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Cedarburg loses two of its largest supporters

The passing of two giants of generosity was mourned by members of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation as Carl Edquist and Ralph Huiras passed into eternal life this year. "Words cannot describe the amazing philanthropy that both of these fine gentlemen provided during the course of their lifetimes," said Ben Levy, President of the Foundation. "Their spirit of giving, their time and talent and their tremendous impact on the community will remain with us forever."

Carl Edquist, who passed away July 9th at the age of 91, was remembered by many as a visionary who got things done. "If you talk with most people

who have been in Cedarburg for a long time, they will hold up Dad as someone who was one of the top pillars in the community," said Jerry Edquist, his son. Edquist founded Carlson Tool & Manufacturing in Cedarburg in 1958 and also co-founded the Greater Cedarburg Foundation and the Cedarburg Cultural Center. He was active as a philanthropist in local initiatives including the Cedarburg Library, Cedarburg Pool and Ozaukee ice Center. His last act of generosity was a donation of \$100,000 to the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rita, an artist and community preservation activist.

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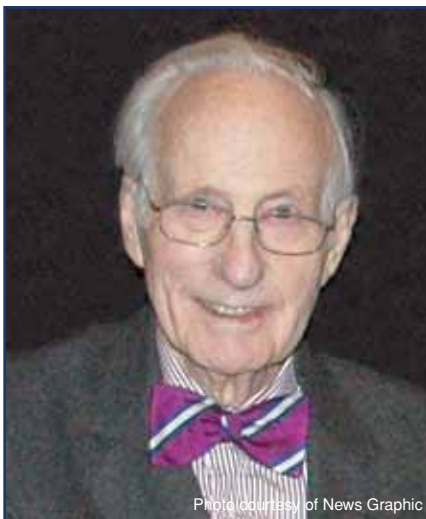


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Carl Edquist



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Ralph Huiras

Gala Magic!

"The Cedarburg Foundation's 2010 President's Gala was pure magic!" quipped Patty Gallun Hansen, co-chair of the fifth annual Gala. More than 210 attendees celebrated Cedarburg and the Foundation's tenth anniversary at North Shore Country Club September 11th. "By all accounts, this was the largest and most celebrated event to date," said Peg Edquist, co-chair. "Everyone had a fantastic time!"

This year's event raised more than \$40,000 with the aid of higher attendance and incredible auction items. The evening began with cocktails and a silent auction against the backdrop of beautiful fall colors awash in a sunset overlooking the meticulous greens and fairways. After dinner, President Ben Levy thanked those in attendance and presented an award to Doug Jansson, President of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation who retired September 30th after 16 years. Levy thanked Doug for his help and guidance with the Cedarburg Foundation's start up as well as continued support over the years.

Levy then spoke of the Legacy Society, a special giving opportunity envisioned by the late Don Rintelman — former Board president — to reach a goal of 100 Legacy Society Members before the end of his term. Sadly, Don would not live to see that dream come true, but Levy appealed to the crowd to help the Foundation in its efforts in Don's honor. (See related story) ■

2011 Annual Drive

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation's Annual Fund drive for 2011 was officially launched last month with a letter sent to members of the community, according to Brain Collins, board member and chair of this year's drive. "We hope to raise more money than ever to continue our work in this fine community," Collins said. He added that people should watch for a letter in the mail if they have not already received one. "It's a chance to contribute to the Foundation as you have in the past, or as a first time supporter," Collins said. "Please consider a gift to the Foundation." Collins explained the funds are put directly back into the community through worthwhile causes and organizations that receive grants, which have totaled more than \$125,000 in the past ten years. Among those organizations and groups that have received support are Riveredge Nature Center, the Honor Flight, Cedarburg Cultural Center, Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, Cedarburg Performing Arts Center Inc., Northshore Academy of the Arts, Revive the Rivoli, the Quilt Museum and many more.

"As you can see the funds you give to us are used to enhance the area by supporting and partnering with organizations throughout the community," Collins said. "Please remember to hold on to your letter asking for your support and give generously to improve and contribute to the positive impact we have on the Greater Cedarburg Area." ■

Biking Buddies the brainchild of local college student

One of the more exciting new grants made in 2010 by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation was for a program called "Biking Buddies" conceived by Cedarburg native Rachael Lester. In May, the Foundation approved a grant of \$4,745.00 for Lester to purchase one of five "Duet" bikes manufactured in Germany that allow a disabled or elderly person to take a bike ride alongside a biking companion.

Lester got the idea for the program after a friend's disabled brother was able to purchase the \$5,000 bike with disability funds he received once he turned 18. "I felt bad the family had to wait until he was 18 to be able to purchase this bike for him, because the sad part is most kids love biking and so why not give them a chance to have one when they are 5 or 6 and they can ride it forever?" said Lester, a Junior at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. The problem, she discovered, was that the bikes are cost prohibitive for most people. Lester contacted the Greater Cedarburg Foundation for grant money and was assisted by Jedd Lapid, the GCF's liaison with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Lapid not only helped Lester write a grant, he connected her with Independence First, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities. Independence First agreed to help manage the program if Lester raised the funds. Lester also received grants from three GMF funds and several local organizations which enabled her to purchase five bikes for \$25,000.

The program began in June and four of the bikes are located in Cedarburg



Special Duet bike enables a disabled or elderly person to enjoy a bike ride

where Lester has volunteers to provide rides to disabled people they find through a variety of sources, including Portal Industries. The bikes are stored in garage space donated by Jung Furniture and Local Motion bike store in Cedarburg has donated all maintenance services for the Duets. "I just want to tell everyone thank you because I was really discouraged at first but the Cedarburg Foundation was the connection that started it all and it grew from there," she said, adding she hopes to expand the service to the elderly next summer.

To date, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation made nearly ten grants in 2010 which total more than \$47,000. For more information on our grant process, please see our web site at www.cedarburgfoundation.org. ■

Legacy Society Reaches 100

More than 75 people gathered together at the Cedarburg Cultural Center November 9th to commemorate the achievement of reaching 100 members and more than \$1 million in commitments for the Legacy Society. The special giving option was created by Don Rintelman, former President of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation who died in 2006 just before taking office. "In an article published just a few weeks before his tragic death, Don was quoted as saying that he wanted to grow the Legacy Society to 100 members from 13, double the endowment, and have the Foundation be recognized as the 'go-to' resource to help other community organizations," said Ben Levy, President of the Foundation. "Those of us who knew Don knew he had the capacity to envision great things and the determination and skill to accomplish what he envisioned."

At the event, Levy announced that the 100th Legacy Society member is Katie Rintelman Pipkorn, Don's daughter.



Katie Rintelman Pipkorn, 100th Legacy Society Member

Money was raised among members of the community to enlist Katie as a Legacy Society member. "The community has surrounded us during these last few years," Pipkorn said. "I am so grateful for all of the support

and love we have received." A commemorative plaque honoring Don Rintelman's efforts was given to Pipkorn, and a duplicate will be permanently displayed at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. ■

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Ralph Huiras, an active member of the Foundation board until his death at age 92 on September 27th, was personal friends with Edquist and also seen as an unselfish civic-minded titan. "I don't think we'll ever know the scope of everything he has given," said Jerry Voigt, Foundation board member. Huiras was a practicing attorney for

more than 50 years and served as the Town of Cedarburg attorney for 42 years. He served with the FBI for a time before forming the Gerald & Huiras law firm in 1948 in Port Washington. He was also involved in banking and was a former member and chairman of the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors. Among his philanthropic

activities was a donation of \$1.2 million to Columbia/St. Mary's Hospital for a drug treatment center, more than \$1 million to Marquette University and St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church \$500,000 to help build the Cedarburg Town Hall. He was preceded in death by his first wife Marianne and survived by his second wife Barbara. ■

Gala (from pg. 1)

Rounding out the program was a verbal auction hosted by Edquist and Steve "The Homer" True. The crowd was energetic and generous in their bidding of items such as a romantic weekend at the Osthoff Resort, a week's stay at a beautiful oceanfront condominium in Mexico, and a French dinner for six couples. The last item to be auctioned was a bottle of wine that was bottled to commemorate 9/11. The bottle garnered \$400 and the money

was donated to the American Legion Peter Wollner Post 288 in Cedarburg.

After the auction, the crowd took to the dance floor with the sounds of the Eddie Butts Band. The dance floor was packed until midnight when all that was left was the flickering of several candles, tired feet, lots of smiles and great memories. Time to go home and start to plan for next year's spectacular event to begin! All in all it was magic!! ■



Ben Levy, President of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, presents award to Doug Jansson, President of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation



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