

Ottawa County Community Foundation
Spring 2010 Newsletter
Celebrating Our Tenth Year

The Ottawa County Community Foundation was established in 1999 as a public charitable organization created by the citizens of our community to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the Ottawa County area.



PLEASE JOIN US!
TENTH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, September 19, 2010
1:00-5:00 p.m.
Schedel Arboretum and Gardens, Elmore, Ohio

**CELEBRATING OUR
TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

On September 22, 1999, Tom Salamone, Bob Armbruster, Joy Roth, Ellen Bergman and Derrill Hablitzel were elected as the first trustees of the newly formed Ottawa County Community Foundation. Bart Anderson served as Recording Secretary. Officers were Joy Roth - President, Derrill Hablitzel – Vice President, and Tom Salamone – Secretary/Treasurer. The OCCF is an affiliate of the Toledo Community Foundation. In October of that year, it was decided that Mr. Anderson would meet with the county schools regarding scholarships. Promotional brochures and fund raising were discussed. The group drafted a Code of Regulations which included a charge to have a cross section of the county represented as trustees on the Board. The Code of Regulations was approved in November. By December, the John Blatt “Mayor of Put-In-Bay” Scholarship Fund and the Ida Rupp Public Library Endowment Fund were established as the first named funds.

The first annual meeting was held on January 28, 2000 with the following individuals elected as new trustees: Earl Johnson, Darrell Opfer, Jack Schiller, John Blatt and David Martin. Other former members of the Board include Betty Miller, Tom Everett, Jonathan Heigel and Brenda Murphy.

Five thousand dollars was received from the

Stensen Memorial Fund for the OCCF start up expenses. Various presentations were discussed to spread the word and deeds of the OCCF throughout the county. By April 2000, there were six funds totaling \$62,665. Four scholarships were presented at the Port Clinton High School awards banquet. In June, breakfasts were held in Port Clinton and Oak Harbor to promote the Foundation with attorneys and financial planners.

The OCCF progressed quickly and it is still growing today. The dream of the founders was to have \$1,000,000 in 10 years. Instead, there are currently 53 funds with an approximate value of \$2,771,000.

The goals of our anniversary celebration:

- * to recognize, honor and thank the visionary pioneers who established the OCCF on such firm foundations. A number of these people continue to provide key leadership.**
- * to recognize, honor and thank those who have established funds to benefit young people and communities in Ottawa County.**

Plan to join us at the Open House to celebrate the accomplishments of the Ottawa County Community Foundation, its early leaders and generous donors. The OCCF Trustees continue to be dedicated to the Foundation’s motto: **DOING GOOD. FOREVER!**

Scholarship Raffle Winner Announced

Ottawa County Community Foundation is pleased to congratulate Dennis Laub of Oak Harbor for purchasing the winning ticket in the 2010 OCCF Scholarship Raffle. This \$1,000 award can be used toward tuition or fees at any accredited school of higher education . The winner may



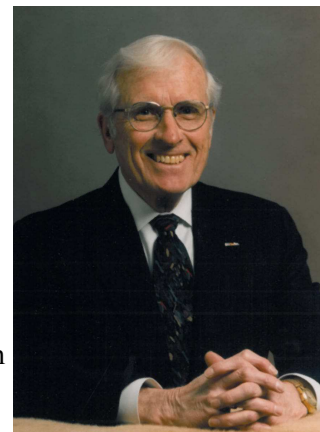
Dennis Laub (l), raffle winner, is congratulated by Jon James, seller of the winning ticket.

use the scholarship or transfer it to a person of his choice. Dennis is undecided as to how his scholarship will be used. Proceeds from the raffle will support the operational costs of the Foundation as it manages the funds of others. We would like to thank all those who supported this raffle.

Welcome New Board Member

Blair D. Miller

At the April 1 meeting, the OCCF Board of Directors welcomed new member Blair D. Miller. He is the former owner of Blair Associates Insurance Agency and Properties by Blair. He stays active as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and serves on the Board of Directors for Schedel Arboretum and Gardens Foundation in Elmore. Blair is a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion. Blair lives in Elmore with wife Anita.



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HOW ONE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WAS STARTED

In 2005, a family representative stopped by the BCS School Board office to inquire about starting a scholarship for Oak Harbor High School graduates. After discussing numerous types of current scholarships, she left a check for \$10,000 and the request that a scholarship be established in her family's name.

The district treasurer, recognizing that the fund would be exhausted in just a few years, contacted officials of the Ottawa County Community Foundation for information about setting up scholarships that could be given in perpetuity. A meeting was then scheduled with the Donor Relations Associate of our affiliate, the Toledo Community Foundation, and family members to explore a number of options. It was determined that the \$10,000 would indeed establish a Foundation fund. The next step was for the family to determine the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients.

After much discussion, it was decided to provide one-time, post-secondary educational scholarships for graduates of Oak Harbor High School who are residents of Benton Township. Additional criteria to be considered in the scholarship selection included need for financial assistance, good character and solid work ethic as demonstrated in extra curricular and/or community activities, and interest in pursuing a course of study in agriculture, education or any vocational program. The Marvin and Alice D. Rohloff Scholarship Fund has provided a \$1,000 scholarship each year for the past four years to deserving and appreciative graduates.

If you would like to learn more about establishing a named scholarship, please contact any member of the Board of Trustees.

New Foundation Funds Established in 2009

- Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan Scholarship Fund**—February 2009
PC High School graduates with financial need
- Jean C. Rutan Fund**—February 2009
To benefit the Ida Rupp Public Library
- Jean C. Rutan Fund Port Clinton High School Scholarship Fund**—February 2009
PC High School graduating seniors
- Joshua D. Priddy Scholarship Fund**—March 2009
OH High School male graduates who have participated in soccer
- Mayor John W. Blatt Scholarship Fund**—March 2009
Deserving graduates of Ottawa County high schools
- Ann Bolte Achievement Scholarship Fund**—June 2009
Port Clinton graduates involved in extracurricular activities
- Fraternal Order of Eagles #2295-Redskin Bowling Scholarship**—June 2009
PC High School seniors who have been on the bowling team
- Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarship Fund**—December 2009
PC High School scholar athletes

Foundation Fact: *In our 10 years, we have grown to 53 funds with a market value of \$2,771,000*

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