Bequests Received

Through trusts, wills, retirement plans and other planned commitments, Nevada’s alumni, friends and faculty support a wide range of programs. We express our thanks for the following planned gifts received from deceased donors from Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2010:

**Kathleen Blythe Trust**

Kathleen “Katie” H. Blythe ’46 (history) grew up in Pennsylvania and California, but chose to attend the University of Nevada, Reno with her twin sister, Isabel ’46 (journalism). Both sisters held fond memories of their Nevada years. Katie passed away in 2009, but remembered the University in her estate plans with a bequest that established a general unrestricted endowment to support the University Libraries.

**Estate of Thelma Fay Epper**

Thelma F. Epper chose to remember the College of Liberal Arts in her estate plans. Her bequest gift resulted in a scholarship to benefit students in the Department of Music through the Fred and Thelma F. Epper Memorial Scholarship.

**Edward Grundel Family Trust**

A recent gift from the estate of Edward Grundel Jr. ’43 (mining engineering) creates a scholarship endowment to benefit education students. While at Nevada, Ed met his future wife, Carmelina Bergeret ’45. After 63 years of marriage, Carmelina passed away in 2007, and Ed established the Carmelina B. Grundel Scholarship Endowment. Ed’s lifetime gifts combined with his estate gift allows the Grundel’s legacy and passion for education to live on in perpetuity.

**Eleanore Haskett Family Trust**

Philip ’68M.S. (chemistry) and Eleanore Haskett were long-time Reno residents and firm believers in higher education. While in retirement, the couple found joy in providing financial support to talented students in need through the Philip and Eleanore Haskett Scholarship Endowment. Philip passed away in 1997 and Eleanore passed away in 2010. A gift from the family trust will ensure that their scholarship continues to provide opportunities to Nevada students for generations to come.

**Astrid Liljeblad Estate**

A major gift from the estate of Astrid Liljeblad, who passed away in November 2009, will support the Sven and Astrid Liljeblad Endowed Fund in the College of Liberal Arts. The couple established the fund nearly two decades ago to support research and the study of linguistics, culture and folklore in the Nevada Great Basin. Sven Liljeblad ’84 (HDG), who passed away in 2000 in his native Sweden, came to Nevada in 1965 to teach anthropology.

**Nena Miller Trust**

Edwina “Nena” Miller passed away in October 2010. Nena is well remembered in the Reno community both as the wife of Dr. N. Edd Miller, former president of the University of Nevada, Reno, and for her own community, educational and charitable activities. Before Nena died, she designated the University Dean’s Future Scholars Program and the N. Edd and Nena Miller ASUN Leadership Award Endowment as beneficiaries of her estate.

**Catherine P. Smith**

Catherine (Parsons) Smith, professor emeriti, was a professor at the University of Nevada, Reno in the music department from 1968 to 2000. She played flute in the Reno Philharmonic and the Reno Opera for many years. A planned gift from Catherine will support women’s studies and the Department of Music in the College of Liberal Arts.