

# Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER

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## Barbara and Layton Olsen Honored at Civic Event

The Cedarburg Foundation was pleased to honor Barbara and Layton Olsen as recipients of the 2010 Civic Award. The event, held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on February 25th, honored the couple as business owners who have devoted time, talent and treasure to the community for more than 25 years.

More than 200 people attended the event, which is held each year to honor an outstanding volunteer(s) whose efforts have enhanced the community. "We have so many people who are improving and enhancing Cedarburg every day - but no one has done more in that regard than Layton Olsen," said Bob Chmielewski, President. "Together Barbara and Layton have been a force in this community and have contributed to dozens and dozens of organizations through direct support or indirectly by serving on boards. We are very grateful."

In his remarks honoring the couple, civic event chair and board member Jim Coutts said "Cedarburg would not be what it is today without the hard work and dedication of both Layton and Barbara since they arrived in the area in 1984." He traced their Cedarburg roots back to the first store they



**Barbara and Layton Olsen, Recipients of the 2010 Civic Award**

owned - Olsen's Red Owl located on Mill Street. Soon after it opened, Olsen became involved in the Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce and the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary Club, where he became very involved in numerous initiatives, including the resurrection of the Music Festival, bringing the Wisconsin Singers and the UW-Madison Band to Cedarburg High School and spearheading the Haunted High School. He served as President of Rotary in 1995 and remains on the board to this day. He also serves on the board of the Cedarburg Performing Art Center Inc., where he plays an active role in its Visiting Artist Series.

Referring to Olsen's Piggly Wiggly on Washington Avenue which they have operated since 1991, Coutts said the store has been a hub of fundraising activity as well as enriching the lives of hundreds

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## Levy to become new Foundation President



**Ben Levy, Incoming President**

The Cedarburg Foundation is pleased to announce that Ben Levy will be sworn in as its new President for a two-year term beginning at the June 2010 board meeting.

A lifelong Cedarburg resident, Levy graduated from Arizona State University in 1985 and received his law degree from Marquette University Law School in 1988. He currently specializes in civil litigation as a member of the Levy & Levy law firm in Cedarburg and is past president of the Ozaukee County Bar Association.

As an avid civic volunteer, Levy has served as president of several associations in the area, including the Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce and Forward Cedarburg, Cedarburg's former Economic Development Board. He is a volunteer teacher in the Junior Achievement program and coaches youth basketball in Cedarburg. In addition, Levy was a board member of the Cedarburg Community Pool Association and was involved in the fund raising efforts for the Ozaukee County YMCA facility in Saukville. He is currently a member of the

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of citizens, most notably high school students. "The store has become a place of opportunity not only as a part time job, but as a place to earn scholarships and public recognition for academic achievement," he said. The store donates bakery and other items to local food pantries, including Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, of which Barbara has been on the board for more than a decade and is currently immediate Past President.

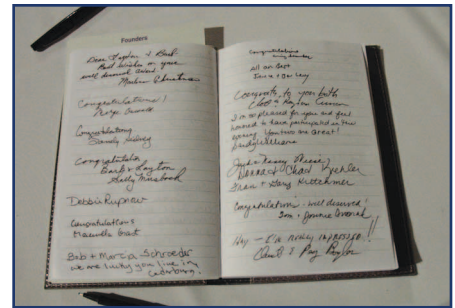
"Perhaps the biggest contribution the Olsen's have made is through their appreciation and love of music," said Coutts, who explained that Olsen approached the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary in 2000 to underwrite the cost of a music festival should he not be able to get enough sponsors. He raised \$16,000 from sponsors and the festival attracted eight drum and bugle corps from around the region. In its first year, the event netted a profit of \$16,000. To date, the festival has brought

in more than \$300,000 which the Rotary Club has dispersed to local individuals and community organizations. "Layton said their success is measured by their ability to give back to the community," Coutts said. "That being said, they are the most successful couple we know."

Also at the event, Board President Bob Chmielewski reported that the Foundation's Endowment Fund is poised to reach \$1 million this summer and nearly \$100,000 has been awarded in grants since the Foundation began almost ten years ago. Entertainment for the evening featured Vic DiCristo and Tony Gorenc as well as the North Shore Academy of the Arts. Sponsors of the evening included Carlson Tool & Manufacturing, Levy & Levy SC, Terrace Realty, Harris Bank, Olsen's Piggly Wiggly, Commerce State Bank, Jerry and Alice Voigt, Bob and Maria Loomis, Bob and Judy Chmielewski, Carol Alexander and Jim Coutts. ■



Bob Chmielewski, Foundation President



Messages to the Award Winners



Barbara and Layton Olsen and Family



Vic DiCristo, Tony Gorenc and the North Shore Academy of the Arts

## Foundation Approves Nine Grants for 2009

Nine grants totaling nearly \$30,000 were approved by the Cedarburg Foundation in 2009. The grants, which were recommended by the Foundation's grant committee, cover a range of areas, including funds to assist with landscaping for the Girl Scout House, The Cedarburg Performing Art Center Inc. for the Visiting Artist Series, Big Brothers/Big Sisters for an at-risk youth program, the

Cedarburg Cultural Center for the Fireside Chats and its 25th anniversary video history. The Riveredge Nature Center received two grants for a lecture series as well as the purchase of land adjacent to the Riveredge property.

"All of these grants were worthwhile efforts to improve some projects that have already given so much to the community,"

said Jim Rothenbach, co-chair of the grant committee. "We have so many interesting activities in this area which makes it such a great place to live, and we are pleased to be a part of making those happen." Rothenbach urged those interested in applying for grants to contact the Cedarburg Foundation at 262-377-7338 or gain information on the website at [www.cedarburgfoundation.org](http://www.cedarburgfoundation.org). ■

## LEGACY SOCIETY - *HONORING THE LEGACY OF DONALD B. RINTELMAN*

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# Foundation Helps Resurrect Fireside Chats

Among the nine grants that the Foundation dispersed into the community in 2009 was \$1,200 to pay for the resurrection of the Fireside Chats held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center. The Fireside Chats ran from 2000 to 2007 and included a panel of Cedarburg residents who spoke on a variety of subjects concerning the history of the community - from the earliest memories of the city to the development of the Fire Department, local business and industry and cultural events such as the Music Festival.

The first event this year was held on February 28th - the first since the series was suspended in 2007. "A lot of people

were suggesting we do them again so we did," said Jim Coutts, Foundation past president and host of the event. "One of the reasons we're doing it is to preserve those things from the past that the younger generation doesn't know about so they can learn about Cedarburg." Coutts said there will be two more Fireside Chats scheduled for this year. One scheduled for March 28th will focus on music festivals and a third scheduled for June 6th will focus on the Cedarburg Cultural Center as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

DVDs are available to purchase for any of the programs for \$10 at the Cultural Center. ■

## Levy (from pg. 1)

Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary Club and serves on the Community Scholarship Endowment Board.

As an active member of the board for the Cedarburg Foundation, Levy was chairman of the Development Committee and was instrumental in growing the Foundation's Legacy Society from 13 members in 2006 to more than 75 members today. "When Don left us I was asked to help grow the Legacy Society and I was honored to try and carry on his work," said Levy, referring to the untimely death of Don Rintleman who was about to become President of the Foundation in 2006 when he was killed in a car accident. "Don wanted to have 100 members in the Legacy Society and we have been working hard to make that a reality."

With the Foundation's endowment poised to reach \$1 million this spring, Levy said his goal is to grow the endowment to \$1.25 million which allows the foundation to work with local foundations who wish to affiliate with the GCF. "We do so many things for the community, but we can always do more," he said. "The larger our endowment grows, the more we can do to continue to make the Cedarburg area a

wonderful place to live, work and raise a family."

Bob Chmielewski, current President of the Foundation, said Levy has a solid reputation in the community as someone who is dedicated to making things happen. "I have worked with Ben for several years now and I am blown away by the amount of things he gets done for the Foundation," he said. "I am so excited to have him follow me in this position because I know that with his dynamic personality he will get things done."

Levy and his wife Janice have three children and live in Cedarburg. "Cedarburg is a very special place," he said. "Having the opportunity to make it even better is a challenge that I am excited about."

Also at the June board meeting, James Schowalter, vice president of Port Washington State Bank will be sworn in as a new board member. Current board members who are beginning their second term of service include Ralph Huiras, Carole Blaney, Shirley Krenzke, and Mary Kay Bourbulas. ■

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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