

# The Greater Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER FOUNDATION

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## Picnic in October



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**Chris Smith, left, president of the GCF, and James Schowalter of presenting sponsor Port Washington State Bank, got in the mood for the President's Event by staging a picnic in front of the old band shell at Cedar Creek Park. They are shown with a pair of adirondack chairs from Amish Craftsmen Guild II in Cedarburg that were among items auctioned at the event.**

Red-checkered tablecloths greeted guests at the 10th annual President's Event hosted by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. A total of 155 people attended the party, which raised more than \$35,000 to support the Foundation's mission.

The event had a picnic theme, complete with lawn games, burgers and ice cold beer. "We thought it would be fun to have a picnic theme this year since funds raised are supporting the band shell project in Cedar Creek Park," said GCF President Chris Smith.

The aging band shell is undergoing a

major reconstruction, thanks in part to a \$200,000 gift from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) in celebration of its 100th anniversary. "We wanted to support the generosity of the GMF with a gift of our own," said Smith who noted that fundraising for the band shell project is a unique community partnership between the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary Club, the GCF and the GMF. "The success of this event shows our commitment to this project."

Guests were given the opportunity to bid on a variety of auction items including two Adirondack chairs

## Annual fund drive is underway

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation has launched its Annual Fund Drive for 2015 as it continues to provide financial support for projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations.

Since 2001, Foundation grants totaling over \$1 million have been awarded to these and many other valued community organizations:

- Cedarburg Friends of the Library
- Cedarburg Art Museum
- Family Enrichment and Volunteer Centers of Ozaukee County
- WI Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts
- Summer Sounds Music Series
- Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program
- Riveredge Nature Center
- Honor Flights
- Rivoli Theater
- Cedarburg Cultural Center
- Cedarburg Performing Arts Center Inc.
- Family Sharing

The Foundation's support of projects carried out by non-profit organizations helps preserve the cultural heritage and quality of life in the greater Cedarburg area. Since its inception, the Foundation's endowment (and power to give) has grown significantly as a result of year-round efforts to raise awareness and funds through a semi-annual newsletter, Annual Fund Drive, and special events such as the Civic Event in the spring and President's Event in the fall.

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from Amish Craftsmen Guild II, a gourmet in-home dinner, a chartered fishing excursion out of Port Washington, a pheasant hunt, a food truck party and an overnight golf “stay & play” at Erin Hills. Generating the highest bid of the evening at \$4,000 was a dinner event and concert in a local octagon barn, donated by Erik Dahlberg from Robert W. Baird & Company. There was also a “Bobbing for an Apple iWatch” drawing featuring Amy’s Candy gourmet apples. The lucky winner was Jack Hale.

The presenting sponsor for the evening was Port Washington State Bank which, according to James Schowalter, its senior vice president and chief credit officer, has a long and proud heritage

of reinvesting in local communities. “The Greater Cedarburg Foundation continues to be one of our firm’s trusted community partners which allows us to continue to do the good work we have done in the community to date and provide structure for that work to continue well into the future,” he said.

Other sponsors included Olsen’s Piggly Wiggly which provided catering for the evening, Levy and Levy Attorneys at Law, BMO Harris Bank, Commerce State Bank, Bella Lei Salon Spa and Wonderbox Technology.

The evening concluded with live music by Zachary Wade. ■



1. Lori & Chuck Demge, Lisa & Joe Fazio, Mary & Terry Vey, Cedarburg 2. Jodi Conrad, Grafton, and Katie Hammes, Mequon  
3. Regina & Chad Curran, Cedarburg 4. Roberta Kiss and Michael Santini, Mequon 5. Bennett & Megan Ruplinger, Cedarburg  
6. Andy Sargent and Heidi Hermann, Cedarburg 7. Carol Stephenson, Mequon, and Marcia Schroeder, Cedarburg  
8. Mary-Kay Bourbulais and Susan Hale, Cedarburg 9. Christine Meyer, Kathryn Harrington and Debbie Gronowski, Grafton;  
and Shawna Guarino, West Bend 10. Megan & Ryan Olsen, Cedarburg

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# Grant Spotlight ...

## *Ozaukee County Historical Society's Pioneer Village*

This past year, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded more than \$47,000 in grants to 10 area non-profit organizations as part of its annual grant cycle. One of those grant recipients, the Ozaukee County Historical Society, is using the money to help with the construction of a multi-purpose facility at Ozaukee County Pioneer Village, a living history museum the society owns.

Established in 1962 on 10 rolling acres just north of Hawthorne Hills Park, Pioneer Village showcases over 20 historic structures that have been removed from their original home sites in Washington and Ozaukee Counties and have been fully restored and furnished in period style.

Ozaukee County Pioneer Village is open to the public from May to October. Thousands of visitors come each year to step back in time and experience life in rural Ozaukee County between the late 1800s and early 1900s. School tours are scheduled in May and October for area public and private elementary schools. Children learn about what it was like to attend a one-room schoolhouse, the hardships and chores of everyday life and how the Trading Post served as a store, post office and polling place. There are several special event weekends, scheduled throughout the summer, that focus on historic demonstrations, military service, farming, music and children's activities.

As time passed, visitors started to expect some modern amenities, such as indoor plumbing. Some schools and senior bus tours had declined to come to Ozaukee County Pioneer Village without indoor/ADA compliant restrooms. Many opportunities for weddings and celebrations also were lost because there were no indoor modern facilities.

More than 10 years ago, the OCHS board drew up plans for a historically fitting two-story building that would have all the



**An artist's rendering of the new Pioneer Village Hall**

modern conveniences, gift shop, meeting rooms and hall with a price tag of over \$1 million. To raise that amount of money back then seemed like an overwhelming task, so the project was tabled until later.

In 2014, the current board, still feeling the demand of its patrons and a need for increased utilization, established the following goals including:

- Increasing the number of months the village is open
- Increasing the number of school and senior tours
- Offering year-round educational programs and exhibits
- Increasing the number of major events held each year

OCHS decided to move forward with building an affordable, practical and functional facility with heating, air conditioning, ADA compliant restrooms, new food service area and gathering hall, what is now called "The Pioneer Village Hall".



**The GCF grant was used to provide epoxy flooring in the men's and women's bathrooms**

Work began on the Pioneer Village Hall in March 2014. The electric service was completely upgraded, new water lines were trenched in, cement work was finished and rough building was constructed. In 2015, the modern restroom facilities and new food area were completed. The stonework on the exterior of the building was just finished in October, and the exterior wood siding will be done before the end of the year, weather permitting.

Mary Ann Velnetske, a OCHS board member, expressed her appreciation for the grant money from the Foundation, which she said was used to complete the new epoxy floors in the restrooms. "The epoxy floor material was chosen because it looks nice and is very durable and easy to clean," she said.

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# Leaving a legacy ...

It is through the generous support of Legacy Society members and all contributors that The Greater Cedarburg Foundation is able to provide financial support for projects that strengthen and enhance the quality of life in our community. More than 100 individuals and couples have already pledged at least \$10,000 each to become Legacy Society members.

## Be Part of the Legacy!

We have launched our "Be Part of the Legacy" campaign for 2015 – 2016 to expand the number of Legacy Society members in order to grow our endowment fund. If you are not yet a Legacy Society member, please consider being a member by pledging \$10,000. While many Legacy Society members fulfill their giving pledge immediately or as part of their estate planning, others choose to fulfill their pledge over time as part of their personal annual charitable giving. Call and leave a message with The Greater Cedarburg Foundation at 262-377-7338 or go to [cedarburgfoundation.com](http://cedarburgfoundation.com) to request information. John Cordio, Development Committee Chair, will reach out to you to answer questions you may have and provide additional information for your consideration.

## If you are already Part of the Legacy!

If you are a Legacy Society member that has chosen to fulfill your pledge via giving over time, please consider making a contribution towards your commitment as part of your 2015 year-end charitable giving. If you choose to give towards your pledge commitment, please write "Legacy Society" in the memo line of your check and it will be recorded towards your Legacy Society pledge.

Send donations to: The Greater Cedarburg Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Cedarburg, WI 53012

### Annual Fund Drive (from pg. 1)

John Cordio, board member and Annual Fund Drive chair, said, "We are truly grateful for the enthusiastic support the Foundation continues to receive from the community. This backing allows the Foundation to respond to the funding requests for projects that enhance the Cedarburg community. We would love to see increased awareness and growing support from members of our great community."

Please review the Annual Fund Drive letter in this newsletter and consider making a donation to the 2015 campaign. Donations of any size are always truly appreciated.

For further information on the Foundation's mission or Annual Fund Drive, call 262-377-7338 or go to [Cedarburgfoundation.com](http://Cedarburgfoundation.com). ■

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The next phase of construction will be completing the lighting, interior walls and flooring. The final phase will be the heating, air conditioning and audio-visual equipment for meetings and programs. A \$50,000 reserve is being planned for future maintenance.

Approximately \$150,000 of the \$300,000 budget has been spent to complete the work thus far. Private donations have been

received from OCHS members, individuals and area businesses. In-kind donations have been received in the form of labor, building materials, landscaping trees, backfill, topsoil and a hot water heater.

More information about the Ozaukee County Historical Society, its membership, events, photos and donor opportunities can be found at: [www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us](http://www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us). ■

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