

The Greater Cedarburg ...NOW AND FOREVER FOUNDATION

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Jim Coutts Honored at 2012 Civic Event

It was an evening of warmth and laughter on February 16 when longtime civic volunteer Jim Coutts was honored as the recipient of the 2012 Civic Award by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. A crowd of more than 200 people filled the Cedarburg



Ben Levy, Foundation President, presents the civic award plate to the 2012 recipient Jim Coutts

Cultural Center to honor Coutts for his tireless dedication to the community.

It was Jim - a devoted volunteer and civic activist for more than 40 years - who introduced the idea to start the Greater Cedarburg Foundation more than 12 years ago. "Jim has done so much for Cedarburg that it would be impossible to name all of the activities he has been involved in," said Ben Levy, President. "He led the way on many positive initiatives for the city for a long time."

Jim Coutts was born in Waukesha, the son of then Waukesha Mayor George Coutts. He was an avid athlete during his high school and college years, and since that time has been active as a referee for cross country and other sports. After graduating from college, he became a social studies

teacher, and worked at Homestead High School in Mequon for 29 years before retiring. He was mayor of Cedarburg from 1993 to 2003 and during his tenure, Jim initiated talks to start a community foundation which eventually became the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. He was President of

the GCF from 2006 to 2008. Jim has been actively involved in the Cedarburg Light and Water Commission and was recently named to the National Policymakers Committee for the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C.

In his remarks, he thanked the many people that have worked with him along the years, and praised the Foundation for growing an endowment of more than \$2 million after starting more than decade ago with a small but earnest grass root effort by several community members. "We are truly a community foundation because it was the community that came forward to support it," he said. "It's a unique feature that sets us apart." He also thanked the Greater Milwaukee Foundation for all of its support, including a \$100,000 matching

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Edquist to become new Foundation President



Peg Edquist

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation is pleased to announce that Peg Edquist will be sworn in as its new President for a two-year term beginning at the June 2012 board meeting.

Edquist, who has lived in Cedarburg with her husband Jerry and three children for more than 23 years, is a former business reporter for the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel and a freelance writer and columnist for the Business Journal of Greater Milwaukee. She is co-author of the book "Love, Power & Money" about family owned businesses and was the broadcast reporter for The Business Journal of Greater Milwaukee on several local radio stations for more than a dozen years. During her time at the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel, she received a distinguished achievement award for local government news from the Inland Daily Press Association. She is currently editor of an electronic newsletter that reaches more than 1,000 members of St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Cedarburg.

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grant that was given during the early years of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation.

Also at the event, Board President Ben Levy reported that the Foundations endowment has surpassed the \$2 million mark and has attained supporting organization status with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, giving it more opportunities to attract donor advised funds from local individuals and groups in the area. "We will continue to be a strong source of funding for many wonderful projects and programs in this area to preserve our cultural heritage, enhance artistic endeavors and support educational, recreational and community services throughout the Cedarburg area," Levy said.

Vic DiCristo and Tony Gorenc provided entertainment in the beginning of the evening, followed by brief presentations by Lauren Rose Hofland, executive director of the Cedarburg Cultural Center, and Ellie De Lia, treasurer and Development Director of the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts. Both organizations received grants from the foundation in the past year. Sponsors of the evening included Carlson Tool & Manufacturing, Collins & Company Realty, Jim and Sally Castle, Levy & Levy, Mark & Victoria Benskin, Bob Chmielewski, Greg Zimmerschied and Mary Kay Bourbulas, and Commerce State Bank. ■



Past Civic Award recipients attended the 2012 event, including (from left first row) Merlin Rostad, Bob Armbruster second row from left Mal Hepburn, Layton Olsen, Barbara Olsen, Jim Coutts, Sandy Pape, Jim Pape

Foundation brings on new board members

Four new members of the board of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation will begin their terms at the June meeting in the coming weeks. They are Barbara Janssen, Dale Lythjohan, John Cordio and Gail Ostermann. Welcome!

Also at the meeting, former Greater Cedarburg Foundation President Bob Chmielewski and four other board members will be leaving the board after several years of service. Chmielewski has served on the board for more than eight years. "I'm going to miss fostering the mission of the foundation and interacting with the people on the board. I have really enjoyed working with them," he said.

Also departing after years of service will be Brian Collins, Andy Schlidt, Susan Lange and Patty Gallun-Hansen. Hansen was instrumental in the success of the Gala, working on the committee for several years and co-chairing the event more than once. Lange was been secretary of the board for the past six years, and during that time worked tirelessly keeping track of the administration of the Foundation. Brian Collins has been chair of the Annual Fund drive during his time on the board. Andy Schlidt served on the development committee.



Bob Chmielewski

"All of these board members have served in a great capacity and given so much of their time to help the Greater Cedarburg Foundation and for that I thank them," said Ben Levy, President. "Our board is made up of outstanding individuals who support our role to preserve the history and culture of Cedarburg as well as looking to the future to provide support for new and exciting projects and organizations. Altogether, the board works to make the Cedarburg community one of the outstanding small towns in Wisconsin." ■

Foundation Approves 20 Grants in 2011

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation and its donor advised funds awarded grants to more than 20 organizations or projects in 2011 for a total of more than \$40,000. Among the grants from the GCF was \$5,000 for the Cedarburg Christmas Committee for the purchase of a Gingerbread House, \$1,400 to Starting Point of Ozaukee County for a program aimed at reducing alcohol and tobacco use, \$3,500 to the Volunteer

Center of Ozaukee County for assisting with a website used by volunteers and \$10,000 to the Cedarburg Cultural Center for the printing of a children's book entitled, "Cedarburg." Other grants included awards to the Fireside Chats presented at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, the Cedarburg Landmark Preservation Society Inc., the North Shore Academy of the Arts, and Ozaukee Family Services. ■

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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Roundtable to hold tax seminar

Members of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation Roundtable are presenting an advisor seminar on October 10 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center aimed at explaining impending changes in Internal Revenue Service regulations as they apply to the transfer of wealth. The seminar will include a panel of experts who have experience in the area of estate planning and wealth management. "It's very important that people understand the effects of these tax law changes," said Bob Chmielewski, current President of

the Roundtable. "There will be changes coming sometime next year, and there are a lot of unknowns. For some people it could be a 'use it or lose it' opportunity." Of particular interest will be the changes in gift exemptions and death taxes. The event is open to advisors and will be held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. Please contact the GCF at 262-377-7338 if you are an interested advisor or wish to invite an advisor. ■

Mark your calendars for President's Gala in September

Supporters of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation are urged to save the date of Saturday September 29, 2012 for the 7th annual President's Gala. The event will be held at the Wisconsin Country Club at 6200 W. Good Hope Road. The country club, which was formerly Brynwood

Country Club, was purchased by the Wisconsin Club located at 900 W. Wisconsin Ave. in 2011 and has undergone a \$1 million renovation. Look for a formal invitation in the mail in July, or contact the Foundation at 262-377-7061 for more information. ■

New Foundation President (from pg. 1)

As an active civic volunteer, Edquist has served on local boards, including the Columbia St. Mary's Foundation, the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center Inc. and is a current member of the St. Mary's Ozaukee Community Council. She is a tutor at the Literacy Services of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and active in her church, mentoring high school students and working with her husband on efforts to build a new Education and Activity Center for St. Francis Borgia.

"I am very excited to be leading a group of dedicated community members who devote time and talent to making Cedarburg a better place to live," Edquist said. "We have

grown tremendously under the leadership of Ben Levy, and we hope to continue to grow so we can reach out to more organizations and projects in need of our support."

Also at the June meeting, new officers will assume their new duties, including Chris Smith as President-elect, Joe Fazio as Vice President, Shirley Krenzke as Treasurer and Terri Haas as Secretary. Barbara Janssen, Dale Lythjohan, John Cordio and Gail Ostermann will begin their terms as new board members. Departing the board will be Sue Lange, Patty Gallun-Hansen, Brian Collins, Andy Schlidt and Bob Chmielewski. ■

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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