

Dr. Louis and Anita Pine Memorial Scholarship



Dr. Louis Pine established this endowment in loving memory of his wife, Anita, who died on October 7, 1992. When Dr. Pine died on June 23, 1997, a tribute was printed in the fall 1997 issues of the college's newsletter, Branches. We have added the tribute to Anita's story.

Anita DuGuay Pine's love for children and writing resulted in her composing a storybook for her children when the oldest were very young. They still remember anxiously awaiting the completion of each chapter and then begging her to write another. It was at the children's request that Anita finally published her original manuscript, *The Magic Picture Book*, in 1980.

Angela Turkula, a close friend, suggested it would be most fitting to honor Anita's memory by establishing a scholarship fund for young writers at Lake Region State College. Anita's husband, Dr. Louis Pine, remarked that Anita was very interested in seeing others develop their writing skills. She frequented many classrooms in Devils Lake and elsewhere in order to stimulate others with the joy she found in writing.

Anita DuGuay was born April 21, 1922, in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was the middle of three girls born to Ernest and Dora LeVitre DuGuay. Raised and educated in Worcester, she

obtained her registered nurse degree from Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. While training there, she met Louis Pine whom she married June 24, 1944, in Worcester. Following Dr. Pine's internship at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, the couple moved to Camp Roberts, California, where he was assigned to the 312th General Hospital and sent to the Philippines and Korea. Anita returned to Worcester and worked in the emergency department at Worcester City Hospital until giving birth to their first child in August 1945.

After returning from the service, Dr. Pine completed a residency in urology at Worcester City Hospital. In seeking a place to practice, they decided to move to the Midwest. Dr. Pine joined the Lake Region Clinic, and they made their home in Devils Lake. There they raised six children—Louis (Lavern), Lawrence (Candy), Elizabeth (David) Garaas, Stephen (Carla), Claudia (Mark) Floan, and Carolyn (Galen) Erb.

Anita's interest in literature and writing dates back to her grade school days, but it was only after she arrived in Devils Lake that she began to create the stories for her children which eventually developed into her first book. Anita also published other articles and short stories and even had one adapted for radio. In an interview with the *Devils Lake Journal*, Anita said she hadn't really thought about writing a second book until one of her visits to a local school. A young girl asked her a question that was left unanswered at the end of *The Magic Picture Book*. By this time, Anita had become a grandmother, so the thought arose of answering the question with a book for her grandchildren. The sequel, *Beyond the Secret Passage*, was published in 1988.

Anita thoroughly enjoyed discussing her books and speaking about writing to diverse groups ranging from grade school classes to clubs and organizations and writers' conferences. In the *Devils Lake Journal* interview she said, "You don't know all the characters in your head until you go inside and find them. That's the fun of writing ... you never know exactly what's going to happen."

With the establishment of the Anita Pine Memorial Scholarship fund, Dr. Louis Pine and his children—Louis II, Lawrence, Elizabeth, Stephen, Claudia, and Carolyn—and relatives and friends hope they can assist someone else in cultivating the creative spark for writing that burned so brightly in Anita. Surely nothing would please her more than to extend such an opportunity to others. ♦

A Tribute to Dr. Louis Pine

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"Hi there, kiddo? How's it going?" Dr. Louis Pine's breezy greeting will be missed in the halls and offices of UND-Lake Region (now Lake Region State College). His diminutive stature was masked by his puckish grin and a devilish gleam in his blue eyes. Often he'd deliver a mock scolding with a low growl as he bestowed a warm hug upon someone he'd meet in the hall. His style and energy were as well known in the community and on campus as his signature bowtie.

He was serving as vice president of the Community College Foundation at the time of his death on June 23, 1997. He had become involved with the foundation after his wife Anita's death in October of 1992 when he established an endowed scholarship in her memory. The scholarship benefits UND-Lake Region students who display excellent writing skills, a fitting memorial to Anita, an author of two children's books—*The Magic Picture Book* and *Beyond the Secret Passage*. Dr. Pine took a personal interest in the recipients of the scholarship. Since his death, his children have added his name to the scholarship—now the Anita and Louis Pine Memorial Scholarship—but criteria for awarding the scholarship remain the same.

Dr. Pine's involvement in the work of the Communi-

ty College Foundation was typical of him. Since moving to Devils Lake with his family in 1949, he had been actively involved in organizations which strengthened the community—Rotary Club, Jaycees, Pioneer Players, Chautauqua, VFW, Elks, and the Knights of Columbus to name only a few. He was also active in organizations which supported sports, music, the arts, and the medical sciences in the Lake Region.

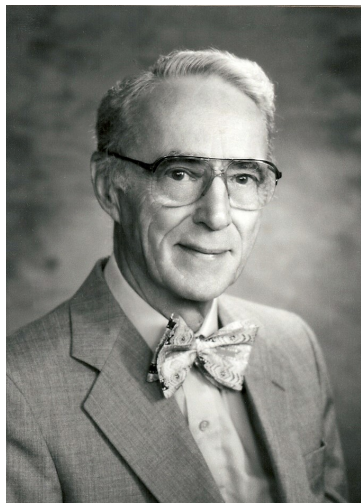
He practiced medicine as a surgeon and urologist at the Lake Region clinic for forty years. When he decided to retire from his practice, he commented, "Better to quit two years too soon than five minutes too late."

Dr. Pine will be remembered for his sense of humor as well as the athletic vigor and competitiveness with which he demolished foes half his age on the racquetball court or golf course. His glee in victory was unabashed.

He is survived by six children and

thirteen grandchildren.

The Devils Lake community and UND-Lake Region have lost a dear friend, but Dr. Pine's memory and the memory of his beloved Anita live on in the scholarship which bears their names. Over the years, excellent student writers will continue to receive inspiration and financial support from this generous gift. ♦



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