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Points of View

E'monters urged to attend fundraiser

To the Editor:

The reputation of the Edgemont schools is what brought most of us to this close-knit community. While we all struggle with taxes that seem to be continually increasing, we rationalize that it will help to ensure our community's goal of continued excellence for our children and maintain our property values. It is extremely difficult to achieve the excellent Edgemont reputation and standards through public school funding alone due to state mandates, pension requirements and tax certiorari claims. This is why supporting and contributing to the Edgemont School Foundation is so important right now.

After several failed school budget referendums in the early 1990s, many Edgemonters desired a vehicle that could create and finance new school programs and initiatives. Founded in 1993, the ESF, through its endowment, awards monetary grants that support and enhance the Edgemont School District's curriculum, its students and its teachers. The ESF is a fully qualified IRS 501(c)(3) entity chartered in New York State as a not-for-profit charity. We are proud that the Edgemont School Foundation has filled this

very important role for 20 years.

We would like to invite the entire Edgemont community to join us at the annual Edgemont School Foundation cocktail and dinner scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, at Sunningdale Country Club. We will be honoring Tom Blank, a PE teacher for 32 years at Greenville, and Dr. Barry Friedman, a Greenville school psychologist for 29 years and principal of the junior/senior high school for the past four years, who are retiring after their significant years of dedication to our schools. Tickets are \$150 per person and partially tax deductible and can be mailed to ESF at PO Box 1154, Scarsdale, NY 10583 or contact evebrooks@mac.com. Much of the proceeds from this event enable the ESF to continue our mission to "ensure and enhance the value of an Edgemont education."

We look forward to seeing many of our friends and neighbors at Sunningdale for what promises to be an evening of great food, drinks, jazz and fun.

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