

October 2, 2007

Dear MVTA Members:

Last year the Minisink valley graduating class of 2007 received \$11,000 in scholarship money from the MVTA. That made the MVTA the single largest scholarship source for our 2007 graduates. As you consider making your contributions to the Scholarship Fund this fall, please take the time to reflect on my thoughts... Graduation is a culmination of effort on the part of the students, as well as their teachers. As teachers, we are privileged to have the opportunity to shape lives. The fruits of our efforts are seen in the pride of our graduates on graduation day. Every frustration experienced by students and teachers suddenly becomes "worth it" when graduation ceremonies begin. Your contributions toward the scholarship fundraisers are a final, yet enduring, pledge of support to our graduates. This fall, there are three ways that you can contribute to the MVTA Scholarship Fund. They are...

1. Participate in the Annual MVTA Golf Tournament (Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>) either by playing or contributing to the raffle. See Mike Burns or Brian Golden.
2. Participate in the Annual MVTA Craft Fair (Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>) by shopping, donating baked goods, or volunteering your time. See Meg Catizone.
3. Make a direct contribution to the MVTA Scholarship Fund (month of October). Our goal is get 100% participation. Any and all contributions are significant. Please see Larri Jarosz.

Happy fall and regards to you all.

Meg Catizone

