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Philanthropist Huiras Honored with Foundation's 2005 Civic Award

Lawyer, retired banker and philanthropist Ralph J. Huiras received the third annual Cedarburg Foundation civic award at a banquet held in his honor at the Cedarburg Cultural Center Feb. 17, 2005.

About 200 persons attended the celebration, which included an annual report by Foundation President Duey Stroebel, wine, cheese and desserts, a silent auction, and quiet jazz by Vic DiCristo and Tony Gorenc. The Cedarburg High School Swing Choir presented Broadway show tunes as entertainment.

The audience included many friends and family members of



Susan Barnett, executive director of the Cedarburg Cultural Center, greets Ralph J. Huiras, at the Cedarburg Foundation's annual civic celebration.

Photo by Deb Kranitz

Huiras, including his daughter, Lynn Ferguson of Portland, Oregon, and his son, Peter, of the town of Cedarburg.

Friends included representatives of some of Huiras' favorite charities, including Joseph D. Kearney, dean of Marquette University's Law School; Jerold F. Voigt, chairman of the town of Cedarburg, and Lisa Froemming, vice president of institutional advancement for the Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital Foundation.

Except for seven years when he served as an FBI agent during and after World War II, Huiras has lived in Ozaukee County. His grandfather was a diary farmer and his father was an Ozaukee County judge.

After high school in Port Washington, Huiras attended Marquette Law School, then joined the FBI. While serving in Miami, Fla., he met his future wife, Marianne Ledgerwood, of Knoxville, Tenn., who was working for PanAm airlines.

They returned to Ozaukee County in 1947. Ralph opened his law office in Port Washington and the couple later bought an 80-acre farm in

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Recent Grants Support Walks, Kids and History

Grants totaling more than \$13,000 have been approved so far this year by the Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation for three worthwhile but different projects. Leading the three is a grant of \$10,000 to help pay for an extension of the Cedar Creek Walkway in downtown Cedarburg.

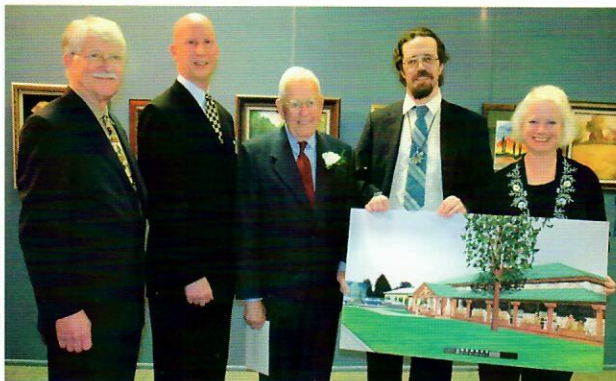
The present walkway behind the fire station and the old powerhouse will be extended both north and south. At the south, it will cross Columbia Road bridge, then run behind the Hilgen-Schroeder Grist Mill to connect with present paths in Cedar Creek Park.

On the north, the path will cross the creek on the Interurban Bridge and run behind buildings on Washington Avenue to the Bridge Road bridge and the Cedar Creek settlement in the restored Wittenberg Woolen Mill.

The foundation's grant of \$10,000 will be part of the \$80,000 in private matching funds to be raised locally, according to Dean Fitting, vice chairman of the board of Ozaukee Bank and leader of the fund raising effort.

The city of Cedarburg will match the \$80,000, he said. The total will pay for 20% of the estimated \$800,000 project.

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Ozaukee County Philanthropist Ralph J. Huiras was the recipient of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's 2005 Civic Award. Shown here are, from left, Paul Hayes, Foundation board member, Duey Stroebel, Foundation president; Ralph J. Huiras; and his son and daughter, Peter Huiras and Lynn Ferguson, who hold a drawing of the Town of Cedarburg's new town hall.

Photo by Deb Kranitz

Almost 200 donors support the Cedarburg Foundation

The Cedarburg Foundation's Endowment Fund is approaching \$600,000, thanks to small and large contributions made by families, individuals, businesses and organizations, almost 200 in number.

The foundation recognizes its donors with this list, which covers all donations from the first fund drive in 2000 to the latest drive in December 2004, in which 50 persons and organizations donated a total of \$11,530.

Founding members, those who pledged at least \$10,000 in the initial fund campaign, are identified with bold letters. Members of the newly formed Legacy Society are identified in italic letters. The Legacy Society recognizes those who have made an outright gift of \$10,000 to the Foundation as of late 2004 or who have named the Foundation as a beneficiary in a will, annuity, insurance policy or other device. Donors who are both Founders and Legacy Society Members are denoted in bold italic letters.

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Ten Couples Enrolled in Foundation's Legacy Society

The Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation has already attracted ten members to its newly formed Legacy Society.

The Legacy Society was created last year to recognize people of the community willing to commit current or future assets to the Foundation.

To become a member of the Legacy Society, benefactors can make an out-right gift having a value of \$10,000 or more or they may name the Foundation as the beneficiary of a deferred gift option.

Such options include wills, IRAs, charitable remainder trusts, pooled income funds, life insurance policies and gift annuities.

"We know that ultimately our growth as a foundation and our ability to do the good things we want to do in the future is largely dependent upon estate planning," said Duey Stroebel,

Foundation president. "That is how we've always known from day one how the foundation would be able to achieve its goals."

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The Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation welcomes these couples as the first members of the Foundation's Legacy Society:

Tim and Kathy Carr

James and Sally Castle

Dick and Dayle Dieffenbach

Richard and Ellen Haynes

Mal and Jill Hepburn

Allan and Jane Lorge

Don and Ann Rintelman

Christine C. Stroebel-Scimeca and

James Scimeca

John and Dale Stevens

Duey and Laura Stroebel

Former Cedarburg Mayor Left His Mark in Art



This is the second in a series of paintings to be featured from time to time in this newsletter.

In the 1930s, young Stephan Fischer of Cedarburg, who was studying art in Milwaukee, turned out this painting of the old Columbia Grist Mill, also known as the Weber Mill, which stood on the corner of Columbia Road and Highland Road. Fischer, the son of a shoemaker in downtown Cedarburg, wanted to become an architect, but the Great Depression and World War II interfered with his plans. After the war, he became a commercial artist, but his interest in architecture remained, leading him to become a passionate preservationist. As mayor of Cedarburg, he led efforts to preserve the important buildings on Washington Avenue, from St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church to the Wittenberg Woolen Mills. The Columbia Mill was the only one of the five mill buildings in Cedarburg to be built of wood, so it was more fragile than the sturdy stone buildings. In poor condition, it was razed in the 1960s. Ozaukee Bank now occupies the site. The painting is reproduced here with the kind permission of the late artist's younger brother, Anthony Fischer. The digital copy shown here was made by Reddy & Associates Design, Grafton.

Huiras (from pg. 1)

the town of Cedarburg, where they raised their children.

Huiras has been chairman of the town of Cedarburg, Ozaukee County board chairman, president of the Colonial Bank and attorney for the town of Cedarburg. His philanthropy and includes financing for the Columbia-St. Mary's-Ozaukee Hospital free clinic, the town of Cedarburg's new town hall and electronic classrooms at Marquette Law School.

He is a member of the Divine Word Catholic Church at Five Corners where his wife Marianne played the organ. Marianne died in 1997.

Huiras received a commemorative plate crafted by Cedarburg potter Dave Eitel. He also received \$1,000, which he donated to the Cultural Center.

As it has in former years, Ozaukee Bank sponsored the evening.

Legacy (from pg. 3)

Members of the Legacy Society will experience special benefits, including recognition in Foundation publications, invitations to special Foundation events and celebrations, access to staff for on-going future charitable giving and estate planning assistance.

An attractive brochure describing the society and its benefits was introduced at the Feb. 17 civic celebration. Graphics designer Diane Lane prepared the brochure for the foundation and it was paid for by the Tim and Kathy Carr Opportunity Fund.

To become a member, call the Greater Cedarburg Community Foundation at 262-375-5250.

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our website!**

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Grants (from pg. 1)

The city has applied to the US Department of Transportation for the balance. If successful, construction of the walkway would begin in 2006.

"It will be a significant addition to our city," said Foundation President Duey Stroebel. The walkway will provide pedestrian access to the historical district and take advantage of Cedarburg's dominant natural feature, the creek. The walkway will connect two pioneer mill and dam complexes.

John Armbruster, chairman of the foundation's Grant Screening Committee, described two other grants totaling more than \$3,000.

One, for \$750, went to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County for a program that will target children at Westlawn and Webster schools from grades 3 through 8 who are experiencing academic and social challenges. During the school day, the program will match children with mentors for one-on-one help.

A grant of \$2,500, went to the Cedarburg Cultural Center to help underwrite the printing of second editions of three books that chronicle the history of Cedarburg, including *Reflections of Cedarburg*, which features photos from the Edward Rappold collection; *Cedarburg: 1946-1964* by Harold Dobberpuhl, and *More Reflections of Old Cedarburg, Grafton, Mequon and Thiensville*, also by Rappold.

Also, four one-hour DVDs will be produced featuring Rappold telling stories about the photographs that he took or discovered.

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