

In loving memory of

Joan Lee

We honor the memory of our dear friend, Joan Lee, and her lifetime of service to the South Orange-Maplewood Community. A deeply committed citizen of our Two Towns, ever cheerful and ever ready with her remarkable wisdom and hands-on help, Joan was an inspired leader who often sweetened the work ahead with cookies warm from her South Orange kitchen. Most often, that work centered on education.

For Joan, *lifelong learning* was a magnificent obsession. For The South Orange-Maplewood Adult School, *lifelong learning* has been the watchword since our beginning in 1933. It was a perfect fit. Joan served on the Board of Trustees for 23 years, including two terms as President. Under her leadership, we developed new curriculum selections, including family classes, and expanded the Children's Summer Program with new and exciting programs in the arts, music and science. For 10 years, Joan also co-chaired our annual *Celebrity Readings Program*, now known as *Likely Stories*.

From her early days of working with Home and School Associations as her own children passed through local schools, to the record-setting funds she helped raise for the Columbia High School Scholarship Fund, Joan has been a role model and inspiration for the entire community. At the Adult School, as we start this new semester devoted to lifelong learning, we are grateful to have had her in our lives.

We dedicate this Spring's *Eva Samo Lecture* to the memory of Joan Lee.

The Board of Trustees, South Orange-Maplewood Adult School

