



Chilton Area Community Foundation John Adema Soccer Scholarship



John “Coach” Adema (1936-2013) was the ultimate ambassador to the game of soccer. Through his 56 year soccer career, John taught life skills, developed lifelong friendships and helped many, young and old, become better people. John’s impact on the people he met was so great that his legacy will endure through this scholarship.

John and his brother came to America from Franeker, Netherlands on a ship called the Seven Seas in 1956 when John was 19. It took 10 days to reach New York from their war-torn homeland of Holland. From there they took a train to Fond du Lac, WI to be with their uncle. Reaching America was one dream come true. Meeting Helen was his second dream come true.

John married Helen in 1957 and they made their first home in Sheboygan, WI. John worked at Kohler Company for 12 years, where he learned most of his English. He then left Kohler for Lee Realty to get back into carpentry, his profession in the Netherlands.

John Adema was integral in the development of soccer in Northeast Wisconsin. John played a role at every level of the game throughout his long career. John was responsible for starting the Marian University soccer program in 1983 and won Lake Michigan Conference Coach of the Year honors in his second season. He was also the longest-tenured men’s soccer coach in St. Norbert College history and was named the conference coach of the year in 1994. He coached at the high school level in Kiel, New Holstein, Stockbridge and Cedar Grove-Belgium high schools. He was a coach for the Olympic Player Development Program and was also active in youth soccer programs, starting youth clubs in New Holstein and Kiel. John was inducted into the Wisconsin Adult Soccer Association Hall of Fame in 1989 and the first soccer coach to be inducted in the Lakeshore Sports Hall of Fame in Manitowoc in 2007. He played soccer with the Sheboygan Sports Club, Appleton Bombers, Fond du Lac Express and played competitively until he was 55 years old and coached right up until his passing at age 76.



John built the concession stand and bathrooms at the Kiel Soccer complex, donating all of his labor. He built the original dugouts, player benches and spectator seating. The building was dedicated and named after him in 2003.

John believed that soccer was a lifelong skill and he wanted to make sure students who learned soccer at a young age would carry it with them well past their high school years.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from Kiel High School who are planning to continue their education at a college/university or technical school. Students must have played soccer at Kiel High School and have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Financial need may be taken into consideration.

Award Amount:

Two \$500 scholarship awards for tuition expenses, of which one will be awarded to a male and one to a female.

Selection:

Recipients will be selected by the Kiel High School scholarship selection committee and one Adema family member.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payments will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: completed scholarship verification form (located at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships), grade transcripts from the first semester of the first year of college, verification of full time student status for the second semester of college (class schedule with credits listed). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending during the second semester of the freshman year of college. This scholarship cannot be deferred. Most communications between the Community Foundation and the student will be via email. Please keep us advised of your current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full time student for the second semester at a college/university or technical college, after successful completion of the first semester, as a student in good academic standing.

Further Information:

Applications are available through the Kiel High School guidance office. For more information regarding payment process or to obtain scholarship forms please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region’s website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-702-7619.