound, indeed, sacramental nature of remembering. For many ancient peoples, the act of remembering, of memorializing, was far more complex and meaningful than merely recalling a person or an event. For the Hebrew people, for example, the act of remembering involved making present in a real way, the event or person being remembered. This insight is an important dimension of the theologies of a number of religious traditions, particularly within the Judeo-Christian heritage. Dr. Victor Shepherd, a Canadian theologian, for example, writes, *"to remember has to do not with recollecting notions but with living realities. In a word, to remember, Hebraically, is to bring a past event up into the present so that what happened back then continues to happen right now – and is therefore the operative reality of our existence. What unfolded back then, altering forever those whom it touched then, continues to be operative now, altering forever those who "remember" it now."* \*

It is precisely this richer, more profound way of remembering that draws us together today. For in remembering and memorializing Holt and Stone with this water fountain and these benches, we are not only honoring who they were and what they stood for – brilliant, talented, dedicated young men whose love radically overflowed their relationships with family and friends and touched the world. We also are, by our remembering, affirming that they remain with us in real and profound ways – in the fabric of our lives as individuals and as an academic community, in the enduring nature of their work for social justice and global development, and through their loving spirits that will forever be present to us, embracing us, encouraging us, transforming us as we carry on their work of transforming the world.

Amen.

## Jan and Linton Weeks

L -- We are grateful to President Don Eastman, Coach Erin Koenig, Heather Winfield, Scott Rivinius, Jim Annarelli, Bob Fortosis, Tom Schneider, and Libby Shannon, -- the amazing and loving friends of Holt and Stone and the whole Eckerd Community for all the love and support for Holt, for Stone, for us and for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation.

We are -- and always will be -- completely devastated by what happened to Holt and to Stone, never understanding or accepting. And we are -- and always will be -- completely devoted to them. Our love, admiration, and devotion know no bounds -- in time or in space.

Holt and Stone worked very hard, and so passionately -- and they had teed up their lives so beautifully. And they were excited -- looking forward to so so much. They were so overflowing with love. Holt loved being at Eckerd. He loved it when Stone visited here, and the two of them could be together here celebrating life the way they always did. They loved their friends. They loved history, political debate, intellectual pursuits, sports, music, laughter. They made everything they did so very much fun for everyone. They loved the feeling that they were helping to make the world a better place. They loved each other, they loved us, they loved you, they loved life.

J -- Holt was only here three semesters. A fourth semester he spent in London with Eckerd's program. Yet he felt at home here the moment he stepped on campus, visiting for the very first time. Of the seven colleges Holt was accepted to, Eckerd became his first choice. He loved being on the water, playing tennis for his beloved Coach Koenig and his beloved teammates, going to London with Eckerd, all of his academic pursuits, and the many, many good, good times he had with so many of you.

On this beautiful campus, we feel the strong and gentle spirits of our sons in the strong and gentle gulf breezes. We thank you all for these benches and this water fountain that now complement Holt's everlasting stone. Standing here we sense a physical, meaningful representation of their spirits. We hope this space will be a sacred place where students and professors and dignitaries visiting this amazing internationally respected institution will stop and feel the breezes and remember our amazing sons.

We hope that all kinds of people from all over the globe will sit here, watch tennis, and meditate and debate and laugh and love and then go forward and carry on Stone's and Holt's dreams of making this world a better place for all.

### **Director of Athletics Bob Fortosis**

Thank you Jan and Linton for what you are sharing with us about the notion of the lives of these young men carrying forward in our lives. It reminds me of something my father said to me my whole life growing up -- the notion of leaving footprints behind, of making this world a better place than we found it.

As we have come to know Stone and Holt, we know that these two young men have left indelible footprints in our lives, on this campus, on Stone's campus and certainly in this place.

On behalf of the tennis program, the athletic program and the entire college community, I'd like to present this to you.





Replica of Plaque at Dedicated Water  
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# Tribute at Eckerd College Commencement 2011

“...This was on a “billboard” near the dorms facing South Beach, where commencement is held. ...also ...a picture of the view of the commencement tent from the sign.

...please know that your sons have touched my soul deeply.”

Eckerd College Administrator

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Saturday, April 29, 2017, 12 noon

Rebuilding Together of Washington DC

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Selected home site, Washington DC

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Saturday, April 22, 2017 6-10 pm

Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi

Presentation of The Stone and Holt

Weeks Humanitarian Award -

to benefit The Ability Experience

(formerly PUSH America)

The University of Delaware

Old College, Main Street, Newark, DE

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Thursday, December 22, 2016

We Kare-eoke \*Washington\*  
with HariKaraoke Band \*\* No  
Gong\*\*

--to benefit The Stone and Holt  
Weeks Foundation

**Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle**  
**4844 Cordell**

**Avenue**

Bethesda, Maryland

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November 14, 15 & 17, 2016

The Fall Stone and Holt Weeks  
Nature Field Trips

-- to benefit H. D. Cooke  
Elementary School students

Audubon Naturalist Society

Chevy Chase, Maryland

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Thursday, November 10, 2016  
We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\*  
--to benefit The Ability Experience

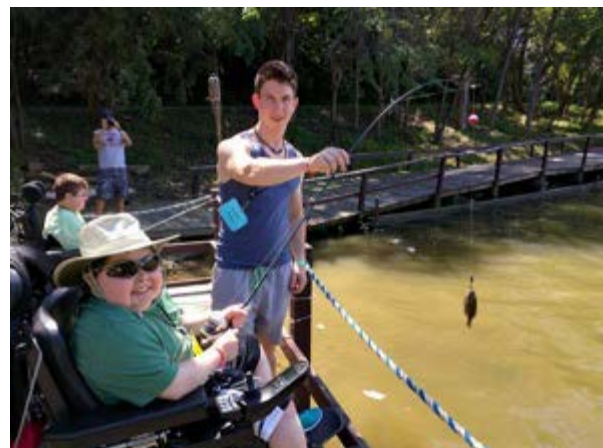
(formerly PUSH America)  
Klondike Kate's  
158 East Main Street  
Newark, Delaware  
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Saturday, August 27, 2016  
We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* -  
to benefit The Beacon of Houston  
Grand Prize Bar  
Houston, Texas  
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June 12-17, 2016  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Chicago  
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June 26 - July 2, 2016  
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Thursday, June 9, 2016

[The Stone Taylor Weeks](#)

[Memorial History Award](#)

Upper School Awards Assembly

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

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Monday, May 16, 2016

[The William Holt Weeks](#)

[Memorial Leadership Award](#)

Walter Johnson Academic

Awards Night

Walter Johnson High School

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Saturday, April 30, 2016

[Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#)

Presentation of [The Green Hammer Award](#)

in honor of Holt and Stone Weeks

National Rebuilding Day

Selected home site, Washington DC

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Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
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-- to benefit [Habitat for Humanity](#) --  
Walter Johnson High School  
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Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
[The Spring Stone and Holt Weeks  
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-- to benefit Dorothy I. Height  
Elementary School students  
[Audubon Naturalist Society](#)  
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Thursday, April 7, 2016

High School Pennies for Patients  
Competition & Presentation of  
The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge  
Cup Award  
to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
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**School & Youth Programs**



**The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge**

Schools participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's High School Challenge have the opportunity to compete to win the Holt Weeks Trailblazer Cup by initiating a successful new fundraising event. The inaugural Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge will be held in 2009 in memory of Holt and his brother Stone, who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place.

Holt Weeks was a graduate of the Walter Johnson High School class of 2007. As a junior in the school's leadership class, he helped create a fundraising event called "Triple IP" to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As a senior intern for the day the following year, he worked to improve it and the event quickly became a tradition and has grown in scope every year since Holt helped to start it.



Following the example set by Holt, LLS and The Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation challenge all students to think outside the box and work together to create a sustainable event that engages the school community in the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This event could either be new to the school or an existing program students choose to build upon to increase its presence for the new High School Challenge year. The school that displays the most innovation and creativity in designing a program or event while increasing the number of participants will be awarded the Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup to be displayed at their school as well as a donation of \$1,000 from the Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation to be added to their school fundraising total for the current High School Challenge year. Each year the school that wins The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup will have its name engraved onto the Cup which will reside at the winning school until the next Challenge year.

[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

Saturday, March 5, 2016  
Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi  
Presentation of The Stone and Holt Weeks  
Humanitarian Award -  
to benefit The Ability Experience (formerly  
PUSH America)  
The University of Delaware  
Old College, Main Street, Newark,  
Delaware  
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Sunday, December 20, 2015

We Kare-eoke \*Washington\*

with HariKaraoke Band \*\* No Gong\*\*

--to benefit The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

**Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle**

**4844 Cordell Avenue**

Bethesda, Maryland

2015 Photographs



Thursday, November 19, 2015

We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\*

--to benefit The Ability Experience  
(formerly PUSH America)

Klondike Kate's

158 East Main Street

Newark, Delaware

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Thursday, November 19, 2015

[The Fall Stone and Holt Weeks](#)

[Nature Field Trip](#)

-- to benefit Kimball Elementary School

[Audubon Naturalist Society](#)

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Monday, November 9, 2015

[Environment America](#)

National Staff Presentation of The

[Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award](#)

Washington, DC



Saturday, August 22, 2015

We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* -

to benefit [The Beacon of Houston](#)

Grand Prize Bar

Houston, Texas

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June 28 - July 4, 2015

Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Washington  
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June 13 - June 19, 2015

Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Chicago  
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Wednesday, June 3, 2015

[The Spring Stone and Holt Weeks](#)  
[Nature Field Trip](#)

-- to benefit Aiton Elementary School students

[Audubon Naturalist Society](#)  
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Wednesday, May 28, 2015

[The Stone Taylor Weeks Memorial History Award](#)  
Upper School Awards Assembly  
St. Andrew's Episcopal School  
Potomac, Maryland



Monday, May 18, 2015

[The William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award](#)

Walter Johnson Academic Awards Night

Walter Johnson High School

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Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Walter Johnson Seize Life

Charity Fashion Show

-- to benefit [Habitat for Humanity](#) --

DC and Nepal

Walter Johnson High School

Bethesda, Maryland



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Saturday, April 25, 2015

Rebuilding Together of Washington DC

Presentation of The Green Hammer Award

in honor of Holt and Stone Weeks

National Rebuilding Day

Selected home site, Washington DC



Wednesday, March 18, 2015

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

High School Pennies for Patients

Competition & Presentation of The

Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Cup Award

to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Washington DC Metropolitan Area

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Saturday, March 7, 2015

Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi

Presentation of The Stone and Holt Weeks

Humanitarian Award -

to benefit The Ability Experience (formerly

PUSH America)

The University of Delaware

Old College, Main Street, Newark, Delaware

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Monday, December 22, 2014

[We Kare-eoke \\*Washington\\*](#)  
[with HariKaraoke Band](#) \*\* No Gong\*\*  
--to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma  
Society, Environment America, and  
Rebuilding Together of Washington  
DC

Union Jack's  
4915 St. Elmo Avenue  
Bethesda, Maryland

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Tuesday, November 18, 2014

[We Kare-eoke \\*Delaware\\*](#)  
--to benefit [The Ability Experience](#)  
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Kildare's on Main Street  
Newark, Delaware

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Monday, November 17, 2014

[The Stone and Holt Weeks  
Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#)

-- to benefit Elsie Whitlow Stokes  
Community Freedom Public Charter School  
Washington DC students  
[Audubon Naturalist Society](#)  
Chevy Chase, Maryland  
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Saturday, October 25, 2014

12 noon - 4 pm

[Halloween Blood Drive](#)

--to benefit [Inova Blood Donor Services](#)

Congressional Plaza

1677 Rockville Pike

Rockville, Maryland

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Saturday, August 23, 2014

[We Kare-eoke \\*Houston\\* - to  
benefit](#)

[The Beacon of Houston](#)

Grand Prize Bar

1010 Banks Street

Houston, TX

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Wednesday, August 6, 2014

[The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature](#)



Field Trip Scholarship  
-- to benefit Beacon House,  
Washington DC students  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Chevy Chase, Maryland  
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June 21 - June 27, 2014  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Chicago  
June 22 - June 28, 2014  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Washington  
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Wednesday, May 28, 2014  
The Stone Taylor Weeks Memorial  
History Award  
Upper School Awards Assembly  
St. Andrew's Episcopal School  
Potomac, Maryland



Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Montgomery County FILMFEST '14

- to benefit

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda, Maryland



Monday, May 19, 2014

The William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award

Walter Johnson Academic Awards Night

Walter Johnson High School

Bethesda, Maryland



Sunday, May 4, 2014

Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi

Presentation of The Stone and Holt Weeks

Humanitarian Award - to benefit PUSH America

The University of Delaware

Old College, Main Street, Newark, DE



Tuesday, April 29, 2014 -- 7-10 pm

Walter Johnson Seize Life

Charity Fashion Show

-- to benefit [Habitat for Humanity](#)  
Walter Johnson High School  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
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Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Eta Chapter presents  
U.S. Armed Forces Wheelchair Basketball Game

--to benefit PUSH America & US Paralympics  
Halftime Presentation of  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award  
Bender Arena, American University  
Washington DC



Tuesday, March 25, 2014  
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High School Pennies for Patients  
Competition & Presentation of The  
[Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Cup Award](#)  
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Friday, March 14, 2014



The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature  
Field Trip Scholarship

-- to benefit Orr Elementary, Washington DC  
First & Second Graders  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
Chevy Chase, Maryland



Thursday, March 6, 2014

Rebuilding Together of Washington DC  
Presentation of The Green Hammer Award  
Annual House Captains Meeting  
St. Columba's Episcopal Church  
Tenleytown, Washington DC



Monday, February 24, 2014

Environment America  
Fellows Program Presentation of  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award  
Spring Fellows Training  
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[We Kare-eoke \\*Washington\\*](#)

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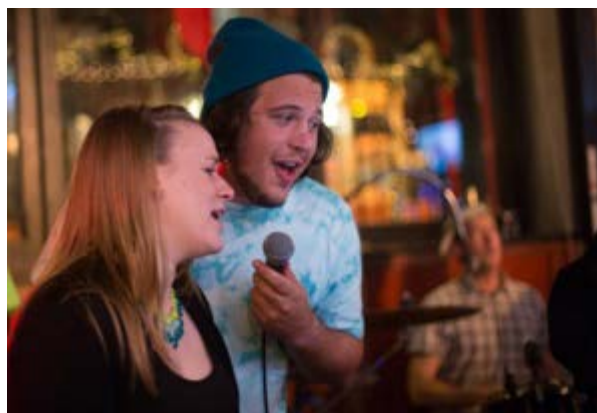
--to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society,  
Environment America, and Rebuilding  
Together of Washington DC

Union Jack's

4915 St. Elmo Avenue

Bethesda, Maryland

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Tuesday, December 10, 2013 --

Canceled due to snow, New date TBA

[The Stone and Holt Weeks](#)

[Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#)

-- to benefit DC's Orr Elementary

First & Second graders -- at

Audubon Naturalist Society

Chevy Chase, Maryland

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Tuesday, November 5, 2013 -- 7-12 pm

[We Kare-eoke \\*Delaware\\*](#)

--to benefit PUSH America

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Theta Nu Chapter

The University of Delaware

Kildare's, Newark, Delaware



Saturday, October 26, 2013 -- 12-4:30 pm

Vampire Blood Drive

--to benefit [Inova Blood Donor Services](#)

Congressional Plaza

1677 Rockville Pike

Rockville, Maryland

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Monday, September 9, 2013

[Flashgiving for Ankuran Orphanage,](#)

[Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation, Nepal](#)

with [interPLAYcompany Band at Strathmore](#)

Rockville, Maryland

[Flashgiving 2013 for Nepal Video](#)



[Saturday, August 24, 2013](#)

[We Kare-eoke Houston](#)

--to benefit [The Beacon](#)

[Singing 8 - Midnight](#)

Grand Prize Bar

1010 Banks Street

Houston, Texas

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June 22 - June 28, 2013

Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Chicago

June 23 - June 29, 2013

Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Camp/Washington  
Photographs 2013



Tuesday, June 4, 2013 -- Doors Open 8 PM --

Three Band Night : A Benefit Concert

For The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

The Assembly Line, Cairo Fred, and Watermelon  
U Street Music Hall

1115 U Street, NW

Washington DC

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Wednesday, May 29, 2013

The Stone Taylor Weeks Memorial History Award

Upper School Awards Assembly

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Potomac, Maryland



Thursday, May 23, Monday, June 3,  
& Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The Stone and Holt Weeks  
Nature Field Trip Scholarship

Audubon Naturalist Society  
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[Monday, May 20, 2013](#)

[The William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award](#)

Walter Johnson Academic Awards Night

Walter Johnson High School

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[Tuesday, April 30, 2013 -- Reception 6:30 pm, Show 7:00 pm](#)

[Walter Johnson Seize Life Charity Fashion Show](#)  
[--to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association Camps](#)

Walter Johnson High School

6400 Rock Spring Drive

Bethesda, Maryland

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[Monday, April 1, 2013](#)

Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Eta Chapter presents

[U.S. Armed Forces Wheelchair Basketball Game](#)

[--to benefit PUSH America & US Paralympics Military Program](#)

6:30 PM & Halftime Presentation of

The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award

Bender Arena, American University

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March, 2013  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
High School Pennies for Patients Competition  
Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Award  
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March, 2013  
Environment America  
Fellows Program presentation of  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award  
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Thursday, March 7, 2013  
Rebuilding Together of Washington DC  
Presentation of The Green Hammer Award  
Rebuilding Together Annual House Captains Meeting  
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Saturday, March 2, 2013



Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi Founders Day  
Presentation of  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award  
The University of Delaware, Newark, DE  
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February 6, 2013  
Flashgiving for School in Civol, Haiti  
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Sunday, December 23, 2012

[We Kare-eoke \\*Washington\\*](#)

with [HariKaraoke Band](#) \*\* No Gong\*\*

--to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society,  
Environment America, and Rebuilding  
Together of Washington DC

Union Jack's

4915 St. Elmo Avenue

Bethesda, Maryland

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Monday, November 12, 2012

[St. Andrew's Lower School Flashgiving](#)

[--to benefit school in Civol, Haiti](#)

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Potomac, Maryland

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Friday, November 9, 2012

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Audubon Naturalist Society

Chevy Chase, Maryland

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Tuesday, November 6, 2012

We Kare-eoke Delaware

--to benefit PUSH America

Kildare's Irish Pub

45 East Main Street

Newark, Delaware



Saturday, October 27, 2012

Vampire Blood Drive

--to benefit Inova Blood Donor Services

Congressional Plaza

1677 Rockville Pike

Rockville, Maryland

2012 Blood Drive Video

2011 Blood Drive Video

2010 Blood Drive Photographs



Monday, July 2, 2012

Summer We Kare-eoke

with Live HariKaraoke Band

\*\* (No Gong) \*\*

--to benefit Audubon Naturalist Society  
& Habitat for Humanity

U Street Music Hall

1115 A U Street NW

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Ingleside, Illinois

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[Sunday, June 10, 2012](#)

[Chocolate for Charity  
Arlynn Joffe Painting Exhibition  
--to benefit the Foundation](#)

Rockville, Maryland

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[Saturday, June 9, 2012](#)

[We Kare-eoke Houston III](#)

[--to benefit The Beacon](#)

[Silent Auction 7 PM -- Singing 8 - Midnight](#)

Grand Prize Bar

1010 Banks Street



Houston, Texas

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Saturday, May 12, 2012

[Frederick Rugby Football Club Flashgiving](#)  
[--to benefit Frederick Community Action Agency](#)

George L Shields Foodbank

Frederick, Maryland

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Thursday, May 10, 2012

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Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Walter Johnson Fashion Show

[--to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association Camps](#)

Walter Johnson High School

6400 Rock Spring Drive

Bethesda, Maryland

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[Tuesday, April 17, 2012](#)

[We Kare-eoke Delaware](#)

[--to benefit PUSH America](#)

Kildare's Irish Pub

45 East Main Street

Newark, Delaware



Thursday, March 29, 2012

Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Eta Chapter presents

[U.S. Armed Forces Wheelchair Basketball Game](#)

[--to benefit PUSH America](#)

7 PM & Halftime Presentation of

[The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award](#)

Bender Arena, American University

Washington DC



Saturday, March 3, 2012

Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi Founders Day

Presentation of



The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award  
--to benefit PUSH America

The University of Delaware, Newark, DE

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Friday, January 27, 2012

DC Improv & Friends present

New and Improved Improv

--to benefit the Foundation

Silent Auction 6:30 PM

Show 8:00 PM

DC Improv

1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington DC 20036

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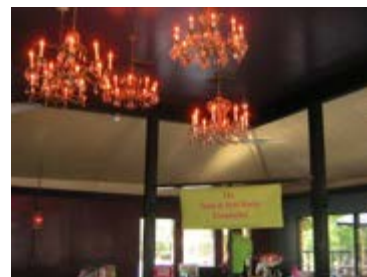
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American University  
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Congressional Plaza  
1677 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland  
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August 1, 2010  
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Greta of Gold Motel, formerly of The Hush Sound  
(Singer/Songwriter of "Echo")  
Greta: Solo & Gold Motel  
PLUS  
Tennis System  
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DJ Knoxbox  
[U Street Music Hall](#)  
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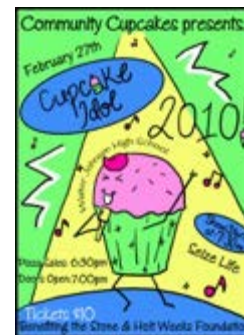
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February 27, 2010  
Community Cupcakes  
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Rice University  
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Stone and Holt at Woodend, Thanksgiving, 1992

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**Cleveland Elementary School Kindergarten & Pre-K Students, May-June 2013**

**Walker Jones Education Campus Second Grade Students, November 2012**

**Harriet Tubman Elementary School Second Grade Students, May 2012**



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## Dorothy I. Height Elementary School Second Grades, April 2016

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# The William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award



Holt, Emperor Constantine, York, England, 2008

**"For that student who best represents  
the Character and Spirit of Holt Weeks --  
Leader, Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer  
-- and shares his passions of History and  
Government"**



Eckerd College Men's Tennis 2009

Monday, May 15, 2017

7 PM

Academic Awards Night

Walter Johnson High School Auditorium

6400 Rock Spring Drive

Bethesda, Maryland



2016 Recipient: Siavash Ebrahimi  
Award presented by Nathan Barash

"For that student who best represents the Character and Spirit of Holt Weeks -- Leader, Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer -- and shares his passions of History and Gover...



2015 Recipient: Isabella Herold entering The University of Maryland, Fall 2015  
Award presented by Nathan Barash



2014 Recipient: Iva "Lucy" Andrews  
entering Randolph-Macon College, Fall 2014



2013 Recipient: Tyson Glover  
entering Elon University, Fall 2013



2012 Recipient: Josh Ellis  
entered Appalachian State University, Fall 2012

2011 Recipient: Xan Avendano-Garro  
entered American University, Fall 2011

2010 Recipient: Nico Deandreis  
entered The College of William and Mary, Fall 2010

"For that student who best represents the Character and Spirit of Holt Weeks -- Leader, Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer -- and shares his passions of History and Gover...



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**H D Cooke Elementary School Kindergarten, November 2016**

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## The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge

Schools participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's High School Challenge have the opportunity to compete to win the Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup by initiating a successful new fundraising event. The inaugural Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge will be held in 2010 in memory of Holt and his brother Stone, who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place.

Holt Weeks was a graduate of the Walter Johnson High School class of 2007. As a junior in the school's leadership class, he helped create a fundraising event called "Triple P" to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As a senior intern for the class the following year, he worked to improve it and the event quickly became a tradition and has grown in scope every year since Holt helped to start it.



Following the example set by Holt, LLS and The Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation challenge all students to think outside the box and work together to create a sustainable event that engages the school community in the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This event could either be new to the school or an existing program students choose to build upon to increase its presence for the new High School Challenge year. The school that displays the most innovation and creativity in designing a program or event while increasing the number of participants will be awarded the Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup to be displayed at their school as well as a donation of \$1,000 from the Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation to be added to their school fundraising total for the current High School Challenge year. Each year the school that wins The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup will have its name engraved onto the Cup which will reside at the winning school until the next Challenge year.

**[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)**



2016 Winner of The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Trophy  
Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class  
Bethesda, Maryland



2015 Winner of The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Trophy  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School  
Bethesda, Maryland





2014 Winner of The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Trophy  
Osborn Park High School Leadership Class  
Manassas, Virginia

2013 & 2012 Winner of The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Trophy  
Walt Whitman High School Leadership Class  
Bethesda, Maryland



2011 Winner of The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Trophy  
Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class  
Bethesda, Maryland



2010 Winner of The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup

Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class  
Bethesda, Maryland

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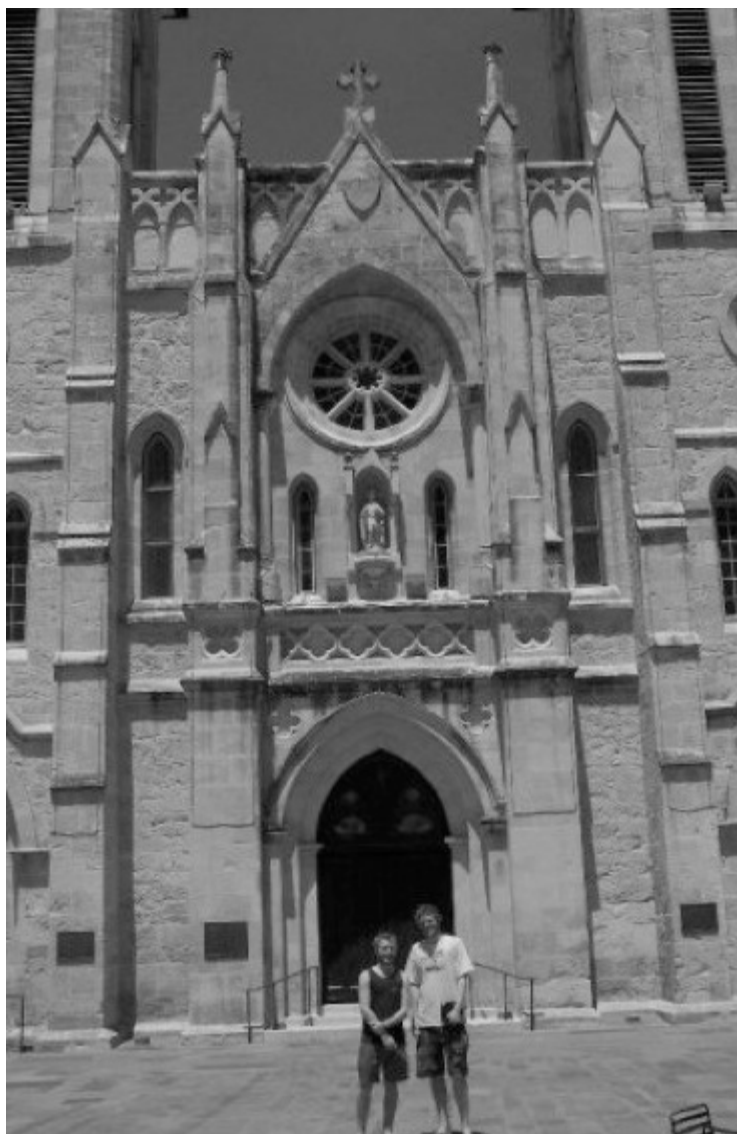
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# The Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History



Stone, right, with Holt in San Antonio, Texas, 2009

**“In Memory and In Honor of the  
Strong Character and Extraordinary Spirit  
of Stone Weeks '03  
Leader, Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer**

**This Award is presented to that student**

**who shares Stone's passion for  
the study and understanding of history."**



St. Andrew's Graduation, 2003

Thursday, June 8, 2017

8:40 AM

Honors Day Assembly

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

8804 Postoak Drive

Potomac, Maryland





2016 Recipient: Olivia Spaccasi  
entering Bucknell University, Fall 2016



2015 Recipient: Justine England  
entering Northeastern University, Fall 2015



2014 Recipient: Layla Najjar  
entering Georgetown University, Fall 2014



2013 Recipient: Emma Davey  
entering Wellesley College, Fall 2013



2012 Recipient: Ben Coleman  
entered Boston University, Fall 2012



2011 Recipient: Annie Engelstad  
entered Vanderbilt University, Fall 2011.

2010 Recipient: Marco Bonvillian  
entered Columbia University, Fall 2010.

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# The Muscular Dystrophy Association - Washington Area Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award



2016 Award Recipient John Diegert (middle)





The Muscular Dystrophy Association is proud to present

**The Stone Weeks Rock Star  
Volunteer Award to:**



**Peter Ferrigno**


For 40 years of selfless service to MDA Summer Camp

This award is bestowed annually to an exceptional volunteer who consistently goes above and beyond expectations and thus makes a significant contribution to the overall camp experience. The Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award was created in memory of Stone and his brother Holt, who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place by doing good, and having fun at the same time.

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

2015 Award Recipient Peter Ferrigno





The Muscular Dystrophy Association is proud to present

**The Stone Weeks Rock Star  
Volunteer Award to:**

**Ron Jarrett**

For 35 years of selfless service to MDA Summer Camp

This award is bestowed annually to an exceptional volunteer who consistently goes above and beyond expectations and thus makes a significant contribution to the overall camp experience. The Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award was created in memory of Stone and his brother Holt, who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place by doing good, and having fun at the same time.

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

2014 Award Recipient Ron Jarrett





2013 Award Recipient Bruce Crump





The Muscular Dystrophy Association is proud to present  
**The Stone Weeks Rock Star  
Volunteer Award to:**  
**Kathleen Smart**  
For 15 years of selfless service to MDA Summer Camp

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The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
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2012 Award Recipient Kathleen Smart



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# MDA Summer Camp/Washington Sponsoring Campers & Fun

Camp Maria-- Leonardtown, Maryland -- June 28 - July 4, 2015

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# The Stone and Holt Weeks Memorial Volunteer Award at The Beacon of Houston



Jonathan Holland, left, of The Beacon  
presenting to Professor Paul Mandell, 2015



Jonathan Holland, left, of The Beacon  
with 2014 awardee, Forest Roberts



Past recipients: Rachel Brannan, 2013, and Connie Hillman, 2012.

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# The Muscular Dystrophy Association - Chicago Area Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award



2016 Recipient Maddie Mier  
with Hayley Opgenorth (left) and Alicia Santeralli (right)





2016 Recipient Dave Cousins  
with Alicia Santeralli (left) and Hayley Opgenorth (right)



2015 Recipients Sue Hodson (left, middle) and Tony Cook (right, middle)  
awarded by Megan Burns (left) and Alicia Santeralli (right)





2014 Awardees Eric Samuelson (2nd from left) and Sarah Sullivan (3rd from left) presented by Alicia Santeralli (left) & Megan Burns (right)



2013 Recipient Alex Brosseau with Alicia Santeralli, left, and Megan Burns, right





*"Be the change  
you want to see  
in the world."*  
*-Mahatma Gandhi*


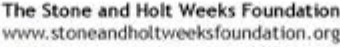

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is Proud to Present

# The Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award










to

## NICK LEIDECKER

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2012 Awardee Nick Leidecker






*"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others,  
devote yourself to your community around you,  
and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."*



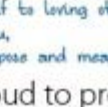
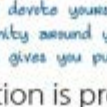





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## Steve Walczak

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2011 Awardee Steve Walczak





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# MDA Summer Camp/Chicago Sponsoring Campers & Fun

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# The Green Hammer Award

in memory and in honor of  
Holt Weeks and Stone Weeks  
presented by Rebuilding Together of Washington DC



2016 Recipient: Holland and Knight

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2015 Recipient: All Saint's Episcopal Church

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2014 Recipient: Tom Bauder, left, pictured with RTDC Director Janice Stango

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2013 Recipients: Barbara Cook and John Kittridge, pictured from left to right, Jan Taylor Weeks, John, Janice Stango, Barbara, and Linton Weeks

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2012 Recipient: Booz Allen Hamilton

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2011 Recipient: HSBC Bank

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2010 Recipient: St. Columba's Episcopal Church



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# Seize Life Charity Fashion Show

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Benefitting The Foundation -- to benefit Habitat for Humanity

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*Photographs from last year's Fashion Show*



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# **Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Theta Nu Chapter Founders Day The University of Delaware The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award**

**Awarded to Joey Quaranti, 2016  
With a donation to The Ability Experience in his honor**



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**Awarded to Matt Levine, 2015**  
**With a donation to The Ability Experience**  
**(formerly named PUSH America) in his honor**

**Awarded to Corey Diamond, 2014**  
**With a donation to PUSH America in his honor**

**Awarded to Brandon Walker, 2013**  
**With a donation to PUSH America in his honor**

**Awarded to Dave Sarrett, 2012**  
**With a donation to PUSH America in his honor**





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## **THE STONE AND HOLT WEEKS RECRUITING AWARD**

Environment America is pleased to announce its Annual Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award for the person who exceeds their goals in recruiting successful Environment America organizers, advocates and other support staff. This award is in honor of the work of Stone Weeks and in memory of Stone and his brother Holt. Stone and Holt Weeks had immense energy, talent and exuberance for helping to make the world a better place. We intend to honor these young men by recognizing the person who finds and recruits more energetic young people like them to carry on their mission of healing the world.

Environment America will give this cash award at its annual Fellows Program training where much of the far flung organization gathers to chart policy for the upcoming year and train newcomers in critical organizing skills. In addition to the cash grant, the winner will receive a generous gift card and framed award explaining the genesis of the prize and the fight over the Christmas Mountains. In recognition of the winner, Environment America receives an generous annual donation from The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation.



**Holt and Stone, December, 2006**

## Background of The Award

While Stone Weeks worked with historian Douglas Brinkley at Rice University and The Baker Institute of Public Policy in Houston, Texas, he played a **critical role** in Environment Texas' fight to save the Christmas Mountains near Terlingua, Texas. His research and writing helped inform the public about the proposed sale of this public land to private interests and ultimately led to the cancellation of the sale. This remote and beautiful piece of Texas near Big Bend National Park, a 10,000 acre area described as an icon of the American West, will be preserved forever.

Unfortunately, there is an endless supply of Christmas Mountains to be saved in the United States: road-less areas in our National Forests that should never be opened to timbering; public land next to the Grand Canyon and other national parks that must be protected against destructive mining; watersheds feeding pure water to our cities that need protection from suburban development; oceans threatened by oil drilling; and bays like the Chesapeake dying from pollution. Fortunately, these precious places still exist and fortunately young people like Stone Weeks come along to help publicize and preserve them for posterity. We need to find and nurture more activists like Stone and Holt Weeks, so our award will go to the person who does that most effectively for Environment America while embodying the principles and character that Stone and Holt so well displayed.



2015 Awardee Anusha Narayanan (left) with Rob Bouknight (center) and 2011 Awardee Bret Fanshaw (right)



2014 Awardee Liz Kazal



2013 Awardee Michelle Hesterberg, center, holding award

2012 Awardee Scott Thompson

2011 Awardee Bret Fanshaw



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## **The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship to the Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary**



Stone and Holt at Woodend, Thanksgiving, 1992

Enabling young children to explore, discover, and celebrate nature through field trips, the scholarships cover program fees and bus expenses for Washington DC school children in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5.

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**Kimball Elementary School Pre-K & Kindergarten, November 2015**

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# **The interPLAYcompany Orchestra Scholarship** **“an orchestra of adults with and without cognitive disabilities”**

## **Video about interPLAYcompany Orchestra**

**Awarded 2016**  
**Maurice (Mo) Kerry**



**Awarded 2013-2014 & 2014-2015**  
**Charlie Mosley Jr.**





**Awarded 2012-2013  
Eric Latcheran**





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## **Pi Kappa Phi Wheelchair Basketball American University**



### **Halftime Presentation of The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award Awarded to Dylan Houle**

Bender Arena -- April 9, 2014

Presented by Theta Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity,  
Washington DC-- To Benefit PUSH America  
& U.S. Paralympics Military Program

**Awarded to Dan Gogue, 2013**  
**Awarded to Abby Binshaieg, 2012**  
**Awarded to George Williams, 2011**







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# Muscular Dystrophy Association Camps Chicago & Washington Areas \*sponsoring campers & fun\*

Camp Red Leaf -- Ingleside, Illinois -- June 12 - 17, 2016

Camp Maria-- Leonardtown, Maryland -- June 26 - July 2, 2016



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## Christmas Mountains near Terlingua, Texas



"Stone played a critical role in Environment Texas' fight to save the Christmas Mountains of Texas. His research and writing helped inform the public about the proposed sale of the land to private interests and ultimately led to the cancellation of the sale. We are proud to have worked with him and will miss him. The stars are shining less brightly in Texas tonight"

Luke Metzger, Director of Environment Texas



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Holt and Stone, December, 2006

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Stone and Holt with Pierre, on Sugarloaf Mountain, Maryland, 1996

Throughout their tragically brief, beautiful lives, Stone and Holt loved to spend time in the natural world. Whenever possible they hiked -- up Sugarloaf Mountain or along the Potomac River's Billy Goat Trail. They explored caves. They kayaked. They were fascinated by animals in their natural habitats.

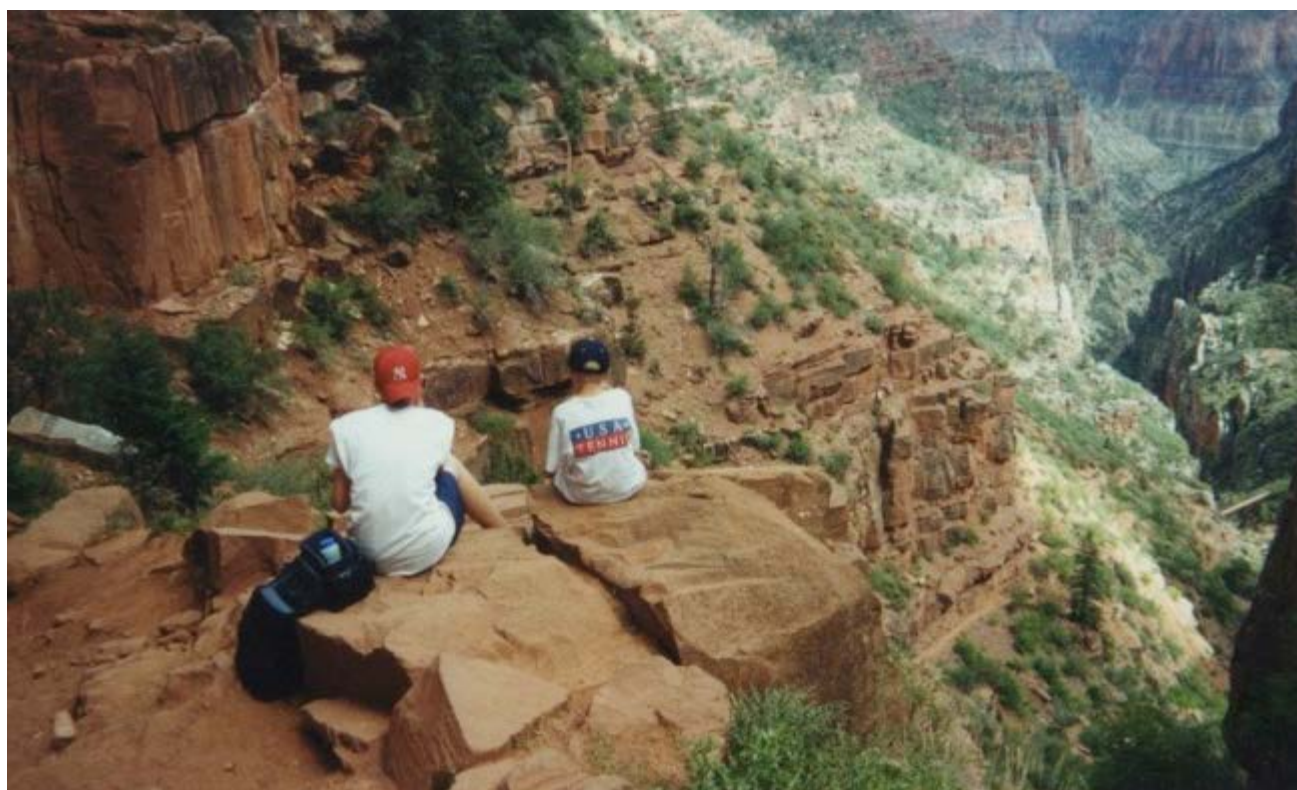
As young boys, they participated in programs -- and took long family walks -- at Woodend, the Audubon Naturalist Society's



lovely sanctuary near Washington DC. They were instinctively passionate about protecting the environment. For everyone.

Our sons' commitment to safeguarding the environment continued as they matured. As the research assistant to historian and writer Douglas Brinkley on **The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America**, Stone enthusiastically told us about Roosevelt's resolve -- through the creation of national parks and monuments -- to save America's treasures, including the Grand Canyon from private mining interests and the iconic bison from extinction.

As the epic biography states, "Emerson used to quote Francis Bacon as saying that humans were the ministers and interpreters of nature; Roosevelt wanted to add a modern point: and protectors."



Stone and Holt at the Grand Canyon, 2000

Stone and Holt always took that to heart. So does the Foundation that continues on in their names.



Through the generosity of many, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has recently made additional considerable donations:

\*\* The Foundation recently benefitted [World Wildlife Fund](#) -- an organization Stone joined on his modest salary -- through their partnership with Badlands National Park and Native American tribal communities in South Dakota to expand the range of bison in the West. [As WWF reports](#), “No other species on Earth has declined so quickly.”



North American Plains Bison

\*\* The Foundation donated to [Audubon Naturalist Society](#)'s new project, Play Space in the Woods “where all children have the chance to fall in love with nature.” ANS Executive Director Lisa Alexander says, “Part of the Play Space plan is to form partnerships with underserved schools so that their students can have regular, frequent visits to the Play Space in the Woods. It will be a wonderful companion to the Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship program.”

\*\* The Foundation also sent extra help this year to [Environment](#)

America, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and The Beacon of Houston.



DC Students learning from experience at ANS

Through late fall and winter:

**\*\* Three classes of kindergartners from HD Cooke Elementary visited, hiked, and learned through the Field Trip Scholarship at Audubon Naturalist Society. One staffer writes that “many of these children had never been ‘in the woods’, nor do they have a chance to play with leaves (we asked). It was a very happy experience for both the kids and leaders like myself who got to enjoy the wonder and joy in their eyes.”**

**[Photographs are here.](#)**





DC School Children on a Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip

**\*\* We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2016 -- an annual fundraiser held before Christmas and organized by dear friends of Stone's and of Holt's -- helped raised money for and awareness of The Foundation. Thank you especially to Nathan Barash, Caroline Lacey, Rob Bouknight, and Sarah Taylor Bower and to the multitude of friends who helped again this year. [Photographs are here.](#)**



We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2016

\*\* In late December, The Foundation sent support to Josh Basile's [Determined2Heal Foundation](#), helping those living with spinal cord injuries.

\*\* In January, The Foundation funded its annual scholarship to [InterPLAY Orchestra](#). The 2017 recipient is Maurice "Mo" Kerry.





2017 InterPLAY Scholarship recipient Maurice "Mo" Kerry

## Coming Up:

\*\* The University of Delaware chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity will mark its 10 year anniversary in 2017. Stone was a founding father of the Theta Nu chapter in 2007. The chapter will feature its annual [Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award](#) at the 10 year commemoration. The Foundation makes an annual donation to [The Ability Experience](#) in honor of each year's award recipient.

\*\* [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) -- which helps provide affordable housing to low-income residents -- will give its 2017 Green Hammer Award in honor of Holt and Stone to St. John's Episcopal Church, LaFayette Square. Doris Collins of Rebuilding Together says, "This team has worked diligently on our mission for many years and we will be presenting the award on National Rebuilding Day, which is April 29." A donation from The Foundation is made in honor of this award recipient.

\*\* The [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Holt Weeks Trailblazer Challenge Award](#) will be presented to Osbourn Park High School in Manassas, VA. The Foundation's support for LLS's cancer research is channeled through their national high school fundraising efforts, encouraging students' creativity to Do Good, like Holt's example.



Two LLS 'Honored Heroes' Cancer Survivors

\*\* The Foundation will enable more DC school children this spring to visit Audubon Naturalist Society through [The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#).

\*\* The Foundation will also sponsor more campers and fun at the two [Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camps](#) that we support -- in the Chicago area and the DC area -- in June.



MDA Summer Camp Washington, 2016

\*\* Stone's and Holt's friends in Houston have begun planning We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* -- to benefit [The Beacon of Houston](#) -- for Saturday, August 26. We continue to be very grateful to them for their steadfast love and support.

Again, thank you all for helping us continue some of the meaningful work that Stone and Holt began while they were physically here. We miss them so. We know that this world misses them so. We know they would be doing multitudes more.

We are grateful to you for your support.  
Always,  
Jan and Linton

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# A Year End Note

## December 2016



MDA Washington Summer Camp 2016

As the Administrator and Members of the Advisory Board of The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, we wanted to write this year's December message to thank you for your continuing support and to ask that you remember the Foundation in your year-end giving.

During the last seven years the Foundation has awarded grants totaling nearly \$350,000 to multiple organizations working to benefit those most in need. This is a testament to Stone and to Holt, who were -- and continue to be -- an inspiration for others to further the work they engaged in during their all too brief lives. Please see [what the Foundation has accomplished so far](#).

During 2016 the Foundation's Endowment has continued to grow, and it is the hope, with your generous support, that the Foundation will continue to fund -- and increase giving to -- these organizations for many years to come. We also will be able to respond to emergency

relief efforts that would have unquestionably engaged Holt and Stone.

Our Foundation is a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. All contributions are tax deductible. When you make a donation to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, 98.9 percent goes straight to the good causes we support. The other 1.1 percent goes to the Community Foundation, which handles the accounting and paperwork.

Please remember We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* with the Harikaraoke Band on Thursday, December 22 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM at Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle in Bethesda, Maryland. Flanagan's is located at 4844 Cordell Avenue. The night will support the Foundation -- and in turn, all of the organizations that the Foundation benefits.

Warmly,

Susan Park, Administrator

Nathan Barash, Member, Advisory Board

Rob Bouknight, Member, Advisory Board

Sarah Taylor Bower, Member, Advisory Board

Caroline Lacey, Member, Advisory Board

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## Newsletter Summer-Fall 2016



Stone and Holt in the Fall, 2000

As The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation website states, “Through unbearable sorrow and unending love, the Foundation has as its mission to try and carry on the dreams of Stone and Holt in their spirits....”

The Foundation has grown organically around support for organizations that were important to Stone and to Holt -- and a certain rhythm of giving on their behalf has evolved. These are all organizations that they were excited about, and they were eager to support for a very long time.

One way we go on living is through finding Holt's and Stone's ongoing and inspiring spirits by giving on their behalf from season to season. In many cases, the organizations recognize and encourage volunteerism in honor of Holt and of Stone.

In the summer, [Muscular Dystrophy Association camps](#) are held in the Chicago and Washington areas -- and in honor of Stone's MDA camp volunteer work, the Foundation sends special gifts and sponsorship help. Also in the summer, We Kare-eoke in Houston -- organized by dear friends of Stone and of Holt -- raises money for and awareness of [The Beacon Day Center for the Homeless](#). Through Houston friends, Stone discovered the essential work that the Beacon does and he joyously introduced Holt to its mission. They had high hopes to set up a partnership between The Beacon and Rice University students.

In the fall, Stone's fraternity at the University of Delaware, Pi Kappa Phi, holds a We Kare-eoke night in Newark -- where Stone had such good times -- to benefit the fraternity's national charity, [The Ability Experience](#). The Foundation sends event support and additional contributions.

In the spring, The Foundation makes generous donations to the following organizations through their respective creative endeavors on behalf of Holt and Stone. [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#) stages the Holt Weeks Trailblazer Award Challenge, a competition among high schools in the Washington metropolitan region to see who can come up with the most original fundraising idea for LLS -- as Holt had done. [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) awards a green-conscious volunteer in honor of Holt's work and Environment America awards an organizer in honor of Holt's and Stone's work. There are also school awards in memory of Holt and of Stone.

In spring and fall there are [nature field trips](#) in honor of Holt and Stone for DC public school children at Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary, a place that Holt and Stone dearly loved.

In the winter, an annual We Kare-eoke event in Washington is held during the Christmas holidays. This year again, the event is being staged by many dear friends of Stone and of Holt.

And, when disasters occur that would motivate Holt and Stone to compassionate action, the Foundation makes strategic donations -- such as our recent grant to Partners in Health to aid their relief efforts in hurricane-ravaged Haiti. We identify with "[Loss Beyond Measure](#)".



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## Other Recent Foundation involvement:



A young camper and counselors at MDA Camp, Washington 2016

In June and July, campers with Muscular Dystrophy and camp counselor volunteers gathered in the Chicago and the Washington areas. The Foundation sponsored campers in financial need and sent additional fun gifts for this year's Olympic themed camps. Volunteer awards were presented in honor of Stone. At the Chicago camp, [Maddie Mier and Dave Cousins](#) were chosen by their peers for their outstanding work. Chicago camp photographs are [here](#). [John Diegert](#) was awarded for his more than three decades of service at the Washington camp. Washington camp photographs are [here](#).





Supporters at We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*

In August We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* was organized by dear friends in Houston -- to help the Foundation benefit The Beacon. This year's volunteer award named in honor of Stone and Holt was presented to Diana Whitney who was unable to attend. She was represented by her parents, Judy Levison and Simon Whitney. Again, we extend deep gratitude to Jennifer Condi, Breen Eitel, Kyle Tenas, Andy Le, Kia Hawkins, Bola Olowu, and Sabrina Favoriti for making the night such a success. Photographs are [here](#).



We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* presented by Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Delaware

And in early November, We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* was organized in memory of Stone and Holt by Theta Nu chapter -- which Stone helped found -- of Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Delaware. Proceeds plus a generous contribution from The Foundation benefit the fraternity's national charity for disabled persons, The Ability Experience. Photographs are [here](#). Thank you to these compassionate and caring young men.



Last fall's Audubon Naturalist Society Nature Field Trip -- benefitting DC Public School children

The Foundation is sponsoring three separate nature field trips for DC school children in mid-November at Audubon Naturalist Society. H. D. Cooke Elementary School will send kindergarteners to explore and learn. With the new ANS bus, which the Foundation helped to fund, more children in smaller groups will be able to visit and stay longer. We thank ANS for making it possible for us to bring more inner city children into meaningful contact and communion with nature.





We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2015

We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* is coming up this year on Thursday, December 22 at Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle in Bethesda, MD. Thank you to dear friends of Stone and Holt, Sarah Taylor Bower, Rob Bouknight, Nathan Barash, and Caroline Lacey for leading the organization of this meaningful night to benefit The Foundation -- for Holt and for Stone. More information will be posted by Friends of the Foundation on [The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation Facebook Page](#) soon.

As always, thank you for all of your support.  
And love, always on behalf of Stone and of Holt,  
Linton and Jan

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## Newsletter Spring 2016



Spring 2006

We recently found this photograph of our family and our amazing magnificent sons, taken by a cousin visiting in the spring, 10 years ago.

As the 7th anniversary of Stone's and Holt's deaths looms ahead in July -- we know ourselves forever changed, daily challenged to arm ourselves with as much courage and love to live while accommodating such terrible pains. We miss them so.

The Foundation also continues to live on for Holt and for Stone -- continuing the meaningful relationships with the many good causes that Holt and Stone believed in and were part of.





MDA Chicago Campers, 2015

Each spring, the Foundation sends financial assistance to Chicago area and Washington DC area Muscular Dystrophy Association camps for campers in need of help to attend each summer. In addition, we send to campers and staff counselors, gifts that are pertinent to the upcoming camp theme. Recently, the Foundation mailed Olympic memorabilia -- almost 700 replica medals and mini-torches -- hoping to help the hundreds of campers and counselors celebrate the Olympic spirit.

This [MDA video](#) testifies to the role camp plays in the lives of young people with neuromuscular diseases.



Dorothy I. Height second graders learn about tadpoles and frogs

In April, [The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#) made it possible for 80 second graders from Dorothy I. Height Elementary School in Washington DC to take part in a nature program at the Audubon Naturalist Society's sanctuary Woodend in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Past recipients are included [here](#).



Walter Johnson students in the 2016 Charity Fashion Show

Also in April, the caring and compassionate students of Walter Johnson High School's Seize Life Charity Fashion Show again donated proceeds to the Foundation to give to [Habitat for Humanity](#). It was a night of doing good and having fun. Stone's dear friend Sarah Taylor Bower represented the Foundation -- which made an additional generous grant to add to the fashion show gift -- all for Habitat. Photographs are [here](#).





Alex Siegel, center, and Doris Collins, right, present The Green Hammer Award to Chad Tiedemann, left, of Holland & Knight.

And at the end of April, the annual [Green Hammer Award](#) -- in memory of Holt and Stone -- was presented by Rebuilding Together of Washington DC to the law firm of Holland & Knight in recognition and appreciation of their 33 years of support and dedicated service to the low income homeowners of the District of Columbia. Rebuilding Together, a group that recruits volunteers to provide free home repairs to low-income homeowners, gives this award to a volunteer or a group who has worked to make homes more green. The Foundation supports this award with a generous donation to Rebuilding Together. Holt's dear friend Alex Siegel was at the presentation, representing the Foundation. Photographs of the past award recipients are [here](#).



The William Holt Weeks Leadership Award, 2016

In May, at the annual Academic Awards Night, Walter Johnson High School's Leadership Award -- created in memory of Holt -- was presented to senior Siavash Ebrahimi. Holt's dear friends Nathan Barash and David Joffe stood in for the Foundation. Past recipients and photographs are [here](#).



The Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History, 2016

And in early June, St. Andrew's Episcopal High School presented its annual History Award in memory of Stone at their Honors Day Assembly. St. Andrew's history teacher Amanda Freeman announced Olivia Spaccasi as the 2016 recipient. Stone's dear friend Rob Bouknight accompanied Jan to the ceremony. Additional photographs and past recipients are [here](#).

One of the many organizations that The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation is supporting is Determined2Heal, founded by Stone's dear friend Josh Basile. The nonprofit helps people with the transition into life with paralysis. <http://www.determined2heal.org>.





2016 InterPLAY scholarship recipient Maurice (Mo) Kerry

We also provide an annual year-long scholarship to interPLAYcompany Orchestra, an inclusive group for musicians with and without cognitive disabilities. <http://www.interplayband.org>. This year's recipient is Maurice (Mo) Kerry.



We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*, 2015

Our sons' dear friend Jennifer Condi writes that planning is underway for We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* -- it will be held August 27 by Stone's and Holt's dear friends at Grand Prize Bar in the Arts District. The event will again benefit The Beacon of Houston, the large and impressive day center for homeless people, where Stone and Holt volunteered.



We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*, 2015

Thank you for the caring support of our Foundation as we try to continue to support others in honor of Holt and of Stone.

We will always be grateful to you.

Linton and Jan

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## Newsletter Fall 2015



Stone and Holt, 2005

Stone and Holt were always beautifully supportive of each other.

Recently The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation created an annual grant to the Leadership Class at Holt's high school, [Walter Johnson](#) in North Bethesda, Maryland. The donation will “help foster community engagement through student run projects which most closely demonstrate the idea 'Do Good & Have Fun.' ”

The Leadership Class -- which provides opportunities for socially conscious leadership -- was important to Holt and, for the two years he



was in it, Holt was very important to it. Now the class has become important to us. Each year a wave of new students has contributed to the growth and development of this Foundation.

We know that by supporting bright, thoughtful, caring young people who want to lead and to serve, we are carrying on important work that Holt and Stone began. In this way, The Foundation supports many organizations.



Environment America award recipient Anusha Narayanan, left, with Rob Bouknight, center, and the award's first recipient, Bret Fanshaw, right

Through partnership with The Foundation, [Environment America](#) rewards those who encourage young people to get involved in preserving and protecting our natural world. In early November, Stone's good friend Rob Bouknight represented the Foundation at Environment America's national staff meeting -- to present this year's [Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award](#).

Environment America Director Margie Alt wrote, "The award winner is a lovely woman named Anusha Narayanan who has been doing a lot of recruitment at Tufts and Harvard this year. Bret Fanshaw.... was the first



award winner we honored.... He is still in Arizona, still a great recruiter and is now focused primarily on our work to get more solar power onto the grid." Margie added, "As always I am honored that Environment America is part of the Stone and Holt legacy. Their commitment to the environment and youthful engagement burns bright in our organization."



Kimball Elementary School students visiting  
Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary

The Fall [Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Fieldtrip Scholarship](#) allowed more DC public school children to leave their classrooms, be surrounded by nature and learn at [Audubon Naturalist Society's](#) Woodend Sanctuary -- a place important to our family, that Holt and Stone loved.

In November, Kimball Elementary School sent 72 Kindergarten and Pre-School students. [More photographs are here](#). ANS Executive Director Lisa Alexander wrote, "It means so much to the children who don't often get a chance to get out into nature. Thanks to you, we are making sure more kids in need have life-changing chances to explore and connect with the natural

world. Thank you for making this important mission work possible and for being such thoughtful funders. We continue to be honored to do this work in memory of Holt and of Stone.”

The Foundation has made an additional contribution to ANS’s effort to acquire its own bus -- to make longer nature fieldtrips possible.



Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity’s We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\*

Another November event supporting leaders of tomorrow took place at The University of Delaware. Stone’s Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers there held another We Kare-eoke to benefit their national charity for disabled people, [The Ability Experience](#). The Foundation makes annual contributions to their cause.



We Kare-eoke \*Washington\*

Coming up Sunday, December 20, We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* will take place from 6 - 11 pm at Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle, 4844 Cordell Avenue in Bethesda, Maryland -- with live music from HariKaraoke Band. Singing begins at 7 pm and Harp & Fiddle will donate a generous percentage of all food and drink between 6 and 11 pm.

Please join in a night of music and meaning and remembrances. All proceeds will go to the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation -- to benefit all of the various hardworking charities important to Holt and to Stone.

Dear friends of Stone's and of Holt's and of their Foundation have organized the night.

We are grateful for all of the support you continue to show our family.  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter Summer 2015



*Seventeen-year-old Stone, right, when a counselor at MDA Camp Chicago*

When Stone volunteered for the Chicago-area Muscular Dystrophy Camp in 2002, he was assigned to personally care for a physically challenged camper, Stone's same age, who needed to be [Hoyer-lifted](#) from his wheelchair in order to go to the bathroom or get in and out of bed. Stone came home from the experience exhausted -- and deeply moved. He was deeply impressed by his camper's -- and all of the campers' -- courage and spirit. And by the dedication of the other volunteers. He decided to write his college essay about the experience.

In honor of Stone's commitment, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation supports two annual [MDA camps](#) by sponsoring campers and activities.

A moving video is [here](#). Each year the MDA camp in Chicago and the Washington-area MDA camp on the Chesapeake Bay present the Stone Weeks Rock Star Award that recognizes outstanding commitment among camp counselors. Some June 2015 camp photographs from Chicago are [here](#) and from Washington are [here](#).



*Chicago Volunteer Award recipients -- Sue Hodson, center in photograph, left and Tony Cook, center in photograph, right. Both awards presented by Megan Burns, left, and Alicia Santeralli, right*





**MDA**  
Fighting Muscle Disease

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is proud to present  
**The Stone Weeks Rock Star  
Volunteer Award to:**  
**Peter Ferrigno**  
For 40 years of selfless service to MDA Summer Camp

This award is bestowed annually to an exceptional volunteer who consistently goes above and beyond expectations and thus makes a significant contribution to the overall camp experience. The Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award was created in memory of Stone and his brother Holt, who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place by doing good, and having fun at the same time.

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

*Washington Volunteer Award recipient, Peter Ferrigno*



*Campers, Chicago area left, and Washington area right*

Also this summer, devoted friends of Holt and of Stone again staged a successful We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* event in August to raise money for and awareness of [The Beacon Day Center of Houston](#) -- where both Stone and Holt volunteered. A moving video is [here](#). Jan donated a painting to be auctioned and two bidders -- James McGill, chaplain

at The Beacon, and Breen Eitel, the emcee -- vied for the artwork. James won the bidding. Then, turned and gave the painting to Breen. We felt it was a beautiful -- and a very Holt-and-Stone -- thing to do. Photographs and special thank yous are [here](#). We are especially grateful to Jennifer Condi for her hard work and generosity.

The Beacon's Volunteer Award in memory and in honor of Stone and of Holt was presented this year to University of Houston Professor Paul Mandel. The story is [here](#).



*Paul Mandel, left, receiving The Volunteer Award from The Beacon's Jonathan Holland, right*



### **\*Coming Up\***

**\*\*** On December 20, 2015, four dear Washington-area friends of Holt's and of Stone's -- Nathan Barash, Rob Bouknight, Caroline Lacey and Saral Taylor -- are planning to oversee the annual We Kare-eoke \*Washington\*. More volunteers are more than welcome to join in.

Some things will look different this year. The event will take place on Sunday night, December 20 at Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle, 4844 Cordell Avenue in Bethesda, Maryland. Time and more details will follow. This year all proceeds will go to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation -- to help support all of our partner organizations.

Some things will be the same. We will continue to support the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) and [Environment America](#) at the usual levels. And We Kare-eoke will still feature lobbying for songs, the live music of the Hari Karaoke Band and a night of doing good and having meaningful fun.

**\*\*** There will be another We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* organized by Stone's fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Delaware to benefit the national charity [The Ability Experience](#). Date and location to follow.



**\*\*** When Environment America recruiters from all over the country gather in the fall, Executive Director Margie Alt will present The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award to Anusha Nayaranan, who works in the Boston office. "Anusha both did some great recruitment herself and helped rally the troops to prioritize recruitment," Margie says. "We've got a handful of great new staff working on the national program team for this new academic year and 25 or so brand new organizers out in the field campaigning for more solar power, global warming solutions and clean water for America."



*2013 Environment America Recruiting Award recipient, Michelle Hesterberg, center holding award, with other Environment America staff*

**\*\***

As the Foundation matures, these memorial awards given by -- and our commitments to -- organizations and activities so important to Holt and to Stone, take on increased meaning.

Thank you all for continuing to support our efforts to keep the spirits of Stone and of Holt alive in this world they each loved so much.

Thank you, Always on behalf of Holt and of Stone,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter Spring 2015



*Holt, 3rd from left, with friends in Chiapas, Mexico, building with Habitat for Humanity International, 2007*

When Holt and Stone were killed in the summer of 2009, they were coming home.

They loved home, the idea of home. Surrounded by the easy familiarity of friends and family and pets. And they believed in helping other people create meaningful homes.

Both Stone and Holt volunteered for affordable housing projects when they could. Holt was a team captain for [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#), and he built home repairs in West Virginia. Both



helped [Habitat for Humanity](#) build homes for those who needed them -- Stone in Tennessee and Holt in Mexico.

Through your continuing support, the Foundation is able to continue to put some of Stone's and Holt's beliefs into practice -- which is exactly what they were so good at doing.



*The Walter Johnson High School Charity Fashion Show, 2015 -- benefitting Habitat for Humanity of Washington DC and Habitat for Humanity International -- for disaster relief in Nepal*

We know our sons would be very grateful to the organizers of the Walter Johnson Fashion Show. On April 27, the high school students staged another fashion event that benefited the Foundation -- a few photographs are [here](#). We especially thank Sarah Taylor and Stephanie Ellis for speaking on behalf of the Foundation. All proceeds from the night, plus generous grants from the Foundation, went to support [Habitat for Humanity of Washington DC](#) and [Habitat for Humanity International](#) -- with those funds earmarked for disaster relief in Nepal

following their devastating earthquakes in April and May.



*The Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation providing grassroots disaster relief for neighbors in Nepal*

The Foundation was also able to issue a much-needed grant to friends Krishna and Leela Gurung of [KRMEF](#) in Nepal -- founded in memory of their son Kevin. The grant supported their grassroots efforts to help their displaced neighbors -- building housing, distributing water, and offering health services. More about their [work is here](#).





*Some of the sixty 4th and 5th graders from Aiton Elementary  
on the spring field trip at Audubon Naturalist Society*

The springtime [Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#) went to Aiton Elementary in Washington DC. Sixty fourth and fifth grade students were welcomed at the Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary in early June. First hand, they learned about the metamorphosis of butterflies, the identification of different aquatic invertebrates, the life cycles of amphibians, and the concept of predator and prey. More [photographs are here](#).



*Isabella Herold receiving The William Holt Weeks Leadership Award from Nathan Barash*

Also each spring, Walter Johnson High School presents an exceptional student with the William Holt Weeks Leadership Award. This year's recipient was Isabella Herold, who will be attending The University of Maryland in the fall. We deeply appreciate Nathan Barash presenting the award on behalf of the Foundation.





*Justine England receiving The Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in History,  
from history department head, Amanda Freeman*

And St. Andrew's Episcopal School bestowed the Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in History to Justine England, who will be going to Northeastern University in the fall.



*Washington area Muscular Dystrophy Association campers and counselors  
thanking us after last year's camp*

The Foundation recently sent special gifts to campers and counselors at [Muscular Dystrophy Association](#) summer camps -- in Chicago and in Washington -- in addition to annual grants sent to sponsor campers in financial need. Stone's dear friend Tommy Luginbill -- so much in the spirits of Stone and of Holt -- is again taking more friends to help pack up camp on July 4 at Camp Maria on the Eastern Shore.



*Great and faithful supporters at We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*, 2014 --  
always to benefit The Beacon of Houston*

Jennifer Condi, Stone's neighbor and dear friend, has organized We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* to be held August 22. Their friends in Texas continue to carry on for Holt and for Stone and for the Foundation there -- to help bring out more support for [The Beacon of Houston](#), a large day center for the poor and homeless population, where Stone and Holt and Jennifer volunteered.





*Eckerd College Tennis Coach Ben Maxwell, a former teammate of Holt's, with Jonathan Cheng, recipient of The 2015 Holt Weeks Sportsmanship Award -- funded by Eckerd College*

Last, we want to mention some recent tributes to Holt and to Stone -- which are not funded by The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation:

Eckerd College awarded The 2015 Holt Weeks Sportsmanship Award in men's tennis to Jonathan Cheng.

The Marchutz School of Aix-en-Provence, France awarded their Stone and Holt Weeks Field Study Scholarship Award to two students this year -- Maureen Anderson and Emily Lee . This financial aid award was created by friends and former colleagues at the school. Director Alan Roberts wrote, "Once again they were completely inspired by the love that Stone and Holt bring to the world. We will... remind everyone of the good work being done through the Foundation. We love you all."

[The Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship](#), jointly created by National Public Radio and The Washington Post, selected journalist Miles Parks as the fifth recipient. His seven-month tenure ended this spring.

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As we approach the sixth anniversary of losing Holt and Stone, we ache for them from each moment to the next. And we feel their currents and their influences so strongly in this world.

Again we are deeply grateful to those who continue to show up and to help us carry on some good.

Always, on behalf of Stone and of Holt,  
Linton and Jan

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## Newsletter Winter 2015



*Holt's close friend Nathan Barash speaking on behalf of The Foundation to a gathering of high school students fundraising for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.*

The beginning of the year has become a time to honor and remember Stone and Holt through the awards created by different organizations that the Foundation supports. These awards are presented to people who through their actions keep alive the generous spirits of Holt and of Stone.

When the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#) handed out this year's [Holt Weeks Trailblazer Challenge Trophy Cup Award](#) at the Microsoft Corporation in Washington, dear friend Nathan Barash represented The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. Dear friends Sarah Taylor, Sally Ellis and Rob Bouknight also attended on the Foundation's behalf. The trophy is given every spring to the high school that creates the most original fundraiser for LLS's Pennies for Patients in the Washington metropolitan area. This year's winner was Bethesda Chevy-Chase High School.



*Ellen Shannon of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with Nathan Barash representing The Foundation awarding The Holt Weeks Trailblazer Trophy Cup to Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School student Maya Sterling.*

Stone and Holt would love the wonderfully creative ways that young people are doing good and having fun at the same time. B-CC students offered daily chores and services around their community and asked those who hired them to give their wages directly to LLS. Award runner-up Walter Johnson High School staged a massive Thrift Store to raise funds. While participating in the Challenge, area schools raise tens of thousands of dollars to fight blood cancers. The Foundation supports LLS through this high school fundraising program. Ellen Shannon of LLS wrote:

“The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup presentation was wonderful.... Nathan did an excellent job speaking and awarding the honors and cup to the recipients. The stories Nathan shared about his relationship with Holt, Stone and the two of you were very moving and his presentation about the wonderful work you do with The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation was extremely powerful... It made a big impact on all who were there... You could clearly see how much he loved Holt and how much you and your family means to him. It was extremely moving.”

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*We Kare-eoke \*Washington\*, December 2014*

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society was also a key part of We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* in December. The evening of singing and significance also raised money for and awareness of [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) and [Environment America](#). All three organizations were dear to the hearts of Holt and of Stone.

Photographs of the night are [here](#).

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*The 2015 Green Hammer Award of Rebuilding Together of Washington DC*

Rebuilding Together announced that the 2015 [Green Hammer Award](#) -- given in honor of Stone and Holt to a volunteer or group of volunteers who has embodied RTDC's mission of "going green" while giving free home repairs to low-income homeowners -- would be presented to All Saints Episcopal Church of Washington DC. The presentation originally scheduled for early March, was postponed because of Washington snow storms. The award will be given out on National Rebuilding Day, Saturday, April 25. [Past winners](#) include HSBC Bank and Booz Allen Hamilton.

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*Matt Levine receiving The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award  
Theta Nu Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi, The University of Delaware*

At their annual Founders Day ceremony on the campus of The University of Delaware, Stone's fraternity -- Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Nu Chapter -- gave out The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award to a member who represents the generous spirits of Holt and Stone. Matt Levine was the 2015 recipient. The Foundation made a contribution to the fraternity's national charity [The Ability Experience](#) (formerly PUSH America) benefiting disabled people including veterans -- in memory and honor of Stone and of Holt -- and in honor of Matt. Photographs of the ceremony and past winners are [here](#).

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Coming Up:



*The Walter Johnson High School Charity Fashion Show, 2014*

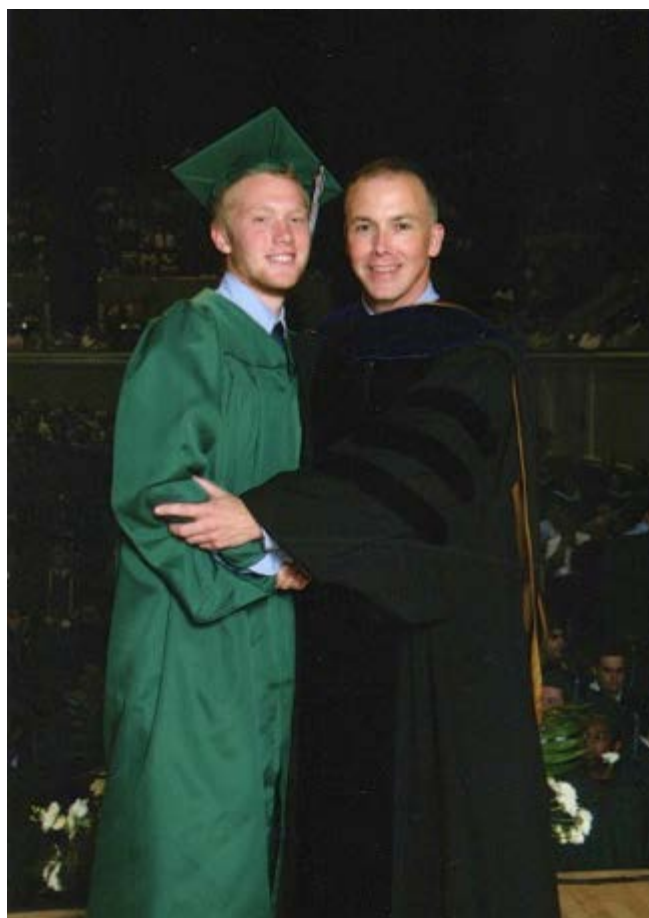
On Wednesday, April 29 at 7 pm, the compassionate and creative students who organize an annual fashion show and auction at Walter Johnson High School will continue their tradition of benefitting the Foundation and through it, [Habitat for Humanity](#). Photographs of last year's show are [here](#).

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On Tuesday, May 12th, the 2015 spring [Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip](#) will bring 4th and 5th graders from Aiton Elementary in Washington DC to [Audubon Naturalist Society](#)'s Woodend Sanctuary.

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*Holt with Walter Johnson High School principal Dr. Christopher Garran, Graduation 2007*

On Monday, May 18 during the Academic Awards Night at Walter Johnson High School, [The William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award](#) will be presented to “that student who best represents the character and spirit of Holt Weeks -- leader, scholar, athlete, volunteer and shares his passions for history and government.”

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*Stone, St Andrew's Episcopal High School Graduation 2003*

And on Wednesday, May 28 at St Andrew's Episcopal School during their Upper School Honors program, The Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History will be given "in memory and in honor of the strong character and extraordinary spirit of Stone Weeks '03, leader, scholar, athlete, volunteer and to that student who shares Stone's passion for the study and understanding of history."

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We seek and sense our beautiful sons in every thing we do. It may seem inconceivable but we ache for them more and more each day. Through our struggle, however, we remain grateful for the support, in all of its forms, of so many who help us carry on some of the spirit and good works that Stone and Holt began in their painfully brief time here.

Always on behalf of Holt and of Stone, thank you for your  
continuing comfort,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter Autumn 2014



Stone Weeks



Holt Weeks

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation continues to be carried by the rare and beautiful spirits of Holt and of Stone. As The Foundation enters its sixth year, it is evolving into an endowed fund -- at the recommendation of our financial overseer [The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region](#).

Thousands of generous souls have contributed to The Foundation -- considerably more than half a million dollars in all. Our advisors at the Community Foundation, which oversees scores of other Foundations and funds, have told us more than once that the visibility of and widespread support for this Foundation is a rare thing.

As part of this shift for The Foundation, we personally have decided to pull back from large public events, all of which have been successful and meaningful -- and emotionally challenging for us. This change also enables us to plan for The Foundation's future long after we are gone.



The We Kare-eokes and concerts and fashion shows and blood drives and all of the Foundation gatherings have been very much in the spirits of Stone and of Holt, with atmospheres of doing good and having fun at the same time.

As The Foundation moves into its next phase, it will continue to be active in support of a dozen organizations that were meaningful to Holt and to Stone. And are meaningful to us. The awards created by these different organizations to honor Holt and Stone are also reflective of them -- they are all about doing good and having fun.

With your continuing help, The Foundation will acknowledge, honor and reward volunteerism through these awards. For very long into the future.

We will continue through newsletters to report on activities that The Foundation is supporting. And on the reverberations of The Foundation's work -- an extension of Stone's and of Holt's extraordinary efforts -- in this world.

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The Foundation this Autumn:



*A generous blood donor at The Halloween Blood Drive, 2014*

**\*\*In October, the Halloween Blood Drive took place on a Saturday in Rockville, MD. Many people came, supported and donated blood -- enough to benefit more than 100 others who need it. As [Inova Blood Donor Services](#) says, "There is no substitute for blood; it can only come from a volunteer blood donor. Currently less than 38% of our population is eligible to donate blood...."**



We want to thank everyone who came and donated -- and especially Caroline Lacey for photographs of the day and Holt's Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class volunteers for helping everything run smoothly. The Blood Drive honors Holt's work with Inova while he was a WJ Leadership student.



*The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip at Audubon Naturalist Society*

**\*\*On a rainy day in mid-November, almost 100 third- and fifth-graders from Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School were able to experience a Foundation-sponsored [Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip](#).**





*Young DC students explore nature at Audubon Naturalist Society*

Jen Wolfe from Audubon Naturalist Society reports, “We all had a great day even in the pouring rain... The 3rd graders participated in our Life Cycles program and the 5th graders in our Compost in Action. ...While eating lunch inside due to the rain the entire group broke into an impromptu singing of ‘Lean on Me’. It brought all of our staff out of their offices to sing along...”



*Singers supporting We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\**

**\*\*Stone's University of Delaware Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers held another We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* November 18 -- to help us raise support for [The Ability Experience \(formally PUSH America\)](#), Pi Kappa Phi's national charity which benefits disabled people.**



\*\*And on Monday night, December 22, The Foundation will hold the last official end-of-year event We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* again to benefit [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#), and [Environment America](#). It will be held in downtown Bethesda, MD, at Union Jack's. Singing will begin at 8 pm -- Union Jack's will donate a percentage of all food and drink from 7 until midnight.

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People continue to find creative, loving ways to honor Holt and Stone and to support The Foundation.

Dear friends Liz Halloran and Alan Levin were married in October, and requested on their invitations that wedding gifts be sent as donations to The Foundation. We are deeply moved and grateful for their generous and caring support in this way -- and many other ways.

And after Thanksgiving we received an envelope containing a very generous check and beautiful letter from a dozen young friends of Holt and of Stone:

Dear Jan and Linton,  
Please accept this small donation for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. It is a percentage of the prize pool for our fantasy football league that we all play in... In tribute the names of the 3 divisions are The Stone, The Holt, and The Priam [Stone's dog]. We will never forget them and will forever



miss them. With love, Aaron Suissa; Ben Posner; Nathan Barash; David Joffe; Thomas Feola; Romain Cartoux; Willie Phillips; Will Hagan; Jared Ross; Ian Johnson; Aaron Hvisda and Alex Siegel.

The memo line on their check deeply speaks for us too. They wrote “Missing them”.

Thank you, as always, for your love, sensitivity, understanding and support.

Always on behalf of our dear Stone and of our dear Holt,  
Linton and Jan

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## Newsletter Summer 2014



*Friends of The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation helping out MDA Camp Washington*

In 2009, NPR and The Washington Post created The Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship that provides a young journalist with a rare opportunity to work for seven months at both news organizations. Although the Fellowship is not affiliated with The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, the bright and curious, gentle and generous spirits of Holt and of Stone course through both.

Speaking in June at a selection committee meeting of the Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship, family friend and Post reporter Tom Hamburger said he was impressed by the eclectic pool of young finalists. "I was struck several times yesterday, and in the weeks before," Tom said, "with the character of the people Stone and Holt continue to draw around them."

We feel that all the time. This Summer 2014 Foundation Newsletter highlights a few of them.



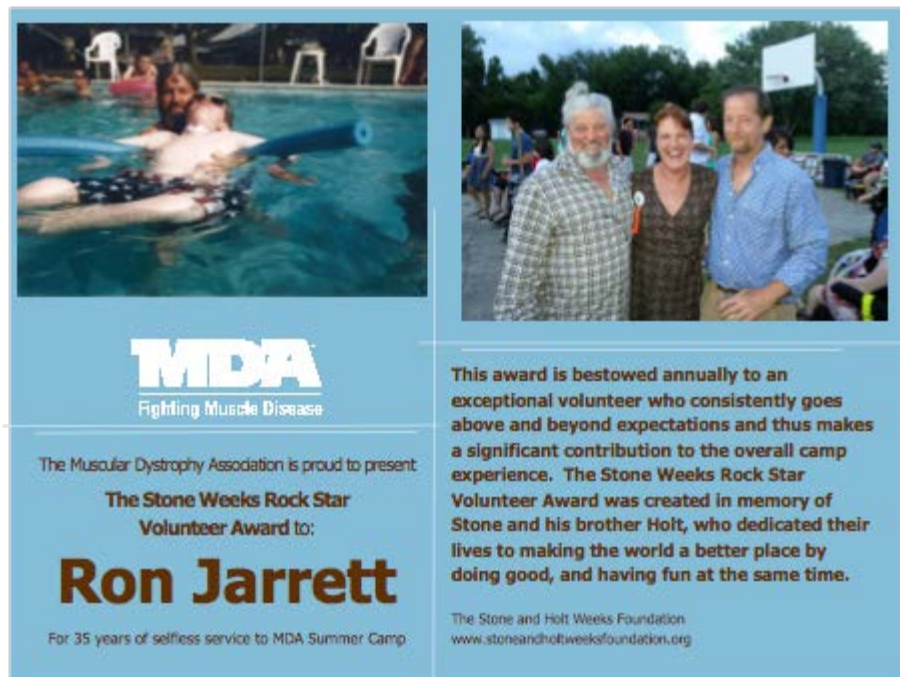
*Layla Najjar presented with The Stone Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History*

**\*\*** In late May, St Andrew's Episcopal School presented its annual [Award for Excellence in the Study of History](#), named for Stone, to graduating senior, Layla Najjar. She will be entering Georgetown University this Fall.



*Tommy Luginbill (third from right) & friends*

**\*\*** Stone's friend from his University of Delaware days, Tommy Luginbill, volunteered in mid-June to bring a group of friends to move supplies for this summer's Muscular Dystrophy Association camp for the Washington DC region held at Camp Maria. Director Tricha Shivas wrote to us, “I continue to be inspired each and every day by your work and beautiful growing energy that flourishes from the seeds that Stone and Holt planted.”



*The 2014 MDA Camp Washington Volunteer Award*

\*\* Tricha shared [camp photographs](#) and informed us of the Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award recipient, Ron Jarrett. “Ron has been volunteering at our camp for 35 years. He is extremely dedicated to our campers. He has helped to build parts of the camp and helps to plan the camp every year. I can think of no one that embodies Stone’s volunteer spirit more...”



*Alicia Santeralli, Eric Samuelson, Sarah Sullivan, Megan Burns*



\*\* Director Megan Burns of the MDA camp for the Chicago area also sent [camp photographs](#) and wrote that she and co-director Alicia Santeralli presented two Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Awards this year -- to Eric Samuelson & Sarah Sullivan. “There was a tie vote,” Megan said, “we just could not choose between the two.”



*Children from Beacon House on The ANS Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip*

\*\* An [August Audubon Naturalist Society Field Trip](#), sponsored by The Foundation was awarded to [Beacon House](#) of Washington DC. Lisa Alexander, Director of ANS, wrote, “[The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip](#) will be a marvelous experience for these Beacon House kids, who spend most of their summer in the Ward 5 public housing apartment complex where Beacon House is located. Thank you for making these transformative experiences in nature available to the children who benefit from them most.”



*The Beacon of Houston's Jonathan Holland, left, with Forest Roberts, recipient of The Beacon's annual Volunteer Award -- named for Holt and for Stone*

We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* was held Saturday night, August 23. The event brings together an extremely varied group of people -- the way Holt and Stone always did -- to benefit [The Beacon in Houston](#). Dear friends there, under the leadership of Stone's neighbor Jennifer Condi, again organized and carried out the gathering. During the night of singing and dancing, The Stone and Holt Weeks Volunteer Spirit Award was presented to Forest Roberts. [Photographs are here](#).



We Kare-eoke \*Washinton\* 2013



## Upcoming

\*\* The annual Halloween Blood Drive that benefits Inova Blood Donor Services at Congressional Plaza on Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland on Saturday, October 25 from 12 until 4 pm.

[A video of a past blood drive is here.](#)

\*\* We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* with Hari-karaoke Band at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland, on Monday, December 22 from 8 pm until midnight. To benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, and Environment America. [Photographs from last year are here.](#)



*Kara Ricciardi's Do Good Acts of Kindness*

In closing, at this even harder five year anniversary, we heard from dear friends around the world -- by letter, email, text, [The Foundation Facebook page.](#) Many spoke of creative ways they chose to remember and to honor Holt and Stone. Some sent

photographs.

Among others, Holt's high school friend Sarah Coquillat decided to do a certain good deed -- and hand out The Foundation Do Good card -- each day of July in remembrance of Holt and of Stone. Kara Ricciardi -- a friend of Holt's at Eckerd College -- passed out bags of homemade granola with The Foundation's Do Good cards to co-workers.

We also learned that Stone's friends Rob Bouknight and John Filkins formed a group that counsels small restaurant ventures in Washington DC. The Stone Group is named for Stone.

Other family friends -- Erica Ryan, Amy Morgan and Liz Halloran -- sent out and posted on Facebook a deeply moving, loving email:

Five years ago, a community came together to mourn and to honor Stone Weeks and Holt Weeks, brothers whose too-short lives touched so many. Hundreds of us gathered at the National Cathedral on an August day to cry and to sing and to share stories.

Many of us never knew Stone and Holt, but their presences still touch us deeply. We have felt their love and kindness through the words and deeds of their cherished parents, Jan and Linton, and their many, many friends. Their spirits have knitted us together with love.

The lyrics of a song played at the memorial service capture this feeling so well: "Echo, my voice is an echo / Of places I don't know / And stories I've been told / Echo / We all are connected." Stone and Holt echo in all of us -- especially when we follow their example by practicing kindness, helping others and having a great time doing it.

To help keep that echo of Holt and Stone reverberating, we want to encourage everyone who has been touched by these amazing brothers to demonstrate their love to the wider world on or around August 2, the anniversary of the day that many of us gathered in their memories in 2009.

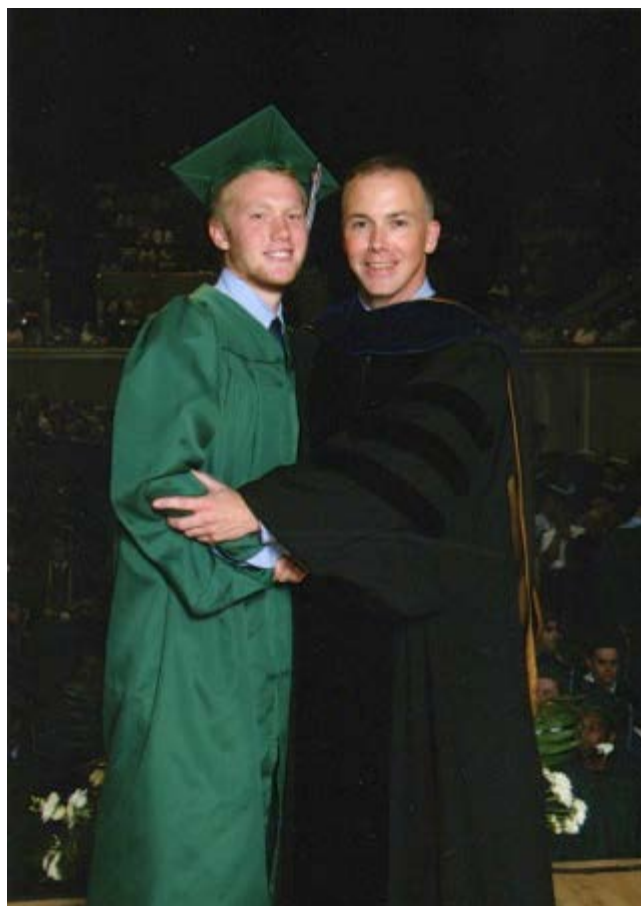
You might want to carry out an act of kindness in honor of Holt and of Stone. You might consider a donation to the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, <http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org/Foundation/Welcome.html>, which over the last few years has given out hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and encouraged volunteerism for organizations that were important to Holt and to Stone. You can read more about all the great things the foundation has done here: [http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org/Foundation/News\\_and\\_Events.html](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org/Foundation/News_and_Events.html)

We hope you will join with us in helping to carry on the work of Stone and of Holt.

With love,  
Erica, Amy, and Liz

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# Newsletter Spring 2014



*Holt with his high school principal Dr Christopher Garran  
Walter Johnson High School Graduation, Spring 2007*

Holt admired Dr. Chris Garran --his principal at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland. Chris spoke about Holt at the National Cathedral memorial service in 2009 and at the memorial held at Walter Johnson in 2010. He said:

In the Walter Johnson 2007 yearbook, you find Holt being recognized with the senior superlative for best personality.... It was as if he had a personal mission to make people happy.... He was dedicated to helping our school community and to helping others.... He sponsored our school's blood drive.... He believed in ... being goofy, helping others, caring about our world, leading by doing.

Academically, Holt did very well at WJ and was a leader inside of the classroom... especially

when it came to debate and to argument. As an academic leader, he was a National Merit Commended Scholar. Yet, when I think of Holt's leadership, I am truly impressed by what he did as a member of our leadership class.

In recent years Chris has been made Associate Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland. He has told us and others that he keeps this photograph of Holt in his office, seeing it everyday, and also reminding him why he devotes his life to young people and education.

Recently the award established by Chris and supported by the Foundation -- the [William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award](#) at WJ High School -- was presented to senior Lucy Andrews. Recipients each year are chosen by their teachers.



*Lucy Andrews, recipient of the 2014 William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award*

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The Foundation continues to deepen the relationships that Stone and Holt began with the many dedicated organizations that they cared about and worked for. Our intention is to recognize and encourage others who

give of themselves.



*Janice Stango, Director of Rebuilding Together of Washington DC  
presented The Green Hammer Award to Dr. Tom Bauder*

**\*\* In March, this year's Rebuilding Together of Washington DC's Green Hammer Award, created in memory of Holt and Stone, was presented to Tom Bauder, a past board member and House Captain of 30 years, since Rebuilding's beginning. Tom remembers working with Holt. According to Rebuilding Together: "Tom is the king of recycling our supplies. He goes so far as to not only clean used paint brushes, but then string them up on wire hangers to dry and make ready for reuse. Materials at his sites are recycled, and just this past year he has become master of teaching volunteers how to build raised vegetable beds so that homeowners and occupants of community shelters can grow sustainable vegetables."**





*98 First and Second Graders from Orr Elementary discovered a fox den on a Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip to ANS's Woodend Sanctuary*

**\*\* Also in March, first and second graders from Washington DC's Orr Elementary spent all day exploring The Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary. Some have said they had never gone for a walk in the woods before. There will be another [Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#) awarded in June.**



*Osbourne Park High School Leadership Class with Holt's traveling trophy award cup created by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*

**\*\* The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society awarded [The Holt Weeks](#)**

Trailblazer Cup to Osbourne Park High School in Manassas, Virginia, for their Green Splash 5K fundraiser. The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation added \$1000 to their total raised for LLS. Walter Johnson High School of Bethesda, MD was awarded Honorable Mention for its Staff vs Student Basketball Game fundraiser. Walt Whitman High School of Bethesda, MD was awarded Honorable Mention for its Red Rush Junior fundraiser. The Foundation contributed \$500 each to the total raised for LLS by these two schools. All funds go to LLS and blood cancer research.



*Players from Walter Reed and NRH at The Wheelchair Basketball Game, American University, 2014*



*Dylan Houle,  
American University*



*Alumnus Bob Bartocci with  
Corey Diamond, The University of Delaware*

**\*\* In April, the Annual Wheelchair Basketball Game at American University was sponsored by Theta Eta Chapter of Stone's Pi Kappa Phi**

Fraternity. The night benefitted PUSH America and the US Paralympic Military Program, and at halftime The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award was presented to Dylan Houle. A generous donation to PUSH America were made in honor of Dylan. A second donation to PUSH was made in honor of Corey Diamond, who was presented The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award by Theta Nu Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Delaware.



*Seize Life Charity Fashion Show at Walter Johnson High School*

\*\* In late April at Holt's Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, deeply caring and hard-working students again organized what has become an annual [Fashion Show and Silent Auction](#) of donated designer clothing, shoes, and accessories -- to benefit The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. The Foundation used the night to benefit [Habitat for Humanity](#). A generous donation was made to Habitat -- directly from the Foundation plus all proceeds from the event.





\*\* In May The Montgomery County Film Fest '14, featuring the work of film students at Montgomery College, benefitted The Foundation. Peter Chamberlain, who has done video work for the Foundation conducted the film fest and generously named The Foundation as the beneficiary.

Coming Up --



*Campers and Counselors at MDA Chicago, 2013 wearing Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation sunglasses*

\*\* In mid-June, the **Muscular Dystrophy Association** -- of the Greater Washington area and of the Greater Chicago area -- will hold their camps. The Foundation will lend its annual support in honor of Stone's volunteering, by sending campers and additional fun for all.

[Photographs from previous camps.](#)

Tricha Shivas of MDA Washington wrote that they will give out the Foundation's additional donations of Mardi Gras Peace Beads to campers and counselors during their opening ceremony tradition. She wrote, "I believe the opening ceremony to be a perfect moment at camp for Stone's and Holt's energy. I cannot wait to send you the pictures."



*Friends at We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*, 2013*

\*\* On August 23, We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* will benefit **The Beacon of Houston**, a day center serving the city's homeless and a place that Stone and Holt cared deeply about.

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And we are bracing for this most painful 5 year anniversary of our losing Holt and Stone, knowing too well that each day does not get easier, we do not become accustomed to their absences, we will never really accept them. We have heard from some dear friends who plan to commemorate their spirits at this time by trying a new and meaningful experience -- and carrying Stone and Holt with them.

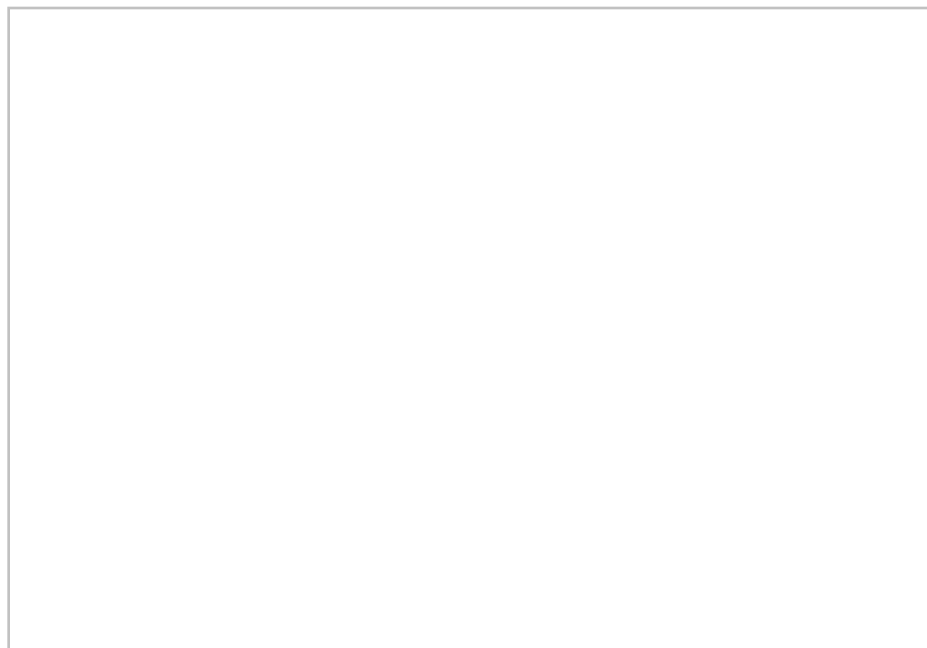
Always, we thank you for supporting this Foundation and Holt's and Stone's active legacies in this world.

Always, Love  
Jan and Linton

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# Newsletter Winter 2014



*Stone with his history professor and mentor Guy Alchon  
The University of Delaware Graduation, Spring 2007*

While Stone attended The University of Delaware, he took many history classes under Dr. Guy Alchon. During Stone's senior year, Stone was chosen by the History Department to be the teaching assistant to Guy. They became very close working together, and Guy spoke eloquently at the [memorial service](#) held for Stone at the University in 2010. In closing, he said:

Finally, to the young adults here gathered

Achingly beautiful you are, living testimony of a part of Stone's fate yet unwritten. Know that the lives you choose to live, the place you choose to stand, all of it will unfold with Stone's hand gently at your back. You, even at your lowest and most fearful, are thus blessed by the hand of a man forever young, who even as you age is your dedicated friend, who asks, in return, a thing deceptively simple: that you hold him close.

The years to come are more trying than you can know. Your memories of Stone, especially the sweet and silly ones, are your treasure, are his gifts to you. He is Always Faithful, but then he mostly was. What shall you be? Where shall you make your stand in a world terrible and random?

We are reminded of this as we have heard from one of Prof. Alchon's

students who took a class with Stone. Alexis Edwards married recently, and she and her new husband Marc Anolik chose to direct gift givers to donate to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. Other friends of Stone's and Holt's from Houston, Andy Le and Haley Jensen, did the same. We are moved by their selfless generosity and faithful friendships. Stone and Holt would also be moved.

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The late winter season has become for the Foundation a time when many of the different volunteerism awards, created in honor of Holt and of Stone, are presented. These awards honor the work that Holt and Stone deeply believed in, accomplished, and inspired in others. They also now serve to encourage and reward activism for the common good.



*LEFT: Stone's fellow Founding Fathers, from left, John Visconi, Dave Tully, Bobby Bartocci, and Chris Wiggins and RIGHT: Last year's recipient Brandon Walker*

We also think of Guy's words as Stone's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers who were present that day, prepare to present their annual Humanitarian Award named for Stone and Holt.



*Liz Kazal, Field Associate with Environment North Carolina and recipient of Environment America's 2013 Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award recipient.*

Environment America recently presented its [annual Recruiting Award named for Stone and Holt](#) to Liz Kazal of Environment North Carolina. You can read more about the award and Liz's work [here](#).

In mid-March the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will present [The Holt Weeks Trailblazer Award Trophy](#) to a Washington-area high school.



*The Green Hammer Award created in memory of Holt and Stone*

This year's Rebuilding Together of Washington DC's [Green Hammer](#)

[Award](#), in memory of Holt and Stone, will be given on March 6 to that volunteer or group who most incorporates environmentally conscious repairs and modifications into renovation projects in the DC area.

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**Also Coming Up**



*A Walker Elementary School student on last year's fall nature field trip*

The Audubon Naturalist Society's [Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#), was awarded to DC's Orr Elementary and will take place on March 14 at Woodend Sanctuary.



*The Veterans Wheelchair Basketball Game, American University, 2013*

On April 9 at American University, Theta Eta Chapter of Stone's Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity will hold its annual Veterans Wheelchair



Basketball Game in Bender Arena. The event will benefit PUSH America and The Stone and Holt Weeks Volunteer Award will be presented during halftime.



*WJ students at last year's Walter Johnson Charity Fashion Show*

And on April 29, Holt's Walter Johnson High School's annual Charity Fashion Show will be held at WJ High School and will again benefit this Foundation. Through this event we will support Habitat for Humanity of Washington DC and focus attention on the importance of volunteerism to Habitat's impressive work.

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Thank you



*We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* emcees and friends, from left:  
Shari Rothman, John Gurdian, Allie Seale, and Rob Bouknight*

In late December, We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* was another well-attended event. We appreciate the help of so many. The night helped The Foundation give additional, generous support to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Environment America, and Rebuilding Together of Washington DC -- extending into the future our commitment to these important organizations. Photographs and acknowledgements are [here](#).

We want to end by thanking all those who generously support us, our family, and this Foundation. We were deeply moved by the generous end-of-year giving in 2013.

Gratefully, always on behalf of our dear Holt and our dear Stone, Jan  
and Linton

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# Newsletter December 2013



*Holt singing karaoke with his friend Jamie Ruden in London, Fall 2008*

We hear from many people, young and older, that We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* -- this year on Sunday, December 22 -- has become a special annual gathering time and place for families and friends of all ages. We know that if Stone and Holt were here physically with us as they should be, they would be bringing people together -- with exuberance. They were connectors. They loved introducing new friends to old friends, young friends to older friends. They would so love this annual winter holiday gathering.

We have heard Nico Atencio, Walter Johnson High School Leadership teacher for these last four years, tell each year's leadership class, what a meaningful reunion it is -- the largest of his time as a teacher, and an opportunity during the holiday season to contribute to the common good.

We hope that more and more families and friends will come together for a meaningful night at Union Jack's in downtown Bethesda, Maryland. Doors open at 7 pm and singing begins at 8 and goes until 12 midnight. There will be some special moments.

### **Some late fall Foundation activities:**



*Adam Brami, Foundation Intern from Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class*

**\*\* October 26:** The Halloween Vampire Blood Drive -- to honor Holt's work with Inova Blood Donor Services -- was held on October 26 at Congressional Plaza in Rockville, Maryland, and it beat goals set by Inova. "We registered 43 donors.... and collected 38 units of blood. It was a successful drive," says Toba Azimi. This helped more than 100 people in need of blood. Some photographs are [here](#).

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*We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* organized by Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Delaware*

\*\* November 5: We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* was held on Main Street in Newark, Delaware, by Pi Kappa Phi, Stone's fraternity at The University of Delaware. Several hundred people attended and raised funds for PUSH America which supports Americans, including veterans, with disabilities. The Foundation presented its annual donation to PUSH America.

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*DC Elementary School students on The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip at Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary*

\*\* Date TBD because of snow cancellations: The Stone and Holt

Weeks Nature Field Trip to Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary this fall was granted to Washington, DC's Orr Elementary School's first and second graders. They will explore the 40 acre nature center for a morning and an afternoon session, and enjoy lunch on the grounds.

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## The Work of Our Foundation

By the end of 2013, through four excruciating years, The Foundation will have raised awareness of, encouraged volunteerism for, and given out more than \$260,000 in grants to more than a dozen organizations important to Stone and to Holt.



*A Boys Cabin at Muscular Dystrophy Association Chicago Camp, 2013*

Thousands of people have donated, engaged, and worked in creative and compassionate ways to make this possible.





*America University Veteran Wheelchair Basketball Game 2013 benefiting PUSH America*

With your help, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has: supported blood cancer research; contributed to green home repairs and home building for low-income homeowners in Washington, DC and tornado victims in Texas and Oklahoma; helped to protect the environment surrounding America's National Parks and to encourage environmental education; served the large homeless populations in Houston, in Washington, DC and in Maryland; enabled children with muscular dystrophy to attend summer camps in Chicago and Washington; assisted building projects around the world; staged blood drives that have served more than 400 patients; contributed to wildlife preservation worldwide; sent Washington, DC public school children on nature field trips; supported cognitively and physically disabled Americans, including veterans; and provided aid to earthquake victims and school children in Haiti, orphans in Nepal, and people impacted by Hurricane Sandy on America's Eastern Seaboard and Typhoon Haiyan in The Philippines.



*interPLAY band member helping with the Foundation's Flashgiving  
for Ankuran orphanage in Nepal*

All of this done in loving memory and in honor of Stone and of Holt -- in our heartbroken attempt to keep their beautiful spirits alive and at work in this world.

Please visit our [website page](#) to better understand the different initiatives of this Foundation.

And always, thank you for your continued caring and support,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter October 2013

Both Stone and Holt would so love the abundant caring, generosity -- and dancing energy -- at the Foundation's recent Flashgiving with [interPLAYcompany Band at Strathmore](#) Music Center in Bethesda, MD.

The musical group includes people with cognitive and physical disabilities and our Foundation annually sponsors a musician with financial need.

In September the band helped us -- wholeheartedly -- collect basic life supplies for another project of ours: [The Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation's](#) new [Ankuran Orphanage](#) in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal.



**interPLAYcompany band members**



**KRMEF Ankuran playground**

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has engaged with interPLAY through the family of a friend of Holt's -- and with KRMEF through the family of a friend of Stone's.

The orphanage will open later this month. An abundance of bed linens, fleece blankets, children's clothing and basic medical and art supplies are on their way to Nepal. Krishna Gurung, father of Kevin and founder of

KRMEF, wrote, "...Thank you so much for every thing you are doing from that end. Me and Leela are really grateful to have met you.... Inspiration and support from many friends making our foundation going. So much happening here. I see your face book updates and feel so closely to you. Our children are guiding us and it is needed at this point on the Earth."

We are grateful to interPLAY for their beautiful and spirited generosity. The band requested their video be sped up like previous Flashgiving videos. They loved it. [The two minute Flashgiving video is here.](#)



This is our fourth Flashgiving and we feel it is a meaningful way to Do Good and Have Fun at the same time -- essential lights of the lives and spirits of Holt and Stone. We invite any group of people looking for ways to get together and accomplish a great deal in a short time to contact us. The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation will help others promote -- and stage and document -- a Flashgiving.

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In late August our generous community of friends and supporters in Texas gathered to benefit [The Beacon Day Center](#) for homeless people in downtown Houston. As Stone and Holt loved to do, some of us volunteered there. Surrounded by hundreds of clients and volunteers, the Beacon staff presented the annual Stone and Holt Weeks Memorial Volunteer Award to Rachel Brannan.

That evening, [We Kare-eoke \\*Houston\\*](#) included raffles, door prizes, a silent auction and singing -- and line dancing. Again, we thank all those who worked so hard and gave so much of themselves to help us make another considerable donation to The Beacon.

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Coming up:

We have met with the new Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class to help us with some upcoming events. We very much appreciate this relationship.

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Our annual [Halloween Vampire Blood Drive](#) will be held Saturday, October 26 from noon to 4:30 at Congressional Plaza on Rockville Pike -- near Twinbrook Metro Station on the Red Line in Rockville, MD. Together with Inova Blood Donor Services we have amassed enough units of blood to help more than 200 people. Our relationship with Inova and Sandi Bourget -- who remembers Holt running her first high school blood drive -- has been deeply important to us. And we thank everyone who helps us help others. You can [Sign up here](#) to give at a certain time. Photographs and videos of our other blood drives are [here](#).



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Every year, through Stone's continuing presence at the University of Delaware, we cooperate with a new gentle-spirited group of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members to help them plan We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\*. This year's event will be November 5 at Kildare's Irish Pub on Main Street in Newark, beginning at 7 pm. Money raised will go to [PUSH America](#) -- the fraternity's impressive charitable wing. Past We Kare-eokes \*Delaware\* are [here](#).

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The Foundation funds two field trips every year that enable Washington DC school students to visit the [Audubon Naturalist Society](#) at Woodend in Maryland. Audubon staff members lead the young people on a hike through the woods -- woods that Holt and Stone knew and loved -- to share educational expertise and wonder for the natural world. Photographs from last year's fall field trip are [here](#). This year's school recipient will be announced soon.



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Our largest event of the year [We Kare-eoke \\*Washington\\*](#) will be on Sunday night December 22 at Union Jack's in Bethesda, featuring the talented and supportive Harikaraoke Band -- playing behind you as you sing the songs of your choice. Please come support three very worthwhile causes: [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#), and [Environment America](#) -- all important to Stone and Holt.



This year there will be a special premiere of a song written and composed by our friend Greg Smith. Recordings of Greg's holiday song will be on sale around We Kare-eoke time to support the Foundation.

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Creative people like Greg and artist [William Dunlap](#) -- who has donated the large, handsomely framed painting, [Valley View Two](#) to the Foundation -- continue to dream up original and meaningful ways to support the work of this Foundation.

As holidays approach, please let us know if you would be interested in buying this thoughtful artwork. The large mixed media painting was conceived and painted in memory and in honor of Holt and Stone -- and offered to benefit the Foundation.



As always, we are very grateful to all for your generous support of this Foundation in memory of, in honor of Stone and of Holt.

Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter August 2013

When Holt and Stone volunteered for a good cause, they did it with all out energy and infectious enthusiasm, drawing others of us into the experience. In their short time living in Houston, they were excited to be involved with [The Beacon](#), the large day center for homeless Houstonians. Stone discovered it with his neighbor Jennifer Condi, and wrote to us about the thousands of clients it serves in various ways. “Isn’t that awesome? Honestly, I’m so glad I found such a kick-ass organization. I want to introduce Holt to it and if he likes it, then maybe he can start a Rice partnership with them.”

In their same spirit of caring, Jennifer and a group of their friends volunteered recently at The Beacon -- before meeting to plan the We Kare-oke event set for Saturday night, August 24.



Bola Olowu, Jennifer Condi & Kia Hawkins



John Higginbotham



Kyle Tenas & Andy Le

At lunch the day of karaoke, The Beacon will present its annual Stone and Holt Weeks Memorial Volunteer Award. Then friends and Foundation supporters will gather for another We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* at Grand Prize Bar in the Montrose neighborhood to raise money for, and awareness of, The Beacon.

This Houston community – dear to Stone and to Holt and dear to us – is living out the ideal and the challenge: Do Good, Have Fun. We deeply appreciate their commitment to this Foundation as we attempt to build it as a living legacy to Holt and to Stone and to what they cared about.

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In Chicago and Washington this summer, volunteers at Muscular Dystrophy Camps – with help from The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation – did a lot of good by helping disabled kids have a lot of fun. The Foundation provided scholarships to campers at both camps. In Chicago, where Stone volunteered, the Foundation also co-sponsored a day-long art program. And in Washington, where the theme was the Wild West, the Foundation sent Native American dreamcatchers to all the campers. Both camps presented volunteer awards in honor of Stone and Holt. More photographs can be found [here](#).



A Chicago MDA camper creating with Zot Artz

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Please mark your calendars:

\*\* On Monday, September 9, with the help of [interPLAYcompany Band at Strathmore](#), the Foundation will sponsor another Flashgiving -- a flash mob for a good cause -- to gather personal items and school supplies for Ankuran, the [KRMEF](#) orphanage in Nepal. In Nepali, "ankuran" means "sprouting seeds".

\*\* On Saturday, October 26, from 12:00 until 4:30 pm, the annual Vampire Blood Drive -- in honor of Holt's blood drive leadership during high school -- will take place at Congressional Plaza to collect blood for [Inova Blood Donor Services](#). There will be treats and gifts and an opportunity to share your lifegiving blood with those who need it.

\*\* And on Sunday night Dec. 22, We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* -- the Foundation's largest annual fundraiser -- will again take over Union Jack's Pub in Bethesda. Backed by the music of the HareKaraoke Band, you can sing and help raise money for and awareness of three organizations -- [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#), [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation](#) and [Environment America](#). These groups were all especially meaningful to Holt and Stone. And so to us as well.

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So many continue to find generous, deeply moving ways to honor and support this Foundation. A friend of Holt's, in his first job out of college, has set up automatic contributions that are matched by the company he works for. We want to also thank family members and friends who are supporting this Foundation as part of their weddings -- Anna Weeks and John Thomas Metrailler and Lily Hamburger and John Selby. Cousin Anna and friend Lily had special bonds with Stone and Holt.

We want to thank all who have recently donated. And we want to thank all those who remembered Holt and Stone on the fourth anniversary in July. It means more to us than words can reach.

As we try, try to continue some of the work that Stone and Holt would want us to continue for them. They dreamed large and were looking forward to doing so much more.

In the end, that is the most we can do. We can't fall in love for our boys. Or pursue their careers for them. But we can try and carry on a few of their good works -- and honor their beautiful hearts. With your help, your support, your love.

And on behalf of Holt and of Stone,  
Always, Love,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter June 2013

Holt and Stone loved being outdoors. And everything about the natural world. And this influenced them in countless ways. They had an incredible sense of wonder and shared it with everyone they came in contact with. They knew they were fortunate to have opportunities to spend time in nature.

We wanted to share photographs -- of Stone and of Holt -- each loving this natural world.



Stone



Holt





Stone and Holt

They also became concerned for this world's future, and wanted others to care. They were each proudly working on environmental issues when they were killed.

In honor of Holt's and Stone's joy in and commitment to wanting this world itself to live a long and healthy life, The Foundation is involved with several environmental organizations. For the past two years The Foundation has sponsored twice-annual nature field trips, one in the spring and one in the fall, for young students in DC public schools to the [Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary](#). We hope to provide funds for these to continue for many years to come. The most recent field trips in May and June were awarded to Cleveland Elementary School. The dedicated Woodend staff educated -- and delighted -- some 160 students. [Photographs are here.](#)

Other recent Foundation activities:

Three Band Night Concert on June 4 -- featuring musician friends of our family -- was a meaningful and successful fundraiser for the Foundation at U Street Music Hall in Washington. We decided to use the event to make a significant donation to [Habitat for Humanity](#) -- specifically to support their efforts to clean up and rebuild communities in Oklahoma and Texas destroyed by the tornadoes in May. We know that Stone and Holt would want to help in any ways possible. [Photographs of the concert are here.](#)

The 2013 [William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award](#) presented at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda in May honored senior Tyson

Glover as "that student who best represents the Character and Spirit of Holt Weeks -- Leader, Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer -- and shares his passions of History and Government." Tyson will be going to Elon College in the fall.

And The 2013 [Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History](#) was presented in May at St. Andrew's Episcopal High School in Potomac. Senior Emma Davey, who will be going to Wellesley College in the fall, received the award "In Memory and In Honor of the Strong Character and Extraordinary Spirit of Stone Weeks '03 --Leader, Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer." The prize is presented to "that student who shares Stone's passion for the study and understanding of history."

Our continuing relationships with the schools that helped shape our sons are deep and everlasting.

Through the help of another significant and successful [Walter Johnson High School Fashion Show](#) in April, the Foundation is again sending campers to [Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camps](#) -- camps that are going on now. With funds raised at the fashion show, the Foundation was also able to send special gifts and to help underwrite a day-long art program, [Zot Artz](#), at the Chicago camp. This program offers campers unique ways to express themselves through art.

Coming up:

On August 24: Again this year, dear friends of Stone's and Holt's in Houston will organize, and gather together for, [We Kare-eoke \\*Houston\\*](#) to support [The Beacon](#) -- a day center for homeless people of Houston, where Stone and Holt volunteered. We are very grateful for all of their love and commitment to this Foundation. Special thank you's to Jennifer Condi, John Higginbotham, Kyle Tenas, and Andy Le. We hope all Houston area friends of the Foundation will help the Foundation support The Beacon.

And on Sept 9: We will present another Flashgiving with the amazing [InterPLAYcompany Band](#) members and staff at Strathmore Hall in Bethesda. (The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation annually sponsors a

musician in the band.) Together we will collect much-needed clothing and bedding for a new orphanage being built by the [Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation](#) in Nepal. This is a very special partnership we have put together among our three organizations -- all working to help others.

As we face yet another worst of all anniversaries in July, and another painful year without Holt and Stone with us physically in this world, we continue to be grateful for the supportive and comforting presence of so many of you -- even never-met friends.

Thank you for your ongoing love and support. And thank you for helping us to continue the good work that Stone and Holt each began -- and were so eager to carry on in their lives.

Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter April 2013

Stone and Holt were both born in springtime -- Stone in March and Holt in April. And they were both so very happy and excited about life in that last spring of 2009.

Spring 2013 marks Stone's 10th high school class reunion at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Stone was an important part of the school, once described by a school administrator as "an alpha male", and his beloved Class of 2003 has lovingly chosen to dedicate its class gift to the school in memory of him.

While at St. Andrew's, Stone volunteered with a caring group of students to be a counselor at a Muscular Dystrophy Camp in Chicago. This brief clip of Stone (the tallest behind a wheelchair) is taken from the official camp video.



Our Foundation continues to support MDA camps – in the Chicago and Washington areas – with the help of contributions and the amazing [Walter Johnson Seize Life Charity Fashion Show](#) coming up on April 30. This

will be the fourth year that a group of generous, creative students at Holt's high school is presenting this event. Tickets are \$15 at the door. All of the proceeds from both ticket sales and the silent auction -- of clothing, jewelry, and shoes donated by 50+ designers -- will go to The Foundation. We use this event to raise awareness of, and benefit, MDA summer camps that serve young people with muscular dystrophy. Photographs and a video of our [past MDA camp sponsorships are here](#).

And this brief clip of Holt shows him (the left-hander in the light green shirt) as one of the creators of Triple P – a wildly successful fundraising event for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at Walter Johnson High School that continues today. This event began WJ's winning tradition supporting LLS.



This February, WJHS and Walt Whitman High School together raised \$171,000 for LLS. Competition has been building between the schools. Last year in the nation-wide competition, WJ came in first place, and Whitman second; this year Whitman won first place and WJ second.

The Leukemia Lymphoma Society also awarded the [Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Cup](#) to Whitman for its creative fundraising event, RedRush 5K, and Whitman received a \$1000 grant from the Foundation to add to their total. WJ and Annandale High School were chosen as runners-up and each received \$500 from the Foundation to add to their totals. LLS

conceived this award in memory of Holt and his work for them and to recognize “the students who think outside the box and work together to create a sustainable event that engages the school community in the mission of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.”

Other springtime events:

\*\* The annual Environment America [Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award](#) was given to Michelle Hesterberg, a 2011 graduate of Carleton College. According to Recruitment Director Monique Sullivan, “Over the last year, Michelle has recruited a dozen interns to work with her and her colleagues in the Minneapolis office.” A \$1000 donation has been made to Environment America in honor of Michelle.

\*\* In early March, on Founders Day for the Theta Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at The University of Delaware (and on Stone's birthday), the Humanitarian Award named for Stone and Holt was presented to Brandon Walker. Brandon's fraternity brothers wrote, “Brandon devoted countless hours to organizing and coordinating ... (to) fulfill the mission of PUSH America by promoting volunteerism, developing awareness, and increasing fundraising on behalf of those with disabilities. ... he has demonstrated a constant willingness to be the guide for others ... and ... exemplifies the selfless dedication to others that this award seeks to recognize.” A \$500 grant to PUSH America has been made in honor of Brandon. [Photographs are here.](#)

\*\* During halftime of the Pi Kappa Phi Wheelchair Basketball Game at American University on April 1, Dan Gogue received the 2013 Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award. Dan's fraternity brothers wrote that in the spirits of Stone and Holt, “Dan spent his spring break in Georgia with Push America where he helped build a theater stage at a summer camp for children with disabilities. This past fall, Dan ran in the Marine Corps Marathon, his first marathon ever, on behalf of Push America. In doing so, he raised over \$1,600. Through his actions as well as his words, Dan has inspired others in the chapter to also volunteer their time to Push America and those with disabilities. On top of his service to Push, Dan will be serving our country as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduating this semester.” A \$500 donation to PUSH America has been made in honor of Dan. [Photographs are here.](#)



\*\* The [2013 Green Hammer Award](#) -- created by Rebuilding Together DC in memory of Holt and Stone to honor those who are bringing environmentally sound ideas to affordable housing -- was given to John Kittridge and Barbara Cook on March 7 at Rebuilding Together's annual House Captains Meeting. Director Janice Stango wrote, "the next recipient of the Green Hammer Award.... will be longtime House Captains John Kittridge and Barbara Cook. They are married to each other. Both are civil engineers. They work on our projects all year long--take on every time we ask. They are true dedicated environmentalists--they go so far as to personally haul away debris from project sites to assure it is recycled. They are great people." [Photographs are here.](#)

And coming up:

\*\* In May, the [Leadership Award named for Holt](#) at Walter Johnson High School will be presented at their Academic Awards Night -- and the [History Award named for Stone](#) at St. Andrew's Episcopal School will be presented at their Upper School Awards Ceremony.

\*\* In May and June, the Foundation will fund another [Audubon Field Trip Scholarship](#) awarded to Cleveland Elementary, a public school in DC. Almost 120 students will benefit over three days. [Photographs from past field trips are here.](#)

\*\* In June, The Foundation will again be sending campers to MDA camps in Chicago and Washington. And providing fun activities to the campers. At each camp, volunteer awards named for Stone will be presented to exceptional counselors. [Photographs and video of past years are here.](#)

\*\* And on June 4 at U Street Music Hall in Washington DC, there will be a Benefit Concert for The Foundation. Several musician friends -- who our family has been connected to and who have been particularly supportive of the Foundation and of us -- are members of three different bands. Jules Barringer with [Watermelon](#), Desson Thomson with [Cairo Fred](#), and Zach Falkow with [The Assembly Line](#). Stone and Holt so loved music and we are fans of these bands. All three have new musical releases and their CDs will be available at this concert. Each of the three bands will play a

set. Please come and support our creative artist friends and The Foundation. We will put Foundation proceeds to good use. [\*\*Tickets are available here.\*\*](#)

The Foundation is evolving in the spirits of Holt and of Stone. In addition to providing support to various organizations that all do good, more and more another focal point of the Foundation is to encourage and recognize exceptional volunteerism.

We miss Stone and Holt so completely -- every sight, every sound, every taste, every smell and every feel is soaked drenched saturated with that sense of missing them. And that doesn't even come close to how we really feel.

We are so very grateful for your support as we work hard to continue their work.

As Always, Love,

Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter February 2013

As Stone and Holt were growing up, our home was a perpetual basketball lovefest. Both boys played other sports -- soccer, baseball, tennis, ping-pong with great enthusiasm and talent, and Holt went on to play serious tennis -- but for years, basketball reigned over all. We remember one particularly full season when the boys played on five different teams -- school, recreational, and travel. Holt's first sentence was about how much he loved basketball, Michael Jordan, and big shoes. He was shooting three pointers at an age when the league did not count them. We have included a short video clip of Holt making baskets at 4 years old.



And another short video of Stone playing his junior year for St. Andrew's School (white No. 43 jersey). He went on to be team captain and MVP the next year.





As another difficult season of March Madness approaches, our memories are awash with brackets and Bracketville T shirts, excited predictions and pronouncements. Their faces beautiful, shining, their eyes bright, blue, and wonder-filled. Their hair spun gold. Holt and Stone should still be here loving and marveling.

They would so love and marvel at the [Wheelchair Basketball Game](#) for wounded veterans that Stone's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at American University will sponsor this year on April 1. Open to the public, the game will be held in Bender Arena and will benefit [PUSH America](#), which helps disabled people including veterans, and the [US Paralympic Military Program](#). The annual humanitarian award named for Stone and Holt will be presented at halftime to a Pi Kappa Phi brother from a university in the Washington DC area. We want to thank the impressive young men of Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Eta chapter at AU. Photographs of a previous year's event are [here](#).



Another award presented every year in early March is [The Holt Weeks Trailblazer Award Trophy](#) in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society high school fundraising competition. This award was conceived by the [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#) to honor Holt's important role in beginning Walter Johnson High School's winning tradition, and to encourage more of the same kind of inspired creativity among high school students for this good cause.

Also coming up in early spring:

\*\* [The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award](#), created by [Environment America](#) to recognize the person in their Fellows Program "who has done the best work finding and recruiting more energetic young people like themselves, and like Stone and Holt, to do this work."

\*\* [The Humanitarian Award](#) given by Stone's Theta Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at The University of Delaware on their Founders' Day, also Stone's birthday, to that fraternity brother who has best worked and contributed to community needs.

\*\* The annual [Green Hammer Award](#) in memory and in honor of Holt and Stone created by [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) and given to those who have done the most to contribute to green building efforts for Washington's low-income population.

\*\* On April 30, The Walter Johnson Seize Life Charity Fashion Show

will again benefit the Foundation. We will again use the night to benefit and raise awareness of the [Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camps](#). We are very grateful for this tradition created and run by students at Holt's high school. Designer clothes are sold at very inexpensive prices with all proceeds going to the Foundation. It is an amazing event and open to the public. [Last year's show](#) was featured in The Bethesda Gazette.

We also want to share news of recent Foundation events.

\*\* Hundreds of people came, sang, and supported the Foundation at We Kare-eoke in December. The night's donations -- together with additional Foundation funds -- contributed \$18,000, divided evenly, to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, and Environment America. Thank you to all friends who volunteered and especially the Walter Johnson High School Leadership Class. A report of the night and photographs are [here](#).



In early February the Foundation sponsored another Flashgiving for Haiti at St Andrew's Episcopal School, by organizing students who collected much needed school supplies for a school in Haiti. Stone's alma mater has partnered with this new school and Stone and Holt would want the Foundation to support it as well. Together with a fall shipment, the Foundation has sent a total of 10 large and heavy boxes to Civol. We have attached [photographs](#) by Rob Bouknight of the Flashgiving event.





We have also attached a short video by Caroline Lacey which explains the event. Thank you to Betsy Gonzalez at St. Andrew's for facilitating our work with St. Andrew's; Susan Park for her contribution; and Rob and Caroline for documenting the day.

Dr. Guy Alchon, Stone's beloved history professor at the University of Delaware, might as well have been speaking to us when he passionately charged the boys' peers -- gathered there a few years ago -- that as they proceed with "the filling in of the pages" of their lives, they also will be filling in the last pages of Stone's and Holt's books.

Albeit with the greatest difficulty, we are trying only to do what we feel that Holt and Stone would want us to do for them.

We would like to end by thanking all of the generous souls who have contributed, especially recently, to this Foundation. We also want to

especially thank Stone's and Holt's dear cousin Kim Loovis who got married in Oregon in late November. She and her husband Dave Kayes honored Holt and Stone at their wedding by asking that in lieu of gifts, friends and family give to the Foundation.

To everyone, we are forever grateful for all of your support.

With Love,

Jan and Linton

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## A Winter's Note December 2012

As Administrator of The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, I wanted to write this year's December message to thank you for your continuing support and to ask that you remember the Foundation in your year-end giving.

When people ask me: "How successful has the Foundation been?" I answer, "Extremely." This success is a testament to Holt and to Stone, who were -- and continue to be -- an inspiration to others who further the work they engaged in during their all too short lives. It is a testament to all the good works that the Foundation has inspired in its first three years. Please see [what the Foundation has accomplished so far](#).

Our Foundation is a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. All contributions are tax deductible.

Please remember We Kare-eoke with the Harikaraoke Band on December 23 at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland from 8:00 until midnight. Union Jack's is located at 4915 Saint Elmo Avenue. As in past years, the night will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Environment America, and Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, all organizations dear to the hearts of Stone and Holt.

With warm wishes for the holidays,  
Susan Park

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## Newsletter November 2012

Recently we heard from Ryan Rafferty, one of Stone's dear friends from The University of Delaware. Ryan and Marlene Hutton will be marrying this month.

".... Stone would have been one of my Best Men.... Stone was a force in our budding relationship. ....HE was always there for us. ....and words cannot express his impact on our lives. .... Marlene and I decided that our wedding favors to each guest will be a donation to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. We are providing each guest with a Kit Kat candy bar wrapped in a printed message that a donation will be made in their honor. Stone is and will always be in our hearts."

Again, we are profoundly moved by such enduring love and admiration and generosity. Holt and Stone would be too.

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Another recent and deeply thoughtful, creative donation is from [William Dunlap](#), a renowned Southern painter whose art is included in the collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art, U.S. State Department, and U. S. Embassies around the world. Also a longtime friend, he has graciously donated a [sensitively rendered piece of art](#) to the Foundation. Bill wrote, "I have been working on this painting with The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation in mind.... What you all are doing is beyond admirable, and I would like, in my own small way, to be a part of it...." We are mulling over various ways to best utilize this generous gift. If you or anyone you know would like to purchase the painting -- all of the proceeds will go to the Foundation -- please let us know. Or if you know of a gallery or auction house or museum that might be interested, please pass ideas along.

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Also since the [September newsletter](#): Sandi Bourget of Inova Blood Donor Services wrote of the Foundation's recent Halloween Blood Drive, "The Blood Drive exceeded expectations.... friends and schoolmates of Stone & Holt want to give back in memory of the boys. Their legacy will live on because we all care

enough to continue their good work.... [The] total.... [was] 119 patients saved by your great drive."

Holt and Stone would be very proud and grateful for everyone's support.

Thank you again to all who showed up, helped out, and gave blood.... And thank you to Inova for making it easy and painless to donate blood. We want to especially thank our Walter Johnson High School interns, Phillip Resnick, Claire Gambrill, and Daniela Matos, the WJ Leadership class and their teacher, Nico Atencio, other friends and volunteers -- and always, Caroline Lacey -- who helped us organize the Drive. Benjamin Dorger, a photo-journalism graduate student at The Corcoran and new friend of The Foundation, interviewed Holt's childhood friend Liam Schiffman in [this new video for this year's Blood Drive](#).

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On Election Night -- always a night of great significance to Stone and to Holt, who were completely engaged in the politics of our nation -- Stone's Theta Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Phi held another successful We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* to help us support PUSH America. (Hurricane Sandy made it necessary for the Fraternity to change the date from the previous week.)

Brandon Walker, the chapter's PUSH chairman, reports that the night was "a huge success" and the Foundation will be making a significant grant to PUSH with funds raised, plus an additional donation.

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The Foundation has also issued a \$5000 grant to The American Red Cross to help Hurricane relief efforts on the Eastern Seaboard. We know that Holt and Stone would actively empathize with those who suffered losses in the storm.

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In November, second graders from The Walker Jones Education Campus, a Washington DC public school, participated in the second nature field trip to Audubon Naturalist Society - Woodend offered through The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarships. [Photographs are here](#).

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And in November, the Foundation partnered with St. Andrew's Lower



School in Potomac, Maryland, to stage a [Flashgiving event](#) to collect school supplies for their new sister school in Civol, Haiti. The Foundation contributed school supplies and soccer balls and will handle all shipping costs. We want to thank Betsy Gonzalez of St. Andrew's for her help in making this happen.

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Please remember [We Kare-eoke \\*Washington\\*](#) with the live Harikaraoke Band (no gong) coming up Sunday, Dec 23, at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland -- 8 pm until midnight. The night will benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Environment America, and Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, organizations very dear to Stone and to Holt.

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We want to express our ongoing deep gratitude to David and Susan Park for helping us with Foundation organization.

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By the end of 2012, the Foundation will have granted more than \$200,000 to extremely worthwhile organizations, all somehow connected to Holt and/or to Stone. Please see the [updated Work So Far page](#) which now includes images -- on the Foundation website.

At the end of another long year, we want to remind those interested, that when you make a donation to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation 98.9 percent goes straight to the good causes we support.... the other 1.1percent goes to The Community Foundation which ensures that all donations are tax-deductible and handles that paperwork. All overhead costs are donated by us. And all other work is generously, lovingly offered by unpaid volunteers.

A Foundation donor -- someone who gives regularly -- wrote recently, "Not only are you.... doing a lot of good, you waste nothing. Very few charities can say that. And, we all need to remember our best when they can no longer speak for themselves."

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Everyone knows Stone and Holt should be here. It is Stone and Holt who

have always inspired others, and us. We are only struggling fiercely to honor them and all that they cared about so deeply. And to stay focused on the love.

We heard from many friends deeply missing them during the presidential campaign. Thank you to all who remember and reach out time and again. Nothing gets easier; but with your help we can try and help others -- in honor and in memory of Holt and of Stone.

Always, Love,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter September 2012

The Walter Johnson High School Class of 2007 is observing its 5 Year Reunion this Thanksgiving. The class officers and organizers have told us that Holt was such an important part of their class, they are holding the Reunion in honor of him, and making it a fundraiser for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. These are 22-23 year olds in first jobs or graduate school. We are moved to tears by their enduring love and generosity. Holt and Stone would be too.

Later in September we will be meeting with Holt's beloved Leadership Class and class teacher, Nico Atencio at Walter Johnson, and with Stone's beloved brothers of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at The University of Delaware. The WJ students will again be helping us with the Foundation's largest event, We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* in December, and someone in the class will be an intern with our Foundation, helping us promote events throughout the year. The students at Delaware will be holding a We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* this fall, as well as planning another Volunteer Award Ceremony in memory of Stone in the spring. We are forever grateful for the profound caring and support from both of these groups of young people. They have taken on our Foundation as an annual cause and we feel deeply bonded through Holt and through Stone with them all.

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Some updates from spring/summer:

Another video, [Flashgiving: The Backstory](#) was created about the Flashgiving event held in May by Amy Morgan and the Frederick Rugby Football Club at the George L. Shields Foodbank in Frederick, Maryland.

Through the generous support of the [Walter Johnson Fashion Show](#), in June the Foundation sponsored more campers and Giant Cupcake Days at two Muscular Dystrophy Association camps -- in the Chicago and Washington areas. There are [photographs](#) and a [video](#).

On July 2, during the power outage in the Washington area, a summer We Kare-eoke with HariKaraoke Band was held at U Street Music Hall in Washington -- where there was power. Photographs from the night are [here](#). There was a good and supportive crowd especially considering the region-wide circumstances. Through Foundation funds and proceeds from the night, \$8000 was presented to the Audubon Naturalist Society to fund more [nature field trips for DC school children](#) into the future.... and Habitat for Humanity DC to fund more [green building and gardening projects](#).

Another [Nature Field Trip to Audubon Naturalist Society for DC school children](#) will take place later this fall.

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Also coming up:

Please remember The Vampire Blood Drive -- to support Inova Blood Donor Services -- on Saturday, October 27, from noon to 4 pm at Congressional Plaza in Rockville, Maryland. You can [sign up for appointment times](#). Photographs from two years ago are [here](#) -- a video from last year is [here](#).

And We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* in December. This year singers will be backed by the talented and encouraging members of the live band, [HariKaraoke Band](#). There will be no gong. The event will be Sunday night, December 23, from 8 pm to midnight again at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland -- to benefit [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#), [Environment America](#), and [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#).

Please save the dates and try to come out and support us and these various good, good causes. On behalf of Stone and of Holt, we would all be grateful.

Thank you to all who sensitively remembered Holt and Stone and the Foundation during the especially difficult period of summer. And thank you all for helping us continue some of their abundant good will and good work. Words cannot reach the ache we feel because they are not here to carry it on as they were meant to do.

On behalf of Stone and of Holt,  
Gratefully,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter June 2012

A Special We Kare-eoke -- July 2 at U Street Music Hall in Washington DC (one block from U Street Metro stop and Ben's Chili Bowl), 8 pm until Midnight -- will feature a live band, Harikaraoke Band. (There will not be a gong.) When you sing, you will be backed up by a group of very talented, good-natured and forgiving musicians. Please come out if you can and support this very Stone-and-Holtish twist on We Kare-eoke. The night will benefit the Foundation's nature field trips for DC school children to Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary and Habitat for Humanity's green projects. Tickets/Suggested Donations are available here.

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We send out these newsletters because you have expressed interest in or supported The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. We hope you care to know how contributions are being used. We share what have been ongoing tributes to Holt and Stone -- these have offered love in the ruins, and gratitude and admiration in the midst of their shattered lost dreams. We want you to know Stone and Holt, and we hope you will always remember them.

For the past three surreal and sorrowful years, many of Holt's and Stone's dear friends have regularly been in touch with us. Among them is Stone's friend Julie Zetlin. Julie will be representing the USA in rhythmic gymnastics at this year's Summer Olympics in London. Stone and Holt would be so very proud of her.

Julie has written to us many times about Stone and his role in her phenomenal success.

"I have not stopped thinking about him... Stone has helped me get where I am today. ...I definitely owe a lot of my success to him. He helped me through a lot of my downs and I'd always feel better after I would talk to him... ...he always kept me going on my bad days where I just wanted to give up. I thanked him then, I thanked him at nationals, and I'll remain thanking him... He and I had a special

relationship... he always told me that I was going to do this... I didn't always believe that I could, but he never had a doubt in his mind... I loved Stone very much, and I'll always love him..."

Stone and Holt had photographic recall of stories and special moments in their lives with all the people they loved. They remembered birthdays and episodes from kindergarten and escapades through the years. If any of us had died first, each of them would be working hard to keep memories of us all alive.

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We are grateful for these other recent tributes to Holt and Stone:

Kyle Connelly, one of Stone's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers, is hiking the Appalachian Trail in honor and memory of Stone and Holt and in support of the Foundation. [His writing about his experience is here.](#)

Stone's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers at the University of Delaware staged a spirited and successful [We Kare-eoke night](#) in mid-April. They helped the Foundation raise awareness and funds for [PUSH America](#), benefitting the disabled in America, including veterans.

Holt's friends Caroline Lacey and Claire Fremond -- created this exquisite [23 Tulips](#) video in honor of Holt's 23rd birthday. Caroline and Claire were in Paris.

Students at Holt's Walter Johnson High School presented another [Charity Fashion Show](#) to support the Foundation. Again, we used the event to raise awareness of volunteering at Muscular Dystrophy Camps and to send children to these camps and provide a special day of giant cupcakes.

Amy Morgan and the Frederick Rugby Football Club staged a [Flashgiving](#) event in honor of Stone and Holt and the Foundation in May at the George L Shields Foodbank in Frederick, Maryland.

Washington Post artist Patterson Clark created [one of his beautiful prints](#) from invasive plant materials to support this Foundation. The prints can be purchased from [Croydon Creek Nature Center](#) in Rockville.

Stone's Houston neighbor Jennifer Condi, Women of Montrose Action

Network (WOMAN) and other close and dear friends of Holt's and Stone's presented a meaningful We Kare-eoke Houston event in June. All proceeds including a donation from the Foundation were given to The Beacon in Houston, an amazing organization serving Houston's homeless people.

Arlynn Joffe, mother of Holt's good friend David Joffe, exhibited her whimsical paintings of chocolate desserts recently in her home. The proceeds from Chocolate for Charity were donated to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation and A Wider Circle.

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And other Foundation news/donations:

In May, students from Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington benefitted from the first Stone and Holt Weeks Field Trip Scholarship at the Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary. A tutor at the school wrote to us.

"....the second graders came to the tutor workshop still excited from their trip to the Audubon Naturalist Society sponsored by The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. One student said he saw a green frog with red eyes, another said he touched caterpillars who drink the poisonous milk from milkweed plants to protect themselves from birds, and a third said it was the first time he had taken a hike in the woods."

Photographs from the field trip are here.

The William Holt Weeks Memorial Leadership Award was presented to Josh Ellis at Walter Johnson High School in May.

The Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History was presented to Ben Coleman at St. Andrew's Episcopal High School in May.

In June, with the help of the Walter Johnson Fashion show, the Foundation is sending campers -- and giant cupcakes -- to Muscular Dystrophy Camps in Chicago and Washington.

As we face another unbearable July anniversary of losing Stone and Holt, we are grateful to everyone for all the love and support you have shown the four of us and this Foundation.

Always,  
Linton and Jan

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## Newsletter April 2012

When Holt was a junior at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda in 2005-2006, he somehow found a way to be in the Leadership Class which was for seniors. Holt and a few others in the class created a very successful fundraising project for Leukemia and Lymphoma's month-long Pennies for Patients.

We remember that Holt was especially pleased to have come up with a name for the idea that helped convince the principal, Dr. Garran, to let them try it: Triple P, which stood for Pennies for Patients Pong. Holt was happily surprised when WJ won First Place in the DC Metropolitan region-wide competition of schools, raising the most funds for battling blood cancer. ([Dr. Garran's reflection on this story.](#))

Holt was in the the class again as a senior and worked to improve Triple P, and again WJ won the region-wide challenge. In the years that followed, Triple P and Pennies for Patients became a big school tradition. This year, WJ's Leadership Class dedicated [a record-breaking Triple P to Holt and Stone](#) and WJ has just [won First Place in the region for the seventh straight year](#). Each year has seen an increase in fundraising and this great spirit of competition has now propelled WJ to national prominence. As Holt's 23rd birthday approaches, LLS announced on April 13 at a schoolwide pep rally -- we were invited to -- that Walter Johnson has come in First Place in the nation-wide competition, raising more than \$58,000.

Holt would be so happy for Walter Johnson and modestly proud that his work helped to inspire more heart and energy and fun and good. Stone would be even happier for and pleased and proud of his brother. They were each very proud of the other.

As we deeply grieve for them, we struggle and hope that this Foundation in their names can continue to inspire more spirit of doing good and having fun, as they did. Stone and Holt should be here, and would be doing so many more amazing things. They would want us to try to do more on their behalf with all of the courage we can find.

## **Upcoming Events** [\(For more information\)](#)

**\*\* Tuesday, April 17:** We Kare-eoke Delaware in conjunction with Pi Kappa Phi, Theta Nu chapter. To benefit PUSH America. Kildare's Irish Pub, 45 E. Main Street, Newark, Delaware. 6 PM until 1 AM.

**\*\* Wednesday, May 2:** Walter Johnson Fashion Show benefit for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. A silent auction featuring the donated designer clothes will be held at the end of the runway show. The Foundation will use this event to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camps. Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Springs Blvd, Bethesda, Maryland.

**\*\* Saturday, June 9:** We Kare-eoke Houston. To benefit The Beacon of Houston Day Center. Grand Prize Bar, 1010 Banks Street, Houston, Texas. 7 PM until Midnight.

**\*\* The week of June 17-23:** Chicago area Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp -- sending campers and sponsoring a Giant Cupcake Day.

**\*\* The week of June 24-30:** Washington area Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp -- sending campers and sponsoring a Giant Cupcake Day.

**\*\* Monday, July 2:** Summer We Kare-eoke Live with The HariKaraoke Band. To benefit Habitat for Humanity International and Nature Field Trips for DC School Children at Audubon Society's



Woodend Nature Sanctuary. U Street Music Hall, 1115 U Street,NW, Washington DC. 8 PM - Midnight.

## **Recent Scholarship and Award Recipients ([For more information](#))**

All scholarships and awards include donations granted by The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation to the respective organizations.

**\*\* Audubon Naturalist Society at Woodend:** [The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship](#). On May 10, 2nd grade students from Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington DC will visit Woodend Nature Sanctuary and receive a guided nature tour. The Foundation sponsors this spring field trip including transportation.

**\*\* Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:** [The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Trophy](#). Each year high schools in the Washington area compete to see which school can develop the most creative fundraising event. In April, this year's traveling trophy cup -- and a grant to their fundraising efforts for LLS from The Foundation -- was presented to Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD, for [its original 12-hour bRAVE dance marathon](#).

**\*\* Environment America:** [The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award](#). This year Scott Thompson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison was chosen for his successful recruiting of other fellows for Environment America. Last year's recipient, Brett Fanshaw, has been named director of Environment Arizona.

**\*\* Rebuilding Together of Washington DC:** [The Stone and Holt Weeks Green Hammer Award](#) was presented to Booz Allen Hamilton for it's green rebuilding work on low-income housing in DC.

**\*\* InterPLAYcompany Band at Strathmore:** [Eric Latcheran was chosen by InterPLAYCompany Band](#) to receive a year-long scholarship provided by The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation.

\*\* PUSH America: [Dave Sarrett of The University of Delaware](#) was chosen by Stone's fraternity brothers of Pi Kappa Phi's Theta Nu chapter to receive The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award -- for the work Dave has done for disabled people on Pi Kappa Phi's Journey of Hope. The award was presented at The University of Delaware's historic Old College Campus at the memorial bench for Stone under the memorial tree for Holt and Stone.

\*\* PUSH America: [American University's Pi Kappa Phi's Theta Eta chapter chose Abby Binshaieg](#) to receive The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award for his work with disabled people on Pi Kappa Phi's Gear Up Florida Ride. The award was presented at the annual Veterans Wheelchair Basketball Game in Bender Arena.

We are grateful for your caring support as we try to carry on for Holt and for Stone, without them here, to make this world a better place for all.

Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter February 2012

As the war in Iraq ends, we remember Stone, Holt and Jan marching against it on the National Mall in Washington.

At the same time, Stone was working on veterans issues. At the University of Delaware, he helped his beloved professor Guy Alchon organize a first-rate forum that brought together active troops and veterans -- including a group of Iraq veterans who had turned against the war. It was an amazing and emotional evening, with mutual respect and mutual acknowledgment of the inestimable costs of war.

Stone also worked with Dr. Alchon on a documentary about the My Lai Massacre in Vietnam.

And he developed a close friendship with Joe Dewson, a fellow student and Marine who was deployed to Iraq. In a letter written to us and read at the [dedication of Stone's Bench at the University of Delaware](#) in May 2010, Joe spoke of what it was like returning to college life after his tour of duty:

Stone is the reason I was able to come home from Iraq and not lose half my mind. Transitioning from a war zone to campus is not the easiest thing to do, but Stone accepted me back into life as though I had never left. A friend once asked Stone and I how we got along so well. I fought in a war he opposed, but we could not have been better friends. I think it's because we saw the humanity in each other and that is all we cared about.

This spring, two different chapters of Pi Kappa Phi -- Stone's and Joe's national fraternity -- will be holding meaningful events. At American University, the Theta Eta chapter will be hosting another annual [Veterans Wheelchair Basketball Game](#) on March 29 in Bender Arena. Again at halftime, the fraternity will give out a Humanitarian Award named for Stone and Holt. With the award -- which recognizes the active engagement and volunteerism of a Washington-area fraternity member -- a donation in honor of the recipient will be made from our Foundation

to PUSH America. PUSH is Pi Kappa Phi's national charity that helps disabled people -- including veterans -- across America.

On March 3 -- the day after Stone would be, should be turning 27 years old -- the Theta Nu chapter at the University of Delaware (where Stone and Joe were Founding Fathers ) will present The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award at their annual Founders Day. The award will also recognize a fraternity member who selflessly serves others.... and a donation to PUSH will be made by the Foundation in his honor.

Another We Kare-eoke Delaware to benefit PUSH America is being planned for mid-April by Theta Nu.

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Holt and Stone gravitated toward good causes. And they always made volunteering fun rather than an obligation, encouraging their friends to join in.

As this Foundation grows we realize that the encouragement of volunteerism -- in the spirits of Holt and Stone -- is one of the heart-chambers of the Foundation. We are working together with the organizations that the Foundation is supporting to extend the reach of the Foundation's financial donations -- by encouraging and rewarding the passionate work of other individuals.

Also this spring, in addition to the Pi Kappa Phi volunteer awards, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Environment America, and Rebuilding Together of Washington DC will present awards -- in the names of Stone and Holt -- to committed, hardworking volunteers and/or recruiters who have made exceptional contributions to these organizations. The nature of each award can be found at the above links. Donations from our Foundation to these organizations will be made in honor of their contributions.

In early summer, the Foundation will send more campers to two Muscular Dystrophy Association camps. Each camp will award an outstanding volunteer counselor. The Beacon in Houston is also planning to present a Stone and Holt Weeks Volunteer Award this summer.

In our ongoing, inexpressible pain from all the promise and possibility that Holt and Stone were robbed of, we have few options in how to respond. We work hard to feel our beautiful, strong, exuberant sons by our sides, their hands at our backs, guiding us to do this and to walk in this world for them -- as best we can.

They would be doing so much more.

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### Other Foundation news:

\*\* The Foundation has established a nature field trip scholarship fund for underserved DC school children with The Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Nature Sanctuary. When our family first moved to the Washington area, Stone and Holt loved to hike and look for wildlife there. The scholarships -- \$1000 each, including bus costs -- will go to deserving school groups. One scholarship will be awarded in the spring, and one will be awarded in the fall of this year.

\*\* The Foundation has established a scholarship to sponsor a band member's participation in InterPLAYcompany Band. InterPLAY provides musical opportunities for adults with cognitive and physical disabilities to rehearse and perform year round at the Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda.

\*\* Again with help from amazing Houston friends and supporters, We Kare-eoke Houston will take place June 2, again to benefit The Beacon in Houston.

\*\* In late December, We Kare-eoke Washington brought many people of all ages together, and in the spirits of Stone and Holt, many sang. The night could not have happened without the helpful hands of so many beloved friends, including the amazing students from Walter Johnson High School's leadership class. We especially thank emcees Pete Ward and Jill Collier -- friends of Stone's -- Arin Damar and Marisa Martinez -- friends of Holt's -- and coordinator Caroline Lacey and administrator



Susan Park, as always. Again, the Foundation used the event to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Environment America, and Rebuilding Together of Washington DC. [A report and photographs from the night can be found here.](#)

\*\* In late January, DC Improv and Friends held a benefit for The Foundation to a sold-out crowd. We are grateful for the generosity of this idea -- we thank Allyson Jaffe of DC Improv and performers Matt Cooper, Shawn Westfall, Mikael Johnson, Emily Ruskowski, and The Punctual Drunks. We attended to thank everyone for their support, but were not able to stay. We appreciate Holt's friend David Park and Stone's friend Nikka Landau who said a few words about Holt's and Stone's extraordinary senses of humor and good will. We thank Liz Halloran and other NPR colleagues of Linton and all those who contributed to this gracious, creative, and meaningful event. [Photographs of the night can be found here.](#)

\*\* We want to thank Trevor and Meredith FitzGibbon for using their office-warming in Columbia Heights, DC as a creative and generous way to draw attention to our Foundation.

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Throughout our supremely challenging days, our devotion to Stone, to Holt, and to this Foundation continues. We are forever grateful for your generous support helping us build it as a memorial to the beautiful and achingly short lives of Holt and of Stone -- and to their dreams, which we share, of making this world a better place for all.

Always,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter -- December 2011

During the summer of 2008, Holt was living with Stone in Houston and we remember Holt telling us -- with modesty and grace and wonder -- that he realized: As Stone was working hard on the history of the environmental movement, he (Holt) was actually working on its future. Holt was a summer intern under the tutelage of professors Chris Bronk and Krishna Palem at The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. Initially, Holt's research -- into personal technology that requires fewer of the Earth's precious resources -- was used as underpinning for a graduate-level course at Rice. He and Stone were proud of that.

True to Holt's feelings about the future -- Chris Bronk wrote to us recently that the work Holt undertook has gone global and "the concepts have been embraced in a low-cost, tablet computer that is beginning to get in the hands of kids in the developing world."

In February, Krishna Palem transferred most of his lab from Houston to Nanyang Technical University in Singapore. "The Singapore lab has become a base camp for deployment of a new teaching technology called the i-slate," Chris said. "The idea is to build something akin to an iPad, only running on 1/100th the power and at a cost of under \$50." [A piece on CNN](#) outlines the concept. A [Betanews story](#) reports on the Rice-Nanyang Institute for Sustainable Applied Infodynamics -- which has operations in Singapore, India, Switzerland and Texas.

We know Holt -- and Stone -- would be proud, so glad and supportive of this world-changing innovation.

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As another agonizing year without our beloved sons Stone and Holt, draws to conclusion, we want to thank everyone for the love and propping-up you continue to provide to us. And for your devotion to

Holt and to Stone, to us and to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation.

Not only are Stone and Holt remembered and revered through your volunteerism and donations, they are loved. And that love keeps their spirits and memories and their love alive.

When Mary Weeks, loving grandmother of Stone and Holt, died in October at age 93, the family -- knowing where her heart lay -- asked that memorials be directed to The Foundation. She adored Holt and Stone and they adored her.

For his 45th birthday in Chicago, Lou Weeks -- a beloved cousin of Holt and Stone who lives in Chicago-- staged a karaoke party. The night was full of singing -- bad and good. Just the way it should be. Lou's wife, Lillian Daniel, wrote that the evening was a meaningful way of celebrating Lou's birth, as well as "remembering Stone and Holt. They brought so much joy, passion, wit and good to the world, for far too short a time." Having never hosted a karaoke event before, Lou told us, "I wasn't quite sure what we were getting into. But I am confident we will do it again in the future." Lou and his wonderful family asked guests to make donations to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation instead of giving presents. And for a \$20 donation, someone could force someone else to sing a song that he or she did not want to sing. Holt and Stone would love that creative twist.

Friends have imagined and are planning a Flashgiving Day -- flash mobs while doing good -- in the spring and a live-band karaoke event in the summer and more We Kare-eokes in other cities. We will share these in upcoming newsletters.

Through your continuing creativity and generosity, we are finding ways to carry on at least a fraction of the good, the great work that Stone and Holt would have accomplished if they were still here.

**\*\* Please come to We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* III on Wednesday night, December 21, at Union Jack's in Bethesda, MD. As Holt and Stone always did, we hope to continue to gather friends together at holiday time -- for the Foundation's largest event of the year. All**

proceeds will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, and Environment America. This sing-along is a unique event for the ages and for all ages. It is also a night of prizes and surprises. Last year a professional opera star treated everyone to a lovely aria. This year there are rumors of other surprises. We hope that you will bring as many friends and family members as you can.

**\*\*** And please show up for the New & Improved Improv on Friday night, January 27, at the DC Improv in downtown Washington DC. Comedy is especially hard for us now, but we know that this event planned by friends is very much in the spirits of Stone and Holt, who were far-and-away the funniest people we have ever known. Allyson Jaffe and Shawn Westfall of DC Improv and special guest Matt Cooper of National Journal will host an interactive evening of improv. Space will be limited, so please get your tickets early.

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Thank you to everyone who gave blood and volunteered their time on a cold, messy, rainy, snowy day in October. Sandi Bourget wrote to us on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services, "Thank you so much for your unfailing love of your sons and ultimately your unfailing support of patients who benefit from that love." The sensitive and tireless Caroline Lacey created a video that documented the day. We are working with Inova to establish an award to encourage more blood donations in Washington area high schools.

And we want to thank volunteer intern Josh Ellis, a senior at Walter Johnson High School, who has been working with The Foundation for a couple of months. Josh learned about Holt and Stone and The Foundation's evolving mission through the leadership class at WJ. Josh is sensitively helping with publicity and planning for events.

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We also want to share two end-of-year grants we have chosen to make:

When Stone and Holt were very young, we often went as a family to The Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Nature Sanctuary, a lovely 40-acre retreat near Rock Creek Park in Montgomery County, Maryland. The boys loved nature's sanctuary there and they loved attending Woodend's camps, classes, and programs. To honor Holt's and Stone's enduring commitments to environmental education, The Foundation will sponsor field trips to [Woodend Nature Sanctuary](#) for school children.

Stone and Holt also loved music and cared deeply about others less fortunate than themselves. We know they would want The Foundation to support a creative enterprise like [the interPLAYcompany Band](#), a Washington-area orchestra for adults with cognitive/physical disabilities. The Foundation has issued a grant that will sponsor membership in the orchestra. We learned of interPLAY through Susan Park, our thoughtful and loving family friend and guide as administrator of The Foundation. Susan is a former prosecutor for the Department of Justice who understands ethical issues and ensures that every step The Foundation takes is in keeping with its mission.

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Lastly, with the end of the year approaching, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to all who support our Foundation and allow us to carry on the good works -- and meaningful fun -- that Holt and Stone started.

By the end of 2011, through 29 excruciating months, The Foundation will have raised awareness of, encouraged volunteerism for, and issued more than \$150,000 in grants to more than a dozen organizations important to Stone and to Holt. Hundreds of people have engaged and worked in creative and compassionate ways. With your help, The Foundation has: supported blood cancer research; contributed to green home repairs for low-income homeowners in DC; helped to protect the environment surrounding America's National Parks; served the large homeless populations in Washington and in Houston; sponsored children with muscular dystrophy at summer camps in Chicago and Washington; aided building projects around the world; staged blood drives that benefited approximately 200 people; supported earthquake



relief in Haiti, contributed to wildlife preservation worldwide, and helped disabled Americans, including veterans-- at the same time, rewarding more volunteering and fundraising among others. Read more about the Foundation's work so far.

All of this is done in loving memory and in honor of Holt and of Stone -- in our heartbroken attempt to keep their boundless spirits still boundlessly at work in this world. With your continued generosity, we can only hope to continue some of the compassion and creativity that Stone and Holt brought to life in their too-short time here.

As you make your year-end contributions, please keep [The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation](#) in your thoughts. Our Foundation is a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. All contributions are tax deductible.

Gratefully,  
Jan and Linton Weeks

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## Newsletter -- October 2011

Recently we received a letter from Luke Metzger, Director of Environment Texas, letting us know that the sensitive controversy of the Christmas Mountains has finally been resolved: the 9,269 wilderness acres adjacent to Big Bend National Park will not be sold to private interests but will be turned into an open-air environmental classroom for the Texas State University System.

Luke knows this is especially meaningful to us. During the two years that Stone worked as Douglas Brinkley's assistant at Rice University and the James A Baker III Institute of Public Policy, Stone helped Doug research and write about current -- as well as historical -- environmental issues. Luke credits Stone's research and writing assistance for Doug in the Houston Chronicle and the Austin American-Statesman as helping to inform the public about the proposed sale of this important rugged public land.

Stone would be elated that he helped in any way.

Meanwhile Holt's work at the Baker Institute -- which also focused on preserving the future of the environment -- resulted in a graduate level course at Rice University. Now, we have just learned, Holt's research is being used on a global scale. We want to include more on this in the next newsletter. We know that Holt too would be elated.

We are grateful that Environment America will continue to present its most successful recruiter with an award named for Stone and Holt.

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Please support the Foundation's next event, Vampire Blood Drive 2. It honors Holt's work in high school with Inova Blood Donor Services, the organization we will support with blood donations. Please sign up for a donation appointment. The Vampire Blood Drive 2 bloodmobile will be parked at Congressional Plaza, 1677 Rockville Pike, Rockville,

MD 20850 on Saturday, October 29, from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be T-shirts, refreshments, face painting, prizes and surprises. Please Do Good and Give Blood.

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Stone's and Holt's spirits continue to have an effect in Texas in other ways. The Foundation -- with the untiring and loving help of many friends who staged We Kare-eoke Houston II in April -- was able to make a \$5000 grant to The Beacon in Houston this year. Stone began volunteering there and pulled Holt and others in. The Beacon is a vast and vibrant center in Houston that provides social and health services to poor and homeless people. Last year the Beacon served more than 10,000 unique individuals and had more than 131,000 client visits. In honor of Stone and Holt, The Beacon will award a volunteer each year who inspires more volunteering.

The Foundation also is making a \$2000 grant to the Water Ministry, an outreach program at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington D.C. -- the church Holt and Stone grew up in. The Water Ministry offers hot lunches, showers and laundry facilities for homeless people three days a week. Many of those served by the Water Ministry also attend St. Columba's annual Thanksgiving dinner. Over the years Holt and Stone got to know them because our family regularly served and ate Thanksgiving dinners with them.

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In Rockville in September, old and new friends gathered at Thrive Yoga and under the guidance of Rhonda Joseph joined together in Yoga for a Cause. It was a meaningful and successful afternoon for those attending and for the Foundation. We are grateful to all who participated and to Rhonda who first imagined this event and carried it out with compassion, love and grace.

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A dear friend of Holt's from middle school, Megan Schwinger, has also written. She wanted us to know that she will be participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma's Light the Night Walk this month. Light The Night is a nationwide tribute to people battling cancer. In a letter sent

to family and friends, Megan writes that she will be walking in honor of Holt. "Everyday I think of Holt and try and live my life with the same admirable attitude that made him one of the most special friends I have ever had. Holt had an incredible passion for helping others, including his efforts in creating the annual Pennies for Patients Fundraiser at Walter Johnson High School, which benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. I hope to carry on his inspiring work through my participation in the Light The Night Walk." She adds, "In the spirit of Holt, 'Do Good, Have Fun... And Make the World a Better Place for All.'"

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Some talented friends in the comedy profession -- Allyson Jaffe and Shawn Westfall -- want to honor Stone and Holt and benefit The Foundation with a night of improvisational comedy on Friday, January 27, at the [DC Improv](#) in Washington. Both Stone and Holt were such comedians themselves, and loved improv. We have deep memories of watching hours of improvisational skits on TV together and of going with Holt and his good friend David Park to see improv geniuses Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood at Strathmore Hall in Rockville.

Humor is one of the many double-edged aspects of life for us now. Our sons were so funny and we all laughed so much together. Now everything is different. But we know that Holt and Stone want others to also laugh -- at the world's foibles and at themselves. We will be able to tell more about [New & Improved Improv](#) in our December newsletter.

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[We Kare-eoke III](#) is on the calendar for Wednesday night, December 21, from 8 pm until midnight at Union Jack's in Bethesda. Again we will be raising awareness, volunteers and funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, and Environment America. Again there will be singing. Stone and Holt loved karaoke with their friends and they celebrated it all -- the good singing and the bad. We hear from those who have been to previous We Kare-eoke events in Washington, Houston, Texas, and Newark, Delaware, that it is in the spirits of Stone and Holt -- wonderful fun and

doing good -- for all ages and all levels of talent. We will include more on this event in the December newsletter.

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Recently we were invited in to Walter Johnson High School's Leadership Class -- which was so important to Holt, and him to it -- to better introduce Holt and Stone and ourselves to the new senior students. They did not overlap with Holt at Walter Johnson. Under the guidance of their teacher, Nico Atencio, they will again help us with We Kare-eoke in December. To end this newsletter, we want to share the [slideshow](#) we shared with the class. It is now included on the Foundation website -- a montage of photographs of Stone and Holt together and with us over their too few years.

In our relentless pain, we are grateful, always, for your thoughtful support,  
Linton and Jan

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In 2007, Ana Astiz and Holt were voted Best Personalities by the senior class at Walter Johnson High School. They were often in the same groups heading off for homecomings and proms. We asked Ana to be one of the emcees for We Kare-eoke last year. She is full of energy, good will and good humor, like Holt and Stone.

Among the emails we received on the second anniversary of Stone's and Holt's deaths, was a very meaningful one from Ana. She wrote that in early July she rode in a bike-a-thon from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon -- STP-- to benefit Group Health and the foundations it supports -- in honor of Holt and Stone. She wanted us to know that Holt was her inspiration.

....Everyday, I am thankful for having known your sons, and I especially knew Holt. He was his own person, something unique and special that made everyone love him. Holt's life was tragically short, but his memory and impact on the world will stand forever, in our actions, in our memories, and in our hearts. Holt's mentality towards life is emulated through the Foundation and has been passed along to all of us.

Everyday, I wear my green foundation bracelet that sports the motto, "Seize Life!!" only thinking about how Holt would seize the next day.

Everyday that I don't seize life, I feel I'm letting Holt down and that if he was around he would be doing greatness. After hosting We Kare-eoke, I realize I need to do more with my life - I need to start living for Holt. But what did that mean? And how would I do it?

....everyday that got closer I thought of your son more and more. I used to say ...."Holt, it's going to be a loooong ride, but we can do it together". Then it came. It was hard. It was grueling. It challenged me mentally and physically. Every time I thought I wanted to quit or give up, I thought of your son. His supportive voice, his caring soul, were alongside me in the Washington countryside. It took me 21 hours over two days, but I made it to Portland. Holt gave me the strength to continue. Holt pushed me to the limit and I felt alive on those roads, like I could go anywhere as long as Holt was by my side.

....I'm sharing this with you because I love you, because I love your son, and because I want to do my best in life to make your son happy. I want to Seize Life for him and for everyone else who was taken too soon.

We have received a similar compassionate email from a friend of Stone's, Ryan Hathaway. Ryan was a class behind Stone at St. Andrew's and was influenced by Stone to attend The University of Delaware. He spoke at [The University of Delaware Memorial Dedication](#) and also at [St. Andrew's Memorial Dedication](#).

...I have been motivated by my memories of Stone and Holt to restart two old projects of mine, and wanted to share a little bit about them with you both.

My freshman year at St. Andrews I had an idea to start a NGO to donate used soccer equipment to Africa. The summer following, en route to Sewanee, TN, (to the school's Habitat building trip) Stone pushed me to continue and grow the effort for my community service credits. I was able to make about 10 shipments before time and money began to dwindle.

Recently, someone was asking me about community service, and the memory of Stone giving me a pep talk came back. I have restarted this NGO and developed a new one that uses publicity to combat dumping in Antarctica by tourist vessels. I owe my motivation to your son, and will keep these projects going as a tribute to what he would have me do with my life.

...I am always thinking of you both, and your sons. ....I find myself getting angry every time I think about what happened, and never thought to share that with you two. The only thing left for Stone's and Holt's friends is to turn our anger and sorrow into motivation to change the world we live in.

To honor Stone's powerful time as a counselor at the MDA camp in Chicago, The Foundation again sponsored campers and Giant Cupcake Days in June -- this year at the Chicago area camp and a second, the Washington area camp. Stone's and Holt's cousin Lou Weeks delivered giant cupcakes on The Foundation's behalf in Chicago. We delivered to the Washington camp on the Chesapeake Bay. This was all made possible by contributions to the Foundation along with the abundant generosity of students who staged the WJ Fashion Show. Photographs from the [Fashion Show](#) and [both MDA camps](#) are on the Foundation website.

We have met yoga instructor Rhonda Joseph through her daughter Daryl Oh who helped with [last year's WJ Fashion show](#) and again with this year's [Art for New Collectors Exhibit](#). Rhonda asked if she

could hold a Yoga for a Cause benefit for the Foundation at Thrive Yoga in Rockville. It will be held on Sunday, September 18 from 2:30 - 4 PM. Rhonda says that she will focus on sending love and good thoughts to Holt and Stone with some of their favorite music incorporated into the session. She says it will be for all-levels and everyone is welcome. If you are interested, please visit the above link or the events page on the Foundation website. All proceeds will go to The Foundation. Donations are welcome, if you cannot attend.

Please help us look ahead toward another annual blood drive -- around Halloween-- to honor Holt's running WJ's blood drive. This year it is scheduled for October 29, 11 AM - 3 PM, again in Rockville at Congressional Shopping Center. Please help us help more people who are in need of blood donations. Again, we will try to fashion it after Holt's spirit of making everything about the WJ blood drive fun.... Inova Blood Services will provide every donor with a Halloween tee-shirt and there will be refreshments and prizes. We hope to have Stone's friend Michael Rogan there again to reprise his role as Dracula.

And again in December, we plan to stage We Kare-eoke Washington III to benefit worthwhile organizations that Stone and Holt worked for and believed in. Wednesday, December 21, 8 - 12 PM, at Union Jack's in Bethesda is this years time and place.

As we said on the Holt and Stone Weeks Facebook memorial page -- from our prison-world of sorrow, thank you everyone for your expressions of love for Stone and Holt and support for all of us this July and August. And thank you for supporting this Foundation. Thank you for helping us try to carry on their dreams for this world by keeping Holt and Stone forever in your hearts and in your actions.

Always, thank you for the continued Compassion and the Love,  
With Love,  
Jan and Linton

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At one corner of the James A. Baker III Institute of Public Policy on the Rice University campus in Houston stands an enormous, towering section of the Berlin Wall. The monument is covered with colorful grafitti including a heart and the word LOVE.

At the front corner of the building, in a garden beside a vast plaza, flowing fountain and the institute's front door -- and within sight of the Berlin Wall section -- is a memorial bench dedicated to Stone and to Holt.

At its dedication in April, we thanked all who helped make this possible, including James Baker with a very generous gift. And we spoke,

... We are -- and always will be -- completely devastated by what happened to Stone and to Holt - all that they lost, all that the world lost -- never understanding or accepting. And we are -- and always will be -- completely devoted to them. Our love, admiration, and devotion know no bounds -- in time or in space. ... In Houston, on this beautiful campus, we feel the spirits of our sons in the strong and the gentle breezes...

Also that evening, Douglas Brinkley gave a lecture -- in memory of Stone and Holt -- on his recent book, The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960, which is dedicated to Stone. At the Baker Institute, Stone worked for his last two years as research assistant for Doug, and Holt worked his last two summers there as research assistant to Chris Bronk.

As in all of the memorial services and Foundation events, there was enduring love in the midst of enduring grief.

For the Foundation and for us, it has been an especially intense period.



Stone, on his modest researcher's salary, somehow contributed to the World Wildlife Fund. Were he and Holt still here in body, they would be supporting the global environmental work of the WWF. When friends and the Washington School of Photography presented a very impressive Art Show for New Collectors to benefit the Foundation in April, we granted all proceeds to the WWF. With the money raised and an additional amount from the Foundation, we were able to send \$5000 to the WWF. "I'm touched more than you know," said WWF's president and CEO Carter Roberts. "I promise we will put your generous gift to good use and honor the memories of your remarkable boys."

Also in April, We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* II was held in Houston. Stone's friend and neighbor Jennifer Condi and her very creative and supportive women's action network based in the Montrose neighborhood of Houston (WOMAN) organized a very successful silent auction and karaoke night. A Foundation grant was presented during the evening and all proceeds from the night also benefited The Beacon, a day center that provides hot meals, clothing, private showers and lavatory facilities, laundry services, and case management to people living on the streets of Houston. A place where Stone and Holt volunteered.

In early May we watched Stone's high school friend Erik Peterson finish his second marathon in two weeks. The first was in Boston; the second in California. He worked very hard to train for these races, which he ran in loving memory and honor of Stone and Holt. Erik also used the opportunities to raise funds for Summer Search, a charity he is working with in Boston.

Then St. Andrew's Episcopal School, which Stone attended from 6th through 12th grades, generously dedicated a pair of wooden benches -- that will be placed by the school's front doors -- to the memories of Stone and of Holt. During the program, Head of School Robert Kosasky and Stone's beloved basketball coach Al Hightower spoke. And many of Stone's friends expressed their love and admiration in reflections, song and music -- all heartbreakingly beautiful -- to honor Stone and Holt.

At St. Andrew's, the second annual Stone Taylor Weeks Excellence in

the Study of History award was presented to Annie Engelstad. At Holt's high school, Walter Johnson, we presented the second annual William Holt Weeks Leadership award. The recipient was Xan Avendano-Garro. After the ceremony Xan said to us: "I am going to work really hard to live up to this."

Back at Walter Johnson, their Fashion Club's very impressive 2011 Fashion Show benefited this Foundation again. We want to especially thank Gaby Cavanaugh and Sophie Andes Gascon for their talent, hard work, and caring generosity. Again we made a grant to Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camps, and again proceeds from the event will go to MDA camps -- two this year, one in Chicago, where Stone volunteered, and one Washington-area camp. MDA's Maureen Kiley spoke about the impact of volunteers on these campers. In all, \$9000 will go toward sponsoring campers in need and also the fun of Giant Cupcake Days.

During this event, we also donated \$1000 to a special Access2College scholarship fund, created in honor of Dr. Christopher Garran who is leaving as WJ Principal to become a Community Superintendent for Montgomery County Public Schools. The Access2College program helps primarily first-generation US college applicants get into college. We contributed to this worthwhile cause and expressed our deep gratitude to Dr. Garran and the WJ community. They have been so supportive in so many ways.

Also in May, a month later and across the Gulf from Houston, Eckerd College in St. Petersburg dedicated a water fountain and two benches to Holt and Stone in the center of their tennis facility near the boulder that Holt's teammates dedicated in 2009. Again we thanked all of the generous souls there who have done so much to support us and to honor Holt and Stone. During the dedication, President Donald Eastman spoke deep, eloquent words, about "the injustice of what happened to Holt and Stone", "the consecration of this place to their memory", and "what it is a college is really supposed to do." And Dean James Annarelli spoke about remembering.....

...the profound, indeed, sacramental nature of remembering. For many ancient peoples, the act of remembering, of memorializing, was far more complex and meaningful than merely recalling a

person or an event. For the Hebrew people, for example, the act of remembering involved making present in a real way, the event or person being remembered. This insight is an important dimension of the theologies of a number of religious traditions...

It is precisely this richer, more profound way of remembering that draws us together today. For in remembering and memorializing Holt and Stone with this water fountain and these benches, we are not only honoring who they were and what they stood for -- brilliant, talented, dedicated young men whose love radically overflowed their relationships with family and friends and touched the world. We also are, by our remembering, affirming that they remain with us in real and profound ways -- in the fabric of our lives as individuals and as an academic community, in the enduring nature of their work for social justice and global development, and through their loving spirits that will forever be present to us, embracing us, encouraging us, transforming us as we carry on their work of transforming the world.

A few days later we received a photograph taken at Eckerd's Commencement from another college administrator. It was a picture of a giant "billboard" across an open field and facing the huge white tent where graduation ceremonies took place. Like the section of the Berlin Wall in Houston, the sign was filled with grafitti-style writing, congratulating the Class of 2011. And on top of the writing someone or someones had spraypainted in large bold letters HOLT WEEKS.

"Please know," she wrote, "that your sons have touched my soul deeply."

We thank everyone again for your support. As we prepare this newsletter, we learn that Kenny Emson is leaving as Chief Development Officer of The Community Foundation of the National Capital Region. He has taken a job as a Senior VP at the National Multi Housing Council. Kenny has helped our relatively new foundation in many ways, and we will miss him. And we will miss Chris Garran's thoughtful and compassionate leadership at Walter Johnson High School.

Mostly we miss Stone and Holt. We will never get over our losing them, and their losing everything. How could we?

With Love,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter 9

In early February, we went in with donuts to the Walter Johnson High School leadership class to thank Nico Atencio and the students for their continued compassion and support. Most recently, they had helped out with We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* II in late December.

This was the same class four and five years earlier that meant so much to Holt. As a junior he helped lead the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fundraiser that began WJ's winning tradition for LLS, and as a senior intern, he led the school blood drive for Inova Blood Donor Services. The Foundation has deepened our relationship with both these organizations to continue their good works.

We shared with the leadership class one of Holt's and Stone's made-up words: Sonsy. Jan wore the Sonsy Tshirt that Holt's Eckerd College friends had made for the Eckerd memorial service.

As all their friends know, Holt and Stone loved to play with language. Sonsy -- or sometimes sponsy -- was a word they batted about with one another and their legions of friends. To help us explain the word, we asked some of the boys' closest friends to give us some close-enough definitions -- to tell us what the word "sonsy" meant to them. The answers reveal so much about Stone and Holt, their friendships and their shared language.

Everyone agreed that sonsy is a difficult word to define. But all their answers had a similar feeling.

"The word defies definition" was the first answer from a friend of Stone's. "But it conveys a mutual understanding of something, or someone, doing good. It can be any part of speech. It conveys emotion or feeling between two parties who are on the same page."

Other friends texted: "It comes down to individual preference how you want to use it... it can be a description of something or a name for someone." And "Someone is especially a sonzy if they acheive something great in the eyes of his fellow sonzies. That achievement can be a wide variety of things."

Then this: "Holt's definition was 'something or someone that is sonsy'. A more explanatory definition might be 'someone or something that is exceptional, according to the opinions of other exceptional people'."

In the spirits and manners of Stone and Holt, we wanted to convey to the leadership class how very sonsy they are. Building community and connection was something Stone and Holt cared so much about and actively lived. We are trying to follow their beautiful leads with the Foundation.

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While playing on the men's tennis team at Eckerd College, Holt made a dear friend Hisa Sato who came to America for college from Osaka, Japan. Hisa tells the story that he barely spoke English when he arrived, and that Holt, a tennis teammate, always patiently helped him understand and be understood, and that Holt always made him feel included. Hisa came to visit us on his spring break last year, telling us that he wanted to come to Washington DC to visit "the city that raised Holt".

And Stone loved Japan. In 2000 he had the opportunity to visit as the guest of his Uncle Louis and Aunt Carolyn. Their son, Sid -- cousin to Stone and Holt -- lives in Tokyo with his wife Youko and their three children. Stone deeply appreciated his time there.

We know that both Stone and Holt would be wanting to help the Japanese people in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and tsunami. The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has sent help to Hisa and the Eckerd tennis team, who are raising funds for the Japanese relief effort. And friends at Eckerd are planning to hold a special We Kare-



eoke to raise more to send to the Red Cross for Japan and the Foundation will make another generous donation.

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The father of one of Holt's sonsiest friends from high school has been collecting art since he was a student in Chicago. To benefit the Foundation, he dreamed up the idea of offering dozens of pieces of his eclectic collection to be acquired -- for very reasonable prices -- at the Exhibition of Art for New Collectors. Caroline Lacey, a friend of Holt's, and Daryl Oh have helped organize the effort and other accomplished artists have donated paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture and pottery. On Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, the works will be displayed at the Washington Photography School on Rugby Avenue in Bethesda. There will be an opening reception from 3 to 5 pm on Saturday and a closing reception from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday. Please drop by the exhibit over the weekend. Through the generosity of all these donors, the prices are a rare opportunity. Thank you to many for putting this together.

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The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award created by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at American University was presented at halftime of the wheelchair basketball game -- held to benefit Push America and The Wounded Warrior Project -- at Bender Arena on March 31. The night was moving and meaningful. Sponsored by the impressive young men of Theta Eta chapter, the game pitted Walter Reed against the National Rehabilitation Center. At halftime, we spoke and presented the award to George Williams of Manchester, England. George is studying at George Washington University and was chosen by his brothers in Pi Kappa Phi because of his caring and enthusiastic volunteerism -- in the spirits of Stone and Holt. Taking part in the award, the Foundation joined with Pi Kappa Phi to make a generous donation to Push America. Photographs from the event are on the website.

On Saturday, April 16, volunteerism will also be centerstage at We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* II. This year the event will be championed by

Stone's Houston neighbor and friend Jennifer Condi and the Women Of Montrose Action Newtwork. (WOMAN). The event will be at Grand Prize Bar from 6 pm to midnight. There will be a silent auction of more generous donations and karaoke singing into the night. All of the proceeds will go to The Beacon, a homeless center in Houston where Stone and Holt and Jennifer volunteered.

On Wednesday, April 20, Holt's childhood friend Tommy Feola and the Society, Life, and Justice Club will be raising money for the Foundation at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut with a Do Good, Have Fun Festival.

Also on Wednesday, April 20 in Houston at 6 pm, there will be a student forum at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy on Rice University's campus. In honor of Stone and Holt, Douglas Brinkley will talk about his latest book The Quiet World which he dedicated to Stone, and the prequel to it, The Wilderness Warrior, which Stone researched for him. Afterwards there will be a bench dedicated to Stone and Holt just outside of the Baker Institute.

The next day will be Holt's 22nd birthday. He would be graduating from Rice a few weeks later. We will never get over the fact that Holt only lived through his sophomore year in college. And that after studying for the GRE, Stone did not live to go to graduate school. And they were robbed of so so much more....

On Saturday, May 14 at 5:30 pm in Potomac, Maryland, St. Andrew's Episcopal School will dedicate two benches -- to Stone, a 2003 graduate there, and brother Holt. A dedication program will coincide with the school's Alumni Weekend. Please join us if you can.

And on Tuesday, May 17, The WJ Fashion Show will raise awareness and funds again for the Foundation, and we in turn will make a grant to Muscular Dystrophy Association Camps where Stone volunteered in high school. Please see how last year's efforts benefited young people who live with muscular dystrophy.

Wherever you are, please join us at any of these events. Each new

challenging day we struggle to live our forever-traumatized lives without our precious Stone and our precious Holt in this world where they should be. As best as we possibly can, we are trying to carry on their beautiful spirits, life forces, and dreams to make this world a better place -- through this Foundation. We thank you for your sensitive support.

With Love,  
Jan and Linton

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## Newsletter 8

Through his job as Douglas Brinkley's assistant at Rice University, Stone had a modest life insurance policy. He named Holt, his younger brother he adored, as his primary beneficiary. He named us, his parents, as secondary beneficiaries.

We knew nothing of any of this until the world stopped turning. It is the most excruciating painful generosity.

Now, left here to respond, we are using the funds from Stone's policy to cover out-of-pocket expenses for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. We feel that Stone and Holt would want us to be good stewards of it for them.

We tell this story for several reasons. It is our reality and our truth. And we want anyone interested in the Foundation to know that The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation itself spends next-to-nothing on promotion and expenses. Also only about 1% of all donations to the Foundation goes to pay the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region for overseeing our most complicated accounting responsibilities.

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Day by day, life without Stone and Holt does not get easier. We will never get accustomed to it. In so many ways, it gets harder. And harder. We will never accept the ultimate injustices to them. And again we are left to respond and our options are few. We believe in our exceptional sons, and in their dreams of making this world a better place for all. We are very grateful to everyone for all the love and support and compassion in our painful attempts to carry on without Stone and without Holt.

Thank you for all end-of-year contributions to the Foundation. Your continuing support enables us to deepen our relationships and further our commitments to organizations that were meaningful to Stone and to Holt.

And meaningful to us, and to so many others -- on both the receiving end and on the giving end.

We were moved to learn from Yuki Noguchi, a colleague of Linton's at NPR, that in lieu of gifts for her son Kenzo's first birthday, she and her husband Christopher Libertelli asked for donations to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. Kenzo's great-grandmother sent him his first dollar bill, which they also wanted to go to the Foundation.

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The lives and spirits of Stone and Holt continue to move and inspire.

Working through their Quest for Meaning class over the fall semester, friends of Holt's who are seniors at Eckerd College, staged the last of their three fundraisers for the Foundation in mid-November. Eckerd donated use of the college pub (and its beverage sales) and students staged a Date Night Benefit to raise awareness of and funds for our Foundation.

The students used our association with Habitat for Humanity to also work service hours there in Florida. We will send the \$1500 raised from their semester's work together with a grant from the Foundation -- on to Habitat.

At the University of Delaware, Stone's friends from the Theta Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity -- the chapter that Stone helped found -- put together a We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\* event in late November. Together with a grant from the Foundation, the students are making a considerable donation to the fraternity's national charity, Push America, to support people with disabilities.

At American University in DC, students in the communications department -- who never knew Stone or Holt -- organized a coffee-shop event during the month of November to support the Foundation. And that has led to a new relationship with the AU chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. More on their meaningful proposal below.

We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* II held on December 22, was another night of creativity and compassion. Hundreds of people of all ages gathered at Union Jack's in Bethesda to dress wild, sing loud and make a difference.

Awareness and volunteers and funds were raised for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Environment America and Rebuilding Together of



Washington DC. You can find a full report, including our remarks, and a list of our generous volunteers and sponsors on the Foundation website.

Through funds raised that night, combined with grants from the Foundation, each of the participating organizations received \$5000. It was a full night. A friend of Holt's from middle school, Kristi Van Tassell Ricketts, spoke from the stage of how the research sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society saved her life. Assistant Principal at Walter Johnson High School, Micah Wiggins, who taught Holt, gave a moving, motivating speech about the spirit of volunteerism and the examples of Stone and Holt. Grand Opera singer Millicent Scarlett performed a Puccini aria a cappella, representatives from the three organizations spoke, and emcees Sarah Taylor and John Skubel -- friends of Stone in high school, and Ana Astiz and Nathan Barash -- friends of Holt in high school, kept the night flowing with karaoke singers.

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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society devotes the month of February to their Pennies for Patients High School Challenge award. They will again recognize the National Capital Area high school that creates the most original new project for LLS fundraising by adding the Foundation's \$1000 donation to that school's fundraising effort and by awarding the school with The Holt Weeks Trailblazer Challenge Cup for the coming year.

The week of March 15, Environment America will hold its lobby days in Washington where it will present the first Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award to Bret Fanshaw from Arizona who succeeded most in pulling in other young people to Environment America's Fellows Project.

On March 17, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC will award its second annual Green Hammer Award, established to honor the work, and the memories and spirits of Holt and Stone. It is presented to the volunteering organization that has best embodied RTDC's mission of "going green" -- that environmentally sound renovations can help low income families reduce home utility costs. This year's winner is HSBC Bank.

On March 31, in Bender Arena on the campus of American University, the

AU chapter of Stone's fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, will be holding its annual fundraising event -- a Wheelchair Basketball Game for Veterans from Walter Reed Hospital -- to benefit Push America as well as the Wounded Warriors Project. These young men of Pi Kappa Phi contacted us wanting to establish an annual Humanitarian award in memory of Stone and Holt, and inviting us to present it during halftime. Inclusion of the veterans from Walter Reed and the Wounded Warriors Project is especially meaningful to us because Stone worked on various veterans issues in his studies as a History major with Guy Alchon at The University of Delaware.

Ahead in the spring are fundraising events planned by Stone's and Holt's friends at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, Rice University in Texas, and various places in the Washington DC area including Holt's Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda. Another We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* will benefit The Beacon where Stone and Holt volunteered in downtown Houston.

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Lastly -- a few weeks ago we received in the mail, Douglas Brinkley's just-published book, The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960. It was graciously and compassionately signed to us, with deeply felt love and sorrow for Stone and for Holt.

The book is dedicated to three people -- a visionary with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Brinkley's own father, and Stone. The dedication to Stone reads: To....

"Stone Weeks, my 23 year old assistant at Rice University who was killed in a highway trucking accident in Virginia. He was an angel of pure future.  
With an intense love of wild Alaska."

Stone and Holt were both angels of pure future. And they both had an intense love of life and of people and of this whole world. In their spirits, so does this Foundation.

Love,  
Linton and Jan

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## The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

One: This is a gentle reminder to please come if you can to support We Kare-eoke  
\*Washington\* II on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland.

We will benefit -- raising awareness, money and volunteers for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC and Environment America -- three organizations that Stone and Holt were involved with and believed in.

Like last year, there will be great songs to sing. Come early to choose your song and be sure to get a spot onstage. You can lobby before and during the evening for your singing to benefit the organizations even more. You can sing solo, duet, trio, quartet, etc.

And you can win some fun prizes made possible by generous supporters including Lebanese Taverna, Georgetown Cupcakes, DC Coast, Uncle Julio's Rio Grande Cafe, Wink and The Colbert Report.

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Two: With the end of the year approaching, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to all who support our Foundation and allow us to carry on the good works -- and meaningful fun -- that Stone and Holt started.

Since its excruciating beginning, The Foundation has issued more than \$90,000 in grants to more than a dozen organizations important to Stone and to Holt. Hundreds of people have engaged and worked in creative and compassionate ways. With your help, The Foundation has: put roofs on affordable housing in DC; contributed to blood cancer research through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; helped to save America's National Parks; served the large homeless population in Houston -- many there because of Hurricane Katrina; sent happy campers to Muscular Dystrophy Camp in Chicago; aided Habitat for Humanity building projects; staged a blood drive that collected enough blood to benefit well over 100 people; supported a late-night Florida college kitchen event that sent earthquake relief to Haiti -- and more.

With your continued generosity, we can hope to honor and to carry on the compassion and creativity that Stone and Holt brought to life in their too-short time here. As you make your year-end contributions, please keep The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation in your thoughts. Our Foundation is a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. All contributions are tax deductible.

Gratefully,  
Jan and Linton



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Earlier in the summer of 2009, before Stone and Holt were killed, Holt completed his first and last class at Rice University. In this English writing course required for graduation, he wrote an essay on the importance of being proactive in life, of taking the initiative to make good things happen in order to build community and good will for the greater good. He illustrated his thesis with a funny story about attending a concert with friends, and because of a few initiatives he took, how the night became an epic, shared tale -- spreading throughout the college community, far beyond the concert.

Both Holt and Stone were genuinely intrigued by the phenomenon of leadership, even when the circumstances leading to community-building were humorous ones. Holt made an A on his paper, and also in his last college class. Stone seemed as proud of Holt's A's as Holt was. Stone was so glad to have Holt join him at Rice, and exclaimed many times what amazing opportunities Holt would have through Rice and The Baker Institute. Stone was looking forward next to applying to graduate school in environmental history and law. Both boys were so excited to be at this glorious point, and together, taking on important causes, hoping to make a difference in this world, their futures so full of possibility and promise.

Almost 16 months after our losing Stone and Holt, some of their multitudes of dear and grief-stricken friends are taking the initiative to work with and for Stone's and Holt's Foundation, to help carry on their legacies and some of their dreams. In partnership with these wonderful young people, The Foundation is hoping to continue to support the caring organizations that Stone and Holt were engaged with. We are grateful for support at any level.

\* The University of Delaware chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity -- Stone was a charter member -- is planning We Kare-eoke Delaware for November



30, in Newark, Delaware. The night will raise awareness, volunteers, and funds for the fraternity's national outreach project, [Push America](#). The Foundation will contribute a generous grant. Stone's friends, alumni leaders John Visconi, Chris Wiggins, and Dave Tully are working together with present fraternity members.

\* At Eckerd College, close friends of Holt's are working within their Quest for Meaning class, required for graduation, on initiatives to benefit The Foundation. They are putting in service hours with [Habitat for Humanity](#), which both Holt and Stone volunteered for, and they are planning a series of events to raise funds, volunteers and awareness for our Foundation and for Habitat. More about this below.

\* At Quinnipiac University, Thomas Feola, a friend of Holt's since first grade -- and for whom Stone was a favorite babysitter -- is working on a university-wide fundraiser for The Foundation.

\* And at Rice University, friends of Stone and Holt are also planning a University event for The Foundation.

In our everyday sorrow, there is so much we cannot celebrate with Stone and Holt -- their falling in love, or pursuing meaningful careers, or playing touch football games, or taking amazing photographs, or having their own loving families. Through The Foundation, we can try to continue their love of volunteerism and their boundless energetic support for worthwhile causes. We can try like hell to keep their generous and caring spirits alive. Their magical connections with their friends are helping.

Holt's and Stone's spirits were with us in Rockville, Maryland, on Halloween Day for the first Vampire Blood Drive, sponsored by The Foundation, for [Inova Blood Donor Services](#). All ages -- many friends and also curious passers-by -- donated blood. Some friends -- and their parents -- from WJ High School remembered giving blood for the first time when Holt led the school drive in 2007. This Halloween, Stone's friend Michael Rogan showed up as a major vampire. Every donor appointment slot was filled. The gentle Inova staffers took in enough units of blood to help 117 people. Sandi Bourget of Inova proclaimed the day a success. Inova and The Foundation would like to make this an

annual event, on the weekend closest to Halloween. Thank you so much to everyone -- those who gave blood, those who tried to give blood, and those who encouraged one another to be brave. Here are some photographs from the day, offered with our gratitude to Caroline Lacey.

Thank you, also, to all of the sponsors who provided free prizes and support -- Teresa Hedrick-Ervin and FedEx Office, Congressional Aquarium, Hair Cuttery, Baja Fresh, Plaza Art, As Kindred Spirits, Hamburger Hamlet, Mamma Lucia, Massage Envy, Panera, Green Planet, Charlaire Harris, Allison Garfield and the Cast of Twilight, Rosebud Salve, Meredith FitzGibbon and R.E.M., Gemma Puglisi and the AU class and Federal Realty. Also countless friends.

Meanwhile over the same weekend in St. Petersburg, Florida -- for three nights -- the Quest for Meaning group of Eckerd friends staged "Holt's Kitchen". Ali Osband, Kara Ricciardi, Paul Montoya, and Ross Dingwall plus others prepared and delivered food to hungry students across campus until 3 AM. They procured a college golf cart to help.

Friends of Holt's wrote "Holt's Kitchen" on their chests. There is much Love there. We are grateful to the college for donating food and we are grateful to the students, who also held a bake sale to raise support. A night of music and a field day are also being planned. Again, through their initiatives, we hope to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Rebuilding Together of Washington DC held An Afternoon Tea and Scotch Tasting -- in memory of Stone and Holt -- at the home of Jackie Judd and Michael Schulman in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on Sunday, Oct. 24. All donations went straight to Rebuilding Together of Washington DC. Janice Stango, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together, writes: "We raised over \$5,400, which will be used to purchase energy star appliances, weatherization kits, and other energy saving building materials for the homes on which we work. We were already able to put 2 big refrigerators in a shelter for men who are transitioning out of homelessness with some of the proceeds." Erika Sward of St Columba's Church, writes that all of the generous donations will "help ensure that the environmental initiatives that were so important to Stone and Holt can be sustained this year in our Rebuilding projects. [This] will have an important

impact, especially during these difficult economic times." We thank everybody involved.

We want to thank the American University class in public relations led by Gemma Puglisi. Our student group has worked on a Wikipedia page, a Twitter account, and a new Facebook presence for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. They have also helped promote some of The Foundation's fall events, and have planned a coffee fundraising event on the AU campus to draw more attention to The Foundation.

On December 22, The Foundation will present another annual night of music and meaning in loving memory of Stone and Holt at the second We Kare-eoke Washington in Bethesda at Union Jack's. This year we will again spotlight and benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, and Environment America.

We Kare-eoke II will work like last year's event with a few minor changes. Singing by all ages, and configurations as you wish -- solos, duets, trios, quartets, etc. Prizes, giveaways, T-shirts, and volunteer opportunities. There will be a suggested donation at the door. Singers will be lobbying for their songs, so please come and vote with cash support. All donations of the night will go to the three organizations.

At the suggestion of a Houston We Kare-eoke supporter, this year we will try early pledging for singers. Go to [www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org) and choose your song early from the Official We Kare-eoke songlist. You do not have to let us know before Dec. 22 -- if you choose the same song as someone else, that is ok. Let friends and family know what you plan to sing, lobby them for support ahead of time, and then come early enough on Dec. 22 -- with your donations -- to make sure you get a singing spot. (Last year time ran out for a few who wanted to sing or sing again.)

Like last year, at the event you can lobby even more for your song. The three top lobbyists who raise the most money for singing their songs will receive Grand Prizes. All of this to carry on the Love for Stone and for Holt and for the good causes they believed in -- while having fun.

We want to end with another family story, painful, and poignant. For many years, when Carl Loovis -- forever beloved uncle to Stone and Holt and brother-in-law to us, husband to Linton's sister Mary -- came home from work every day, he put his pocket change in a jar. At age 67, Carl left us in December, 2009, because of a cancer he bravely fought for 7 years. Carl's granddaughter, 5 year old Enya, was given Carl's pocket change jar. After counting it with her mother Kristin, Enya was astonished it was \$62 and then said that she wanted it to go to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. Stone and Holt had many wonderful times with Carl and delighted in Carl's boundless enthusiasm for life, his effortless good grace. They loved sweet Enya, too.

We are grateful for Enya's and Carl's gift and the gifts of so many others that are enabling us to take the initiative that Holt and Stone so wanted to take themselves -- to make good things happen. We are trying to do this for them, to keep their good works and beautiful spirits alive and active in this world -- as we ache for them physically here beside us.

As the end of 2010 nears, please remember The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation in your annual year-end giving.

Gratefully,  
Jan and Linton

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Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC is holding an afternoon tea and scotch tasting -- in memory of Stone and Holt -- at the home of Jackie Judd and Michael Shulman. The invitation is below.

In keeping with the spirit of the Green Hammer Award, created in memory of Stone and Holt, all proceeds generated from the afternoon's gathering will be used to make Rebuilding Together's 2011 homes more energy efficient and "green."

It is very meaningful to us that Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC has chosen to honor Stone and Holt in this way.

-- Linton and Jan

## Fundraiser for Rebuilding Together of Washington, DC

**In memory of Stone and Holt Weeks**

Sunday, October 24, 2010

2:00pm – 4:30pm

Hosted by Jackie Judd and Michael Shulman  
at their home:

3708 Thornapple Street

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Please RSVP to:

[RTDC@rebuildingtogetherdc.org](mailto:RTDC@rebuildingtogetherdc.org)

This afternoon tea will include a variety of exotic teas, sweets, & savories from around the world.

Michael will host a scotch tasting of rare single malts.

Football will be on the big screen near the scotch tasting area. Estate jewelry and other exotica and collectibles will be for sale away from the football screening.

**All proceeds will be contributed to RTDC to make homes more energy efficient & “green,” in memory of Stone and**



# Holt Weeks.

## Minimum contribution of \$50 suggested.

*Additional donations of jewelry, gently used fashion accessories, musical CDs, and books (no text books please) are still being solicited. These should be dropped off at 4921 Sherier Place, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Please use the box on the front porch. No need to ring the bell. All donations are tax deductible and must be received by October 18, 2010 for use at the fundraiser.*

Can't attend but would like to contribute? ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Bill my credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard  
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We would like to begin by thanking again all of the beautiful speakers at each of the five achingly painful, but very meaningful ceremonies held for Stone and Holt over this past year. Most of their reflections are accessible on the [About Stone and Holt](#) page on the Foundation website.

Under an early evening sky in June, many of us gathered at the tennis courts at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda to dedicate [a memorial boulder to Holt and memorial benches to Holt and Stone](#). Principal Chris Garran spoke movingly of the meaning of each word on the boulder's plaque at this now-sacred space at the entrance to the courts. And he ended by saying:

"So this plaque speaks to an awe-inspiring, surprising, wonderful young man who has left an incredibly vivid impression... as a son, brother, friend, teammate and leader... and all that those words mean for the people who knew him... and for those who did not know him, but who will pass this spot... who will maybe sit, rest, linger for a while...

Let me finish by ... mentioning that next to the plaque we have these two benches that stand side-by-side – just as Holt and Stone always stood by each other. Here – these brothers continue to do so.

And this boulder upon which we have placed the plaque: Know that the word “boulder” comes from a Scandinavian source, “bullersten,” from bullra” – to roar – and “sten” or stone or rock. Thus, we have a roaring rock - a stone in a stream causing water to roar around it– and thus, “bullersten,” boulder, noisy rock... Knowing Holt, I believe a noisy, roaring stone is exactly what he would want. It reminds us of him and of his brother. And so we place this plaque on a noisy, roaring stone: you hear the debates, the laughs, you hear the music. Together, with these brothers’ benches, this is Holt’s Memorial at Walter Johnson.

Now, in the spirit of that noise and in recognition of Holt’s love for music, let us listen to Holt’s Prayer for Us – Bob Dylan’s 'Forever Young'. "

Holt's and Stone's deep love of music and noise and friends was present at U Street Music Hall on August 1. Approximately 200 people congregated for [a night of music and meaning and love](#) -- featuring the graceful and gifted [Greta Morgan Salpeter](#), formerly of the Hush Sound and now of Gold Motel. We have chosen Greta's song "Echo" to end each of the music preludes at all of the memorial ceremonies. And, through our pain,

we have developed a dear friendship with her. Wonderfully talented DC musicians Matthew Hemerlein and Tennis System also played during the night's show. All of the musicians generously donated their time and talents. And we are so grateful to them all. The benefit raised more than \$4000 for the Foundation. But more important, it brought together old friends and new friends in the spirit of Stone and Holt.

In Newsletter 5, we mentioned the creative and original [Walter Johnson High School Fashion Club Show](#) in May that benefited the Foundation.

We, in turn, used the proceeds from the night -- along with an additional grant from the Foundation -- to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp in Chicago where Stone volunteered with so much heart during high school. All in all, we provided enough support to send nine campers to this camp. As MDA's Christine Clemons reported at the WJ Fashion Show, camp is especially meaningful to these children. We also underwrote a [Giant Cupcake Day](#) for them. Lou Weeks -- a beloved cousin of Stone's and Holt's -- and John Gurdian -- a beloved friend of Stone's and Holt's -- accompanied the wonderful Chicago cake artist Kate Sigel -- like Stone, a former counselor -- to the camp to help serve the oversized cupcakes and to speak of the ways that Stone and Holt believed in doing for others. [A report](#) and [moving photographs](#) of the day are posted on our website.

The MDA Camp has established the [Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award](#) that recognizes an outstanding first year volunteer each year. We see these two moments -- the fashion show in Bethesda and the MDA camp in Chicago -- as perfect examples of encouraging strong, roll-up-your-sleeves volunteerism as well as everyone coming together to have fun and do good at the same time.

That same spirit of connecting good people and good works has inspired us to work with Stone's Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brothers at the University of Delaware to stage a We Kare-eoke night in Newark, Delaware this fall. The fraternity's outreach project, [Push America](#), is a national organization with dozens of programs that educate undergraduates, alumni, and communities about the abilities of people with disabilities. We want to support their creative goodness. We will tell you more about this wonderful group of guys in newsletters to come.

On Halloween Day this fall, please come out to Congressional Plaza in Rockville, MD, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. -- Sunday October 31 for the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation [Vampire Blood Drive](#). Come in costume and, as Holt said when he led his high school blood drive, "It'll be fun. There'll be snacks. Everybody will be there." Holt's teacher Fred Delello said that Holt also offered to sit and hold the hand of anyone who was afraid. Under his leadership, student participation more than doubled. Inova Blood Services will have a bloodmobile parked in the parking lot and there will be prizes and surprises. Tell your friends. We will sit with you and hold your hand. You can sign up at the special [Foundation signup page](#) on the Inova Blood Services website.

Please remember [We Kare-eoke Washington II](#) -- again in Bethesda at Union Jack's on December 22. We will benefit more worthwhile organizations -- and hope to sign up more volunteers, too.

We have created a [Work So Far page](#) on the Foundation website that lists in short form what Stone's and Holt's Foundation has done in it's first year. It pales in every way to what they themselves would have accomplished were they still here. We miss them unspeakably.

Thank you to Rich Preyer -- who spoke at the Greta Concert about walking the Appalachian Trail in honor of Stone and Holt -- for his creative way of supporting our Foundation. Other generous people have given to the Foundation in creative ways: One donor sent us a portion of her beloved mother's estate and several families have made grants through their family foundations. We are grateful for any support.

We are grateful to Jess Simon, Stone's friend from St. Andrew's, who has helped us with the Foundation website. And to Gemma Puglisi who teaches an innovative public relations class in the communications department at American University. Each year Gemma and her class select one or more nonprofits as class projects. The brainstorming students explore various ways to help organizations carry out their missions. This year her class chose our Foundation as one of three groups. On the last day of August we met with the six AU students who, over the next 18 weeks, will help us find smart ways to propel our Foundation into

the future, injecting enthusiasm and goodwill into our mission.

And in closing -- knowing that each day for us is a challenge to endure, our wonderful friends often ask what they can do to help us in our suffering and to honor Stone and Holt and all they accomplished in their too short time here on Earth. We realize that the best answer we have is: Please help us, as much as you can, by supporting The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, visiting [the website](#) and attending the events.

We are grateful for all of your help in our efforts to echo some of the hopes and dreams and some of the spirit of Stone and of Holt in this world that they cared for so actively and so deeply.

Jan and Linton Weeks

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## Newsletter 5

The last six weeks have been an especially intense period of Memorial Dedications and Awards in honor of Stone and Holt. So many friends, teachers and mentors have given achingly beautiful reflections in honor of Stone and of Holt. We will begin and end this newsletter by quoting from two. All of the reflections are powerful, and links -- including photographs -- can be found on [the News & Events page](#) of the Foundation website.

On May 15 at The University of Delaware, Stone's beloved History professor Guy Alchon spoke to those gathered:

"From each generation, then, come those whose eyes fix upon the beaten, betrayed, and martyred children of the earth. Certainly in his keenest aspect, Stone bent toward such hard-headed goodness, understood that hope required defiance, and that help and rescue were the totems of a worthy life...

Achingly beautiful you are, living testimony of a part of Stone's fate yet unwritten. Know that the lives you choose to live, the place you choose to stand, all of it will unfold with Stone's hand gently at your back. You, even at your lowest and most fearful, are thus blessed by the hand of a man forever young, who even as you age is your dedicated friend, who asks, in return, a thing deceptively simple: that you hold him close.

The years to come are more trying than you can know. Your memories of Stone, especially the sweet and silly ones, are your treasure, are his gifts to you. He is Always Faithful, but then he mostly was. What shall you be? Where shall you make your stand in a world terrible and random?

...Your answers, the filling in of the pages of your lives, also fill in the last pages of Stone's book. Hold him close; never forget, never doubt the power of remembering, for Memory is our only connection to Hope. And Hope is life defiant."

Such expressions of love and remembrance inspire us through our agony and pain to continue the work of this Foundation. As we approach the anniversary of losing both of our beautiful sons -- July 23 -- The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation will try to keep the spirits of Stone and Holt alive and dynamic.

Countless people are helping. And for that we are forever grateful.

\* An Evening with Greta, a Benefit Concert for the Foundation. Greta Morgan Salpeter, is the singer/songwriter from Chicago, whose beautiful song Echo we have played at all of the memorial services. She heard NPR's tribute to Stone and Holt the weekend after the crash. She wrote us a sensitive, wrenching letter. Jan wrote her back and Greta says she was pulled deeper into the story of Stone and Holt.

When Caroline Lacey -- Holt's friend and a tireless Friend of the Foundation -- got in touch with Greta, unbeknownst to us, and asked her about doing a benefit concert, Greta said yes. She will be in DC on August 1. It is a Sunday night. Please order your tickets and support the Foundation and Greta. She is a beautiful person with a beautiful voice singing beautiful music.

\* Rich Preyer graduated from Wake Forest University in the spring of 2009 and decided to hike the Appalachian Trail. He wanted to do it meaningfully, and after learning of Stone and Holt, he chose to dedicate his hike to them.

In a letter to us, friends and supporters, he wrote: "I've been fortunate to have the opportunity to have this experience. Although I have never met Stone and Holt Weeks, I am inspired to know so many people have listened to the story of their lives and helped to continue their vibrant legacy by supporting this trek. Stone and Holt strove and succeeded to make the world a better place through their intelligence, selflessness and volunteerism. Their footsteps left and continue to leave a huge imprint and I am grateful, as I hike this long trail, in some small way, to be like Stone and Holt, and follow in their path."

So far Rich has raised \$4000 for the Foundation. In Rich's honor, and in the spirit of Stone and Holt, we will be sending that money to Environment America and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This is one of our desires for the Foundation, to inspire young people to work -- and play -- for causes greater than ourselves.

\* Betsy Carmody Gonzalez, who was one of Holt's youth leaders for

years at St. Columba's, was ordained at the National Cathedral on June 5. Betsy wrote in the St. Columba's newsletter that a portion of the offertory from the Cathedral service "will be donated to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. Holt was one of those 6th graders in my very first class, and his life and loss inspire me to continue to ask where and how I am being called to make the greatest impact in this world."

To date, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has given more than \$65,000 in grants to further the good works and fun -- and to carry out some of the dreams -- of Stone and Holt. Your generosity helps their generosity live on -- and inspires others to live more generously.

\* The spirit of having fun for a good cause was in the stormy spring air at The Seize Life Charity Fashion Show, held on Friday, May 14, 2010 at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda. A large, multigenerational turnout watched students parade along a runway -- to a synthbeat backdrop -- in all kinds of fashionable clothes, including T-shirts.

Please see [the report on the Fashion Show](#) for photographs and to read what we said and who all we thanked.

The WJ Fashion Club organized the evening and our Foundation presented \$3000 to the [Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp in Chicago](#) -- where Stone volunteered during high school. Christine Clemons of the Washington area MDA graciously received the check on behalf of the MDA. She made a moving, meaningful speech about how important volunteers are to young campers with muscular dystrophy.

All in all, the event raised nearly \$6000 for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, enabling the Foundation to make an additional grant of \$4400 more to the MDA camp. Another \$1500 was donated to WJ for scholarship awards in memory of two teachers, Karl Savage and Carolyn Berger-Ott, and a friend and former student, Celine Silver.

A majority of the MDA donations will be used to sponsor deserving campers and a small portion will underwrite a [Giant Cupcake Day](#) for the camp, this year and next. Special thanks to former camp counselor Kate Sigel in Chicago who generously volunteered to bake the 20 huge

cupcakes.

\* The Tilden Woods Neighborhood. "Thanks to everyone for the successful Tilden Woods House Tour May 2," our friend and neighbor Marta Vogel wrote on the neighborhood listserv. "It was good to see the interesting additions and modifications our neighbors had made, as well as raising money for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation."

The neighborhood gathered together and raised almost \$1000 for the Foundation. As we say in [our report on the House Tour](#), we are grateful to our friends and neighbors for this event. Especially thank you to Marta who first proposed and then organized the event and to everyone else who opened their houses.

We will use the money to make a \$1000 grant to Habitat for Humanity, an organization that both Stone and Holt volunteered for -- Stone in Tennessee and Holt in Mexico.

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Please note that the evening of Improv offered by Shawn Westfall at DC Improv has been postponed for now.

And please visit [the Foundation website](#) for all programs, reflections, and photographs of the memorials and awards. These were sacred ceremonies and now are sacred places. And yet we know that the immense spirits of Stone and Holt are found wherever we find people who love them.

On June 4 at Walter Johnson High School, Holt's good friend David Park ended his poignant reflection:

"I know how much Holt loved history, so I thought I would end with something I recently read about the first Great War. During the War, the British Imperial Graves Commission asked British writers to come up with some words to inscribe on the gravestones of young British soldiers who lost their lives fighting on the Western Front ... Although it turns out that Kipling wrote most of the official inscriptions, one family of a fallen soldier submitted an inscription that I think is particularly appropriate for Holt. The inscription read, 'If love could have saved him, he would not have died.'"

We are grateful for your care and support,

## Linton and Jan

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When we are asked how we are able to manage working on this Foundation, Jan, through her tears, often tells about a book of moral philosophy by T. M. Scanlon that we found among Stone's impressive collection of books in Houston. On the very simple, beautiful cover is a still life painting by Giorgio Morandi and the title: **What We Owe to Each Other**.

We struggle through pain-filled days as best we can: We have passed Stone's birthday in March and Holt's comes soon in April. The Foundation serves as one way for us, and others, to stay connected and committed to Stone and Holt. They continue, as they always have, to inspire us all.

Thank you to everyone -- old friends and new friends -- who are supporting The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation in so many ways.

Special thank yous to two, whose constant thinking and doing has given the Foundation more function and form than can be easily explained: Susan Park, who serves as the Foundation's administrator, and Caroline Lacey, who continues to make so many things happen.

Before telling about several recent events, here are a few coming up:

\* May 2 - Tilden Woods House Tour -- Our neighbor Marta Vogel has organized a home tour in the neighborhood where Stone and Holt grew up, to raise money for the Foundation.

\* May 14 - Seize Life Charity Fashion Show -- Fashion With a Cause will take place at Walter Johnson High School to benefit the Foundation. The idea was conceived and organized by a student group formed around the WJ Fashion Club. Our partner organization will be the Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp of Chicago where Stone volunteered. Proceeds from the night will go toward sponsoring campers

and -- with the help of pastry chef Kate Sigel, another former MDA Camp volunteer -- an especially fun Giant Cupcake Day for the campers in June.

\* May 15 - All are invited to Newark, Delaware, for the dedication of a memorial bench in honor of Stone on the campus of The University of Delaware. Stone's beloved history professor, Dr. Guy Alchon -- as well as several other good friends -- will speak. Chris Wiggins will play an original song he wrote for Stone.

\* May 17 - At Walter Johnson's Academic Awards Night, a Leadership Award in memory of Holt will be presented.

\* June 4 - All are invited to Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland, for the dedication of a memorial boulder in honor of Holt. Holt's beloved principal, Dr. Chris Garran -- as well as several faculty members and good friends -- will speak.

\* July 13 - Please join us for a night of improv -- an art form that Stone and Holt especially loved. Shawn Westfall and DC Improv have offered this event, titled especially for the Foundation, New & Improved Improv. We will use the night to benefit the World Wildlife Fund. Watch the website for ticket information and more details.

With urging from others, we are planning a benefit music concert later in the summer, a Vampire Blood Drive to support Inova Blood Services around Halloween, and We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2 in December.

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We are grateful to Val Carter and Community Cupcakes for an extraordinary evening at Walter Johnson High School on Feb 27. Cupcake Idol was a wonderful celebration of the life of Val's amazing son, Luke Carter-Schelp. All proceeds went to our Foundation. Special thank yous to Nico Atencio and the WJHS Leadership Class, to the School of Rock and to Isabel Hernandez-Cata and the WJHS stage crew. Val reports that 29 singers participated and about 1,000 cupcakes were donated.

"In total, including leadership, I would guess that around 100 people had

a hand in making the evening a success," Val says. " That is quite a tribute to our boys." The evening raised more than \$4500.

We used the night to announce the Foundation's grant to the American Red Cross, mentioned in [the last newsletter](#), earmarked for the children and young people affected by the earthquake in Haiti. We also announced two grants to Crisis Kitchen, the Eckerd College students' creative idea that raised money for Partners in Health -- which is also engaged in relief work in Haiti.

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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's first annual [Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge Award](#) was given to Walter Johnson High School in early March. The Foundation awarded a special Honorable Mention to Blake High School. This award is inspiring ever-more creative high school fundraisers for LLS.

At their annual meeting, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC presented the first annual [Green Hammer Award](#) in memory of Stone and Holt. St. Columba's Church received the plaque in recognition of their green initiative to install the first solar panels in Rebuilding Together's history. The panels were put into place to lower the energy bills of an elderly homeowner who is raising a granddaughter and living on a fixed income.

[We Kare-eoke \\*Houston\\*](#) on March 19 was a bold experiment to see if an avatar of We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* could be transported to other places around the country. In the spirit of Stone and Holt, so many in Houston dressed wild, sang loud and raised money, awareness and support for our partner organization for the night: The Beacon -- a division of Cathedral Health and Outreach Ministries -- that provides a wide range of services to thousands of homeless people. Stone and Holt loved volunteering there.

We want to thank Jennifer Condi, John Higginbotham, Sean Graham, and all of the Foundation's friends and supporters in Texas for making it such a success. Jan and Linton could not be there, and skyped in.

Click [here](#) to see photographs and to read more, including Stone's email

sent to us last May about The Beacon. We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* raised \$1500 and the Foundation contributed another \$3000 to The Beacon.

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The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has issued nearly \$50,000 in grants to organizations and schools that were dear to the hearts of Stone and Holt. And, as part of its two-pronged mission, it is supporting original and creative events that raise money, awareness and volunteers for worthwhile causes.

We want to thank many people who have been inspired by Stone and Holt:

Rich Preyer of North Carolina never met Stone and Holt but heard of their stories and was moved to turn his Appalachian Trail walk into a fundraiser for the Foundation.

Supporters of the Foundation have instructed friends and family members to donate in recognition of birthdays and half-birthdays. The boys' beloved uncle Carl Loovis, who left us in December, asked beforehand that memorial gifts made in his name be given to Stone's and Holt's Foundation.

Recently the boys' friend Daniel Abzug, a junior at The University of Maryland- Baltimore, asked about staging a We Kare-eoke event there. We said yes without hesitation. This is exactly what The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation is about.

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Two memorials have been created by other groups to honor the lives of Stone and Holt. Although not directly tied to the Foundation, the memorials will direct attention to it and its mission.

At the Marchutz School in Aix-en-Provence, France, the Stone and Holt Weeks Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established. "In memory of Stone and Holt Weeks and in honor of their mother, Jan Taylor Weeks -- an artist-in-residence at the Marchutz School -- who has had a long and meaningful relationship with the Marchutz school and community..."

Thank you to Alan Roberts, John Gasparach, and the Institute for

American Universities, as well as to all who are contributing, for this meaningful tribute.

Also, the Stone and Holt Weeks Fellowship was created in memory of Stone and Holt by NPR and The Washington Post. "Designed to give a promising individual the opportunity to launch a career in journalism..."

Thank you to Margaret Low Smith, Vivian Schiller, Ellen Weiss, Dick Meyer and others at NPR and Katharine Weymouth, Marcus Brauchli, Peter Perl, Paul Farhi and Eugene Robinson at The Washington Post who are making this happen.

For other News & Events and past Newsletters, please visit [The Foundation website](#).

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In closing: A friend of Stone's, Tim Faust -- who now lives in California -- wrote to tell us that he could not be at We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*.

Stone was Tim's teaching assistant for some history classes at Rice, and they became friends. Among other things, Tim wrote of his lasting impression of Stone -- how much fun Stone had with everything he did - how he loved everything that he was involved in.

Tim went on to say "...everyone really, genuinely was -- and is -- in love with Stone. How couldn't we be, when the guy cared so much for the world around him? It was reciprocal."

We also recently heard from Shubrick Kothe, director of Landon's tennis camp in Bethesda where Holt taught two summers during high school.

Speaking of Holt's "sense of humor and beautiful smile...", Shubrick said that he has "the most wonderful memories of a fine and charismatic young man whose popularity with both students and fellow staff members was unsurpassed. Holt brought to my camp his enthusiasm and vigor thus raising the level of everyone around him. I was a witness to his many kindnesses and genuine concerns for everyone he encountered, not just the best or most popular kids."

We wanted to end by sharing these two excerpts from recent letters that underscore why we feel so compelled to try to build this Foundation for the sake of our sons.

In their short time, Stone and Holt gave so much of themselves to us and to the world.

We feel this is what we owe to them.

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## Newsletter 3

As difficult as it was for us, We Kare-eoke on December 22 in Washington was meaningful. Throughout the evening, The Foundation presented \$9,000 -- \$3,000 to each of the three partner organizations.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC and Environment America were all organizations that Stone and Holt were involved with. The event raised an additional \$9,000, so that each of the three took home \$6,000. The organizations used the evening to represent their missions and sign up volunteers.

The Foundation is awarding another \$4,000 to each group. They have set up memorial awards in the names of Stone and Holt to encourage others to get involved. Here is [a full report](#) of the night, including the memorial descriptions, our speeches, and photographs.

As we try to endure these deepest of human sorrows, one moment at a time, we try to manage our pain and search for ways to accommodate it. And we search to find ways to hold on to life for Stone's and Holt's sakes.

As The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation is evolving, it continues to inspire people to think and act in caring and creative and fun ways at the same time -- in the true spirit of Stone and Holt. We believe this to be the ultimate mission of the Foundation: To encourage and reward people who are thinking -- and helping others -- outside of the box. We have recrafted the [homepage](#) of The Foundation's website to better describe its mission.

Here are a few of the creative-genius acts of friends inspired by the stories of Stone and Holt.

In November, Bob Garfield launched a website called [The Virtuous Mob](#). "Welcome to the mob," he wrote on its homepage, "the teeming horde of frenzied do-gooders coalescing as one in service of service." It

is a genius idea, combining blogging, flashmobbing, microgiving and e-goodness in one place. Using The Foundation as a test case, Bob invited people to donate \$11.18 on 11/18, in memory of Stone and Holt.

In December, Gene Weingarten used his [Washington Post chatsite](#) to auction off his 1991 Mazda 323 on eBay. This car has been a regular, comical character in his brilliant writings and it brought in many bids. "You are bidding on an opportunity to make history," Gene wrote, "by getting The Worst Deal Ever on a Used Car." The idea, of course, was to turn clunker into lucre -- for a good cause, The Foundation.

So many people have discovered creative ways to support The Foundation. Bob Woodward and Elsa Walsh donated a substantial speaker's fee. John Visconi passed along winnings from a sports wager. Mac and Wendy McCorkle and the Brownstein Family Foundation graciously signed over stock. The Alexander and Margaret Stewart Trust, The Kiplinger Foundation as well as friends, family members, and many people we have never met have made significant contributions to keeping alive the work and spirit of Stone and Holt.

So many have given, and we are so appreciative. Over 350 donations have helped us establish a Foundation that will pass along every penny to organizations and schools that further the memory and message and meaningfulness of Stone and Holt.

Your generous contributions, large and small, to The Foundation will enable us to continue -- in the spirits of Stone and Holt -- to find new and creative ways to make the world a better place.

We have had people offer to stage an improv night, a fashion show, a Greek smorgasbord, an innovative tennis tournament and many other creative acts on behalf of The Foundation.

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On February 27, [Community Cupcakes](#) will be sponsoring Cupcake Idol at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland, and has generously chosen to benefit The Foundation. Community Cupcakes was founded in 2007 to honor the life of Luke Carter-Schelp, an

extraordinary, friend-to-many boy who died a sudden and tragic death.

Luke's mother, Val Carter, is an energetic, creative person who stages benefits each year in honor of Luke's birthday. This year she will be holding an American Idol-type singing competition at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda. Pizza sales start at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 apiece. All proceeds, including T-shirt sales, go to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. And, of course, there will be cupcakes.

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We plan to announce at Community Cupcakes, that in the spirit of Stone and Holt, The Foundation issued a \$5,000 grant to the American Red Cross in January. The money was earmarked to help the orphans, children and young people of Haiti in the wake of the recent earthquake. Also recently, Holt's friends at Eckerd College alerted us to their Crisis Kitchen -- two all-night sessions of feeding hungry college students -- with all proceeds going to Haiti medical relief. The Foundation rewarded their creative initiative with a \$500 grant.

We Kare-eoke Houston is planned for Friday, March 19, 2010 at [The Firkin & Phoenix](#) pub. Like the first We Kare-eoke in Washington, it will be a night of singing for a good cause, raising awareness, funds, and volunteers for [The Beacon of Houston](#), another of the organizations that Stone and Holt volunteered for. We are indebted to Stone's friends Jennifer Condi for making this happen, and John Higginbotham for taking on the role of emcee. Many other Houston friends of Stone's and Holt's will be helping to make it a success. A Facebook event page is being created.

A [News & Events](#) page has been added to the website.

Beautiful reflections and wonderful stories of Stone and Holt shared by their friends are now included on The Foundation website in the memorial services held at Rice University in October, and Eckerd College in November. Click here to read the [Rice reflections](#) and the [Eckerd reflections](#).

An original instrumental song, a student thesis film and a campus online newspaper have been dedicated to Stone and/or Holt and linked to the [About Stone and Holt](#) page.

In our next newsletter, we would like to tell about Foundation plans for later spring and summer, including sponsoring campers and a Giant Cupcake Day at the [Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp](#) in Chicago.

Stone and Holt continue to have a profound effect on this world. Again and always, thank you all for your love and support of our family and our Foundation.

Linton and Jan Taylor Weeks

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## Newsletter 2

We want to begin with a story written lovingly to us from Sarah Taylor, an actress in Los Angeles. Good friends since 6th grade, Sarah and Stone were in their senior year in high school at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. As a group of friends sat outside near the lacrosse field, they all reminisced about their 7 years together that would soon come to an end at graduation. They discussed who dated whom "back in the day", and someone pointed out that Sarah and Stone never dated. Thinking that this was just wrong and wanting to remedy the situation, they decided they would date. For two minutes. They timed it. Stone asked Sarah to be his girlfriend and she said yes. They sat together on the hill overlooking the field, holding hands. Then, as planned, they stopped holding hands and "broke up".

Sarah says that she and Stone joked for years afterward that they had had the perfect relationship: not a single fight.

We love that story. It speaks to love and friendship and the fleetingness of life. And to Stone's -- and his friends' -- wonderful sense of whimsy.

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Please don't forget the whimsical and worthwhile We Kare-eoke night at Union Jack's in Bethesda on Dec. 22. Doors open at 8. Karaoke begins at 9. Get there early to sign up for your song. They should go fast. The Official Song List is posted here on the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation website.

We know that Stone and Holt loved to celebrate and sing and volunteer. We Kare-eoke seemed to be a good -- if painful -- way to honor their spirits and their wishes. And to help some caring organizations. Thank you for supporting We Kare-eoke. It is another of many events and memorials designed to honor -- in significant ways -- the extraordinary lives of our two sons.

We miss Stone and Holt beyond words, beyond time, beyond space.

Here is the way the karaoke night will work. You will pay at the door. The suggested donation is \$10, but feel free to donate more, or a lot more. Every bit of the money taken in that night will go to three organizations that Holt and Stone worked for: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, RebuildingTogether DC, and EnvironmentAmerica.

Please bring lots of cash or checks. Dollar bills. Five dollar bills. Tens and 20s. There will be multiple ways to donate. Again, all proceeds from the evening will go to the three partner organizations.

Also at the front door, please write your name and email address on the master sign-up sheet.

Once you get inside, go straight to the "Sign Here to Sing Here" table and pick out your karaoke song from the more than 80 offerings -- each song a Stone and Holt favorite. Once a song is picked, it goes off the list, so don't procrastinate.

You will be handed a bright green envelope. Write the name of your song on the envelope and, this being Washington, immediately begin to lobby for your song to be the Best in Show. You may even have to sing snippets of your song a cappella to convince people to stuff your ballot box (envelope) with money.

At the end of the evening, you will turn in your envelope. The singer with the most accumulated money wins a Grand Prize.

There will be other prizes, too, including Wildest Dressed, Most Electric Performance, Best Air Band and the Je Ne Sais Quoi award.

Once you have logged in and begun to lobby, you will also want to:

- \* Take advantage of the food and drink specials at Union Jack's. Please don't drink too much alcohol.

- \* Listen to the performances. We know for a fact there will be many, many showstoppers.

- \* Pay attention to brief announcements from the partner organizations, to the instructions, introductions and words of wisdom from the emcees and

to the stories of Stone and Holt told throughout the night -- on stage and off.

\* Purchase a \$20 We Kare-eoke T-shirt -- in the Weeks Brothers colors of spring green and pink.

\* Sign up for the \$10 DVD of the night's proceedings. The DVD will be sent to you as soon as it's ready.

\* Buy a bunch of Waffle Raffle tickets -- 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. There will be many prizes... A \$100 gift certificate to Black Market Bistro. An original poster from the new Twilight movie signed by the cast. Free performances at Strathmore. A \$100 gift certificate to The Bean Bag coffee store. And more. There will be a drawing at 11:30. You will not have to be present to win.

\* Learn about -- and sign up to volunteer -- at the "Call to Action Tables" of the night's partner organizations.

Reminders: The first 400 people in the door will receive free Rosebud Lip Balm. Throughout the night we will be presenting checks to the partner organizations, on top of the money raised during the evening.

We are so grateful to Stone's and Holt's friends who have made this happen. And we want to thank all the many volunteers and sponsors. We hope to see you there.

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People have asked about the relationship between The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation and the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. By joining forces with CFNCR, we immediately became a nonprofit public charity, as defined by the IRS. All donations received by the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation are tax deductible. For a meager administrative fee, about 1 percent, CFNCR handles incoming donations, gives us reports and fills out all the year-end tax forms. We are grateful to Susan Park for leading us to them. If you have any questions, please email us at [www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org).

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Like the young men it was named for, The Stone and Holt Weeks

Foundation is inspiring people -- including us -- to think about creative and original ways to support good causes and to have fun at the same time. In Newsletter 3, we want to tell you about some of those inventive notions, including Bob Garfield's Virtuous Mob flashmob, Gene Weingarten's Crappy Car auction and John Visconi's Sports Dare. And we want to share with you the memorials dedicated to Stone and Holt and some future events. Please continue to visit the website as it has recently been updated with the Eckerd College memorial service, and a page that allows you to print out gift cards for donating in honor of others.

As Eckerd College President Donald Eastman said at the Eckerd memorial service, if the Beatles have it right that all you need is love, then Holt and Stone have it all.

In our deep grief, we are grateful that the love continues.

Linton and Jan Taylor Weeks

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## Newsletter 1

# The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

Thank you to everyone for the interest and support you have shown for the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, and the love you have shown for Stone and Holt.

As anyone can understand, it is taking us time to pick ourselves up in our deep pain after the immense losses we have suffered. We will never get over losing Stone and Holt. Never.

But for their sakes, we are trying to find ways to put one foot in front of the other and to honor them. We hope this Foundation, built on immeasurable tragedy and sorrow, will give us reason, and will echo their extraordinary Spirits.

The sole goal of the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation is to make the world a better place for all. We hope the Foundation will be as original, creative and actively charitable as Stone and Holt were during their brief, brilliant lives.

In the spirits of Stone and Holt, the Foundation will support a variety of good causes and institutions, through financial gifts and high-energy fundraising events full of music and meaning. These events will also encourage service and help worthwhile organizations grow their volunteer bases.

You can find a list of the organizations the Foundation will support on the website: [www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org).

With the help of friends, we have many good ideas with real reach. The Foundation will be overseen by a group of honest, energetic, free-thinking, active, original people -- of various ages -- who



unquestionably put others first.

Like Stone and Holt, the Foundation will be lean, agile and graceful. It will cherish frugality and eschew pretension. It will be eclectic, inclusive, diversity-minded and attractive to everyone.

Like Stone and Holt, the Foundation will value the contributions of everyone -- the benefactors, the donors, the volunteers and those who are on the receiving end.

One of Stone's friends in Houston tells this story, "I was always in such awe that someone so young was so passionate and dedicated to making the world a better place. I think it was Easter that we started volunteering together at the Beacon, an institution that offers food, showers, and laundry service to the homeless. Stone saw no distinction between the homeless clients, the volunteers or administrators. He spoke to everyone in the same friendly, easygoing manner and always maintained his great sense of humor."

Like Stone and Holt, the Foundation will not be preachy, but will show people that you can do good and have fun at the same time.

When Holt was a senior at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, he ran the Inova Blood Donor Services blood drive. A high school friend remembers that Holt did not exhort students to come and give blood because it would save someone's life, or even because it was a good thing to do. Instead, he urged, "It'll be fun! There'll be snacks! And everybody'll be there!" The blood drive doubled its student participation that year.

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation will be like Stone and Holt -- good natured, big-hearted, other-oriented, and fun-seeking.

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Because Stone and Holt loved singing karaoke with their friends, our first event will be a We Kare-eoke Night at Union Jack's in Bethesda, Maryland on December 22. At the event the Foundation will present financial contributions to three of the organizations that Stone and Holt volunteered for: ReBuilding Together DC, The Leukemia &

Lymphoma Society, and Environment America. Also all funds raised that night will benefit these partner organizations, and we will be recruiting volunteers for them. We hope you can be there.

We want to thank so many amazing friends for helping us with the Foundation:

Caroline Lacey has worked tirelessly to make the first We Kare-eoke happen.

Susan Park, a retired Justice Department prosecutor, is the administrator of the Foundation. With her ingenuity and acumen, she established the Foundation quickly and graciously. Her son David Park -- who also helped us with the website -- grew up playing serious tennis with Holt, and sharing so much more. They could recite together the entire "Braveheart" script.... in perfect Scottish brogue. During tennis camp sessions, they were such a duo on and off the courts, they came to be affectionately known as David and Holt together -- "Dolt".

Of course, David and the Park family were friends with Stone too.

Avery Hackett and Tom Sarvey are responsible for getting the Foundation website up and running quickly. Under difficult circumstances early on, Avery spent hours building it. And Rachel Perry and Tommy Feola helped us organize the mailing list.

They all have worked bravely with love for Stone and Holt.

For the next newsletter we want to begin with a classic story about Stone and Sarah Taylor. It is a metaphor for something we are still pondering.....

There are so many stories that reflect the amazing spirits of Stone and Holt. But they wouldn't want the first newsletter to be long and boring. So, in their honor, it won't be.

On a personal note, we want to thank Margaret Low Smith, our families and the legions of dear, dear friends --- of Stone's, of Holt's, of ours --- who have kept us going in so many ways.

All we need -- and all we have -- is love,  
And we thank you all again,  
Linton and Jan

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# We Kare-eoke

## A Report on the Evening



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Hundreds of people attended the four-hour event at Union Jack's in Bethesda on December 22. Stone's good friend John Gurdian and Holt's good friend Anna Brownstein together emceed the evening. All ages sang and performed -- some solos, some groups. There was so much love and support. And there were many tears.

Linton spoke first, "We thank all of Stone's and Holt's friends, all of our friends, who have really made this happen tonight. We thank our partner organizations, all of whom Stone and Holt believed in. We thank the Community Foundation and Kenny Emson. We thank Union Jack's for participating in a night like this. We thank Vince Higdon the DJ, John and Anna our wonderful emcees, Esther Adams for her inspirational speech and a special thank you to Caroline Lacey who worked tirelessly. We thank all of the volunteers and all of you who have given your time and money and attention to causes greater than any of us.

Then Jan spoke, "And I repeat. Thank you all so much for being here. For

supporting us, for supporting Stone, and Holt, and our Foundation and for supporting We Kare-eoke.

I wanted to say a few words, but I know that if I look at you, I won't be able to, so I have to read them.

You can only try to imagine how difficult this is for us. How difficult every day, every night, every moment is now.

We may appear strong, but we are only trying to be brave.

Someone who knows, said to me, "No one should have to endure pain so excruciating, so torturous." And she is right.

So many of you have understood how to handle us, how to be gentle and tender with us and to take on our suffering with us. Stone's friends, Holt's friends, our friends. You have created a community of love and support, and you, and this Foundation have kept us tethered to this world, this world that Stone and Holt loved so deeply, and enjoyed so immensely, and desperately wanted to make a better place for everyone.

So of course, we are here for Stone and for Holt. To remember them. To send them all of our love. And to try and carry on their hopes, their dreams, their Spirits.

We feel them here, with everything they loved. Friends, music, meaningfulness.

They loved singing karaoke and they loved helping out others.

To honor them, let's do what they would, and what they would want us to. Let's sing with all our hearts and let's do good with all our hearts.

We love you all."

More than 30 sang karaoke songs. We ran out of time for all the others who signed up to sing. We thank [awesome and generous volunteers and sponsors](#) who donated talents, and prizes.

The event raised \$9,000 that was divided evenly among the partner organizations: [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [ReBuilding Together of Washington DC](#) and [Environment America](#). The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation presented each organization with an additional \$3,000.

Beautiful speeches were made by the organizations' representatives. Each of the three announced meaningful, and creative memorial awards that honor Stone and Holt and the work that they did in their brief lives.

In appreciation for Holt's work at Walter Johnson High School The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society established a traveling trophy award in Holt's name and in

memory of Holt and Stone. As a junior in WJ's leadership class, Holt helped to create and named the successful fundraiser Triple P (Pennies for Patients Pong).

As a senior intern for the class the next year, Holt worked to improve it. It has become a school tradition and regularly wins LLS's high school challenge. [The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge](#) award trophy will go from year to year to the high school which shows the most creativity and originality in fundraising for LLS.

"Each year the school that wins The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Cup will have its name engraved onto the Cup which will reside at the winning school until the next Challenge year." It will include a \$1000 donation to that school's fundraising efforts for LLS.

Rebuilding Together of Washington DC announced an annual volunteer of the year award in recognition of Stone's and Holt's volunteering,. It will be named [The Green Hammer Award in honor of Stone and Holt Weeks](#) and will recognize the outstanding and enthusiastic service of a volunteer in memory of Stone and Holt, ..."who were enthusiastic, committed community volunteers to the Washington, DC community." Also, the volunteer selected "will have advanced Rebuilding

Together's commitment to make all the homes we work on in future years as environmentally 'green' as possible." This award will also include a \$1000 donation to Rebuilding Together of Washington DC. It will be presented each spring at the annual meeting at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, where both boys were involved and where Rebuilding Together was first founded as Christmas in April.

Environment America spoke of its connection to Stone, presenting a photograph and plaque which recognized Stone's research and work with Douglas Brinkley drawing public attention to the attempted private sale of Texas's Christmas Mountains, a public land trust. Public reaction saved the Christmas Mountains. A [letter of appreciation written by Environment Texas's Luke Metzger](#) was read.

Then Environment America announced the [Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award](#), an annual award that will acknowledge and reward the person "who finds and recruits the largest number of successful fellows in our 2 Year Fellows Program and other young people to work in the organization. ... We thought it fitting that your sons be honored by the work of people who go out and find, recruit and motivate young men and women like them who want to do 'good works'." This award will come with a \$1000 donation to Environment America.

At the end of the night, the entire room -- with many on stage together -- sang "All You Need is Love."



Stone and Holt would want others to volunteer and engage in the world to make it a better place for everyone.

# We Kare-eoke Washington II

## A Report on the Evening



### [More Photos](#)

Hundreds of people attended the four-hour event at Union Jack's in Bethesda on December 22. Stone's friends Sarah Taylor and John Skubel and Holt's friends Ana Astiz and Nathan Barash team-emceed the evening. Singers were of all ages -- solos and groups of all sizes. There was much love and support. And beautiful energy in the spirits of Stone and of Holt. And there were tears.

The event raised several thousand dollars and with additional funds provided by the Foundation, we issued \$5000 grants to each of the organizations we benefited: [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) and [Environment America](#).

Before the singing began, Micah Wiggins of Walter Johnson High School, a former teacher of Holt's, spoke beautifully about carrying on in the spirits of Holt and Stone -- doing good, having fun, caring about and engaging in community.

And Jan spoke next, "We want you all to know how grateful we are -- for your being here tonight and for your continued loving support. For many reasons Linton and I do

not want to give anyone the wrong idea -- that this is easy for us -- or for any bereaved parents. We are two completely devastated parents mourning our only two treasures in this world -- Stone and Holt. Most of you know how very vibrant and alive, how in love with life, how very compassionate, caring, and creative, Stone and Holt each were. And they made Everything.... So - Much - Fun - for - Everybody.

Then at the same cruelest, most senseless moment, they were ripped away from this world. Far, far too soon. And we are left here to respond.

And we don't have that many options. We are finding that the only response, the only answer, the only way -- to try and stay and to stanch some of the horror, the madness, and the pain is with Love. With all our Love, we are trying to stay on and to carry on in this world -- for them and with them in their spirits and on their behalfs. To do a little of the multitude of good that they would be doing. And to honor the beautiful lives they lived in their too short time here."

Then Linton said, "Stone and Holt were each so charismatic. By their enthusiastic examples, they encouraged every one of us to engage beyond ourselves. In their names, The Foundation is trying to do as they would do -- forging relationships -- with organizations like LLS, Rebuilding Together, and Environment America -- to support the world-changing work that these groups do, and also to inspire more caring activism -- as Stone and Holt would be doing. With Environment America we are rewarding individuals, with LLS we are rewarding entire high schools, and with Rebuilding Together we are rewarding whole organizations."

We especially thanked Susan Park and Caroline Lacey who contribute so much creative thinking and hard work to The Foundation. And we thanked the emcees, the volunteers and Union Jack's -- all for their generosity.

Linton closed by saying, "We are so grateful to all of you for your support and for being here. Please know that you are helping us to carry out a few of Stone's and Holt's dreams -- of making the world a better place for all.

Lastly please do good, and have fun.  
Eat and Drink Responsibly. But Sing Irresponsibly.

Beautiful speeches were made by the organizations' representatives. Each of the three spoke about the meaningful, and creative memorial awards that honor Stone and Holt and the work that they did in their brief lives. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has established The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge trophy to encourage innovative fundraisers in Washington-area high schools. Rebuilding Together rewards enthusiastic volunteerism in green building with The Green Hammer Award in Honor

of Stone and Holt Weeks. And Environment America recognizes an outstanding recruiter with The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award.

You can read more about the awards in [last years report](#).

We want to thank all of the [generous volunteers and sponsors](#) who donated talents, and prizes.

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# We Kare-eoke Washington III

## A Report on the Evening



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Hundreds of people attended the four-hour event at Union Jack's in Bethesda on December 21. Stone's friends Pete Ward and Jill Collier and Holt's friends Arin Damar and Marisa Martinez team-emceed the evening. Again, singers of all ages, solos and groups of all sizes, sang their hearts out. There was much love and support and tears. And beautiful energy in the spirits of Stone and of Holt.

The event raised thousands and with funds added by the Foundation, more than \$9000 in grants were issued to equally benefit the three organizations: [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), [Rebuilding Together of Washington DC](#) and [Environment America](#).

Before the singing began, Jan and Linton spoke.

"To all of you helping out tonight, and to all of you for coming out tonight -- Thank you all for being here -- to help keep alive the beautiful memories and the beautiful spirits of our beloved sons Stone and Holt -- and to do more good in honor of each of them.

We ask you to understand that for us life does not get easier. Things do not get better.

The catastrophic losses of both Holt and Stone, our aching and our longing for them -- is grief that is ongoing and inexpressible. And we have no good options of how to respond.

We are holding them close and striving as hard as we can -- to walk in this world for them, feeling them at our sides, their hands at our backs -- to try and carry out for them a few of their beautiful dreams. We are forever grateful for your loving support of this Foundation -- which helps us all do this.

And so we look at life differently from most people, we look at life differently from the way we did before Stone and Holt were killed 29 months ago.

We see moments as meaningful. Or meaningless. Tonight is meaningful to us. And to the countless people who will be helped through the work of LLS - researching blood cancer, Rebuilding Together DC - providing better and more efficient housing for poor people in DC, and Environment America - protecting our land, water, and air.

Stone and Holt believed in the work of these -- and all the other groups that the Foundation is supporting. They believed in the neverending force of love. They believed in you all, their incredible friends. And in doing good and having fun.

Holt and Stone inspired us and many people in so many ways. We are here to act on their inspiration, to go out into this wild and random and cruel world and look for meaning and for love. And to make them happen."

We especially continue to thank Susan Park and Caroline Lacey who contribute so much creative thinking and hard work to The Foundation. And we thank the emcees, the volunteers and Union Jack's -- all for their generosity.

There were signs posted throughout Union Jack's:  
Drink Responsibly. Sing Irresponsibly.

Beautiful speeches were made by the organizations' representatives. Each of the three spoke about the meaningful, and creative memorial awards created to encourage more volunteerism and to honor Stone and Holt and the compassionate work that they did in their brief lives. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has established The Holt Weeks Trailblazers Challenge trophy to encourage innovative fundraisers in Washington-area high schools. Rebuilding Together rewards enthusiastic volunteerism in green building with The Green Hammer Award in Honor of Stone and Holt Weeks. And Environment America recognizes an outstanding recruiter with The Stone and Holt Weeks Recruiting Award.

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# We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2012

## A Report on the Evening



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Hundreds of people attended the four-hour event at Union Jack's in Bethesda on December 23. Holt's friends Sara Cowan and David Joffe and Stone's friends Michael Rogan and Jules Baringer, with an assist by Sarah Taylor, team-emceed the evening. Again, singers of all ages, solos and groups of all sizes, sang their hearts out. There was much love and support and tears. And beautiful energy in the spirits of Stone and of Holt.

The event raised thousands and with funds added by the Foundation, \$18,000 in grants were issued to equally benefit the three organizations:

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and [Environment America](#).

Before the singing began, Jan and Linton spoke.

"Thank you, everyone. We want to begin tonight -- as 2012 comes to an end -- with a brief period of silence. To remember all of those killed in Newtown, and their parents. And to remember all those we knew and loved who left us this year, and all those who lost a loved one this year.

Thank you to everyone who is here tonight -- remembering and helping us keep alive the spirits of our beloved sons, Holt and Stone.

We miss them so incredibly much.

With your sensitive and generous help we can carry on some of their good works and goodwill.

Stone and Holt loved karaoke. We remember a Christmastime adventure a few years ago when our friends Nick and Cathy Guyer of Southampton, England brought their family here for a visit. The Guyers have five smart and beautiful children. And they came to Washington hoping that our family could show them America.

It was a tall order for Holt and Stone. But as usual, they not only rose to the occasion, they seized it and with grace, wit and a lot of good humor, they gave us all an unforgettable Christmas.

The boys guided the Guyers on a history-laced tour of the Capital city. They introduced them to the Museum of Natural History -- showing them the Hope Diamond, the African elephant and the hissing cockroach. The boys led us through The National Gallery. And then we all went back to our house and everybody -- of all ages -- sang karaoke. We had the best time. Holt and Stone made everything so much fun.

That is why these events, as hard as they are for us, remind us so much of our fun-loving sons. We are surrounded by old friends and new friends and that is exactly how Stone and Holt were -- surrounded by amazing and diverse friends.

Thank you all for helping us tonight combine social activism with being together. Thank you to the engaged organizations which Stone and Holt worked with and we benefit tonight -- Environment America that is committed to a greener planet, Rebuilding Together of Washington DC that helps provide affordable housing in the nation's capital, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society that battles cancer of the blood.

Thank you to all of the wonderful ones helping us tonight: Thank you to Holt's and Stone's dear friends, to the emcees, dear friends of Stone and of Holt. Thank you to Nico Atencio, the Walter Johnson Leadership Class and interns -- and thank you to all other generous volunteers. Thank you to Caroline Lacey who continues to do many thoughtful things -- large and small -- for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. Thank you to our Foundation administrator Susan Park, to Bob Garfield, to The Harikaraoke Band and to everyone at Union Jack's. And thank you to the many generous sponsors who contributed to the raffle.

Thank you to all the singers, all the singers along, all the listeners, all the diners who know that a portion of all food and drink tonight goes to our Foundation. We love you all.

Now please: Drink responsibly and sing irresponsibly.

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U Street Music Hall in Northwest DC was filled with music and meaning on Sunday night, August 1. About 200 people were there for a benefit concert for the Foundation -- featuring the extraordinary Greta of the Hush Sound with her new band, Gold Motel, plus Tennis System and Matthew Hemerlein. DJ Knoxbox played as doors opened.

Matthew Hemerlein mesmerized listeners with his looping virtuosity and lovely voice. Tennis System blasted their energy-rock into the music hall and had people dancing. Greta played beautiful songs from Gold Motel's just-released CD, Summer House. And she played a lovely solo version of Echo, a song that Stone and Holt loved.

Thank you to all friends and supporters of our Foundation who helped raise about \$4500. The Foundation is now engaged with a long list of extremely worthwhile organizations and schools that Stone and Holt believed in -- you can find the list on the Foundation website. Together in the spirits of Stone and Holt, we are finding ways to encourage people to do good and have fun at the same time.

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# We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*

## A Report on the Evening



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We want to thank all of The Foundation's friends -- old and new -- in Texas for making We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* on March 19 at The Firkin and Phoenix such a success.

This was a bold experiment to see if an avatar of We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* could be transported to other places around the country. In the spirit of Stone and Holt, people in Houston dressed wild, sang loud and raised money, awareness and support for our partner organization for the night: The Beacon -- a division of Cathedral Health and Outreach Ministries (CHOM) -- that provides a wide range of services to thousands of homeless people. Stone and Holt loved volunteering there.

The Friday night event was coordinated through the generous energy of Stone's neighbor and friend, Jennifer Condi. Stone's good friend John Higginbotham was the gentle-spirited and ebullient emcee. The ever-gracious Sean Graham, a friend of Stone's and Holt's at the Baker Institute on the Rice campus, helped Linton and Jan skype in to thank everyone and say a few words. And Holt's friend Caroline Lacey flew to Houston to answer questions and represent The Foundation in many

ways. Thank you to everyone who participated in the musical and meaningful night.

According to Vu Truong of The Firkin, "I think there were 50-60 folks that showed up for the event. Some of them were our regulars, while others probably had never heard of The Firkin. Everyone at the pub (regardless of whether or not they came for the event) was moved by your skype session. We would gladly be a part of future events."

The evening raised nearly \$1500 and The Foundation contributed another \$3000 to The Beacon.

Highlights of the evening included: Two beautiful friends -- of a certain age -- introducing themselves as "The Hot Flashes" and belting out "Proud Mary"; Mike Puccio, Program Manager of The Beacon joining with the senior warden of Christ Church Cathedral and the president of the CHOM Board for a rollicking rendition of Johnny Cash; The Martin twins, Clory and Beth, singing with great passion; and Andy Le, Kyle Tenas and Nath Pizzolatto singing with great attitude.

So many friends sang with so much heart.

When skyped in, Linton and Jan said:

**Linton: Thank you everyone. Thank you to Jennifer and John and Sean and Matthew and Caroline and everyone who worked to make We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* happen. Thank you to Mike and Charly at The Beacon for all of the goodness you spread through Houston. Thank you to Vu and Lex and The Firkin and Phoenix.**

**Jan: As you can only try to imagine -- we have the most intense holes in our hearts. We are working hard to be brave and to carry on for the sake of Stone and Holt.**

**We are so sorry not to be there physically in the room with you all. Please know that we are there with you in spirit.**

**I want to especially thank Julie Armstrong for writing to reassure us this. She wrote, "if we can keep two of you there in spirit, we can keep four of you." Thank you so much Julie for all that that means to us.**

**Another friend of Stone's, Tim Faust, wrote to tell us that he could not be in Houston tonight. Stone was the teaching assistant for some of Tim's history classes at Rice, and they became friends. Among other things, Tim talked about his lasting impression of Stone -- how much fun Stone had with everything he did - how he loved everything that he was involved in.... Tim went on to say "...everyone really, genuinely was -- and is -- in love with Stone. How couldn't we be, when the guy cared so much for the world around him? It was reciprocal."**

Later in the letter....Tim added,

"We sat outside Brochstein Pavilion one unusually gorgeous spring day, sipping iced coffees and shootin' the shit, when Stone paused our conversation to explain how much he hoped he'd be able to persuade his brother to come to Rice. I never got to meet Holt, but Stone's adoration of his younger brother was maybe even more obvious than his height."

Stone and Holt did love each other. And they absolutely loved Houston. They loved being in Houston together and they loved their friends, all of you. They were looking forward to so many good times with you all. They loved music and laughter. They loved The Beacon and feeling that they were helping to make the world a better place. They just loved life.

As many have said.... The support for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation is really moving. And they are glad Stone & Holt can keep helping others.

Please know how grateful we are to you all for being there tonight -- as a tribute to Stone and Holt -- and as a tribute to their Foundation.

Linton: We have heard from many many other people, from all over the country, who would love to be in Houston tonight.

Last May, Stone sent us both an email from Houston. He told us of all the good work that The Beacon was doing quoting Mike Puccio – who is there with you tonight -- about the thousands of clients being served with meals and showers and laundry service.

Then Stone said: "Isn't that awesome? honestly i'm so glad I found such a kick-ass organization. I want to introduce Holt to it, and if he likes it, then maybe he can start a Rice partnership with them."

Tonight we hope the Beacon finds many new partnerships. And volunteers.

One more thought and then we will let you get back to the music. Tonight you are participating in an historic occasion. We Kare-eoke Houston is our first attempt to stage a Foundation event outside of Washington. Trevor FitzGibbon, a true friend of The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, has worked with Bono, Harrison Ford, Queen Noor and the Dave Matthews Band to put promote good causes.

Trevor -- and countless others -- believes that through you all and through We Kare-eoke and other creative events, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation can become an agency of change on this planet. A presence and a force that encourages everyone to do good and have fun at the same time.

Archimedes said Give me a place to stand and a lever long enough and I will move the world. Tonight The Firkin and Phoenix is the place, all the love in

**the air is the lever, and together, in the spirits of Stone and Holt, we can move the world. Toward compassion and justice and love. We love you all.**

More special thank yous to Vu Truong and The Firkin and Phoenix; DJ Lex Supapo; Bretton Riley Keating, Zoe's Kitchen of Houston; Neela Bags; Teresa and Jah at Fedex/North Bethesda; Meredith FitzGibbon and the members of R.E.M.; Books-A-Million; Smith's Rosebud Salve and Noodles & Company.

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# We Kare-eoke \*Houston\* III

Grand Prize Bar -- Houston, Texas -- June 9, 2012

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WOMAN -- Women of Montrose Action Network --  
and friends

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# We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*

Grand Prize Bar -- Houston, Texas -- August 24, 2013



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# We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*

Grand Prize Bar -- Houston, Texas -- August 23, 2014

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# 2015 We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*

Grand Prize Bar -- Houston, Texas -- August 22, 2015

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# 2016 We Kare-eoke \*Houston\*

Grand Prize Bar -- Houston, Texas -- August 27, 2016

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# Tilden Woods House Tour

## A Report on the Day



"Thanks to everyone for the successful Tilden Woods House Tour May 2," our friend and neighbor Marta Vogel wrote on the neighborhood listserv. "It was good to see the interesting additions and modifications our neighbors had made, as well as raising money for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation."

The neighborhood gathered together and raised over \$800 for the Foundation.

We are grateful to our friends and neighbors for this event. Especially thank you to Marta and her husband, Eliot Applestein, who first proposed and then organized the event and to everyone else who opened their houses, including Wayne and Stephanie Firestone; David and Madeline Pellish; Emily and Dan Mintz; Marie Baker and Mike Nugent; Sabrina Rufty and Mark Lawyer; Steven & Adriana Pavletic; Ed and Andrea Kennedy; George and Lynn Cruser and Alexander and Miriam Livnat.



We will use the money to make a \$1000 grant to Habitat for Humanity, an organization that both Stone and Holt volunteered for -- Stone in Tennessee and Holt in Mexico.



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# Work So Far.... Continued

## *Habitat for Humanity*



During their senior year 2010-2011, Holt's friends at Eckerd College devoted their Quest for Meaning class to working through The Foundation to benefit Habitat for Humanity. They provided hours of service and organized campus fundraisers to raise awareness, volunteers and donations for this Foundation and ultimately, for Habitat for Humanity.

To See More: [Date Night Auction](#)

On the evening of July 2, 2012, The Foundation sponsored another We Kare-eoke \*with the live Harikaraoke Band\* at U Street Music Hall -- to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Washington, DC's green building projects.

To See More: [We Kare-eoke \\*with the live Harikaraoke Band\\*](#)

On the evening of June 30, 2013, Three Band Night, a concert featuring friends Watermelon, Cairo Fred, and Zach Falkow, was held at U Street Music Hall. All of the funds raised plus another grant was presented to

Habitat for Humanity International to assist in rebuilding communities destroyed by recent tornadoes in Oklahoma and Texas.

To See More: [Three Band Night](#)

The Walter Johnson High School Fashion Club has chosen our Foundation to benefit from its creative, charitable fashion shows. In 2014 and 2015, the event benefitted Habitat for Humanity DC and Habitat for Humanity International to aid in rebuilding Nepal after their devastating earthquakes.

To See More: [WJ Fashion Show, 2014](#)

[WJ Fashion Show, 2015](#)

[WJ Fashion Show, 2016](#)

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### **Muscular Dystrophy Association Camps**

Between 2010 and 2013, the Walter Johnson Fashion Club supported the Chicago-area MDA camp where Stone volunteered -- and a Washington-area camp, as well. We have sent many campers to these summer camps from 2010 through 2016. We have also sponsored Giant Cupcake Days and other fun. The MDA camps created The Stone Weeks Rock Star Award in honor of Stone and to recognize outstanding commitment among counselors.

To Read More: [Giant Cupcake Days at MDA Camps](#)

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### **Inova Blood Donor Services**

Holt led Walter Johnson High School's blood drive during his senior year. By making it fun and the coolest place to be, Holt doubled student participation from the previous year. To carry on this work we have sponsored Halloween Blood Drives which have helped save well over 300 patients. We have teamed with Sandi Bourget of Inova, who worked with Holt and remembers well his exuberance. We are joining with Inova Blood Donor Services to create an award to encourage more blood donations in Washington, DC area high schools.

To See More: [Photographs: Halloween Blood Drive - 2010](#)

[Video: Halloween Blood Drive - 2011](#)

[Video: Halloween Blood Drive - 2012](#)

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### ***The Ability Experience***

Stone was a founding father of the University of Delaware's Theta Nu chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. From 2010 through 2016, the chapter has staged We Kare-eokes \*Delaware\*. The event benefits

The Ability Experience, Pi Kappa Phi's national outreach project that serves the disabled, including veterans. The Foundation contributes additional funds on behalf of Theta Nu chapter -- and has contributed also on behalf of Theta Eta chapter at American University (see below).

Theta Nu has established The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award in memory and in honor of Stone and of Holt.

To See More: [We Kare-eoke \\*Delaware\\*](#)





Theta Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, at American University in Washington held a Wheelchair Basketball Game to benefit Push America and the Wounded Warrior Project between 2011 and 2014. During halftime they have presented a volunteer award, named in honor of Stone and Holt, to a Washington area Pi Kappa Phi brother.

To See More: [AU Wheelchair Basketball Game, 2011](#)

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## **World Wildlife Fund**

The Art for New Collectors Exhibit sponsored by friends and hosted by The Washington School of Photography benefited our Foundation. We granted all of the proceeds, plus an additional grant, to the World Wildlife Fund, an organization that Stone belonged to and believed in.

To Read More: [Art for New Collectors Exhibition](#)

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## **The Water Ministry**

As they were growing up, Holt and Stone came to know and care about the homeless people in Washington, DC, through St. Columba's Episcopal Church. The Foundation supports The Water Ministry, St. Columba's lunch, laundry, and shower service for people without homes.

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## **Audubon Naturalist Society**

When they were young, Stone and Holt loved the programs, classes, and camps of this environmental education institution. The Foundation works with Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary in Maryland, to sponsor Spring and Fall nature field trips for public school children in Washington, DC. In July 2012, The Foundation sponsored another We Kare-eoke \*with the live Harikaraoke Band\* at U Street Music Hall to benefit [The Stone and Holt Weeks Field Trip Scholarship Fund at Audubon Naturalist Society](#). Hundreds of children have participated in these environmental educational experiences.

To See More: Photographs: [The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trips](#)

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### **interPLAYcompany Band**

Both Holt and Stone shared an intense love of music, and always cared deeply about disabled and disadvantaged people. The Foundation supports this Maryland - based musical opportunity for mentally disabled people by sponsoring participants in the interPLAY orchestra.

To See More:

[interPLAY scholarship recipients](#)

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## Flashgivings in 2012-2013

The Foundation has staged and documented four Flashgivings -- our own invention of using flashmobs for good causes. We asked interPLAYcompany band at Strathmore Music Center to help us gather basic life supplies for a new orphanage in Nepal built by Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco Foundation, a friend of our Foundation. We invited St. Andrew's Episcopal lower and upper schools to help us collect much needed supplies for a new school in Haiti following the earthquake in 2010. And we participated with Frederick Rugby Club to donate food to the Frederick Community Food Bank in Frederick, MD.

To see more:

[Video: Flashgiving for Nepal](#)

[Video: Flashgiving for Haiti #2](#)

[Video: Flashgiving: A Flashmob for Good](#)

[Video: Flashgiving for Haiti #1](#)

[Video: Flashgiving for Frederick Foodbank](#)

[Video: Flashgiving: The Backstory](#)

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## Schools and Universities

In addition to the work of the Foundation, meaningful awards and memorials have been established at -- and by -- these educational institutions.

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### The William Holt Weeks Leadership Award

at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland.

We have supported several other Scholarship Awards at WJ -- in memory of student Celine Silver, and teachers Karl Savage and Carolyn Berger-Ott.

We have also donated to the Access2College Fund created to honor former principal Dr. Chris Garran.

A memorial space -- a boulder dedicated to Holt and memorial benches to Holt and Stone -- is at the entrance to the tennis courts.

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### The Stone Taylor Weeks Award for Excellence in the Study of History

at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Maryland.

Two memorial benches were dedicated to Stone and to Holt at the front of the school.

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A memorial bench to Stone and Holt was established in the garden at the entrance to The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy on the campus of Rice University in Houston, Texas.

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A memorial bench for Stone sits under a memorial oak tree for Stone and Holt on the University of Delaware campus, at Old College on Main Street in Newark, Delaware.

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Eckerd College created a memorial boulder at the tennis courts to honor Holt,

The Holt Weeks Tennis Sportsmanship Award  
and a water fountain with viewing benches dedicated to Holt and Stone in the  
center of the Bullard Tennis Courts complex on Eckerd College campus  
in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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## Ode to Beautiful Young Men (Now Old and Retired)

*"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."*  
—Howard Thurman

There are no words, no thoughts, no songs, no speeches,  
No medicine to heal the wound. The earth is off-kilter, time lurches about.  
Was anyone ever as alive as these two redheaded young men?  
Stone and Holt did not want this.  
They did not want a detour, a dangerous highway, and a massive truck.  
They wanted so much more.  
Passion, purpose, love, strong opinions, long conversations, sports, dogs, books.  
Let it be so. Let us write a better ending.  
Good husbands and fathers of large families.  
Builders, teachers, leaders. Happily retired after successful careers.  
Stone wrote many books, and appears occasionally as a commentator on The  
Nightly News Hour to give his perspective on the day's events.  
Holt was elected to Congress from his adopted state of Texas, where he  
Authored legislation to protect the environment, and to improve schools in  
Impoverished communities.  
They are getting together for breakfast, these old men, at their favorite diner.  
Look — you can see them. Listen, what are they saying?  
They are waving us over — hang on, guys, we'll be there soon.

—Lou Weeks, Chicago

In Stone's career, he went on to expand the use of new technology to reach and educate others, including in other languages. He also wrote a great collection of haiku.

Holt was appointed and approved as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, which he made the most of in helping the United States and Japan found new aid programs for the impoverished and uneducated.

[Boys, they say radio waves travel in outerspace forever. I believe the waves reach heaven too and know the messages honoring you will reach you. I will always remember your fondness and joy in visiting new countries; France, Japan, Africa, and hope my children will be like you in that and in all your other Christlike ways. Our love, hopes, and respect for you have no bounds. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity, love and enriching our lives. *Tengoku de mata aimashou.* (We look forward to seeing you both again in Heaven.)]

—Sid Weeks, Tokyo

*This progressive poem first appeared on the Holt & Stone Weeks memorial page on Facebook.*





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Seize the Day ... From the movie "Newsies"  
Teach Your Children ... Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young  
Time After Time ... Cyndi Lauper  
Echo ... The Hush Sound

### *Welcome*

The Honorable Edward P. Djerejian  
Founding Director, Baker Institute for Public Policy

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Christopher Bronk, Ph.D.  
Fellow in Technology, Society and Public Policy,  
Baker Institute for Public Policy

Douglas Brinkley, Ph.D.  
Fellow in History, Baker Institute for Public Policy

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Holt was appointed and approved as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, which he made the most of in helping the United States and Japan found new aid programs for the impoverished and uneducated.

[Boys, they say radio waves travel in outerspace forever. I believe the waves reach heaven too and know the messages honoring you will reach you. I will always remember your fondness and joy in visiting new countries; France, Japan, Africa, and hope my children will be like you in that and in all your other Christlike ways. Our love, hopes, and respect for you have no bounds. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity, love and enriching our lives. *Tengoku de mata aimashou.* (We look forward to seeing you both again in Heaven.)]

—Sid Weeks, Tokyo

*Written by their first cousins Lou and Sid, this progressive poem first appeared on the Holt & Stone Weeks memorial page on Facebook.*







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PRELUDE:  
SELECTIONS FROM  
STONE'S FAVORITE MUSIC

*All Night Long* - Lionel Ritchie

*Seize the Day* - From the movie "Newsies"

*What About Love* - Heart

*Time After Time* - Cyndi Lauper

*Highwayman* - Nelson, Kristofferson, Jennings, Cash

*Echo* - The Hush Sound

WELCOME:

Drewry Fennell

'87 AS

REFLECTIONS:

Ryan Hathaway

'09 AG/NR

Bobby Bartocci

'08 BE

Peter Ward

'07 AS

Joe Dewson

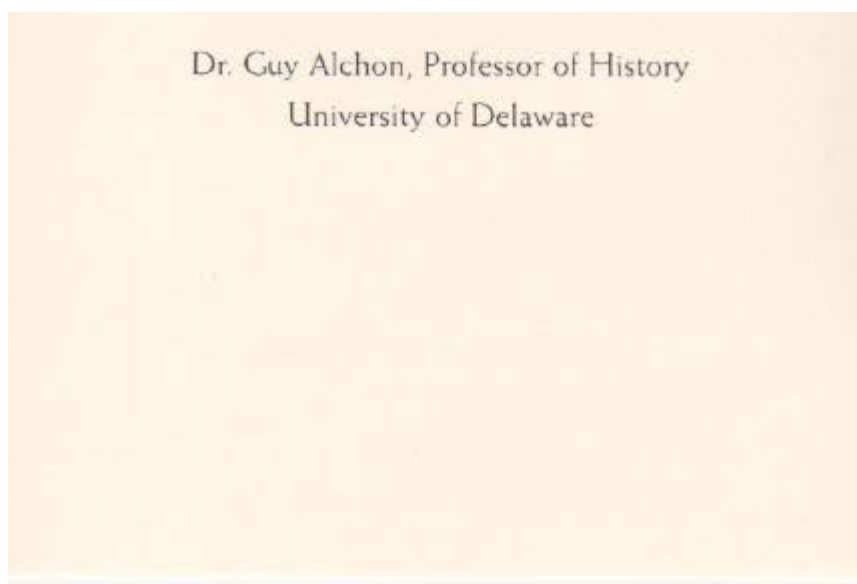
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Chris Wiggins

'11 HP

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## STONE'S PRAYER FOR US:

### *Forever Young* - Bob Dylan

May God bless and keep you always

May your wishes all come true

May you always do for others

And let others do for you

May you build a ladder to the stars

And climb on every rung

May you stay forever young

Forever young, forever young

May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous

May you grow up to be true

May you always know the truth

And see the lights surrounding you

May you always be courageous

Stand upright and be strong

May you stay forever young

Forever young, forever young

May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy

May your feet always be swift

May you have a strong foundation

When the winds of changes shift

May your heart always be joyful

May your song always be sung

And may you stay forever young

Forever young, forever young

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PRELUDE:  
SELECTIONS FROM HOLT'S FAVORITE MUSIC

*Seize the Day* - From the movie 'Newsies'

*Mr. Blue Sky* - Electric Light Orchestra

*Africa* - Toto

*Beyond the Gray Sky* - 311

*Stand by Me* - Ben E. King

*Echo* - The Hush Sound

WELCOME:

Coaches Mary LaFratta & Mike Laukaitis

REFLECTIONS:

Fred Delello

David Park

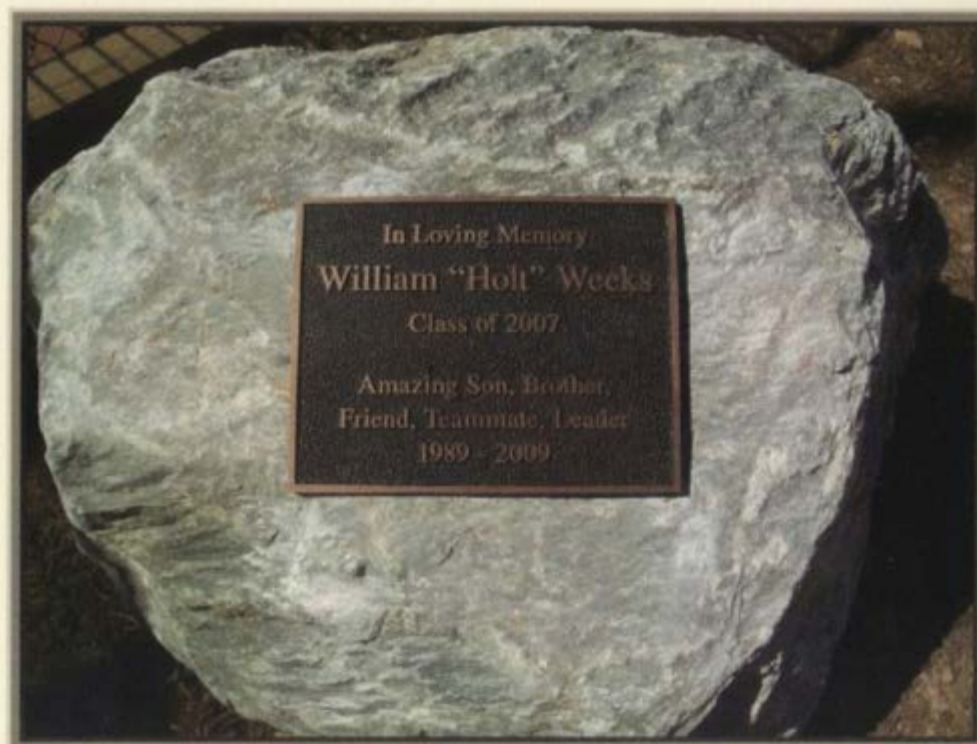
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Following the ceremony, guests are invited to join together  
for a reception in the student dining room

To honor the generous spirits of Holt and his brother Stone and to help make the  
world a better place for all,  
you can send tax-deductible memorial gifts to:  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
c/o The Community Foundation  
1201 15th Street NW, Suite 420  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

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## About the Event

A riveting history of America's most beautiful natural resources, "The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom, 1879-1960" documents the heroic fight waged by the U.S. government from 1879 to 1960 to save wild Alaska from industrial expansion. Author Douglas Brinkley, Baker Institute fellow in history and an award-winning historian, discusses how a colorful band of determined environmentalists created the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, preserving many of Alaska's great wonders for future generations to enjoy. Brinkley, a history professor at Rice University, also is a contributing editor for Vanity Fair, the Los Angeles Times Book Review and American Heritage, as well as a frequent contributor to The New York Times, The New Yorker and The Atlantic. His recent publications include "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America" (2009) and New York Times best-seller "The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast" (2006).

Following the program, the institute will unveil a garden bench dedicated to the memories of Stone Weeks and Holt Weeks, two remarkable young brothers who were killed in the summer of 2009. At the time, Stone was the assistant and researcher for Brinkley. Holt was an intern for Christopher Bronk, Baker Institute fellow in information technology policy, and had been accepted at Rice as a transfer student. He would be graduating this spring. In memory of the brothers, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation has been established to provide support to organizations that carry on the spirits of the young men and take action to make the world a better place for all. A reception will follow the dedication.

Additional support for this event was provided by  
**Rice Habitat for Humanity**  
**Baker Institute Student Forum**

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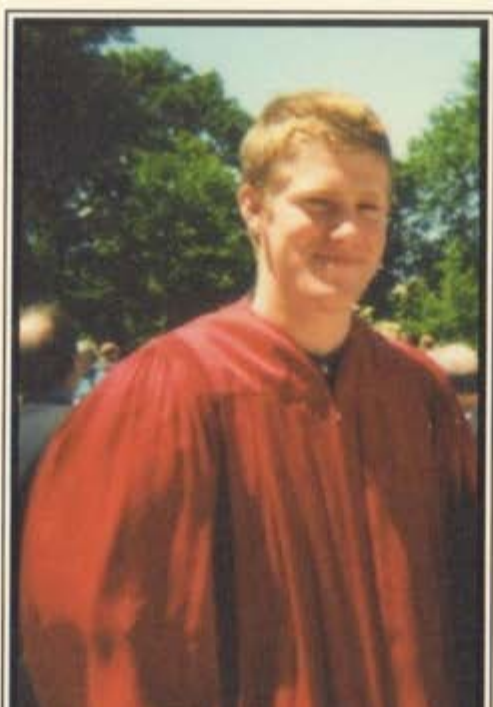
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*Stone, 2003*

## PROGRAM

### OPENING MUSIC

#### WELCOME

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President

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#### READING

**AARON KLEEFIELD '11**

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*The Prophet: On Time* by Kahlil Gibran

#### WORDS FROM THE DEAN

**JAMES J. ANNARELLI**  
Vice President and Dean of Students

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#### LITANY OF DEDICATION (RESPONSIVE)

**JP WALKER '11**

**One:** In life and in death we belong to love. In joy and in sorrow  
we stand together. In hope and distress we seek community.  
In play and in rest we yearn for life-giving, life-sustaining water.

**Many:** **We gather today to dedicate these benches and this  
fountain to Holt and Stone.**

**One:** May all who seek rest here find it. May all who search for quiet here  
know peace. May all who cheer here know energy. May all who  
thirst here find refreshment. May all who pass by here know love.

**Many:** **We gather today to dedicate these benches and this  
fountain to Holt and Stone.**

**One:** As we commemorate the close of another year, another journey,  
another chapter, we do so with the hope of new beginnings.  
We go from here clinging to the promise that the lessons and the  
vision, the people and the memories go with us; uniting us across  
time and space. May we never forget to tell our stories, with  
laughter and tears, carrying with us this community.

**Many:** **We gather today to dedicate these benches and this  
fountain to Holt and Stone.**

**One:** Today we dedicate these benches and this fountain in memory  
and in honor of the lives of two extraordinary men – sons,  
brothers, friends, scholars, and teammates. May their lives always  
be a lesson to us to love, laugh, care, and engage a world  
desperately in need of hope.

**Many:** **We gather today to dedicate these benches and this**

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courage, and hope here.



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# WE KARE-EOKE

**\* Washington \***

**With Harikaraoke Band**

**Official Song List Below**



Stone



Holt



We Kare-eoke\*Washington\*

**A Night of Music and Meaning  
In Loving Memory of Stone and Holt Weeks**

**Sunday, December 20, 2015  
6:00 PM–11 PM**

Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle  
4844 Cordell Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
301-951-0115

Dress wild – Sing loud – Get involved – Change the world

Karaoke. Prizes. Raffles. Sunglasses. And a chance to volunteer for good causes and make a difference in this world.

Minimum Suggested Donation at the Door....\$10  
Checks and Cash accepted

Karaoke singers will be crooning for cash.... please bring lots of long green to vote for your favorites. 100% of donations will go to the featured organizations. They will be present to sign up volunteers also.

Spread the good. Stone and Holt would.

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CHOOSE YOUR SONG NOW and begin LOBBYING friends and family for financial support for your song. You will also be able to lobby during the event, before and after you sing. The lobbyist who raises the most money for singing their songs will receive the GRAND PRIZE.

100 % of donations will go to the featured organizations. They will be present to sign up volunteers also.

### Stone's and Holt's Song List

Plus thousands of other songs to choose from

-- Arrive early to sign up for your singing spot -- Arrive early to choose your song

At past We Kare-eokes, time ran out for everyone who wanted to sing.

Summertime – New Kids on the Block  
Unwritten – Natasha Bedingfield  
Crawling Toward the Sun --The Hush Sound  
Uptown Girl -- Billy Joel  
Just the Way You Are -- Billy Joel  
Piano Man -- Billy Joel  
It's Still Rock and Roll to Me -- Billy Joel  
You May Be Right -- Billy Joel  
Bohemian Rhapsody -- Queen  
We Are the Champions of the World -- Queen  
Sweet Caroline -- Neil Diamond  
You Can't Hurry Love -- The Supremes  
Stop in the Name of Love -- The Supremes  
Good Times, Bad Times -- Led Zeppelin  
Take Me Home Tonight – Eddie Money  
Mendicino County Line – Willie Nelson

Since You've Been Gone – The Outfield  
Your Love – The Outfield  
Jessie's Girl – Rick Springfield  
Hey Jealousy – Gin Blossoms  
Follow You Down – Gin Blossoms  
Alone – Heart  
I Heard It Through the Grapevine -- Marvin Gaye  
Don't Stop Believing – Journey  
I Want to Know What Love Is -- Journey  
Faithfully – Journey  
Two Princes – Spin Doctors  
Cupids Chokehold – Gym Class Heroes  
Shut Up – Black Eyed Peas  
What a Feeling – Flashdance  
Take It Easy -- The Eagles  
Hotel California -- The Eagles  
Hold the Line – Toto  
Keep on Loving You – REO Speedwagon  
Summer of 69 – Bryan Adams  
9 in the Afternoon – Panic at the Disco  
Mustang Sally -- The Commitments  
In the Midnight Hour -- The Commitments  
Big Bad John – Jimmie Dean  
Handle Me with Care -- Traveling Wilburys  
Build Me Up, Buttercup – The Foundations  
Heaven – Los Lonely Boys  
Take On Me -- A Ha  
Proud Mary – Creedence Clearwater Revival  
Come Sail Away -- Styx  
It's Not Unusual – Tom Jones  
What a Girl Wants – Christine Aguilera  
Total Eclipse of the Heart – Bonnie Tyler  
Jenny (867-5309) -- Tommy Tutone  
Working for the Weekend -- Loverboy  
Islands in the Stream -- Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton  
Up Where We Belong -- Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warne  
Smooth Operator -- Sade  
I Can't Get No Satisfaction -- The Rolling Stones  
I Want to Hold Your Hand -- The Beatles  
Hide Your Love Away -- The Beatles  
Hey Jude -- The Beatles  
Yellow Submarine -- The Beatles  
Twist and Shout -- The Beatles  
She Loves You -- The Beatles  
Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves -- Cher  
Light My Fire -- The Doors  
Sweet Dreams -- Eurhythmics  
Should I Stay or Should I Go -- The Clash  
Simply the Best -- Tina Turner  
The Glory of Love -- Peter Cetera  
Won't Get Fooled Again -- The Who  
My Generation -- The Who  
Good Vibrations -- The Beach Boys  
You've Lost That Loving Feeling -- The Righteous Brothers  
Suspicious Minds -- Elvis  
You Ain't Nothing But a Hounddog -- Elvis  
You Really Got Me -- The Kinks  
Born to Run -- Bruce Springsteen  
Sitting on the Dock of The Bay -- Otis Redding  
Wild Thing -- The Troggs  
The Times They Are A' Changing -- Bob Dylan  
Up on the Roof -- The Drifters  
House of the Rising Sun -- The Animals  
Maggie -- Rod Stewart  
Good Lovin' -- The Young Rascals

Back in the High Life -- Steve Winwood  
Listen to the Music -- The Doobie Brothers  
I Believe in Music -- Mac Davis  
Teach Your Children -- Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young  
Time After Time -- Cyndi Lauper  
All Night Long -- Lionel Ritchie

Can you Feel The Love Tonight-- Lion King  
You'll be in my Heart -- Tarzan  
Hakuna Matata -- Lion King  
Bare Necessities -- The Jungle Book  
Sound of Music -- The Sound of music  
Favorite Things -- The Sound of Music  
One Jump Ahead -- Aladin  
You're the One that I Want -- Grease  
We Go Together -- Grease  
Summer Nights -- Grease  
Kiss The Girl -- The Little Mermaid  
Colors of the Wind -- Pochahontas  
Under the Sea -- The Little Mermaid  
Part of Your World -- The Little Mermaid  
Circle of Life -- The Lion King  
A Whole New World -- Aladin  
In the Air Tonight -- Phil Collins  
All Summer Long -- Kid Rock  
American Pie -- Don Mclean  
At last -- Etta James  
Born in the USA -- Bruce Springsteen  
Born to be Wild -- Steppenwolf  
Brown eyed Girl -- Van Morrison  
Hotel California -- The Eagles  
Accidently in Love -- Counting Crows  
Do you Believe in Magic -- The Lovin' Spoonful  
Worse Things I Could Do -- Grease  
I Got You Babe -- Sonny and Cher  
Don't Go Breaking My Heart -- Elton John  
I Love Rock n Roll -- Joan Jett and the Blackhearts  
Imagine -- John Lennon  
I Will Always Love You -- Whitney Houston  
Love Shack -- The B-52s  
Margaritaville -- Jimmy Buffet  
Old Time Rock N' Roll -- Bob Seger  
Satisfaction -- the Rolling Stones  
Summer Nights -- Olivia Newton John and John Travolta (from the movie Grease)  
Sweet Home Alabama -- Lynyrd Skynyrd  
Wanna Be -- The Spice Girls  
Wind Beneath my Wings -- Bette Midler

# We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2016

Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle -- Bethesda, Maryland -- December 22, 2016



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Camp Maria-- Leonardtown, Maryland -- June 26 - July 2, 2016

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# We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\*

Klondike's Kate -- Newark, Delaware -- November 10, 2016  
Presented by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, The University of Delaware

Thank you to Friends, Volunteers, Sponsors, Donors

A Foundation donation plus proceeds from the evening  
supported [The Ability Experience](#)

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# Seize Life Charity Fashion Show

Walter Johnson High School -- Bethesda, Maryland-- April 27, 2015

Benefitting The Foundation -- to benefit Habitat for Humanity Washington DC  
and Habitat for Humanity International ( for disaster relief in Nepal)

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*Photographs from last year's Fashion Show*



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# **Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Theta Nu Chapter Founders Day The University of Delaware The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award**

**Awarded to Matt Levine, 2015  
With a donation to The Ability Experience  
(formerly named PUSH America) in his honor**



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**Awarded to Corey Diamond, 2014**  
**With a donation to PUSH America in his honor**

**Awarded to Brandon Walker, 2013**  
**With a donation to PUSH America in his honor**

**Awarded to Dave Sarrett, 2012**  
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# We Kare-eoke \*Delaware\*

Kildare's Irish Pub -- Newark, Delaware -- November 30, 2010  
Presented In Conjunction with Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity,  
The University of Delaware -- To Benefit PUSH America

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## **Harriet Tubman Elementary School Second Grade Students, May 2012**

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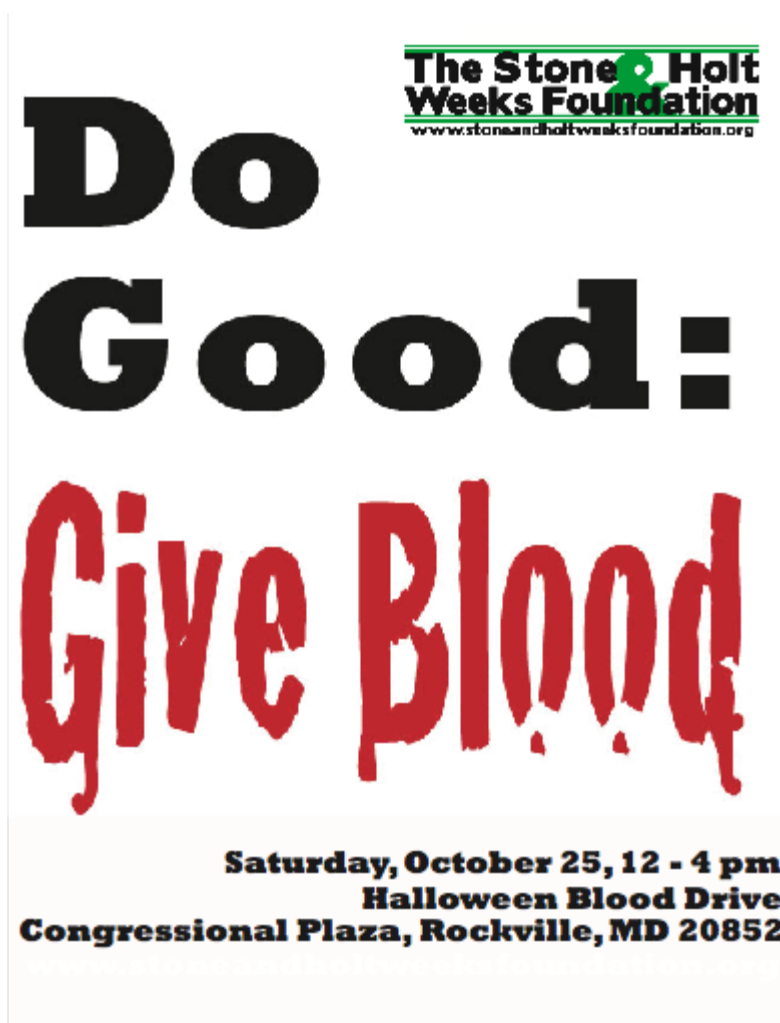
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# HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE 2014



Before Trick or Treating Begins  
Come Dressed in Costume -- or not  
Refreshments, Free Halloween Tshirts, Face Painting  
Give a life-saving donation.

**When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014**

**12 pm to 4 pm**

**[\\*\\* Sign up Here \\*\\*](#)**

**Where: Inova Blood Donor Services Blood Mobile  
Congressional Plaza -- 1677 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852**

## All are Invited

As Holt said when he led WJ's high school blood drive, "It'll be fun. There'll be snacks. Everybody'll be there." His teacher Fred Delello said that Holt offered to sit and hold the hand of anyone who was afraid. Under his leadership, student participation more than doubled.

There will be a bloodmobile parked in the parking lot. Give a life-saving donation. Tell your friends. We will hold your hand.

### From Inova's Sandi Bourget:

"I remember Holt as my student coordinator for my first high school blood drive after coming to work for Inova Blood Donor Services. He was, without a doubt, one of the most charismatic and energetic young men I have ever worked with. His enthusiastic attitude and caring personality made the Walter Johnson High School blood drive a fun event. I distinctly remember him talking with fellow students while they were donating and giving encouraging words to those who were anxious about the process. His engaging personality made the blood drive a party and ... with his help, we were able to surpass our goal. His shining footprint will live on through his family, friends, community and The Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation."

**Vampire Blood Drive Photographs 2013**

**Vampire Blood Drive Video 2012**

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# VAMPIRE BLOOD DRIVE

Halloween Day, 2010 -- Congressional Plaza --Rockville, MD

All Donor Appointments were Filled at the Vampire Blood Drive. Many donated, more tried, and 117 people will benefit. A very dear vampire friend showed up for the day. Inova Blood Donor Services wants to make it a Foundation annual event. Thank you all for supporting Stone's and Holt's Foundation.

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# **Do Good: Give Blood**

**Saturday, October 26th, 12pm-4pm  
at **The Vampire Blood Drive**  
Congressional Plaza Rockville, MD 20850  
Sign up: [www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)**

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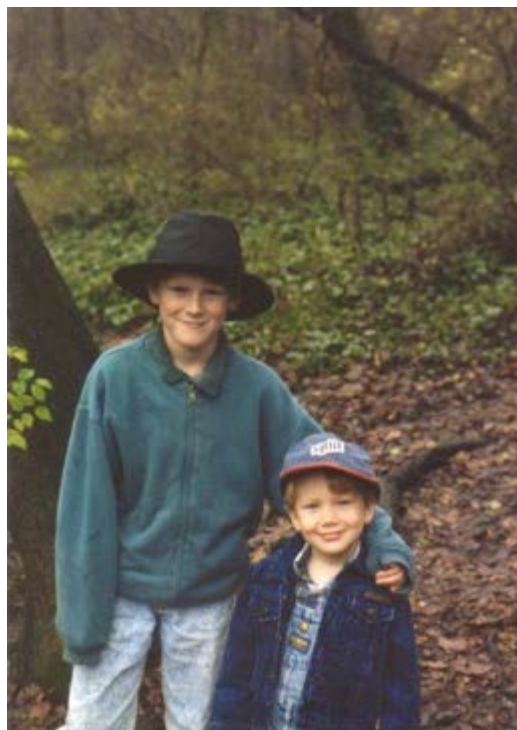
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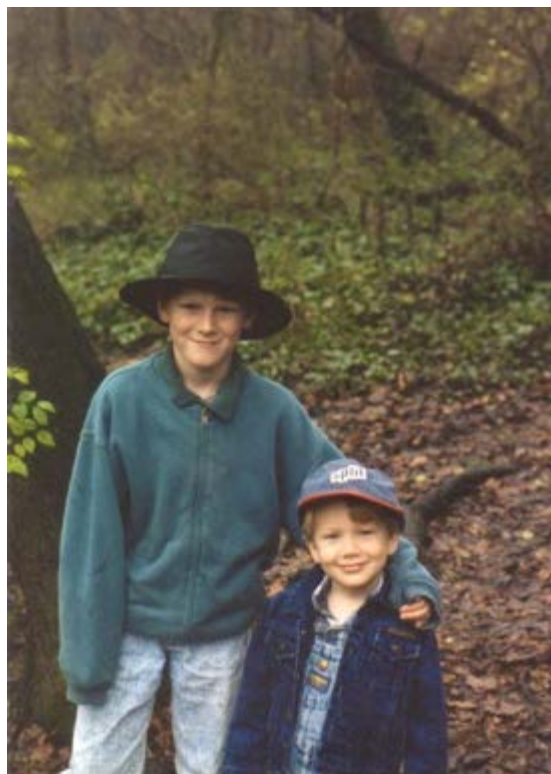
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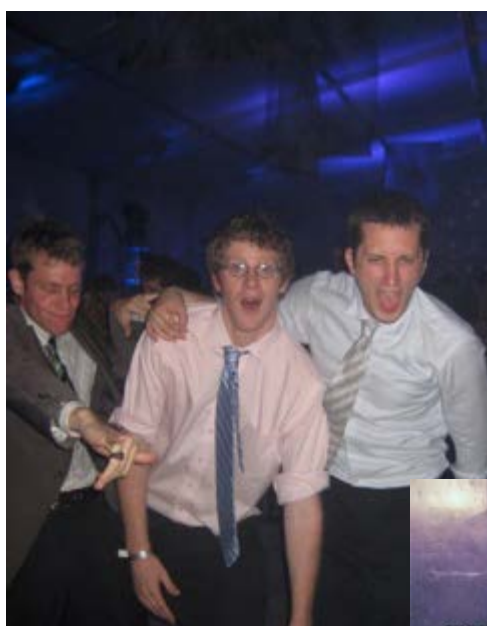
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# THE STONE AND HOLT WEEKS FOUNDATION PRESENTS WE KARE-EOKE \* HOUSTON \*



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Holt



We Kare-eoke\*Houston\*

To Benefit The Beacon in Houston

A Night of Music and Meaning  
In Loving Memory of Stone and Holt Weeks

Saturday, August 24, 2013  
Singing begins at 8

Grand Prize Bar  
formerly Ernie's on Banks Street  
1010 Banks Street  
Houston, Texas 77006  
713.526.4565

Dress wild – Sing loud – Get involved – Change the world!!

Karaoke, Prizes, T Shirts. Silent Auction. And a chance to volunteer for a good cause and make a difference in this world

Minimum Suggested Donation at the Door....\$10  
Checks and Cash accepted

Spread the good. Stone and Holt would  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation: Putting the fun in fundraising.

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## Tickets on Sale Here

# Three Band Night

A Benefit Concert for the  
Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

Featuring:

Watermelon  
Cairo Fred  
The Assembly Line

U Street Music Hall  
June 4th at 8pm  
Tickets \$10

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# **U.S. Armed Forces Wheelchair Basketball Game American University**

**Bender Arena, American University, Washington DC**

**April 1, 2013 -- 6:30 PM**

**Presented by Theta Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity,  
To Benefit PUSH America and US Paralympics Military Program**

**Halftime Presentation of  
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# WJ Charity Fashion Show 2013

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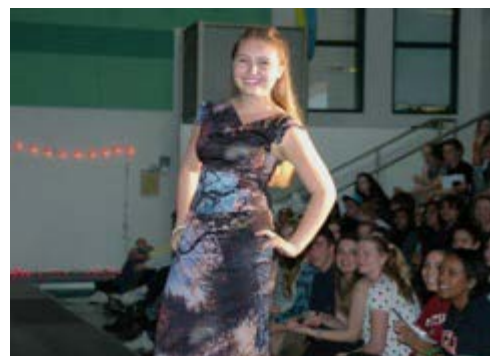
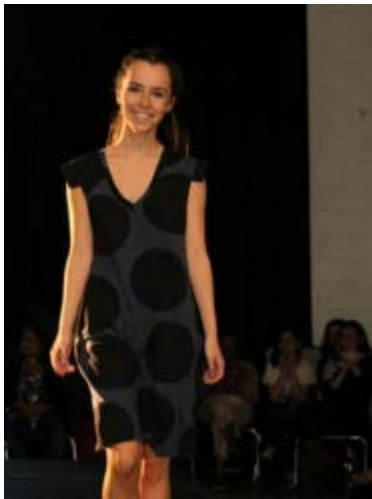
[2012 Article in Bethesda Magazine & Photographs](#)

[2011 Photographs & Report](#)

[2010 Photographs & Report](#)

To Benefit The Muscular Dystrophy Summer Camps

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When: Tuesday, April 30, 2013

6:30 PM Reception -- 7:00 PM Show

Where: Walter Johnson High School

6400 Rock Spring Drive

Bethesda, MD



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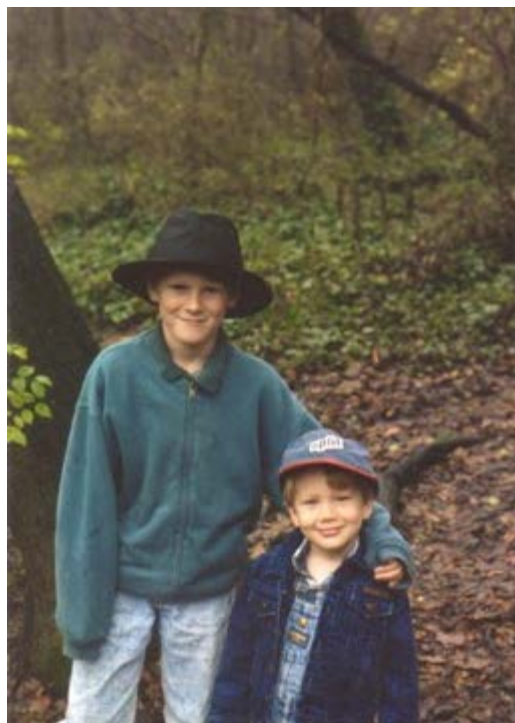
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## **Cleveland Elementary School Kindergarten & Pre-K Students May-June 2013**

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# **Rebuilding Together of Washington DC The Green Hammer Award, 2013 in memory of Holt and Stone Weeks awarded to John Kittridge and Barbara Cook**

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# **Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Theta Nu Chapter Founders Day The University of Delaware The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award**

**Awarded to Brandon Walker, 2013**  
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# We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* 2012

Union Jack's -- Bethesda, Maryland -- December 23, 2012

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# We Kare-eoke with Live Harikaraoke Band

U Street Music Hall -- Washington DC -- July 2, 2012

With proceeds from the night plus additional funds from the Foundation, we were able to issue grants totaling \$8000 to fund nature field trips for DC school children at [The Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Nature Sanctuary](#) and green building practices for [Habitat for Humanity DC](#).



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# VAMPIRE BLOOD DRIVE 2012



Before Trick or Treating Begins

Come Dressed in Costume

There will be Prizes and Surprises and Face Painting

**When: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012**

**12 pm to 4 pm**

**\*\* [Sign up Here](#) \*\***

Where: Inova Blood Donor Services Blood Mobile

Congressional Plaza -- 1677 Rockville Pike

Rockville, Maryland 20852

All are Invited

[Photographs, 2010](#)

[Video, 2011](#)

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**Arlynn Joffe's Painting Exhibition  
Benefitting  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation**

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# Do Good: SING!



A benefit for **PUSH America**  
@ the annual **WE KARE-EOKE**  
April 17th, 2012, 6PM to 1AM  
@ Kildare's Irish Pub in Newark, DE  
[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)  
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and join us at "**We Kare-eoke Spring 2012**" on Facebook



## New & Improved Improv



Photos from the Evening

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Featuring Shawn Westfall (above)  
& Special Guest Matt Cooper of National Journal

Hosted by DC Improv & Friends  
To Benefit  
The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
– Tickets are Sold Out –  
\*\* To Buy Tickets \*\*

When: Friday, January 27, 2012

Doors Open at 6:30 PM for a Silent Auction.

Auction items include a sterling silver necklace from I.Gorman Jewelers, a boat ride on the Potomac River, autographed books by NPR's Steve Inskeep and Michele Norris, gift certificates to Washington area restaurants, and handcrafted jewelry and knit items including iPhone-friendly mittens....

Minimum age: 18. Space is limited

Show Begins at 8 PM

Where: DC Improv

1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Washington DC 20036

[www.dcimprov.com](http://www.dcimprov.com)



DC Improv



# New & Improved Improv

Hosted by DC Improv & Friends  
To Benefit

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

DC Improv -- Washington DC -- January 27, 2012



Featuring Matt Cooper, Shawn Westfall & Mikael  
Johnson, Emily Ruskowski, and The Punctual Drunks

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# VAMPIRE BLOOD DRIVE 2



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# We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* III

Union Jack's -- Bethesda, Maryland -- December 21, 2011

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# Do Good: *STRETCH YOURSELF*

**September 18, 2:30 to 4:00pm**

**Yoga for a Cause at Thrive Yoga**

**Door Prize: Raffle for \$75 Gift Basket**

**to All Who Attend and Donate \$10 or More**

**For More Information, or to Donate Online, Go to:**

**[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)**

**\*if you are unable to attend, please send donations to: The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation,  
c/o The Community Foundation, 1201 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 420, Washington DC, 20005**

**Please write "Yoga for a Cause" in the memo portion**



Stone Weeks



Holt Weeks

In cooperation with the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation exists to honor the memories and spirits of two brothers, remarkable young men who grew up in the DC area, who were killed in the summer of 2009. As its mission, the Foundation will try to carry on the dreams of Stone and Holt in their spirits, by sponsoring creative and fun events that raise money, awareness and volunteers for the many good causes that they were involved with, such as Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross and the World Wildlife Fund, and by making grants to those who echo this same idea.

**thriveYOGA** 1321 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 301-254-0662 [www.thriveyoga.com](http://www.thriveyoga.com)









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# Eckerd College Holt Weeks and Stone Weeks Memorial Dedication



Holt and Stone  
St. Petersburg Beach  
Spring, 2009

When: Thursday, May 19, 2011  
2:00 PM

Where: Bullard Tennis Courts  
Eckerd College  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
All are Invited



# Seize Life Charity Fashion Show II

Walter Johnson High School -- Bethesda, Maryland-- May 14, 2011

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Another successful and extremely creative WJ Fashion Show was staged on Friday, May 14, 2010 at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda.

Organized by the WJ Fashion Club, the show brought together a large, multigenerational crowd. Clothes modeled were designed by top international designers as well as students Gaby Cavanaugh and Sophie Andes Gascon.

The event raised over \$7000 for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation.

During the evening, the Foundation made an additional gift of \$3000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association Camps. All in all, the Foundation was able to make a grant of \$4500 to the MDA camp in Chicago -- the same camp where Stone volunteered as a high school student -- and another \$4500 to the Washington area MDA camp. An additional \$1000 was donated to the Access2College Scholarship Fund created in honor of Dr. Chris Garran -- WJ's beloved principal who is leaving to become a community superintendent

in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

A majority of the MDA donations will be used to sponsor campers in need and a portion will underwrite a Giant Cupcake Day for everyone. A special thank you to former camp counselor Kate Sigel in Chicago who will be baking 20 huge cupcakes again this year.

Also a special thank you to Maureen Kiley of the Washington area MDA who graciously agreed to receive the donation check on behalf of the MDA. She made a moving, meaningful speech about how important volunteers are to the young campers with muscular dystrophy, and how important a summer camp is to these kids.

Here are some of [our remarks](#).





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# St. Andrew's Episcopal High School Stone Weeks Memorial Benches Dedication

Program/Reflections

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Stone, 2003

St. Andrew's Episcopal High School Graduation

When: Saturday, May 14, 2011  
5:30 PM

Prelude Music -- Stone's and Holt's --  
will begin some minutes earlier

Where: St. Andrew's Episcopal School  
8804 Postoak Road

Potomac, Maryland  
Friends Will Speak, Play Cello, Sing  
All are Invited

Benches at the front door of St. Andrew's will be dedicated  
to Stone -- and to Holt.

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# Baker Institute Forum and Stone Weeks and Holt Weeks Bench Dedication

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James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

in conjunction with

Humanitarian Medical Outreach

Rice University

cordially invite you to attend  
a special event dedicated to

*The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation*

***The Quiet World: Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom***

with author

**Douglas Brinkley, Ph.D.**

Fellow in History

Baker Institute for Public Policy

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

6:00 pm

Dedication of the Stone Weeks and Holt Weeks Bench  
and reception to follow.

**Kelly International Conference Facility**

James A. Baker III Hall  
Rice University

**RSVP** by fax to 713.348.5993, by email to [bipprsvp@rice.edu](mailto:bipprsvp@rice.edu) or on the Web  
at [www.bakerinstitute.org/events/quietworld](http://www.bakerinstitute.org/events/quietworld) before Monday, April 18.

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# Do Good Have Fun Festival Quinnipiac University Hamden, Connecticut



Wednesday, April 20, 2011

1 PM - 4 PM

Quinnipiac University Quad

Unlimited Music, Food & Games

Presented by Society, Life, and Justice Club

To Benefit The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

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## Opening Reception 3-5 PM. Saturday, April 9, 2011 Closing Reception 2-4 PM. Sunday, April 10, 2011

The Washington School of Photography *presents:*  
**Art for New Collectors** *benefiting*

### **The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation**

Saturday, April 9 10am-5pm - Sunday, April 10 12-4pm  
4850 Rugby Ave, Bethesda

*Putting amazing art -- donated from various artists and collectors  
--in the hands of eager new art collectors!*

- Proceeds will be donated to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation.
- Drink and light fare will be offered
- Art will be priced under \$200  
\*\*\*cash and check only\*\*\*

please contact  
Caroline Lacey at coolacey@gmail.com  
or 240-418-6276 -- OR-- Daryl Oh at  
daryl.m.oh@gmail.com or 240-485-4292



There will be a wide range of art for sale --  
including paintings, drawings, prints, photography, sculpture and pottery.

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## Please see a few of the generous donations below



Artist: C. Sideman -Donated from Private Collection



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# **Halftime Presentation of The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award by Pi Kappa Phi**

## **Photographs**

PI KAPPA PHI AND US PARALYMPIC MILITARY PROGRAM  
PRESENT:

*U.S. Armed Forces*



# WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL GAME

BENEFITING:

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT AND PUSH AMERICA

**THURS. MARCH 31, 6:00 PM**

**BENDER ARENA @ AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

If you have questions about access, the event or need to request disability accommodations, please contact [bm0054a@american.edu](mailto:bm0054a@american.edu).



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## We Kare-eoke \*Washington\* II Official Song List Below



### A Night of Music and Meaning In Loving Memory of Stone and Holt Weeks

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

8:00 PM–12 Midnight

Union Jack's

4915 St. Elmo Avenue

Bethesda, MD 20814

301-652-2561

**Dress wild – Sing loud – Get involved – Change the world!!**

All proceeds will benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society,  
Rebuilding Together of Washington DC, and Environment  
America



**THIS YEAR UNION JACK'S WILL DONATE 10% OF ALL FOOD AND DRINK SALES TO THE FOUNDATION -- WHICH WILL BE DIRECTLY DONATED TO LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY, REBUILDING TOGETHER OF WASHINGTON DC, AND ENVIRONMENT AMERICA. COME TO EAT, DRINK, AND SING -- 8 PM - 12 MIDNIGHT**

**NEW THIS YEAR. CHOOSE YOUR SONG NOW** from the list below, and begin LOBBYING your friends and family for financial support for your song. You will also be able to lobby during the event, before and after you sing. The top three lobbyists who raise the most money for singing their songs will receive GRAND PRIZES.

**Arrive early** to be sign up for your singing spot -- **OR Arrive early** to choose your song --

**Last year, time ran out for everyone who wanted to sing, or keep singing.**

100 % of donations will go to the featured organizations. They will be present to sign up volunteers also.

Spread the good. Stone and Holt would.

## Official Song List

Summertime – New Kids on the Block  
Unwritten – Natasha Bedingfield  
Crawling Toward the Sun --The Hush Sound  
Uptown Girl -- Billy Joel  
Just the Way You Are -- Billy Joel  
Piano Man -- Billy Joel  
It's Still Rock and Roll to Me -- Billy Joel  
You May Be Right -- Billy Joel  
Bohemian Rhapsody -- Queen  
We Are the Champions of the World -- Queen  
Sweet Caroline -- Neil Diamond  
You Can't Hurry Love -- The Supremes  
Stop in the Name of Love -- The Supremes  
Good Times, Bad Times -- Led Zeppelin  
Take Me Home Tonight – Eddie Money  
Mendicino County Line – Willie Nelson  
Since You've Been Gone – The Outfield  
Your Love – The Outfield  
Jessie's Girl – Rick Springfield  
Hey Jealousy – Gin Blossoms

Follow You Down – Gin Blossoms  
Alone – Heart  
I Heard It Through the Grapevine -- Marvin Gaye  
Don't Stop Believing – Journey  
I Want to Know What Love Is -- Foreigner  
Faithfully – Journey  
Two Princes – Spin Doctors  
Cupids Chokehold – Gym Class Heroes  
Shut Up – Black Eyed Peas  
What a Feeling – Flashdance  
Take It Easy -- The Eagles  
Hotel California -- The Eagles  
Hold the Line – Toto  
Keep on Loving You – REO Speedwagon  
Summer of 69 – Bryan Adams  
9 in the Afternoon – Panic at the Disco  
Mustang Sally -- The Commitments  
In the Midnight Hour -- The Commitments  
Big Bad John – Jimmie Dean  
Handle Me with Care -- The Traveling Wilburys  
Build Me Up, Buttercup – The Foundations  
Heaven – Los Lonely Boys  
Take On Me -- A Ha  
Proud Mary – Creedence Clearwater Revival  
Come Sail Away -- Styx  
It's Not Unusual – Tom Jones  
What a Girl Wants – Christine Aguilera  
Total Eclipse of the Heart – Bonnie Tyler  
Jenny (867-5309) -- Tommy Tutone  
Working for the Weekend -- Loverboy  
Islands in the Stream -- Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton  
Up Where We Belong -- Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warne  
Smooth Operator -- Sade  
I Can't Get No Satisfaction -- The Rolling Stones  
I Want to Hold Your Hand -- The Beatles  
Hide Your Love Away -- The Beatles  
Hey Jude -- The Beatles  
Yellow Submarine -- The Beatles  
Twist and Shout -- The Beatles  
She Loves You -- The Beatles  
Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves -- Cher  
Light My Fire -- The Doors  
Sweet Dreams -- Eurhythmics  
Should I Stay or Should I Go -- The Clash  
Simply the Best -- Tina Turner  
The Glory of Love -- Peter Cetera  
Won't Get Fooled Again -- The Who  
My Generation -- The Who  
Good Vibrations -- The Beach Boys  
You've Lost That Loving Feeling -- The Righteous Brothers  
Suspicious Minds -- Elvis  
You Ain't Nothing But a Hounddog -- Elvis  
You Really Got Me -- The Kinks  
Born to Run -- Bruce Springsteen  
Sitting on the Dock of The Bay -- Otis Redding  
Wild Thing -- The Troggs  
The Times They Are A' Changing -- Bob Dylan  
Up on the Roof -- The Drifters  
House of the Rising Sun -- The Animals  
Maggie -- Rod Stewart

Good Lovin' -- The Young Rascals  
Back in the High Life -- Steve Winwood  
Listen to the Music -- The Doobie Brothers  
I Believe in Music -- Mac Davis  
Teach Your Children -- Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young  
Time After Time -- Cyndi Lauper  
All Night Long -- Lionel Richie

Can you Feel The Love Tonight-- Lion King  
You'll be in my Heart -- Tarzan  
Hakuna Matata -- Lion King  
Bare Necessities -- The Jungle Book  
Sound of Music -- The Sound of music  
Favorite Things -- The Sound of Music  
One Jump Ahead -- Aladin  
You're the One that I Want -- Grease  
We Go Together -- Grease  
Summer Nights -- Grease  
Kiss The Girl -- The Little Mermaid  
Colors of the Wind -- Pocahontas  
Under the Sea -- The Little Mermaid  
Part of Your World -- The Little Mermaid  
Circle of Life -- The Lion King  
A Whole New World -- Aladin  
In the Air Tonight -- Phil Collins  
All Summer Long -- Kid Rock  
American Pie -- Don Mclean  
At last -- Etta James  
Born in the USA -- Bruce Springsteen  
Born to be Wild -- Steppenwolf  
Brown eyed Girl -- Van Morrison  
Accidently in Love -- Counting Crows  
Do you Believe in Magic -- The Lovin' Spoonful  
Worse Things I Could Do -- Grease  
I Got You Babe -- Sonny and Cher  
Don't Go Breaking My Heart -- Elton John  
I Love Rock n Roll -- Joan Jett and the Blackhearts  
Imagine -- John Lennon  
I Will Always Love You -- Whitney Houston  
Love Shack -- The B-52s  
Margaritaville -- Jimmy Buffet  
Old Time Rock N' Roll -- Bob Seger  
Satisfaction -- the Rolling Stones  
Summer Nights -- Olivia Newton John and John Travolta (from the movie Grease)  
Sweet Home Alabama -- Lynyrd Skynyrd  
Wanna Be -- The Spice Girls  
Wind Beneath my Wings -- Bette Midler

More than a Feeling -- Boston  
Stand By Me -- Ben E. King  
Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher -- Jackie Wilson  
Penny Lane - Beatles  
Strawberry Fields Forever - Beatles  
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Union Jack's -- Bethesda, Maryland -- December 22, 2010

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## Date Night Auction - Eckerd College

**Triton Pub -- Eckerd College -- November 20, 2010  
Presented by a Quest for Meaning class, Eckerd College,  
St. Petersburg, Florida -- To Benefit Habitat for Humanity  
through The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation**

Each student worked 10 service hours at Habitat for Humanity in St. Petersburg. They held three events to raise awareness of The Foundation: a bake sale; Holt's Kitchen -- an all night, all weekend delivery kitchen on campus over Halloween weekend; and the Date Night Auction. St. Petersburg businesses donated date nights, students volunteered, and date nights were auctioned. The college pub and beverage sales were donated. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

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# Do Good: drink coffee

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Created by the PR Portfolio Class

American University

Proceeds from each Do Good Americano Coffee  
To Benefit The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

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When: Daily - November 8 - 29, 2010

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Where: The Davenport Coffee Lounge  
American University

# Washington DC



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# VAMPIRE BLOOD DRIVE

The Stone & Holt  
Weeks Foundation

**Do  
Good:**  
Give Blood

October 31st, 12pm to 5pm  
at **The Vampire Blood Drive**  
Congressional Plaza Rockville, MD 20850  
Sign up: [www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

## Report & Photographs from the Day

Before Trick or Treating Begins  
Come Dressed in Costume  
There will be Prizes and Surprises  
**When: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010**  
**12 Noon to 5 PM**

**\*\* [Sign up Here](#) \*\***

Where: Inova Blood Donor Services Blood Mobile  
Congressional Plaza  
1677 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20850  
All are Invited

Everyone who registers to give blood will receive surprise gifts and a T-shirt, and will be eligible to win more amazing prizes. **Including Grand Vampire Prizes: True Blood novels autographed by Charlaine Harris and a Twilight movie photograph**

autographed by the cast. Other prizes below ...

As Holt said when he led WJ's high school blood drive, "It'll be fun. There'll be snacks. Everybody'll be there." His teacher Fred Delello said that Holt offered to sit and hold the hand of anyone who was afraid. Under his leadership, student participation more than doubled. Inova Blood Services will have a bloodmobile parked in the parking lot and there will be prizes and surprises. Tell your friends. We will sit with you and hold your hand.

**From Inova's Sandi Bourget:**

"I remember Holt as my student coordinator for my first high school blood drive after coming to work for Inova Blood Donor Services. He was, without a doubt, one of the most charismatic and energetic young men I have ever worked with. His enthusiastic attitude and caring personality made the Walter Johnson High School blood drive a fun event. I distinctly remember him talking with fellow students while they were donating and giving encouraging words to those who were anxious about the process. His engaging personality made the blood drive a party and ... with his help, we were able to surpass our goal. His shining footprint will live on through his family, friends, community and The Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation."

**Other Prizes: Hair Cattery \$25 gift cards, Baja Fresh free coupons,  
Plaza Art \$50 gift card, As Kindred Spirits \$25 gift card,  
Hamburger Hamlet \$25 gift cards, Mamma Lucia \$25 gift card,  
Massage Envy gift card, Panera 'Bread for a Year' card,  
Green Planet eco totes, and more...**

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# An Evening with Greta

## Plus Tennis System, Matthew Hemerlein, & DJ Knoxville

# Sunday, August 1, 2010

Report  
Photographs



Greta of Gold Motel  
Formerly of The Hush Sound  
(Singer/Songwriter of "Echo")  
Greta: Solo and Gold Motel  
PLUS  
Tennis System  
Matthew Hemerlein  
DJ Knoxville (Jeff Gratton)

To Benefit The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
When: Sunday, August 1, 2010

Doors Open 7 PM  
For Eating and Drinking  
[Where: U Street Music Hall](#)  
1115 U Street, NW  
Washington DC 20009

[Facebook Event Page](#)

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# Giant Cupcake Day MDA Camp/Chicago

## A Report on the Evening



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*Note: With a grant from The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation and proceeds from the [Walter Johnson Seize Life Fashion Show](#) -- put on to benefit our Foundation -- we were able to send nine campers to MDA Camp/Chicago, as well as sponsor the Giant Cupcake Day.*

### Cupcakes, Doughnuts, and a Pastry Chef named Kate By Lou Weeks (Stone's and Holt's first cousin)

We met in downtown Chicago at the very chic restaurant, Bistro 110. We were quite an array of do-gooders: Kate Sigel (a former Muscular Dystrophy, Association counselor, turned chef), her mom Nancy, their friend Barbara, former Muscular Dystrophy counselors Joe and Jen, John Gurdian—a friend of Stone and Holt's from DC, and your humble writer.

Our mission was two-fold: to honor the lives and legacies of Stone Weeks and

Holt Weeks, and to deliver 20 giant cupcakes to the Muscular Dystrophy Association camp near the Wisconsin border.

Stone had volunteered as a counselor at this Chicago MDA camp, and many of us who know Stone remember that it was a powerful experience for him. I remember a family reunion where Stone talked about what he had learned from taking care of another human being, "his camper." I also remember Holt talking about feeding homeless people in DC, which brings me back to the food.

Our first task was to load the cupcakes. Kate had worked as the pastry chef at Bistro 110 until her promotion to Sous Chef, but she obviously still remembered how to bake. The "cupcakes" she made weren't just beautiful, they were enormous. Even the restaurant's famous chef decorated one, which Kate somewhat dismissively described as a stegosaurus.

Soon we were ready for the journey. We had bracelets for the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, we had copies of the Story of Stone and Holt, we had some poetry, and we had all these giant cupcakes to maneuver through bumper-to-bumper traffic in 85-degree weather. Nancy turned up the AC in her car to arctic levels, the folks riding in that car put on sweaters, and off we went.

We arrived at the camp at 6 pm, just as dinner was hitting the table. Campers and counselors greeted Kate, Jen, Joe and Nancy with shouts and hugs. Feeding that many kids was quite a production, but the counselors made quick work of it, maybe because they had spotted the cupcakes. Megan Burns, the camp director, introduced campers to those of us who were new to camp, and surfed the chaos like a pro.

Some of the younger kids were walking around, many of the preteens were in wheelchairs, and the older campers were mostly in electric chairs—the method of locomotion the different kids used clearly charted the gradual decline of the children's health as they age. But this was not a sad place—this was clearly a very happy place—and also very silly.

The counselors had something to do with that. Many were dressed as various types of monsters-- a snake, a cavewoman, a fashion model. Between helping the kids with dinner, cleaning the tables, and flirting with one another, counselors performed the Chicken Dance (accompanied by alumni Kate, Joe and Jen), and an unintelligible but very loud song called "The Gray Squirrel."

After dinner, we talked about Stone and Holt, and the Foundation. Megan introduced us by saying "Special thanks to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, because its one of the reasons we afford to have camp this year." I told a story about how we were having a rough family trip in Japan, because our kids didn't like particular types of food there. Luckily, we had brought Stone along (age 15). We noticed at one meal that the kids were telling their cousins, "Wow, that looks amazing." and then all

the kids would avoid that dish. We discovered that Stone had taught the kids to use a code word for food they thought was disgusting. This allowed them to avoid acting bratty, and saved face for their parents and our hosts.

John Gurdian spoke of how self-less Stone and Holt were. He said Stone's work at the MDA camp inspired John to work at a camp for kids whose parents had HIV-Aids. He also told a story about how after swimming in a lake in the country, Stone had ignored the large leech on his own neck to make sure that John was leech-free. John is an aspiring actor, and his baritone voice held the room captive until everyone started saying "yuck." He also spoke movingly about the work of the Foundation and how he wanted to spread the word.

As we passed out bracelets, Megan said "Sorry some of the food was late. Who wants some *"amazing"* chicken nuggets?"

Mostly the campers and counselors passed—maybe because of the Japan story—more likely because they were still eyeing the cupcakes. And so we all plunged into these baked works of art and ate like crazy.

After dinner, now loaded with sugar, some of the kids were racing their wheelchairs on high speed outside the dining hall, slamming on the breaks at the last minute, and doing "doughnuts" in the gravel path. You could see by the marks around the camp that doughnuts were common. I asked one camper who looked a lot like my own children, "So what happens if you do the doughnut too tight and you tip over." He gave me a shrug, a grin, and said "Well, then you have to get yourself back in the chair and if you can't then you have to yell." What a great place where you can race around, risk spilling, but know that there are folks to help who are only a yell away.

As we got back in our cars and hit the road I was struck for about the millionth time how much we all lost when we lost Stone and Holt, but this time I was comforted because I actually saw that their energy is still alive in the world through all of the great people I had met that day.

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# MDA Summer Camp/Chicago & Giant Cupcake Day

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# Walter Johnson High School Holt Weeks Memorial Dedication

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Holt and Dr. Garran

Walter Johnson High School Graduation, 2007

When: Friday, June 4, 2010  
6 PM

Where: Walter Johnson High School  
Tennis Courts

6400 Rock Spring Drive  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dr. Chris Garran and Friends Will Speak  
All are Invited  
A Reception Following

One of the benches will be dedicated to Stone.  
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# University of Delaware Stone Weeks Memorial Bench and Tree Dedication

Program/Reflections

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Stone and Dr. Alchon  
University of Delaware Graduation, 2007

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010  
3 PM

Where: University of Delaware Campus  
Old College  
East Main Street & North College Avenue  
Newark, Delaware

Dr. Guy Alchon and Friends Will Speak  
All Are Invited

A Reception Following  
Kildare's Irish Pub  
Main Street

Newark

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# Seize Life Charity Fashion Show

## A Report on the Evening

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The spirit of having fun for a good cause was in the stormy spring air at The Seize Life Charity Fashion Show, held on Friday, May 14, 2010 at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda.

A large, multigenerational turnout watched students parade along a runway -- to a synthbeat backdrop -- in all kinds of fashionable clothes, including T-shirts with messages that Stone and Holt would love.

The evening was organized by the WJ Fashion Club. All in all, the event raised nearly \$6000 for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation, enabling the Foundation to make a grant of \$4500 to the [Muscular Dystrophy Association Camp in Chicago](#) -- the same camp where Stone volunteered as a high school student. Another \$1500 was donated to WJ in memory of two teachers, Karl Savage and Carolyn Berger-Ott, and a student, Celine Silver who all left our school community this year.



During the evening, the Foundation made an additional gift of \$3000 to the MDA Camp. A majority of the MDA donations will be used to sponsor deserving campers and the portion of the money will underwrite a Giant Cupcake Day for the camp, this year and next. A special thank you to former camp counselor Kate Sigel in Chicago who will be baking the 20 huge cupcakes later this month.

Also a special thank you to Christine Clemons of the Washington area MDA who graciously agreed to receive a giant copy of the donation check on behalf of the MDA. She made a moving, meaningful speech about how important volunteers -- like Stone -- are to the young campers with muscular dystrophy, and how important a summer camp is to these kids.

Here are some of the remarks we made that night:

**LINTON: Thank you, Caitlin, Jacqui, Emma, Celia, Daryl, Maddy, Gabby, -- Caroline, and Walter Johnson for your continuing and creative support for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. We also want to thank Teresa Hedrick-Ervin and FedEx Office.**

**I am Linton Weeks, this is my wife Jan. As many of you know, in the summer of 2009 we lost our two amazing sons in a random and senseless highway crash. In our sorrow, we founded The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation to honor the lives and the spirits of Stone and Holt.**

**JAN: Profound loneliness is one of the afflictions of profound grief -- the inner turmoil of losing loved ones , their futures, and our futures together. At the same time -- the Walter Johnson community has meant so much to us in various ways -- over these almost 10 months -- by supporting us, love for Holt and Stone, and our family's Foundation in many sensitive ways.**

**For that we are forever grateful.**

**Stone and Holt were multitaskers. They found so many ways to help others, and they made everything they did so much fun. And they found original, creative ways to engage their friends -- and others -- to do the same. Tonight's fashion show is a meaningful example of this. A good time for a good cause.**

**LINTON: Your support of our Foundation enables us to find new and innovative ways to propel the spirits of Stone and Holt into the future, to make the world a better place in ways they would have were they still in this world.**

**We want to quickly mention a few upcoming events where you can have fun and help others... A benefit concert at U Street Music Hall on August 1 featuring one of Stone's and Holt's favorite**

**singers/songwriters, Greta of The Hush Sound and now of Gold Motel. A vampire blood drive on October 31 where you can donate blood -- in costume -- to Inova Blood Services. And on December 22, the Second Annual We Kare-eoke Washington at Union Jacks in Bethesda.**

**You can find other news and upcoming events on the website,  
[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org).**

**Tomorrow afternoon the University of Delaware will be unveiling a memorial bench for Stone at 3 p.m. And here at Walter Johnson High School, on June 4, you are invited to a ceremony at the tennis courts at 6 p.m. for the dedication of a memorial boulder for Holt and benches for Holt and Stone. We are so very grateful to Dr. Garran and the Walter Johnson Community for such love.**

**In the end, love is all there is.**

**We love you.**

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# Tilden Woods House Tour

A Report

Sunday, May 2, 2-5 pm  
\$8 adult, \$12 couple

To benefit The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation

Creative and original renovations to splits, bi-levels and ramblers.  
Neighbors are opening their homes so that you can see inside.  
Join the fun for a good cause.

Info/tickets: [Marta@limelightdrama.com](mailto:Marta@limelightdrama.com) or 301-984-6855







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# **The Stone and Holt Weeks Nature Field Trip Scholarship to the Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary**



Stone and Holt at Woodend, Thanksgiving, 1992

Enabling young children to explore, discover, and celebrate nature through field trips, the scholarships cover program fees and bus expenses for Washington DC school children in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5.

**Kimball Elementary School Pre-K & Kindergarten, November 2015**

**Aiton Elementary School Fourth & Fifth Grades, June 2015**

**Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School**

**Third & Fifth Grades, November 2014**

**Beacon House Community Center Kindergarten - Seventh Grade,  
August 2014**

**Cleveland Elementary School Kindergarten & Pre-K Students, May-June 2013**

**Walker Jones Education Campus Second Grade Students, November 2012**

**Harriet Tubman Elementary School Second Grade Students, May 2012**

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# The Stone and Holt Weeks Humanitarian Award Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Theta Eta Chapter American University

**Awarded to Abby Binshaieg, 2012**  
**With a donation to PUSH America in his honor**

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# MDA Summer Camp/Chicago Sponsoring Campers & Fun

Camp Red Leaf -- Ingleside, Illinois -- June 21 - 27, 2014

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Camp Maria-- Leonardtown, Maryland -- June 22 - 28, 2014

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# MDA Summer Camp/Chicago & MDA Summer Camp/Washington Giant Cupcake Days

Camp Red Leaf -- Ingleside, Illinois -- June 19, 2011

Camp Maria-- Leonardtown, Maryland-- June 24, 2011

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# The Stone & Holt Weeks Foundation

[www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org](http://www.stoneandholtweeksfoundation.org)

**Do Good, Have Fun**

...and make the world a better place for all

In cooperation with the [Community Foundation](#) for the National Capital Region, The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation exists to honor the memories and spirits of two brothers, remarkable young men who were tragically killed by a highway trucking crash in the summer of 2009.



Holt Weeks, Stone Weeks, March, 2009

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Through unbearable sorrow, and unending love, the Foundation has as its mission to try and carry on the dreams of Stone and Holt in their spirits:  
By raising money for, creating awareness of, sponsoring participants in and

recognizing volunteers for the many good causes that they were involved with.

Stone and Holt not only believed, but proved -- through their volunteerism and incredible vitality -- that you can do good and have fun at the same time.

They both very much wanted to make the world a better place for all.  
And they each had the gift of making everything they did so much fun --  
with creativity and originality.

They were young, energetic and inseparable.  
They were humanitarians, activists and idealists.

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
c/o The Community Foundation of the National Capital Region  
1201 15th St. NW., Suite 420  
Washington, DC 20005



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# Seize Life Charity Fashion Show

Walter Johnson High School -- Bethesda, Maryland-- April 29, 2014

Benefitting The Foundation -- to benefit Habitat for Humanity

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*Photographs from last year's Fashion Show*



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# HALLOWEEN VAMPIRE BLOOD DRIVE 2013

October 26, 2013 -- Congressional Plaza, Rockville, MD

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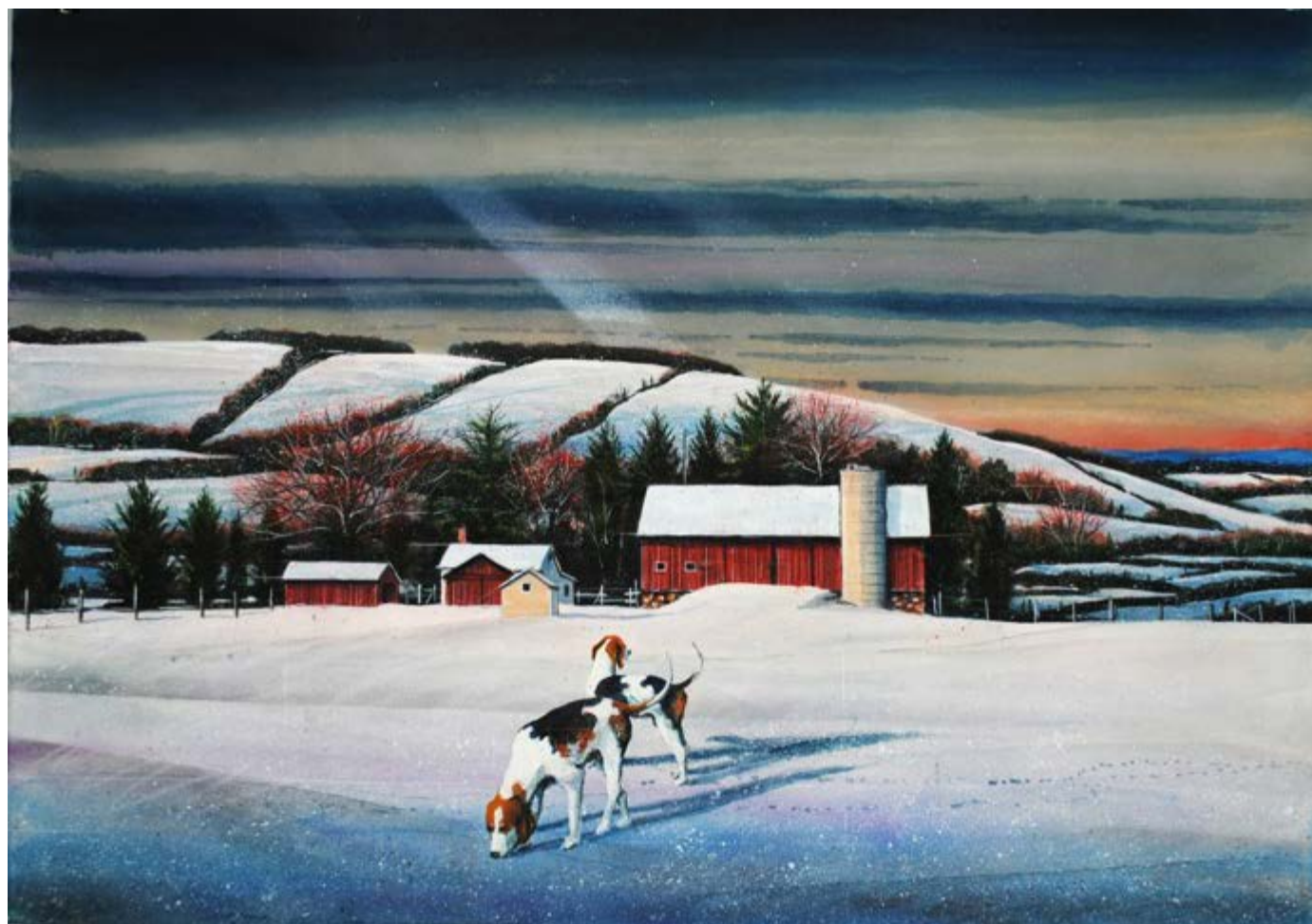
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# A William Dunlap painting for sale for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation



Valley View Two

29 by 41 inches

oil, watercolor, ink, and dry pigment on rag paper

2012

Signed lower right

Condition excellent

"I have been working on this painting with The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation in mind.... What you all are doing is beyond admirable, and I would like, in my own small way, to be a part of it...."

-- William Dunlap, September, 2012

[William Dunlap](#), a noted Southern painter whose art is included in the collections of

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art, U.S. State Department, and U. S. Embassies around the world -- and a longtime friend -- has graciously donated a sensitively rendered piece of art to The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. This is another creative way that compassionate and generous friends of the Foundation are supporting the Foundation's efforts to carry on the goodwill and good works of Holt and Stone.

We are interested in selling or auctioning this moving gift. Bill says, "The painting's Gallery value is \$8500." If you -- or anyone you know -- are interested in purchasing or selling or auctioning this painting that was created exclusively for The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation in honor of Holt and Stone, please contact the Foundation at [stoneandholtweeksfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:stoneandholtweeksfoundation@gmail.com)

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## Walter Johnson Leadership Class

**Dedication of Triple P Tournament  
(originated by Holt and Friends in 2006)  
February 22, 2012**





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# The Muscular Dystrophy Association

## Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award

[A Report & Photos](#)



"The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others,  
devote yourself to your community around you,  
and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is proud to present

## The Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award to Steve Walczak



This award is bestowed annually to an exceptional first year camp volunteer who consistently went above and beyond what was expected of them and thus made a significant contribution to the overall camp experience. The Stone Weeks Rock Star Volunteer Award was crated in memory of Stone and his brother Holt, who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place by doing good and having fun at the same time.

**MDA**  
Helping Jerry's Kids

The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation  
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music and meaning.**

**And to:  
Caroline Lacey  
Susan Park**

**Emcees  
Sarah Taylor, John Skubel, Ana Astiz, Nathan Barash**

**All the volunteers, including members of the Walter Johnson  
High School Leadership class**

**Johnny Nitro, Gary Ouellette, and Union Jack's  
Josh Levine and Vince Higdon of**

**Electra Entertainment**

**Videographers Suzanne Hickey and Emily Hickey  
Photographers Caroline Lacey, Emma Platais, Peter Abzug,  
Dylan Ellis**

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**Hard Times Cafe**  
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**Laurel Denise**  
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**Modern Family cast**  
**Uncle Julio's Rio Grande Cafe**  
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## *Reflections*

Andy Le  
Jennifer Condi  
Nath Pizzolatto  
Nikka Landau, read by Emily Walzer

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## *Gaelic Blessing ... John Rutter*

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

## *Stone and Holt's Prayer for Us*

Forever Young ... Bob Dylan

Guests are invited to move to James A. Baker III Hall  
for a reception with family and friends.

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### PRELUDE

A Selection of Holt's and Stone's Favorite Music

All You Need is Love  
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Africa  
Teach Your Children  
Time After Time  
Beyond the Gray Sky  
Stand by Me  
Echo

The Beatles  
Electric Light Orchestra  
Toto  
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young  
Cyndi Lauper  
311  
Ben E. King  
The Hush Sound

### WELCOME

**THE REV. MONA BAGASAO**  
Director of the Center for Spiritual Life  
and Senior Chaplain

### OPENING PRAYER

**THE REV. DOUGLAS MCMAHON**  
Director of Campus Ministries  
and Chaplain

Eternal God, source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear your Word this day. We gather today to give thanks for the lives of Holt and Stone Weeks. For all in them that was good and kind and faithful, we praise you loving God. Today, help us in our grief. Hold us closely, O God, as we lift up to you our precious memories of Holt and Stone. They are forever young! To you, O blessed God, be glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

### REFLECTIONS

**PROFESSOR HARRY ELLIS**  
Professor of Physics

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**HISASHI SATO '11**  
**ALEXANDER McDONALD '11**

### SONG

**CATHERINE SMITH '11**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

### REFLECTIONS

**DR. DONALD R. EASTMAN III**  
President

### A READING FROM THE HOLY BIBLE

**READ BY ERIN KOENIG**  
Head Tennis Coach

### MATTHEW 5:1-9

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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Union Jack's -- Bethesda, Maryland -- December 22, 2009

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# Christmas Mountains near Terlingua, Texas



"Stone played a critical role in Environment Texas' fight to save the Christmas Mountains of Texas. His research and writing helped inform the public about the proposed sale of the land to private interests and ultimately led to the cancellation of the sale. We are proud to have worked with him and will miss him. The stars are shining less brightly in Texas tonight"

Luke Metzger, Director of Environment Texas



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## Remarks by Linton and Jan at **An Evening with Greta:**

Linton:

Thank you to everyone here tonight supporting the Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation. We are living a nightmare that will never go away. But on occasions like this, we are able to appreciate the immense love that Stone and Holt inspire and that surrounds us now. Tonight is a very meaningful moment for us.

We especially want to thank Greta Morgan Salpeter and Caroline Lacey who first dreamed up this benefit concert.

Jan:

As everyone who knew them, knows -- Stone -- and Holt -- both were so bright, so thoughtful, so good, so hilarious, so -- much -- fun. And they absolutely loved great music -- and sharing great music -- with us -- and everyone they knew. They introduced many of us here tonight to Greta's wonderful music.

All of the amazing music tonight is offered in this spirit of sharing.

Thank you so much -- to Greta, Gold Motel, Tennis System, Matthew Hemerlein, Jeff Gratton, Scott Herman and U Street Music Hall -- all of you -- for donating your time and your talents. Thank you also to Chris Richards of The Washington Post who helped us put together the whole evening.

Linton:

On behalf of Stone and Holt, our family and our Foundation, we thank you. We promise you all the money that goes to our Foundation will be used to make the world a better place for all. As Stone and Holt want. Please keep checking the Foundation's website for news and future events. We love you all.

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## **Matt Blackmore, Steve Renwick & Diamonds in the Rough**

# THE STORY OF STONE AND HOLT



Stone Taylor Weeks, 24, and William Holt Weeks, 20, researchers at Rice University, in Houston, Texas, were killed Thursday night, July 23, while stopped in an interstate highway traffic jam. The Weeks brothers were en route to Washington to visit their parents and friends and to attend a book party honoring "The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America" by the historian Douglas Brinkley. Stone was Brinkley's research assistant for the book and other projects.

Stone was born in Savannah, Georgia. Holt was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. The boys grew up in North Bethesda and were super-active members of St. Columba's Church in Washington. They had become best and inseparable friends.

Stone attended Wyngate Elementary and St. Andrews Episcopal School. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 2007 with a degree in history. Immediately after graduation, he was hired to be the assistant and researcher for Brinkley, a Rice University professor of history and a fellow at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

Holt went to Farmland Elementary, Tilden Middle and Walter Johnson High School. He spent his first two years of college at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he focused on history, studied history and political systems in London for a semester, and played varsity tennis. As a sophomore he was chosen by his teammates to receive the Triton spirit award.

Both were Honor Roll and Dean's List guys. For a year they attended an international school in

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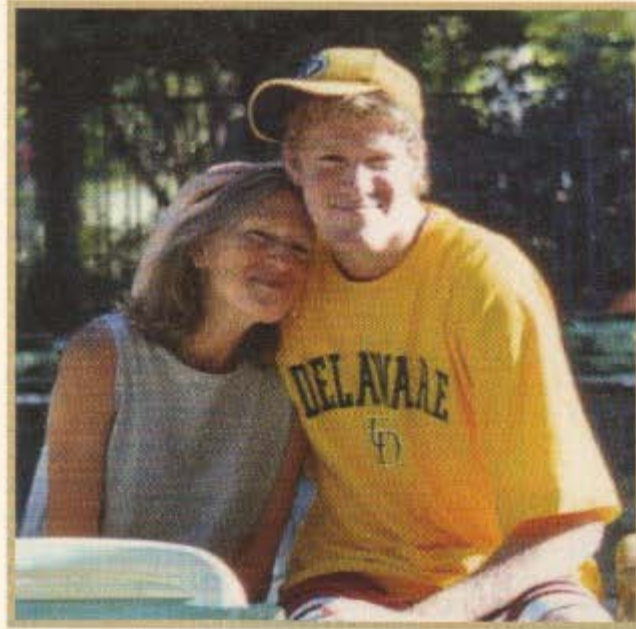
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*... with Mom, 2004*



*... with Holt & Priam, 2009*

*To honor the generous spirits of Stone and his brother*

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*...with Dr. Garran, Graduation 2007*



*...on the court, 2009*



*...with brother Stone and Priam, Rice University, 2009*

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James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

in conjunction with

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A special event dedicated to

*The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation*

Welcome and Introduction

**Christopher Bronk, Ph.D.**

Fellow in Information Technology Policy

Baker Institute for Public Policy

Presentation

***The Quiet World:  
Saving Alaska's Wilderness Kingdom***

with author

**Douglas Brinkley, Ph.D.**

Fellow in History

Baker Institute for Public Policy

Question and Answer Session

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

**6:00 pm**

Dedication of the Stone Weeks and Holt Weeks Bench  
and reception to follow.

**Kelly International Conference Facility**

James A. Baker III Hall, Rice University



PRELUDE:  
SELECTIONS FROM STONE'S AND HOLT'S MUSIC

*All Night Long* - Lionel Ritchie  
*Seize the Day* - From the movie "Newsies"  
*What About Love* - Heart  
*Time After Time* - Cyndi Lauper  
*Highwayman* - Nelson, Kristofferson, Jennings, Cash,  
*Echo* - The Hush Sound

WELCOME:  
Robert Kosasky

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Al Hightower  
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STONE'S AND HOLT'S PRAYER FOR US:

*Forever Young* - Bob Dylan  
Sung by Jules Barringer

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CLOSING MEDITATION  
Betsy Carmody Gonzalez

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Following the ceremony, guests are invited to join together  
for a reception in Kreeger Gallery

To honor the generous spirits of Stone and Holt and  
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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Time after Time*

**CATHY SMITH '11**

**MATTHEW RODAHAVER '13**

**WORDS FROM JAN AND LINTON WEEKS**

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***Meditation by Rudolf Steiner***

Spirit air surrounds us  
Spirit bonds sustain us  
Hold us and embrace us

Light Brilliant  
Love Radiant  
Eternal soul bonds

May our Loving thoughts dwell in you  
And may yours dwell in us

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**BOB FORTOSIS**  
Director of Athletics

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**LAYING OF FLOWERS**

Following Jan and Linton Weeks, all are invited to lay flowers near  
or on the benches as we give thanks for the lives of Holt and Stone.

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# Seize Life Charity Fashion Show

Walter Johnson High School -- Bethesda, Maryland-- May 14, 2010

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## REMARKS -- WALTER JOHNSON FASHION SHOW 2011

**LINTON:** Thank you Gaby Cavanaugh, Sophie Andes Gascon, Emma Platais, Sabina Vanegas, Maddy Kunkle, Charlotte Jackson, and Olivia Stearn for your generous caring and your continuing support. Thank you for choosing The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation as the beneficiary of this creative and original event.

I am Linton Weeks, this is my wife Jan. As many of you know, in the summer of 2009 we lost our two amazing sons in a random and senseless highway crash. In our profound sorrow, we have founded The Stone and Holt Weeks Foundation to honor the lives and the spirits of Stone and Holt.

**JAN:** The Walter Johnson community has meant so much to us in various ways -- over these almost 22 months -- by caring for and supporting us, our family's Foundation, and the legacies of Holt and Stone and in many sensitive ways.

For that we are forever grateful.

Stone and Holt were compassionate and creative. They found many many ways to help others, and they made everything they did so much fun. They dreamed up original, worthwhile ways to engage their friends -- and others -- to do the same. Tonight's fashion show is a meaningful example of this. A good time for a good cause.

**LINTON:** Holt graduated from WJ in 2007. As a junior in the Leadership class, he began Triple P for LLS -- which has become such a successful tradition. One summer when Stone was in high school, he volunteered at a muscular dystrophy camp in Chicago. It was one of the most difficult and most profound experiences of his life. He was moved by the stories and the goodness he encountered.

Your support of our Foundation enables us to find new and innovative ways to support that kind of goodness and to propel the spirits of Stone and Holt into the future, to make the world a better place in a much smaller way than they would were they still in this world. But it is all we can do.

**JAN:** Again, we are very grateful to Dr. Garran, the Fashion Show participants, and the entire Walter Johnson community. On behalf of the



**Foundation, we would like to present a \$1000 grant to the newly created Dr. Chris Garran "Access2College" Scholarship Fund. And a \$3000 grant to the MDA camps in Chicago and here in the Washington area. The remainder of tonight's proceeds will also be presented to the Muscular Dystrophy Association camps.**

**We have asked Maureen Kiley to represent the MDA camps to speak about the importance and the impact of volunteering with them.**

*Ode to Beautiful Young Men  
(Now Old and Retired)*

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

– Howard Thurman

There are no words, no thoughts, no songs, no speeches,  
No medicine to heal the wound. The earth is off-kilter, time lurches about.

Was anyone ever as alive as these two red headed young men?

Stone and Holt did not want this.  
They did not want a detour, a dangerous highway, and a massive truck.

They wanted so much more.  
Passion, purpose, love, strong opinions, long conversations, sports, dogs, books.

Let it be so. Let us write a better ending.

Good husbands and fathers of large families.  
Builders, teachers, leaders. Happily retired after successful careers.

Stone wrote many books, and appears occasionally as a commentator on The Nightly News Hour to give his perspective on the day's events.

Holt was elected to Congress from his adopted state of Texas, where he authored legislation to protect the environment, and to improve schools in impoverished communities.

They are getting together for breakfast, these old men, at their favorite diner.  
Look – you can see them. Listen, what are they saying?

They are waving us over - hang on, guys, we'll be there soon.

– Lou Weeks, Chicago

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## LITANY

**One:** In our time of grief and wondering, we can take heart, we can be assured

**MANY:** **THERE IS LIGHT BEYOND.**

**One:** When we can't find answers and even grope for questions, we can know

**MANY:** **THERE IS LIGHT BEYOND.**

**One:** When we remember those we love, Holt and Stone, we are assured

**MANY:** **THERE IS LIGHT BEYOND.**

**One:** When we are stopped, maybe years from now, by a gesture, by a song,  
that brings to heart and mind our old friends, we will know

**MANY:** **THEY ARE PART OF THE LIGHT BEYOND.**

**One:** And when the time comes, when our time goes, joined in the love  
of the Creator of us all, we'll be there,

**MANY:** **PART OF THE LIGHT BEYOND.**

**One:** Among the stars of the heavens, reflected on ocean's face

**MANY:** **PART OF THE LIGHT BEYOND.**

## SONG

### Forever Young

Bob Dylan

May God bless and keep you always  
May your wishes all come true  
May you always do for others  
And let others do for you  
May you build a ladder to the stars  
And climb on every rung  
May you stay forever young  
Forever young, forever young  
May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous  
May you grow up to be true  
May you always know the truth  
And see the lights surrounding you  
May you always be courageous  
Stand upright and be strong  
May you stay forever young  
Forever young, forever young  
May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy  
May your feet always be swift  
May you have a strong foundation  
When the winds of changes shift  
May your heart always be joyful  
And may your song always be sung  
May you stay forever young  
Forever young, forever young  
May you stay forever young.



Aix-en-Provence, France, while their mother, Jan Taylor Weeks, taught at the Marchutz School of Painting and Drawing.

In high school, Stone played varsity tennis and basketball and as a senior was named Captain and Most Valuable Player of his basketball team. He was on the St. Andrew's vestry and an enthusiastic leader in a vast range of community service projects, including a Muscular Dystrophy Association camp in Chicago and a Habitat for Humanity program in Tennessee. He was always active in student government and he was both the news editor and the editorial editor of the school newspaper. At St. Columba's he was an acolyte and involved in the STEP program.

At Delaware, Stone was a university teaching assistant for history and a founding father of the UD chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He worked with Prof. Guy Alchon to organize a statewide forum titled "Soldiers to Veterans: The Burdens of Conscience and a Careless Public." He assisted in the making of a documentary on the My Lai massacre. Two summers were spent working at Thompson O'Donnell law firm in Washington and the summer before his senior year he was intern to the director of the ACLU in Delaware.

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Stone and Holt not only believed, but proved — through their volunteerism and incredible vitality — that you can do good and have fun at the same time. They very much wanted to make the world a better place for all. They both had the gift of making everything they did a lot of fun — with creativity and originality. They were young, energetic and inseparable. They were humanitarians, activists and idealists.

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In Stone's Career, he went on to expand the use of new technology to reach and educate others, including in other languages. He also wrote a great collection of haiku.

Holt was appointed and approved as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, which he made the most of in helping the United States and Japan found new aid programs for the impoverished and uneducated.

[Boys, they say radio waves travel in outerspace forever. I believe the waves reach heaven too and know the messages honoring you will reach you. I will always remember your fondness and joy in visiting new countries; France, Japan, Africa, and hope my children will be like you in that and in all your other Christlike ways. Our love, hopes, and respect for you have no bounds. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity, love and enriching our lives. Tengoku de mata aimashou. (We look forward to seeing you both again in Heaven.)]

– Sid Weeks, Tokyo

Written by their first cousins Lou and Sid, this progressive poem first appeared on the Holt & Stone Weeks memorial page on Facebook.



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## CLOSING PRAYER

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Loving God, you are nearest to us when we need you most. In these hours and days of sorrow, we continue to turn to you, trusting in your loving mercy. We go forth from this service to plant the memories of these beloved boys throughout the world. May our precious memories be like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. Like Holt and Stone, may we go forth to make a difference in this world. We bless you for the gifts of Holt and Stone Weeks and for the assurance that they live forever in the joy and peace of your presence. They are forever young! God of peace, keep our hearts and minds in your loving care always.  
Amen and Amen.

*As the service ends, Dean of Students James Annarelli will lead the community in dedicating a memorial boulder for Holt. At the conclusion of the dedication, please join in the candle light procession to the reception in Fox Hall.*

The opening and closing prayers have been adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1993, Westminster/John Knox Press. The closing prayer includes portions of Psalm 1, NRSV.





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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Montage of Stone and Holt's Favorite Music

#### Processional Hymn 585

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

*Bingham*

#### Thank You

The Rev. Janet Vincent

#### Collect

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O God, your ways are beyond our understanding, and your love for those whom you create is greater by far than ours; comfort all who grieve for Stone and Holt. Give us faith to endure the wilderness of bereavement and bring us into the fullness of time to share with Stone and Holt the light and love of your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### Reflections

Woody Turner

Al Hightower

#### The First Reading *seated* Psalm 22:1-11

Read by the Rev. Dr. Louis Weeks

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

why art thou so far from helping me,

and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not;

and in the night season, and am not silent.

But thou art holy,

O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee:

they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered:

they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

But I am a worm, and no man;

a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

they shoot out the lip, they shake the head saying,

He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him:

let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

But thou art he that took me out of the womb:

thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

I was cast upon thee from the womb:

thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near;

for there is none to help.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

#### Reflections

Christopher Garran

Drewry Fennell

#### Hymn 645 *standing*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*St. Columba*



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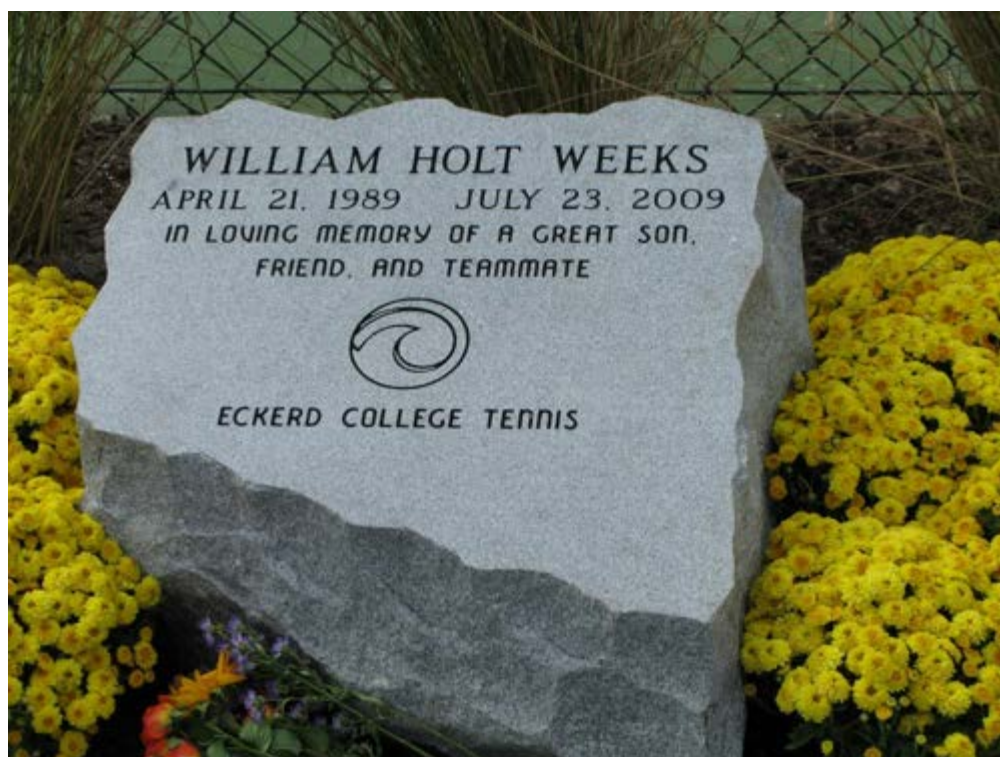
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## **Dedication of the Holt Weeks Memorial Boulder**

### **Introduction**

### **President Donald Eastman**

- In the fourth chapter of the Book of Joshua, it is written:

After all the people had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe. Tell them to get twelve rocks from the middle of the river, from where the priests stood. Carry the rocks and put them down where you stay tonight." So Joshua chose one man from each tribe. Then he called the twelve men together and said to them, "Go out into the river where the Ark of the Lord your God is. Each of you bring back one rock, one for each tribe of Israel, and carry it on your shoulder. They will be a sign among you. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these rocks mean?' Tell them the water stopped flowing in the Jordan when the Ark of the Agreement with the Lord crossed the river. These rocks will always remind the Israelites of this.

And so today, we gather to dedicate a visible campus memorial, chosen and designed by Holt's friends and teammates for the meaning that it conveys about William Holt Weeks. A boulder—a fitting permanent reminder of Holt's strength of character, his unwavering commitment to his family, friends, and teammates; and his steadfast dedication to building a more just world.

*President Eastman, Dean Annarelli, Ben Maxwell, and Aaron Kleefield unveil the boulder.*

**Reading of the Inscription      President Eastman**

**William Holt Weeks**

**April 21, 1989 -- July 23, 2009**

**In Loving Memory of a Great Son, Friend, and Teammate**

**Eckerd College Tennis**

**Litany of Dedication**

Because of your sense of justice and fairness not only on the court, but also in life, we will remember you and honor you in our own acts of justice and fairness towards others.

Because of the love and honor that you showed to your parents, we will remember you in honoring our parents and, when the time comes, in striving to be parents who are worthy of honor.

Because of your steadfast willingness to serve others with an attitude of grace and integrity, we will remember you and honor you when we serve those less fortunate than ourselves.

Because of your extraordinary ability to face every aspect of life with an open heart and positive attitude, we will remember you and honor you when we meet life's joys and challenges with resolve and optimism.

**Closing Prayer**

Holy God, we have committed to you the souls of our friends and children, Holt and Stone. Help us to honor their lives by living out their vision of a just and loving world.

You have committed to us their memories. May we remember them always in love and, in so doing, love one another as you have loved us. We ask this in your great name. Amen



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**The Second Reading**    *seated*    Romans 8:14-18

Read by the Rev. Dr. Louis Weeks

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People    Thanks be to God.*

**Reflections**

Erin Koenig  
Douglas Brinkley

**The Holy Gospel**    *standing*    Matthew 5:1-9

Read by the Rev. John Taliaferro Thomas

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Homily**    *seated*

The Rev. John Taliaferro Thomas

**The Apostles' Creed**    *standing*    [The Book of Common Prayer, page 496]

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers**

*Leader*    Let us offer our prayers to God.

*Response*    *O God, have mercy.*

Even in the midst of our shock, horror and anger we give thanks for the lives of your children, Stone and Holt, we pray

*O God, have mercy.*

Remember Linton and Jan. Help them to hold each other in love, that this sorrow may draw them together as they face the days ahead, we pray

*O God, have mercy.*

Remember all the family and friends of Stone and Holt, that they may know the consolation of your love, we pray

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## The Peace

Hymn 671

Amazing Grace

*New Britain*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving *standing* Eucharistic Prayer I [page 333]

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is meet and right so to do.*

*The Presider continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Presider continues*

. . . By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

*People and Presider*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken; silence is kept.*

*Presider* We are one bread, one body;

*People* *We will love one another as Christ loves us.*

### Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.





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## At the Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive the bread and wine are welcome to come forward for a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

### Hymn 490

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

### Postcommunion Prayer *standing*

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Commendation *standing* [page 482]

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints,  
*where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants Stone and Holt. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, sheep of thine own fold, lambs of thine own flock, children of thine own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

### Anthem *seated (sung by the choir)* A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace to you of the running wave to you, Deep peace of the flowing air to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

### A Litany Anticipating Heaven

Let us pray with confidence, anticipating heaven, and let the people respond,  
*Lead Stone and Holt home.*

To the gates of Paradise *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To your mercy-seat *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the kingdom of heaven *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To your true sanctuary *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the multitude of the blessed *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To eternal bliss *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the company of the saints *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the garden of delight *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the throne of majesty *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the lights of glory *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the highest heights *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the crown of glory *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the land of rest *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the safe harbor *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the fount of life *Lead Stone and Holt home.*





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To the ladder of angels *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the clouds of glory *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the refreshing stream *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the reward of the righteous *Lead Stone and Holt home.*  
To the dwelling place of God *Lead Stone and Holt home.*

*Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*  
*People Thanks be to God.*

**Song** All You Need Is Love John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Love, love, love  
Love, love, love  
Love, love, love

There's nothing you can do that can't be done  
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung.  
Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game—it's easy.  
There's nothing you can make that can't be made  
No one you can save that can't be saved.  
Nothing you can do but you can learn to be you in time

All you need is love, All you need is love,  
All you need is love, love, love is all you need  
Love, love, love  
Love, love, love  
Love, love, love

There's nothing that you can know that isn't known,  
Nothing you see that isn't shown.  
Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be—it's easy.

All you need is love, all you need is love,  
All you need is love, love, love is all you need  
All you need is love, all you need is love,  
All you need is love, love, love is all you need.  
Love is all you need . . . Love is all you need . . .

*As the refrain continues the clergy, family and designated friends will leave for St. Columba's columbarium. After their departure all are invited to join the family, gathering outside the columbarium proper or going directly to the Great Hall for a reception. Directions to St. Columba's are available from the ushers.*

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"Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, let it be spoken without effort, without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was; there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner . . ."

—Henry Scott Holland, 1847-1918  
*Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London*



*In lieu of flowers, the family requests that tax-deductible contributions be sent to:  
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