

Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER FOUNDATION

A Newsletter for the Friends of the Cedarburg Foundation

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Fall Gala a Resounding Success

Patrons of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation came out in strong numbers to support its efforts by attending the fourth annual President's Gala on September 19, 2009 at Ozaukee Country Club. According to Patty Gallun-Hansen, co-chair, the gala raised a record amount of more than \$40,000 amidst a challenging time in the economy.



Jerry and Alice Voigt and Ralph and Barbara Huiras enjoy conversation at the President's Gala on September 19th.

"It was an amazing year to have record attendance of 156 people who came out to support us in a very big way," said Gallun-Hansen. "We had a very generous crowd and to me that shows how much they care about our community."

Guests were greeted by beautiful piano music from a local high school student as they joined their friends and fellow community members at the beautiful Ozaukee Country Club on a warm fall evening. The \$150-a-person affair is the only fund raising event all year and Gallun-Hansen and fellow gala committee members were hoping to raise awareness of the Foundations' grant making activities as well as raise significant donations to assist in its on-going philanthropic work.

Cocktails and mixing were punctuated by a wine pull and a game of "heads and tails" that both proved very successful. The wine pull, where patrons purchase a bottle of wine donated by board members, was completely sold out.

Dinner was punctuated by opening remarks from Foundation President Bob Chmielewski who

thanked everyone for coming and introduced children from the North Shore Academy of the Arts. NSAA has been the recipient of several grants from the GCF. Two young ladies brought down the house with several songs from recent performances.

Ben Levy, board member, described the Legacy Society and explained that becoming a member involves making a contribution of at least \$10,000. Those contributions can be made outright, through payments or as part of an estate plan. Levy said four 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."

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2010 Annual Fund Drive Challenge Gift Announced

The annual fund drive for the Cedarburg Community Foundation has been launched for 2010 with an opportunity for you to double the impact of your gift! That means if you donate \$25, the impact of your gift will be \$50 to the fund. Give a tax deductible \$1,000 and your gift will go twice as far to \$2,000! Any and all sizes of gifts will be matched until the challenge is used up.

Port Washington State Bank, a community mainstay for the last 110 years has offered to match donations to this appeal – **dollar-for-dollar** – up to a campaign total of \$10,000. James Schowalter, vice president and director of retail banking, said "We are delighted to partner with the Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation on this challenge which we hope will substantially increase the amount of donations from years past. The community we live and work in is important to us at the bank and we are happy to be a part of the annual fund appeal."

Patty Flowers, board member and Annual Fund Drive chair, said "Port Washington State Bank's challenge gift is a wonderful opportunity for people to double the impact of their gift to the Foundation. By joining forces with the annual fund drive, PWSB has ensured that the gifts will go twice as far. We are extremely thankful to them for their generosity to help enhance our community more than ever." ■

Fall Gala a Resounding Success (from pg. 1)

After a very successful verbal auction, the night was capped by dancing and conversation as committee members expressed their delight at the successful evening.

Thanks to sponsorships from Harris Bank and White Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. as presenting sponsors and Piggly Wiggly and MPI Corporate Holdings 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 Allison Hanson and committee members Patty Flowers, Lisa Vogt, Vicki Capadona and Peg Edquist for planning and executing a wonderful event that exceeded expectations. "We are overwhelmed at the generosity of people in our community," he said. "The success of the evening shows how much people support our efforts." ■



Jedd Lapid, Kris Hanson, Bob Chmielewski, and Janis Kinens.



Jim and Sally Castle, Karen Rogers of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and John and Dale Stevens



Jack and Susan Hale



Janice Levy, Ben Levy, Barbara Olsen, and Layton Olsen



Alice Voigt, Jerry Voigt, Ralph Huiras, and Barbara Huiras

Photos by Dan Wilson

Foundation Grant Activity Going Strong

As the Greater Cedarburg Foundation approaches its 10-year anniversary in 2010, one of its major accomplishments is the distribution of more than \$150,000 in grants. It began its grant making activities with a grant of \$2,000 in 2002 to the Cedarburg Cultural Center for outdoor restoration of the garden for the Kuhfuss House. That year, grants totaled



Photo Courtesy of Cedarburg Cultural Center

The Historic 1849 Kuhfuss House, one of the oldest and most important homes in Cedarburg.

\$7,500. Over the next seven years, dozens of projects and initiatives were funded supporting a variety of initiatives enriching the quality of life for our residents. The

arts, educational opportunities, community services, and civic recognition projects are among the many to receive funding.

This year, the annual grant budget is \$35,000. Grants were awarded which support community educational opportunities, performing arts, and civic enhancements. Among the recipients is "Riveredge Speaks Out," a monthly lecture series held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Open to all ages, the programs cover a wide range of topics including natural history, science, and the environment. Two other recipients are the North Shore Academy of Arts and the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra, both of which use grant money for performances held in the community. Additional grants for the performing arts, community education, preservation of Cedarburg history and the Wisconsin Quilt Museum will be considered at the December Board meeting.

"When founded in 2000, the Foundation made an important decision not to initiate projects but rather assist in funding

innovative programs and projects proposed by others that benefit the community," said Vicki Capadona, co-chair of the grant committee. "Since that time, we have made



Photo Courtesy of Cedarburg Cultural Center

The General Store Museum, housing the Roger C. Christensen collection of antique packaging and advertising art.

a difference in many people's lives and are truly carrying out our mission to support artistic, cultural and service projects which contribute to the vitality of the community." Anyone interested in applying for a grant can find information on the Foundations web site at www.cedarburgfoundation.org. ■

GMF President Announces Retirement

Douglas M. Jansson, the president and CEO of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation who guided the Foundation through unprecedented growth and innovation for the past 16 years, has announced his retirement effective September 30, 2010.

One of Jansson's significant accomplishments was to create a partnership between the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Greater Cedarburg Foundation in 2002. A key aspect of the affiliation was a \$100,000 challenge grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation to grow the assets of the Cedarburg Foundation

"Our partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation has been vital to



Photo by Jim Moy

Doug Jansson, Greater Milwaukee Foundation president

the growth of the Cedarburg Foundation and the Cedarburg community," said Bob Chmielewski, Cedarburg Foundation president. "We have especially appreciated Doug's commitment to Cedarburg and his

continuing support of our on-going efforts and wish him the best."

Judy Jorgenson, chair of the board for the Milwaukee Foundation, said Jansson grew the GMF to become not only one of the top community foundations not only in the United States, but the entire world. "Throughout the community foundation field, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation is considered a leader in the development and support of effective programs addressing poverty, access to higher education and other key issues facing urban communities," she said.

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is conducting a national search for Jansson's successor. ■

Roundtable Committee Formed

A new Roundtable Committee has been created by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation to enlist the support and assistance of previous board members. At an organizational meeting held in September, the committee named Jim Coutts, immediate Past President of the Foundation, as chairman. They also elected former board member Dick Dieffenbach as secretary.

As an advisory committee to the board, the Roundtable will meet four times a year and will make recommendations concerning fund raising ideas, donor development, special events, research projects for the board to consider and assist in developing Donor Advised Funds.

Among the committee's members are current Board President Bob Chmielewski, Duey Stroebel, Bill Wernecke Sr., Bob Fuller, John Stevens, Jim Castle, Paul Hayes, Thom Brown and Tim Carr. "We feel the Roundtable will



Photo by Dan Wilson

Jim Coutts, Chairman of the Roundtable, and Carol Alexander.

help the full board in many ways," Coutts said. "The combined experience of these members will give us a powerful tool to grow the Greater Cedarburg Foundation into an even better organization." ■

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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The Gala Committe



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Front row, Patty Gallun Hansen, Peg Edquist, and Lisa Vogt. Back row, Chris Hanson, Patty Flowers, and Vicki Capadona