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Dear Fellow Derryfield Members:

As a good number of you may already know, I have left Manchester Country Club after 30 years and have officially become a member of "The Moon." The warm greetings I received already brings a smile to my face as I begin a new golfing journey.

One aspect of my golfing life will not change, my commitment to the McDonough Scholarship Foundation. I have served on the Board of Directors beginning in the late 1990s and I am entering my 10<sup>th</sup> year serving as its president. Many of you are familiar with the Foundation. A number of our scholars have worked at Derryfield for many years. In fact, there is a scholarship specifically dedicated to students who worked at Derryfield. **The Walter T. Philippy Scholarship** is scholarship is endowed in Mr. Philippy's memory by Matilda Philippy and her family. An avid golfer, Mr. Philippy was a 48-year veteran of Derryfield Country Club, an advocate of young peoples' involvement in the game, and for many years a member of the New Hampshire Golf Association slope/course rating team. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving candidate employed at Derryfield Country Club or another Manchester golf course.

Last year, we awarded \$115,000.00 to our scholars. Most of the financial support comes from direct donations from clubs. Years ago, this is through the sale of bag tags. However, that option did not become financially viable. We have attempted to establish a mechanism for a voluntary donation when annual dues are paid.

Every dollar we received is critical in carrying out our mission. I am hoping each of you would consider making a minimum \$10.00 donation to McDonough when paying your fees, or at some point during the season. Through the assistance of fellow board member Eileen Conway, the Woman's Association has included that as an option on their application/renewal form.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate in tracking me down or calling me. I sincerely hope you will help our scholars.

Very truly yours,

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