



# Monthly Minute

A monthly “hello” from the Cloquet Educational Foundation with news, information, and small “seeds” for your in-box



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

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## Mission statement:

The Cloquet Educational Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, provides opportunities for academic, artistic, athletic, cultural and social growth for children and youth in the Cloquet area by financially supporting programs and activities.

### About us:

The Cloquet Educational Foundation believes an ideal community promotes educational excellence by supporting learning opportunities for children - in the classroom and beyond - so they can develop into healthy, productive and responsible adults.

Our purpose is to secure funding for educational opportunities for Cloquet students from birth through high school graduation. We work in partnership with the Cloquet Public Schools and the community to accomplish our goals.

Our funding does not replace school district responsibilities. It works to enhance district dollars by providing necessary support for prioritized educational initiatives and creative and innovative programs.

Someone once remarked that organizing The Blue Jean Ball is like “putting on a wedding every year.” I couldn’t agree more. What started as an “Evening of Entertainment” in an upstairs room for friends and supporters, has bloomed and grown into a “full-blown” gala for 400 guests.

Right now, the Blue Jean Ball planning is in full-swing. We are selling tickets (get YOURS SOON-we are getting down to single digits). We are forming our teams of people who help-out that evening. We are hammering out details to make the night extra-special, fun, and smooth-running.

Do you have any details we might have missed, or a comment that might help the evening run smoothly? How about a favorite tune we can pass along our fabulous DJ-Eric at Euphoric Entertainment? Now is the time to let us know, as we are always open to ideas from our past guests and friends. Feel free to email me at [jacers@isd94.org](mailto:jacers@isd94.org) if you have something to share.

That being said, it is a true pleasure to bring so many from the community together in support of education in Cloquet. There are a lot of moving parts, balls in the air, and last-minute adjustments to putting on the Blue Jean Ball, but it’s worth the effort! Like a wedding, I think of it as a time for happiness, connection, and fun. It is part fundraiser and part “thank you” for your continued support, and that is why details matter for a great night. It certainly isn’t something we slap together at the last minute, it is carefully planned with you, our guest, in mind.

As we say around the CEF office from time to time, “It’s for the kids...”

See you on February 1st!

Warmly,

Jody

**Do you know someone who would like to receive this in their in-box each month?**

**Contact us at [jacers@isd94.org](mailto:jacers@isd94.org)**

## 5 Questions about... *The Blue Jean Ball*

**Can I really wear JEANS?** YES! We encourage our guests to join us for a fun, relaxed, casual evening. Of course, if you want to add some “bling” we won't stop you. After all, “It's about the kids”.

**Do I need to be invited?** Nope! This event isn't just for people involved in the School District. We welcome ANYONE who wants to buy a ticket, enjoy a good meal, visit with members of the community, and take in the fun atmosphere. It is a great break in the long-cold, winter.

**How much are tickets?** \$40, and you can buy them at the CEF office or a CEF Board member.

**I can't attend this year- can I still support the CEF and the Blue Jean Ball?** Indeed! We are always looking for auction items, gift certificates, or seed money for special items that enhance the event.

**Do you have a motto?** Yes, informally we say the Blue Jean Ball is “*For the Kids*”. Everything we do, put into and get out of the event is for education in Cloquet.



**TICKETS on sale NOW...but going FAST!**

*Saturday, February 1, 2020*

*Black Bear Casino and Events Center*

*Know before you go!*

\***Tickets are \$40** and can be purchased from CEF Board Members or by calling the CEF Office at (218) 879-3806

\*“**Mystery Tables**” can be reserved for 8. Don't have a table of 8? We have you covered! Just call our office and we will get you a terrific seat.

\***Get your tickets early!** They sell out fast! Call the CEF office to get yours--218-879-3806.

### **Spotlight on our supporters:** (Each month we'll pick a supporter out of a hat... literally.)

Got 31 Bags? We know who does...our dear friend, **CHRISTINE (Modec) Bondi**, “The Bag Lady”! We are truly thankful for her generosity and creativity. Thanks Christine, for outfitting us in style!

<https://www.mythirtyone.com/us/en/christinebondi>

### **The Madrigals: Songs of the season!**



**A CEF sponsored activity!**

As part of the “Home for the Holidays” celebration in Cloquet, the madrigals serenaded parade-goers in song as the Cloquet Fire District and the Cloquet Educational Foundation teamed-up to serve Smore's and Hot Chocolate in front of the fire hall.



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