

# The Greater Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER FOUNDATION

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## Volunteer Fire Department Receives Civic Award

In a break from tradition, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation (GCF) chose to honor an organization rather than an individual as the recipient of its annual Civic Award. This year the award was presented to the Cedarburg Volunteer Fire Department, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2016. The award was presented on Wednesday, May 11, during an event held at the firehouse on Mequon Avenue.

"We cannot think of a more dedicated volunteer group that daily exemplifies what service to the community means," said Dale Lythjohan, chairman of the GCF civic event committee. Although this award has been given to individuals over the previous 13 years, Lythjohan said that making the presentation to the Fire Department was a "unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."



**Accepting the Civic Award from GCF President-Elect Joe Fazio were: (front row left to right): William Hintz, Fire Chief Jeff Vahsholtz, Kim Gordon and Scott Matusiewicz; (back row left to right): Jeffrey Boerner, William Koeppen and Richard VanDinter. The Fire Department requested that the \$1,000 grant that goes with the award be split between Heartsafe Wisconsin for CPR training and the "Burn Camp" put on each year by the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin to help children who have suffered burn injuries.**

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The Cedarburg Fire Department was organized by a group of Cedarburg pioneers in the fall of 1866, a year after the American Civil War ended. The original roster included 31 men and the first apparatus, a hand pumper named "Metamora No. 2," was purchased from the City of Milwaukee for \$800. Today, the department has 65 active members, 19 of whom are female, and 125 passive or honorary members who help with fundraising efforts. The

latest equipment, a new Pierce fire truck, has a pricetag of \$780,000.

Previous recipients of the Civic Award include Merlin Rostad, Carl Edquist, Ralph Huiras, Bob Armbruster, Edward Rappold, Janet and Don Levy, Mal Hepburn, Barbara and Layton Olsen, Jim and Sandy Pape, Jim Coutts, Paul and Philia Hayes, Jim Lee and Dick Dieffenbach. ■

## Community Gala Planned for September 24

A fun-filled evening of good food, good entertainment and good friends is on tap at the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's 11th annual Community Gala, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Ozaukee Pavilion at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds.

The event, which is a major fundraiser for the GCF, will feature a "Beats & Brushwork" performance by Artist Shelby Keefe, music by the Di Cristo Quartet, a buffet dinner with carving stations and a verbal and silent auction.

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## Joe Fazio Leads GCF



Joe Fazio, chief executive officer of Commerce State Bank, was installed as the President of the Greater Cedarburg

Foundation (GCF) at its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at the Cedarburg Police Department.

Fazio said his goal as President is to raise the visibility of the GCF throughout the greater Cedarburg community and to increase the number of people participating in its activities and grant program.

"The vitality of a community foundation strengthens an entire community for all residents," Fazio said. "In particular, the GCF helps to keep Cedarburg the unique place we all love by financially supporting its community projects, arts and social service agencies. The GCF is ensuring Cedarburg stays a strong community and keeps its charm."

Fazio has a BBA degree from St. Norbert College and an MBA from Edgewood College. He is a former Cedarburg alderman and is a member of the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary Club. He's also been active with St. Francis Borgia School, the Cedarburg Athletic Booster Club and the Wisconsin Bankers Association.

Fazio has lived in Cedarburg for 24 years. He and his wife, Lisa, have three grown children. ■



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## New Bandshell Unveiled as Summer Sounds Kicks Off 2016 Season

The new bandshell at Cedar Creek Park in Cedarburg was unveiled at the first Summer Sounds concert series on Friday, June 17. The Greater Cedarburg Foundation, in partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, is proud to have had a part in making the renovated facility possible.

As part of its centennial celebration, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation gifted \$200,000 to the bandshell project. The GCF contributed another \$50,000 to the cause. The remaining funds were raised by the Rotary Club of Cedarburg-Grafton as part of its 50th anniversary project.

The renovation entailed replacing the existing, 50-year-old bandshell with a larger stage, an extended roof, added storage space for musical equipment and new electrical service and lighting. Local architectural firm Groth Design Group donated its services to design the facility that uses natural timbers and stone. The new bandshell will attract larger bands, accommodate theatrical performances and provide a better overall experience for audiences. ■

## 11 Organizations Receive Grants

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation (GCF) awarded \$56,000 to 11 area non-profit organizations as part of its annual grant program. Recipients were recognized at the GCF Civic Event, held Wednesday, May 11, at the Cedarburg Fire Department.

“Once again, we were very pleased with the number and the quality of the requests we received this year and are proud to be helping these organizations make a difference in the community,” said Joe Fazio, grant committee chairman.



Representatives of various nonprofit organizations that received more than \$56,000 in 2016 grants from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation included (front row from left): Mary Ann Velnetske of the Ozaukee County Historical Society, Shea Halula of Starting Point of Ozaukee, Jeff Vahsholtz of the Cedarburg Fire Department, Lisa Hotebeck of Ozaukee Family Services, Stephanie Hayes of the Cedarburg Cultural Center; (back row from left) Natalie Dorler of Riveredge Nature Center, Pat Weatherhogg of Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County, Kathleen Fisher of Family Promise of Ozaukee County, Renie Rathke of the Family Enrichment Center of Ozaukee County and Edward Bubulitz of Mel's Pig Roast Charities. Joe Fazio, back row right, chaired the grants committee.

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Organizations receiving grants include:

- **Cedarburg Art Museum** to purchase software to manage digital records of donors, art collections and artists.
- **Cedarburg Cultural Center** to digitize more than 3,500 photographic negatives from the Harold Dobberpuhl collection and enter them into a management database.
- **Cedarburg Fire Department** to produce a history book commemorating the department's 150th anniversary.
- **Family Enrichment Center of Ozaukee County** to replace its traditional lock and key system with a card security system.
- **Family Promise of Ozaukee County** to launch a program to provide shelter for homeless families.
- **Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County** to implement a program to train volunteers to recognize signs of dementia in clients.
- **Mel's Pig Roast Charities** to acquire a trailer to transport food and equipment to its fundraising events.
- **Ozaukee County Historical Society** to install heating and air conditioning

systems in the new multi-purpose building at Pioneer Village.

- **Ozaukee Family Services** to provide materials for a group that provides counseling services for Cedarburg middle school girls struggling with low self-esteem and social problems.
- **Riveredge Nature Center** to implement a Naturalist in Residence program in the Cedarburg School District.
- **Starting Point of Ozaukee** to repair and renovate the outside of a house, which serves as a traditional living facility for men recovering from substance abuse.

The GCF has assets of nearly \$4 million comprised of an endowment and donor advised funds. The foundation's mission is to preserve the local cultural heritage, enhance artistic endeavors and support educational, social and community-based services in the greater Cedarburg area.

Since its inception, the GCF has awarded \$1.2 million to deserving projects and nonprofit organizations in the community.

The grant cycle begins each year in October, when applications become available on-line at [cedarburgfoundation.com](http://cedarburgfoundation.com). ■

## LEGACY SOCIETY

Listed below are members of the Legacy Society - a group of individuals who share a commitment to support and sustain the many programs and projects that enhance the Greater Cedarburg Area. For more information on becoming a Legacy Society member, leave a message with The Greater Cedarburg Foundation at 262-377-7338 or go to [cedarburgfoundation.com](http://cedarburgfoundation.com).

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The Greater Cedarburg Foundation honored two of its retiring board members at its annual meeting on June 1. James Schowalter, left, and Mark Benskin both served six years on the board.

The 2016-2017 board of directors of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation gathered at the group's annual meeting on June 1. The board welcomed two new members: Mary Jane Baumgartner and Patricia Thome. Officers, seated from left, include: John Cordio, vice president; Joe Fazio, president; Terri Haas, secretary, and Dan DenBoer, treasurer. Directors, standing from left, include: Tim Wilkinson, Mark Langholz, Dale Lythjohan, Heather Cain, Barbara Janssen, Mary Jane Baumgartner, Layton Olsen, Carol Alexander Coutts, Patricia Thome and Gail Ostermann.

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### Community Gala (from page 1)

"The gala committee started meeting early in 2016 to make sure that this event will be a wonderful experience for all of our guests," said Joe Fazio, GCF President. "Our hope is to have a successful night of fundraising so that we can continue to support major community projects like we have in the past with the Cedarburg Library and the bandshell in Cedar Creek Park."

Fazio said he is especially delighted to have award-winning impressionistic painter Shelby Keefe as the main entertainment. During her half hour "Beats & Brushwork" performance, she will spontaneously create a piece of art, along with music, while guests watch. The painting will become part of the live auction later that night.

Providing background music throughout the evening will be the Di Cristo Quartet, led by local Cedarburg resident Victor Di Cristo on drums. Other band members

are Rick Aaron on flute, Gary Meisner on keyboard and Michael Britz on bass.

The evening will kick off with an open bar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner catered by Out & Out. A brief program followed by the live auction will begin at 8 p.m. Cocktail attire is requested.

Signature sponsors of the Community Gala to date include: Funjet Vacations, music sponsor; Answerport, dessert sponsor; Commerce State Bank, entertainment sponsor; and Port Washington State Bank, verbal auction sponsor. Patron sponsors to date include: GHL International, Bella Lei Salon Spa & Boutique, Bank Mutual, Piggly Wiggly, Sargento Foods and BMO Harris Bank. Other sponsorships are still available by contacting John Cordio at [jcordio@answerport.com](mailto:jcordio@answerport.com).

Tickets, at \$100 each, are available on-line at [cedarburgfoundation.com](http://cedarburgfoundation.com) or by calling 262-377-7338. ■

## Save the Date!

Join us for our quarterly discussion with Mike Miller, managing director of New York-based Colonial Consulting, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's investment advisor. Miller will review the Foundation's third quarter investment performance in addition to covering a topic of current interest from the investment world.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 4 p.m. at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. Invitations will be mailed in September.

For more information, contact Will Janisch at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation at 262-377-7338. ■



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