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Red Wings Alum to Hit the Greens to Raise Green for Madonna's Green Building

Save Some Green -- Early Birdie Registration Through Aug. 10

LIVONIA, Mich. — Red Wings alumnus John Ogradnick will hit the links with area golfers as part of Madonna University's Scholar-Am Classic, Monday, Sept. 14, at Fox Creek Golf Course, in Livonia. The 18-hole scramble will raise funds to help the University secure a Kresge Foundation challenge grant for the school's new "green" Franciscan Center for science and media. After the scramble, Ogradnick, a Wings lead scorer from 1979-1987 and current alumni association vice president, will serve as master of ceremonies at the dinner.

"We are delighted to have John as our special guest" said Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, University President. "I think he will attract some new golfers to the event, so that even more people can join in the fun, while helping us raise much-needed dollars."

All proceeds from the event will help Madonna University raise \$3.25 million in order to receive the \$1.5 million Kresge Foundation challenge grant. The funds support Madonna's sustainable Franciscan Center. Livonia's first certified "green" building, the 60,000-square foot structure offers students the latest science and media technology.

Discounted Early Birdie rates of \$150 for individual golfers and \$600 for a foursome are available through Monday, Aug. 10. Registration thereafter is \$175 per golfer, or \$700 for a foursome. The golf package includes lunch, golf, cocktails, dinner and a gift. Dinner-only tickets can be purchased for \$50 anytime.

Golfers can learn more about the University they're supporting by adding a Madonna scholar to their foursome. A Madonna dean, professor, board member, coach or student athlete will be added to those teams that pay for a foursome, but only submit three golfer names. Teams with a scholar get to take two strokes off their score.

The event begins with check-in at 9 a.m., shotgun start at 10 a.m. and lunch on the turn. In addition to vying for best men's, women's and mixed foursome round, golfers can compete in closest-to-the-pin contests, or drive for hole-in-one prizes, including a set of Cleveland Clubs from Caddy Shack, and a week-long stay on Kiawah Island, a golf and tennis resort near Charleston, South Carolina.

Adding to the fun this year, participants can acquire Golfer Aids to help lower their score. A shot extender string, mulligan and power drive can be purchased individually or as a package.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities for the Scholar-Am Classic. Sponsors to-date include Barnes & Noble, Sodexo and BLT Sports Apparel. All sponsors will be recognized in promotional materials and the day of the event.

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