

The Greater Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER FOUNDATION

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Jim Lee Honored for Volunteerism

Hailed as a “true example of what volunteer civic participation is about,” Jim Lee was awarded the Greater Cedarburg Foundation’s Civic Award at a ceremony on Feb. 12 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. The award was presented by Jim Coutts, a former GCF board



Jim Lee, center, receives the Civic Award from GCF President Peg Edquist and former GCF President Jim Coutts

president who nominated Lee for the award.

An Oshkosh native, Lee served in the U.S. Army from 1956 – 1957 as a member of the Army Airborne Division. He was assigned to the Inspector General’s Office and to an Outpost on the Demilitarized Zone in Korea. He later attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he met his future wife, Ruth. The couple moved to Cedarburg in the 1960s and raised a son and daughter.

Lee ramped up his volunteer service after retiring as an AT&T sales manager 23 years ago. His service to his country left a lasting impact on him and he channeled that pride through a quarter-century of involvement with Cedarburg’s Peter Wollner American Legion Post. He has served nearly every position at the post, including commander, and currently serves as the 2nd District vice commander. The Wisconsin American Legion named him County Commander of the Year at its annual state convention last year. He has also been active in the Cedarburg-Grafton VFW Post.

Lee’s volunteer resume also includes 15 years as a town of Cedarburg election official, bagging food at the Family Sharing Food Pantry, volunteering at the Town Recycling Center, serving as a greeter at the Cedarburg Visitors Center and volunteering as a docent at the Kuhfuss House and

for the early Gothic History Tours. He has been a longtime member of the Ozaukee Historical Society and served as a volunteer at Pioneer Village.

Lee has been a member of both the town and city recreation boards and has dedicated a large amount of time to working with area youth. He started the youth basketball leagues for boys and girls in Cedarburg and coached Little League Baseball for seven years, in addition to coaching other teams over 17 years.

Lee requested that the \$1,000 grant that goes with the award be given to the Wisconsin American Legion Foundation.

The Civic Award annually honors people who have made a significant contribution to enhance the greater Cedarburg community. Previous recipients have included Merlin Rostad, Carl Edquist, Ralph Huiras, Robert Armbruster, Edward Rappold, Don & Janet Levy, M.D. “Mal” Hepburn, Layton & Barbara Olsen, Jim & Sandy Pape, Jim Coutts and Paul & Philia Hayes. ■

Chris Smith to become President of Foundation



Chris Smith

Local native Chris Smith will become the President of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation at its annual meeting on June 3 at the

Cedarburg Cultural Center. He will succeed Peg Edquist, who will become Past President after serving a two-year term.

Smith, who was born and raised in Cedarburg, went to local grade school, middle school and high school and now lives in Cedarburg with his wife Sara and children Emily, Ben and Patrick.

He is currently employed as a senior investment consultant with Robert W. Baird in Mequon. For many years, Smith has worked in several capacities for various civic organizations. He has served on the board of the Cedarburg Education Foundation, the Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce, and is currently a member of the Cedarburg Economic Development Board and the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary. He has been on the Greater Cedarburg Foundation board since 2004.

“My upcoming term will be focused on positioning the Foundation to be

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12 Organizations Benefit from Grants

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded more than \$46,000 to 12 area non-profit organizations this year as part of its first-ever annual grant cycle.

Joe Fazio, chairman of the grant committee, said that the Foundation decided to adopt an annual grant cycle in order to review requests all at one time and make recommendations based on available funds.

"This really helped us streamline the process," said Fazio. "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."

Organizations receiving grants included:

- **Advocates of Ozaukee** to hire a half-time Child Advocate to assist with domestic and sexual violence services for children
- **Applaud Cedarburg** to offer a master class for Cedarburg High School students as part of the Visiting Artists Series at the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center
- **Best Buddies Wisconsin** for a program that pairs students at Cedarburg High School and Webster Transitional School with students that have intellectual and developmental disabilities to form one-on-one friendships
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County** for a Cedarburg youth outreach & mentoring program
- **Cedarburg Preschool** for assistance in moving to a new location
- **Family Enrichment Center of Ozaukee County** for a carpet replacement program



Peg Edquist, foreground, president of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, congratulates representatives of various non-profit organizations that received more than \$46,000 in grants from the Foundation. They include: (sitting l-r) Donna Doro of Applaud Cedarburg, Peder Berg of the Family Enrichment Center of Ozaukee County, Barb Fischer of Advocates of Ozaukee and Joe Hammes of North Shore United Soccer Club; (standing l-r) Nicole Bulow of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County, Angela Rester of Wellspring Education Center & Organic Farm, Melissa Wraalstad of Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Carole Stuebe of Portal Inc., Tracey Dorsey of Cedarburg Preschool, Chelsea Hren of Best Buddies Wisconsin and Sharon Pechiva of Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County.

- **Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County** for technology upgrades
- **North Shore United Soccer Club** for facility upgrades at its Cedarburg field
- **Portal Inc.** for expansion of its Art Applause visual arts program
- **Wellspring Inc.** for its Farm2School obesity prevention and health improvement program
- **Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts** for phase one of its historic building restoration
- **Wisconsin American Legion Foundation** on behalf of Jim Lee, who

received the Foundation's 2014 Civic Award

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation has assets of more than \$3 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 Greater Cedarburg Foundation has awarded nearly \$1 million in pass through grants and endowment grants to deserving projects and nonprofit organizations in the community. ■

Smith to become president (from pg. 1)

the community's leader in making Cedarburg the best place to call home," Smith said. "Cedarburg's rich history has kept families here for generations, but it is the ongoing cultural, economic and civic efforts that will attract 'the next Cedarburg' to establish their roots here."

Current President Peg Edquist said Smith's

energy and his ability to come up with new ways to grow the Foundation will be a bonus for the coming two years. "Chris is always coming up with new ideas to generate interest in the Foundation," Edquist said. "He looks outside of the box and is never shy about bringing new ways of thinking about things to increase our exposure to the community."

With an eye toward the future, Smith said he is hoping to expose new opportunities to make Cedarburg a better place to live. "The Foundation is looking forward to helping define Cedarburg's future through its partnerships with the residents, businesses and other non-profits that share this common goal," he said. ■

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 information on becoming a member of the Legacy Society, please see our website or call Chris Smith at 414-765-3633.

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Curl Up and Celebrate Old Cedarburg!

Be sure to mark October 18th on your calendar. That is when the Greater Cedarburg Foundation will hold its annual party to raise awareness for the Foundation's mission.

This year, the celebration is taking a new direction. The traditional "gala" will have a more casual feel as it moves to the Milwaukee Curling Club facility at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds. The theme is "Curl Up and Celebrate Old Cedarburg."

The evening will include appetizers, cocktails, musical entertainment, an auction and yes, a chance to try your hand at curling. Committee members are contemplating a number of ideas to portray the event theme including a "walkway to yesteryear" lined with photos depicting Cedarburg's storied history.



Save the date and come out and celebrate Cedarburg! Watch for more details coming your way. ■

Follow Us on Twitter @53012foundation

In an effort to raise the visibility of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, incoming President Chris Smith invites you to follow the Foundation on Twitter.

"Every penny in our endowment is the result of the shared passion that our donors and supporters have for Cedarburg," Smith said. "As a result, the foundation has been able to do many great things for the community, but many that live here still haven't heard of the GCF. The most common question I get from friends and neighbors that know I am involved is "what does the foundation do?" I enjoy being able to answer that in-person with a smile on my face and would love to be able to do so with every person in Cedarburg. Obviously that isn't possible, so we need to get in front of people any way we can."

Smith said the GCF website, when paired with the most popular current social media platforms like Twitter, is the preferred way for most people to get quick, relevant information. "We are currently re-tooling our website, but Twitter seems to be the "flavor of the day" for how people browse when they have down time," he said. "Many of our key partners are using it successfully, including the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Cedarburg Cultural Center, Cedarburg Art Museum and Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County. We think this will be a great way to get timely information out to the community and generate new relationships we might have missed in the past, and have a little fun with it as well."



The GCF Twitter handle is @53012foundation.

GCF Underwrites Master Class with Franc D'Ambrosio

Franc D'Ambrosio, best known for his portrayal of the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera," conducted a master class with area students the day before his performance during the Visiting Artists Series at the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center. The class and his performance were underwritten by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. Two of the students, Elizabeth Sattler and Aidan Stumpf, were selected to perform the roles of Christine and Raoul from "Phantom" on stage during D'Ambrosio's show. They



received a standing ovation from the audience and a round of applause from D'Ambrosio, above. ■

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