

# The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever

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## Jack and Susan Hale Receive 16th Annual Civic Award

Jack Hale is a successful businessman. Susan Hale is a respected artist. Together, they have used their talents to shape Cedarburg's arts community, which is why The Greater Cedarburg Foundation chose to present them with its 16th annual Civic Award.

Nearly 50 years ago, the Hales purchased their dream home, a fixer-upper on Green Bay Road. It included a stone summer kitchen in the back, which became the first location for one of Cedarburg's most beloved events, "Christmas in the Country." The holiday boutique grew in popularity, drawing busloads of people from around the state, Chicago and beyond and was moved to the Cedarburg Woolen Mill to accommodate its growth. That event solidified Cedarburg's reputation as a home for art and a thriving arts community.

"I knew little about historic homes and preservation. However I quickly learned to



Jack & Susan Hale receive the 16th annual Civic Award from GCF President Joe Fazio during a reception at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on May 17.

cherish the uniqueness of our home and of the area," Jack said in accepting the award. "It was refreshing to see the foresight that leaders had exhibited in saving numerous historic buildings in the area. We met and became lifelong friends with many people who shared the same interests and values."

The Hales raised two daughters, Sarah and Melissa, in Cedarburg and became active in the community. While growing his business, T.J. Hale Company, Jack volunteered as a

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## Cordio Leads GCF

John Cordio, an area business owner and former Cedarburg alderman, was installed as the president of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation (GCF) at its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 12. Cordio replaces Joe Fazio, who remains on the board as past president.



John Cordio

"Cedarburg is a great place to live and I am excited to continue working with the Foundation board to support initiatives and organizations that enhance our community," Cordio said. "I would like to see us continue to grow our endowment through an increase in Legacy Society members and donor-advised funds which will ensure the Foundation continues to be a key component of Cedarburg's vibrant fabric."

Cordio is president & CEO of Answerport, a management & technology consulting firm that he founded in 1999. He is a Certified Public Accountant and holds MBA and BBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

In addition to being a Cedarburg alderman, he has served on the city's plan commission, economic development board and visioning committee. He also served on the board of First Stage Children's Theatre.

He and his wife, Amy, have three children and have lived in Cedarburg nearly 30 years.

## Climb Aboard the Trolley To Visit Cedarburg Museums

The 2018 Community Gala hosted by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation will be a night to remember! On Saturday, Sept. 22, we will be treating friends of the GCF to "A Night at the Cedarburg Museums."

Starting at the Cedarburg Cultural Center at 5:30 p.m., a trolley will take guests to the Cedarburg Art Museum, the Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts

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These original paintings by local artists Tom Kubala (left) and Robb Helf will be auctioned off during the Community Gala on Sept. 22.

## 12 Organizations Receive Grants

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation (GCF) awarded nearly \$97,000 to 12 area non-profit organizations as part of its annual grant cycle review. Recipients were recognized at the GCF Civic Event on May 17 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.

“We are proud to support these organizations with funding to advance a variety of social, arts, history and educational programs,” said Mark Langholz, GCF grant committee chairman and president elect. “These projects will help make a difference in our community.”

Organizations receiving grants include:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County** to recruit senior citizens to mentor children who are on a waiting list to be in the program
- **Cedarburg Art Museum** for hightop tables used during facility rentals
- **Cedarburg High School Robotics Team** for a mechanical systems upgrade
- **Family Promise of Ozaukee County** for replacement of its passenger van
- **Kettle Moraine YMCA** to launch a diabetes prevention program

- **Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center** to establish a marketing plan
- **Ozaukee Family Services** to expand its Guys Group program
- **Portal Inc.** to initiate an arts education program for people with disabilities
- **Riveredge Nature Center** to support the Scientist In Residence program in the Cedarburg School District
- **Starting Point of Ozaukee** to replace old and inefficient windows at Healing Point House
- **Wisconsin American Legion Foundation** to remodel bathrooms and upgrade facilities at Peter Wollner Post 288

The GCF has assets of \$5.5 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 \$1.5 million in pass-through grants and endowment grants to deserving projects and non-profit organizations in the community.

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



Representatives of various non-profit organizations receiving grants from The Greater Cedarburg Foundation included: (standing from left): Dan Kniess of Cedarburg High School Robotics Team, Bob Batty of Peter Wollner American Legion Post 288, Lisa Holtebeck of Ozaukee Family Services, Nicole Bulow of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County, Pam Hugdahl of Cedarburg Art Museum and Shea Hula of Starting Point of Ozaukee; (sitting from left): Natalie Dorler of Riveredge Nature Center, Rachel Martinez of Kettle Moraine YMCA, Amanda Didier of Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center, Melissa Wraalstad of Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts and Suzy Frazier of Family Promise of Ozaukee County. Mark Langholz, foreground, is chairman of The Greater Cedarburg Foundation grants committee.

## Peter Wollner Post Receives \$50,000 Grant

Peter Wollner American Legion Post 288 is probably best known to locals for its monthly Friday fish fry, when the building on Hilbert Avenue is packed wall to wall. It is also a place where many local and civic groups gather regularly for meetings.

The American Legion Post recently broke ground for a remodeling project that will include new ADA (American Disabilities Act) approved bathroom facilities as well as an expanded bar area and more room for storage. The expansion is expected to increase capacity for meetings, events and hall rentals.

“These improvements will not only serve our needs but will also be an asset available for the community and the surrounding area for many years,” said Robert Batty, post commander.

Helping to propel this project is a \$50,000 grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. The Post has nearly reached its goal of raising \$400,000 to fund improvements.

The Peter Wollner Post, chartered in 1920, was named after a World War I serviceman from Cedarburg who was killed in action. The Post held meetings at different venues in the community including the firehouse, Scout house, Turner Hall and eventually City Hall before finally building its own facility 30 years later. In May of 1950, the Post dedicated the current building on the site of an old planing mill. In the 1980s, the current bar area and a professional kitchen were added.



Joe Fazio, right, president of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, presented a check for \$50,000 to members of Peter Wollner American Legion Post 288. Accepting were (left to right): Ed Downey, project manager; Bob Batty, post commander, and Greg Jourdain, construction manager.

The Post annually sponsors the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, Cedarburg Boy Scout Troop 835 and a representative to Badger Boys and Girls State. It also provides scholarships for high school students and provides a variety of services to support veterans and their families. ■

## 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.

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## Greater Cedarburg Foundation Board of Directors



The 2018-2019 board of directors of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation gathered at the groups' annual meeting on June 12. Officers, seated from left, include: Dan Den Boer, treasurer; Mark Langholz, president elect; John Cordio, president; Joe Fazio, past president, and Mark Burgoyne, secretary. Directors, standing from left, include: Pat Thome, Tim Wilkinson, Mary Jane Baumgartner, Robb Helf, Carol Alexander Coutts, Mitch Quick, Sue Loken and Heather Cain. Directors not pictured: Jennifer Ziegler and Steve Schowalter.



The Greater Cedarburg Foundation presented three of its retiring board members with its signature Star Award. From left: Barb Janssen, Dale Lythjohan and Gail Ostermann were honored after six years of service.

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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### 16th Annual Civic Award (from pg. 1)

member of the Jaycees and served on the boards of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation and Cedarburg Cultural Center. He assumed the role of project manager for the new façade on the front of the Cultural Center building and acted as volunteer expeditor on the buildout of the new Cedarburg History Museum.

Susan started volunteering at the Firehouse Fine Arts Association, which is one of Ozaukee County's first arts centers, and is a founding member of the Cedarburg Artist Guild, which today has a membership of over 200 artists representing the visual, literary

and performing arts. She has also been active in a variety of roles at the Cedarburg Cultural Center and helps with planning the annual Plein Air art competition and show which attracts artists from throughout the Midwest each June. She has become an acclaimed artist, known for her colorful oil paintings which are part of many national and international collections.

"Susan and I are only examples of the spirit of Cedarburg's past, present and future," Jack said. "It is a privilege to live here!" The Hales requested that the \$1,000 grant that goes with the award be given to the Cedarburg Cultural Center. ■

### 2018 Community Gala (from pg. 1)

and the Cedarburg History Museum for tours before regrouping at the Cultural Center for dinner, cocktails, an auction and entertainment. The auction will include original paintings by Tom Kubala and Robb Helf.

"Over the years, The Greater Cedarburg Foundation has provided significant grants for various projects and initiatives at our area museums so our Gala Committee thought, what better way to showcase these great venues than through 'A Night at the Cedarburg Museums' gala event that will celebrate some of the best that Cedarburg has to offer," said GCF President John Cordio.

To prepare for the evening, guests will also receive complimentary tickets to an

afternoon showing of the original "A Night at the Museum" at the Rivoli Theater.

Sponsors to date include the following:

- Signature Sponsors: Answerport, Commerce State Bank, Partnership Bank and Port Washington State Bank
- Patron Sponsors: BMO Harris Bank, Levy & Levy, Husch Blackwell, Michael Best & Friedrich and Pioneer Pet Products/Smart Cat
- Trolley Sponsors: Olsen's Piggly Wiggy and Spectrum Investments

The event is a major fundraiser for the GCF. Tickets, at \$110 each or \$1,000 for a reserved table of eight, are available on our website at [cedarburgfoundation.com](http://cedarburgfoundation.com) or by calling 262-377-7338. The deadline for tickets is September 10. ■