Renovation Initiative Update

The carillon is the world’s largest instrument, originating in the 16th century when inhabitants of the Low Countries started to produce music on bells in church and city towers. The University of Rochester is proud to have a carillon of its own. In January we held a special docent-style presentation on the carillon in the Rare Books and Special Collections Library in Rush Rhees.

Thanks to a significant gift by a University of Rochester alumnus and his wife, and the support of many former Bellman and friends of the University of Rochester, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of $130,000 to renovate the Hopeman Memorial Carillon! We have reached our first milestone of $85,000 which allows us to obtain final quotes from Meeks, Watson and Co regarding repair costs and establish our place in their schedule; however, we still have a ways to go to reach the $130,000 goal.

We have loved hearing the stories from former Bellman about what the Hopeman Memorial Carillon has meant to them. If you have not yet shared your history with the carillon with us, we would love to hear from you! You can also visit the Hopeman Carillon Facebook page to learn more about the history of the carillon and hear what our students are playing this year!

The matching challenge continues!

A full renovation of the carillon, as detailed above, will cost approximately $130,000 and your gifts will help us reach that goal. Recognizing the significance of the carillon in their own lives, an alumnus and his wife are offering a dollar for dollar match up to $50,000 toward the renovation project with the hope that other alumni, members of the Rochester community, and Carillon Society participants will join them in keeping the bells ringing. Many former Bellman and alumni have taken advantage of this opportunity. Double your impact by supporting the carillon today!
We need your help!

Take advantage of the matching challenge today as we strive for our second milestone! There are giving opportunities at all levels and gifts of every size are welcome. $2000 will renovate a higher bell and $3000 will renovate a lower bell. You can provide a new practice carillon for $7500.

Gifts may be made outright or as a multi-year pledge (4 years maximum) to the University of Rochester with a designation to the Hopeman Carillon Fund, A10411. This is a current-use fund and 100% of gifts received will be used for the renovation.

You may make a gift online at: http://www.rochester.edu/advancement/ (please choose the designation “Other” and specify “Hopeman Carillon Fund”) or you can send a check, payable to the University of Rochester (memo line – Hopeman Carillon Fund), to the address above. If you have questions or would like more details, please contact David Richardson

We appreciate your support and look forward to many more years of hearing the bells ring!