

Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER FOUNDATION

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Successful Third-Annual President's Gala

The third time was a charm for the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's third Annual President's Gala on September 20th at Ozaukee Country Club. According to Vicki Capadona, co-chair, the gala raised a record amount of almost \$40,000 as even



Vicki and Jim Capadona and Patty and Michael Hansen

“nothing” was auctioned off for \$4,000. “It was an amazing year to have so many community members support us in a very big way,” said Capadona. “We had a very generous crowd and they contributed to a record-breaking evening of fundraising in addition to having a great time.”

Guests were greeted by beautiful piano tunes as they joined their friends and fellow community members both inside and outside on the club's panoramic patio overlooking the golf course. Beautiful fall weather set the stage for the \$150-a-person evening, which included the famous “wine pull” that garnered a record number of participants. Cocktails and dinner were punctuated by the wine pull and a new fun-raising event – a “heads and tails” game won by Amy Cordio. The wine pull, where patrons who purchase

a bottle of wine are entered into a raffle finale, was won by Richard Uihlein. He received a bottle of Gloria Ferrer Brut champagne in a cut glass ice bucket. A superb dinner was served around centerpieces constructed of birch columns with pictures of

historic Cedarburg from the Edward Rappold Collection of the Cedarburg Cultural Center archives.

Ben Levy, board member, described the Legacy Society in a moving presentation designed to encourage attendees to join. He explained that becoming a member involves making a contribution of at least \$10,000 outright, through payments or as a post mortem gift. Levy said nine new members joined the society as a result of the evening. “It was a fantastic success as far as we are concerned,” Levy said. “It shows their dedication to making Cedarburg an even greater place to live and raise a family.”

The night continued with a verbal auction with Steve “The Homer” True as auctioneer. More than a dozen items

Annual Fund Drive Announced

The Annual Cedarburg Foundation fund drive has been launched for 2009 and promises to reach out to past supporters as well as fellow community members who may not have had a chance to participate in prior campaigns. “I feel we have some new energy with this year's campaign and our message reflects that,” said Tim Carr, board member and chairman of the campaign. “We have had such success in recent months with growing our Legacy Society and the President's Gala that I have no doubt this could be the best year ever.”

More than 2,000 letters are expected to be mailed by year end to supporters living or working in the greater Cedarburg area. Carr said the appeal spans a broad audience of new friends and old supporters who have been instrumental in enabling the Cedarburg Foundation to support numerous organizations that improve and enhance the quality of life in Cedarburg. “We are confident that those that have contributed in the past will once again remember the Cedarburg Foundation,” Carr said. “But our current momentum is likely to have a positive affect at reaching out to those who may be wishing to support us for the first time as well.”

Patty Flowers, board member and Annual Fund Drive committee member, said in a letter to prospective donors “The Foundation does not perform the arts or book the acts; we support them to

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President's Gala



Bob and Judy Chmielewski



Jim Coutts, Bob Chmielewski, and Ben Levy



Judy Chmielewski and Joice Mooney



Gary and Mary Refinski, Amy and Dan Argall



Layton and Barbara Olsen



Kris and Allison Hanson



Pat McQuillan and Susan Krauss



Ralph and Barb Huiras and Peg and Mike Groth

Photos Courtesy of Alex Goecks

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ranging from golf at Black Wolf Run Golf Course and lunch at private member club Riverbend, to a weekend in Door County, a handmade quilt and a luxury box for a Milwaukee Bucks basketball game, among others. Support from sponsors and auctioned items combined to bring the total amount raised to nearly \$40,000. The evening was capped by the wonderful music

of Wall of Sound, which kept patrons on the dance floor well into the evening.

Thanks to sponsorships from Harris Bank as a presenting sponsor and Piggly Wiggly and TJM Integrated Wealth Management as sponsors for the event. Bob Chmielewski, Foundation President, thanked all those that donated auction items and supported the event as well as co-chairs

Patty Gallun-Hansen and Vicki Capadona and Peg Edquist for planning and executing a wonderful event that exceeded expectations. "It was a fantastic evening for the Greater Cedarburg Community," he said. "We are a one-of-a-kind place and the success of the evening shows how much our board and the community support our efforts." ■

The Founders

Looking back on the various levels of support given to the Greater Cedarburg Foundation since its inception, perhaps none was more important than the generosity of the original founders of the GCF. Tracing back to its beginnings in 1999, the Foundation was started when a steering committee was formed after then mayor Jim Coutts suggested Cedarburg form a foundation for the purpose of civic improvement. Using the resources of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the steering committee met several times to create a board and gather the necessary support needed to create the non-profit organization. "The whole credit goes to Jim Coutts who got the steering committee together to determine whether it was feasible that we could fund the Foundation,"

said H. Robert Fuller, chairman of the Foundation's original steering committee. "We did not want to have something start and then sputter."

It's first fundraising campaign in 2000 included donations from 41 local businesses, clubs, organizations and citizens. Together, they were able to raise \$55,000 and forever be recognized as founders of the Foundation. "I guess what I'm proud of is the fact that so many persons and businesses contributed to it and it was extremely well balanced," Fuller said. "I think you're much more successful when you get money from a lot of different people, rather than just a few people." Among those who were the Foundation's earliest contributors were Brian and Cathy Collins, Sharon and Bill LaMacchia,

the Tillman family, Merlin and Gladys Rostad, Donald and Helen Buettner, Bud and Kay Beverung, and the Wernecke family.

With the amount raised, the Foundation was able to formulate and carry out its original mission "To provide support for artistic, cultural and community service projects that contribute to Cedarburg's civic vitality." The Founders are the basis for all else that followed, according to Bob Chmielewski, current Foundation president. "We have had a history of generous individuals who made this happen almost 10 years ago," he said. "We are eternally grateful for their vision and their support to begin what is now a thriving civic Foundation that benefits so many parts of our community." ■

New Campaign Launched for Legacy Society

A new push to increase the number of Legacy Society members is gaining traction as board members are successfully reaching out to potential supporters in a new campaign launched this fall.

Called "Each One, Reach One," the campaign was designed by Ben Levy, board member and chair of the Development Committee. "We felt we needed to launch a campaign to attract new Legacy Society members who may not know about our organization or about how they can become involved," Levy said. "Many of our new contributors were more than happy to have a vehicle that supports enhancing the Cedarburg community."

So far this year, more than 15 individuals or couples have joined the society, which honors those who contribute at least \$10,000 to the Foundation as an outright gift, as an installment of payments or as a bequest for the future. Levy explained that

to become a member, one need only make the commitment by signing a pledge card indicating their intent. Don Rintleman, who was to become President in 2006, had planned to push for growth for the Legacy Society during his term. He set a goal to grow the society to 100 members, but his life was tragically cut short before his term was to begin. Since that time the Legacy Society has grown from 14 members to 58.

As part of the campaign, Levy and his committee urged board members to consider at least one person they know who may be a prospective Legacy Society member. General information about the Foundation and the Legacy Society was created and will be used to solicit participants. Historic information includes the fact that since it was established in 1999, the Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$90,000 to dozens of organizations and contributed more than

\$300,000 in 2003 to retire the mortgage of the Cedarburg Cultural Center. The board is made up of 24 members of the community, representing business leaders, civic activists, former and current municipal government employees and philanthropists.

Levy said the current endowment stands at about \$800,000, and there are plans to aggressively seek supporters to substantially grow that number by the end of the year. "We feel there are so many people who want to leave a legacy to Cedarburg because it has provided them with a wonderful way of life," Levy said. "It's just a matter of reaching those people to make them aware of the opportunity that exists by becoming a member of the Legacy Society." For more information on the Foundation and the Legacy Society, Levy urged those interested to call 262-377-7338 or visit the Foundation's web site at www.cedarburgfoundation.org. ■

Our People

In June Bob Chmielewski was sworn in as the new president of the Cedarburg Foundation. Executive Committee chairs are: Ben Levy, Development; Jim Coutts, Civic Events; Carole Blaney and Peg Edquist, Communication; Vicki Capadona, Grant Screening; Tim Carr,

Annual Giving; Jim Castle, Audit; Patty Gallun Hansen, Leadership Development and Gala; and Bob Loomis, Investment Oversight. The board has also received the resignation of Mike Smith, who had served for several years. ■

Foundation Interested in Grant Seekers

Members of the community are urged to apply for grants from the Cedarburg Foundation to support a wide variety of artistic, cultural and community service projects that contribute to Cedarburg's civic vitality.

Such grants can be used as seed money for new efforts, matching funds for projects, or as challenge grants. Although the Foundation considers all types of projects, grants are awarded based on

several guidelines, including the preservation and enrichment of our cultural heritage, enhancing our artistic and aesthetic experiences and providing education, recreational and community service opportunities for all ages. Grant seekers are encouraged to discuss their interests and ideas with members of the grant committee. For more information, please contact Vicki Capadona, grant committee chair, 262-377-3868. ■

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ensure there is something for everyone to enjoy. We don't create cultural opportunities, but we help make them available." In short, Flowers said the Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation

"is committed to enhancing our already wonderful community by partnering with other non-profits and groups to refurbish and preserve our old buildings, provide funding for a performance, or bring smiles to our youngest citizens."

During 2008, seven organizations received grants from the Foundation, including "Honor Flight" an effort to send World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to view the WW II War Memorial, the Cedarburg Players, Cedarburg Cultural



World War II Exhibit, Cedarburg Cultural Center

Center, Revive the Rivoli campaign, The Cedarburg German Festival, The Cedarburg High School Engineering Club and the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center Inc. Visiting Artist Series.

Total donations for 2008 as of November 1st were \$31,735, in addition to 16 Legacy Society commitments which will total \$160,000. Once again, Donors in the \$10,000 category (either current gift or bequest for the future) automatically become members of the Legacy Society. "We continue to receive generous support from people who believe in this community," Carr said. "The Foundation is proud to be a vehicle for those willing to leave a legacy for future generations who will benefit from all that we do." ■

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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