**Barbara Bolding/Jim Grew Rotary $5,000 Scholarship for Women**

Purpose of Scholarship: This scholarship was established by Jim Grew to honor his deceased partner Barbara Bolding. Jim Grew has been working at the national and international levels of towed water sports as an administrator, athlete, coach and team captain with emphasis on adaptive athletes since 1970. Jim was inducted into the U.S. Water Ski Hall of Fame in 2013 as the first non-elite athlete in 14 years at the time. Jim’s fiancée Barbara Bolding was diagnosed with cancer in 1987 at the age of 34 and, following two bone marrow transplants, passed away in March of 1992.

Because of her illness, Barbara developed a special empathy for and bond with the athletes in the adaptive division of water skiing as she well understood what they were going through, especially those who lost limbs due to cancer.   Before her passing, she was able to attend several Disabled National Water Ski Championships and one Disabled World Championships in Australia in 1989 where Jim was serving as Chief Judge, and she was considered a mascot for the U.S. team.  As a single divorced Mom, she left behind two children, then 15 and 17, who have had challenges since her passing.

After living for forty years in Florida (on a lake of course), Jim moved to Steamboat Springs in December of 2016 and is interested in supporting female high school students to help them with the cost of furthering their education.   Upon his arrival, he started attending Rotary meetings with the intention of joining and giving back to his new community.

Club Background: In 2018, Jim Grew approached the Steamboat Noon Rotary Club offering to fund a scholarship in Barbara’s name. After review by the scholarship committee, and then by the board on August 13, 2018, consent was given to proceed during the next scholarship cycle.

Amount: Each year a single scholarship of $5,000 will be awarded to one female. The $5,000 will be funded annually by Jim Grew. This scholarship will be in addition to the usual funding amount by the noon Rotary Club, and not in place of any portion of it. The funding will be confirmed each year before the scholarship selections are conducted.

Stipulations: The recipient must be a woman. Before any money is dispersed the recipient must provide a hand-written thank you note and 3” x 5”picture of herself for Jim to place in a scrapbook maintained in memory of Barbara for her two children, now in their 40s.

Selection Process: Except for the requirement that the recipient be a female, the selection criteria are exactly the same as for the current Rotary Club scholarships. The recipient will come from the pool of applicants for the general Rotary scholarships. The Rotary Scholarship committee will select the recipient based on the existing Rotary scholarship criteria. Jim Grew does not wish to participate in the selection process, but he would like to receive a copy of the winning candidate’s application.