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Bob Chmielewski New Foundation President



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The Cedarburg Foundation is pleased to announce Bob Chmielewski will be sworn in as its new president for a two-year term beginning at the June 2008 Board meeting.

A Cedarburg resident since 1969, Chmielewski has been heavily involved in community activities dating back several decades, most notably his active role in the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary club. "Bob and I have really worked closely together during this past year," said Jim Coutts, outgoing President. "He's been involved in all of the planning that is taking place so we've been a real team. He's a great man for the job."

As part of his goals as the leader of the Foundation, Chmielewski said he would like to see more growth in the endowment fund as well as more "friend-raising" to achieve that goal. "We want to sustain and enhance our wonderful quality of life in Cedarburg," he said. "If we do a good job of friend-raising, our endowment will grow." During his tenure, Chmielewski said he also wants to build stronger relationships with with advisors who work with clients which have charitable

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Foundation Honors Levys as Civic Award Recipients

The Cedarburg Foundation was pleased to honor Janet and Don Levy as recipients of the 2008 Civic Award this year. The event, held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on February 28th, honored the couple and their tireless work to enhance the Cedarburg community. More than 250 people were in attendance at the event, which included a "State of the Foundation" report from current chairman Jim Coutts. "As a team they were instrumental in

campaigns which made it possible to build the current Cedarburg Library, Webster Transitional School, and the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center and hold the Centennial celebration for the city," Coutts said. The couple served as a team on some projects as well as accomplishing much as individual citizens.

Janet Levy was a founder of the Cedarburg High School Community Service Program, which encouraged local high school students to get involved in volunteer activities. Among the events initiated during her 13 years with the program were "portal prom" which was

a dance for adults with disabilities, a haunted house for charity, a "Race for Sight" ski event to raise money for visually impaired skiers, and the Jam for Charity, a local talent show and fundraiser held at Cedarburg High School.

Don Levy, a partner of the Levy & Levy Law firm in Cedarburg, has a long history of civic involvement including past president of the Cedarburg/Grafton Rotary, board member of the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center, and board

member of the St. Mary's Foundation Ozaukee. During his role as chairman of the St. Mary's Foundation several years ago, Don was instrumental in a campaign to raise \$5.3 million for the expansion of the Columbia St. Mary's Ozaukee campus. In 1981, Levy formed the Cedarburg Landmark Preservation Society when it bought and restored the Cedarburg Supply Company in an historic Grist Mill dating back to 1855. From there, they restored several buildings including a 1860s frame house which is now a general store, visitor center, and Chamber of Commerce office complete with a collection of antique food



2008 Civic Award Recipients Don and Janet Levy

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A Look Back at the History of the Foundation

As we approach our first decade as the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, we felt it might be beneficial to turn back the clock to our early beginnings and provide a recap of our formative years. Back in 1999, Jim Coutts was Mayor of Cedarburg and saw the trend in other communities to create a foundation to further the cause of civic improvement.

Communities such as West Bend, Mequon, and Oconomowoc had all started charitable foundations, and so Coutts began to explore the idea of a similar foundation in Cedarburg. He contacted the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, which was eager to help. The first meeting, held at the Cedarburg City Hall on December 1, 1999, began with a presentation by Douglas M. Jansson, executive director of the GMF. Of the 32 people who attended the meeting, a group emerged to serve as the steering committee. Coutts himself stepped out of the process because he was an elected official. He later joined the Foundation as a board member in 2004, after his term as mayor ended. He is currently our Immediate Past President.

The committee met for the first time in January of 2000, with H. Robert



Photo Courtesy of Cedarburg Cultural Center

Chat Series at the Cedarburg Cultural Center

Fuller as chairman. The group studied the structure of other foundations in nearby communities and after ten meetings decided a foundation was feasible. On September 29, 2000 the Foundation's charter board held its first meeting and announced the board members, among them John Armbruster, John Stevens, Layton Olsen, William Taylor, Dick Dieffenbach, Thom Brown, Shirley Decker, James Meinert, Dennis Nourse, Donald Buettner, Sandra Pape, Carl Edquist, Mal Hepburn, Marilyn Vollrath, and William Wernecke Sr. At its next

meeting, officers were elected and the group voted to affiliate with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

One of its first fundraising campaigns raised more than \$55,000 through the donations of individuals and companies recognized today as Founders. It created a mission statement that calls for it to "provide support for artistic, cultural and community service projects that contribute to Cedarburg's civic vitality."

The Foundation made their first grant in 2002 of \$2,000 to the Cedarburg Cultural Center for enhancement of the Kuhfuss House Gardens, and since that time has made dozens of grants to worthwhile projects totaling more than \$90,000. In 2003, the Foundation paid off the Cedarburg Cultural Center's mortgage of \$337,000 under the direction of Foundation president Mal Hepburn. Today, the Cedarburg Foundation has an endowment fund in excess of \$800,000 which continues to grow thanks to the generosity of local citizens. Now in its ninth year, the Cedarburg Foundation is building on a history of civic commitment, a desire to enhance our community, and a love for the greater Cedarburg area. ■

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Foundation Approves Six Grants for 2008

Six grants totaling nearly \$15,000 were approved by the Cedarburg Foundation in 2008, based on recommendations made by the Foundation grant committee. The six include the Cedarburg Players for \$1,000, the Revive the Rivoli campaign for \$5,000, two grants to the Cedarburg Cultural Center for \$5,000 and \$500, The Cedarburg Performing Arts Center Inc. for \$2,500, and the Cedarburg High School Engineering Club for \$300.

"We are excited to provide grants assisting the arts and education in Cedarburg," said Vicki Capadona, chair of the grant committee. "We are always looking for new projects in the Cedarburg area that

could benefit from our support." Currently, the Foundation does not have a grant cycle, allowing prospective recipients to apply for grants throughout the year. "While we have been gratified over the support we have given so many worthwhile efforts in the area, the Foundation is always looking at funding new and exciting projects that enhance the area," she said. "We are urging any appropriate programs or individuals to consider contacting us if they think they have a worthy project." Capadona urged those interested in applying for grants to contact her at 262-377-3868. ■

Civic Award Recipients (from pg. 1)

packaging and photographs dating back to 1900. The group's current project has supported the renovation and restoration of the Rivoli movie theater. The Levys received a check for \$1,000 as the Civic Award recipient, which they immediately donated to the Landmark Society for the Rivoli project. In addition they received a commemorative plate provided by Cedar Creek Pottery.

Also at the Civic Event, Foundation President Jim Coutts reported in his annual "State of the Foundation" report that the Foundation's endowment fund had

reached more than \$800,000 and that more than \$90,000 has been awarded in grants since its formation. Entertainment for the evening featured the Cedarburg High School flute quartet under the direction of Victoria Benson. Jazz was provided by Vic DiCristo on the bass and Tony Gorenc on the guitar during hors d'oeuvres. Sponsors of the evening were Bob and Judy Chmielewski, Carol Alexander and Jim Coutts, Ozaukee Bank, Levy & Levy and Terrace Realty, all of Cedarburg and Calibre Inc., of Grafton. ■

New Foundation President (from pg. 1)

intentions, and he would like to see the Legacy Society grow to 100 members.

Chmielewski, who was a Marquette University basketball star, has worked as a financial representative for the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network for 43 years. He was involved in many fund raising efforts to assist the Marquette University athletic department, including an effort to raise more than \$1 million over a ten-year period for MU.

Also at the June Board meeting, new board members will be sworn in, including Joe

Fazio, Dave Pagel, Bob Loomis, Jerry Vogt and Ted Brueggemann. Jim Coutts, who is leaving after two terms as President, said he wanted to thank the board for all of the support they have given him, particularly in light of the tragedy in 2006 when incoming president Don Rintleman was tragically killed in a car accident. "The board encouraged me to assume the position and it's been a very pleasant and wonderful experience. I can't say enough of what a great opportunity it has been for me and I really enjoyed it." ■

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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