



BALLSTON SPA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Ballston Spa Educational Foundation Annual Report July 1, 2004 to May 19, 2005

Grants

15 Grants for *educational enrichment* were awarded to the BSCSD.

\$20,284.84 funded the Grants.

Golf Tournament

The Annual Golf Tournament was held on August 30, 2004 at the Ballston Spa Country Club.

Gross.....\$15,088.77

Net.....\$7,695.57

Annual Appeal

The *Annual Appeal* was sent out in April.

Gross.....\$4,639.50 has been received as of May 14, 2005.

A Taste of Ballston Spa

A *Taste of Ballston Spa* was held in the cafeteria of the Ballston Spa High School on March 29, 2004.

Gross.....\$6,817.00

Net.....\$6,448.71

Ticket Raffle

A *Ticket Raffle* was held during the month of February.

Gross.....\$4,210.00

Net.....\$2,760.00

Brick Inscriptions

\$550.00 has been realized during this fiscal year from the sale of inscriptions on the bricks at the entrance to the Ballston Spa High School.

Corporate Committee

\$2,000.00 was received in response to letters of solicitation to local and regional businesses.

Legislative Grants

\$ 3,500.00 in Legislative Grants was received with assistance from Assemblyman James Tedisco's office.

BSEF/BSCSD Payroll Deduction Program

A voluntary payroll deduction program, through the cooperation of the BSCSD, again was conducted during the 2004-2005 school year for employees of the BSCSD. \$2,134.50 will have been received as of 06/30/05.

Memorial Contributions

\$ 624.00 in memorial contributions were received in memory of Joseph Lopez, Sr, Beverly Spensieri, Nicholas Nugent, and

BSEF Historian

The file for the future historian has been reorganized by Fran Hanlon during the past year and will be passed to the new historian in the fall.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan was updated and the amended Director's Manual was distributed to all board members.

BSEF Recognition of Substantial Supporters

A new brochure was created and on the back of the brochure are listed the substantial supporters. All donors received a thank you note and will be listed in the upcoming newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Stevens, Chair

May 19, 2005

Meet the Board Members

The BSEF is a volunteer, not-for-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and registered with the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Bureau of Charities and has a 501 (c)(3) designation by the IRS. This organization's success is due to the dedicated group of volunteers that donate their time, energy and skills to raising and distributing funds for educational enrichment outside the realm of the of the daily operational needs of the Ballston Spa School District.

Chair Meg Stevens:

Meg has been on the board since November 2001. She has held the offices of Recording Secretary and Vice Chair before becoming Chair in June 2003. She chairs the Golf Tournament and the Corporate Donations Committee. Meg also sits on the board of Ballston Area Community Center and the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association, holding the office of Treasurer on both boards. She and her husband, Ken Hahn, are very active in the community and work on village events such as Family Fun Day, Swimming Under the Stars, and Rolling Roadsters Race. Meg has lived in Ballston Spa for 18 years and her son, Jonathan, graduated from BSHS in 1992. In her spare time, she substitutes as a teachers aide at the Middle and High Schools.

Vice Chair, Ellen Mottola:

Ellen serves as Vice Chair and co-chairs the Membership Committee. She has been an active volunteer in Ballston Spa schools, including past PTA president at the Middle School and at Milton Terrace Primary School, past district PTA Council officer and is currently a member of the Malta Ave Intermediate School Shared Decision Making Team and also participates in several district-wide steering and interview committees. She is the Executive Administrative Assistant for the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association. Ellen and her husband, Bill, have three children- Amy (BSHS '99), Michael (BSHS '04) and Megan, a 5th grader at Malta Avenue. Ellen joined the board April 2003.

Treasurer, Chris Dowd:

Chris resides in Voorheesville, NY with his wife, Patricia, and their two young daughters, Gabrielle 2, and Sadie, age 7 months. He has lived in Saratoga County/ Capital Region for the past 25 years. He is the president of Ballston Spa National Bank. He has been on the BSEF board since March 2004 and chairs the Finance Committee.

Recording Secretary, Martina Bantham:

Martina has been a resident of Ballston Spa since 1991. She works for State Farm Insurance as a Credit Union Manager. I have 2 boys in the Ballston Spa school district, and I enjoy the outdoors and reading. She chairs the annual appeal committee and has been on the board since September 2003.

Correspondence Secretary, Cheryl Springer

David Brockman joined the BSEF board in December 2004. He is an account executive with Brown and Brown Insurance and has lived in the Ballston Spa School District for 20 years. He is a 2000 graduate of BSHS and was a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated from RPI with honors in 2004 and recently purchased a home in Luther Forest.

Tom Buckley, a retired Niskayuna elementary school principal, joined the board in December 2004. He and his wife, Maureen, who taught at BOCES, have lived in the Ballston Spa school district for 26 years. They have two children, Jennifer and Christopher, who attended BSCS from kindergarten to graduation.

Art Cardinali and his wife Barbara have lived for many years in the village of Ballston Spa. Both of them are very active in the village, they serve on the board of the Ballston Spa Business and Professional Association and can be found lending a helping hand in most of the village's events.

Jim Craig has been with the law firm of the Brown, Peterson, Craig and Thomas for 14 years. Jim has two children, Amanda, age 15 and Justin, age 12. He is a past president of the Ballston Spa Rotary, on the board of directors and past president of the board of Brookside Museum, a member of the American Bar Association, NY Bar Association, Saratoga County Bar Association and is also active in the PTA. He joined the BSEF board in 2000.

Richard Ferguson has served on the BSEF board since April 2004. He has been a community banker and commercial lender for the Adirondack Trust Company for 18 years. Richard is a professor at Empire State College and had also taught at Siena College. In addition he is an instructor for the American Banker's Association and has developed online courses for them. He and his wife, Mary Elizabeth, have lived in Ballston Spa for eleven years. Richard also is the Chair of the City of Saratoga Springs Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee and a member of the William B. Reed Foundation Board of the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council of Saratoga County.

Mark Foti has lived in the village of Ballston Spa for 14 years. He and his wife, Diane, have two children, a son age 6 and a daughter age 3. Mark has worked in education for over 12 years and is currently an elementary school principal in the Hoosick Valley School District. Mark joined the board in October 2002.

Dr. Roger Gorham was a public school teacher and administrator in New York State for 30 years, the last 10 as Superintendent of Schools of the Ballston Spa Central School District. Dr. Gorham is currently a visiting professor at Siena College, teaching a course in contemporary issues in education and a seminar for student teachers, as well as leading the education department through a national accreditation process. He is the chief executive officer of Transitions Advisory Group, LLC, a firm specializing in leadership development and organizational effectiveness. Dr. Gorham and his wife, Linda, are residents of the village of Ballston Spa. Dr. Gorham joined the BSEF board in December 2002.

Fran Hanlon, one of the founding members of the BSEF and past board chair, and his wife, Elizabeth have lived in Ballston Spa for 32 years. Fran is a retired educator who taught Secondary English and a journalism program at Amsterdam High School. He is a past president of the Central New York State School Press Association. Currently, Fran is a member of the Health Advisory Council of the Ballston Spa Central School District. He is a past president and for the last 15 years, a member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York. Fran is a past secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Ballston Community Library. Currently, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Amsterdam Retired Teachers Association.

Ed Lake and his wife, Linda have lived in the village for 30 years and both of their sons went through the Ballston Spa system. Ed is trained as a school psychologist and is the Executive Director of the Helping Hands School in Clifton Park. He participated in the Leadership Saratoga program and he is currently the Chairman of the Village of Ballston Spa Planning Board. Ed is a former board member of CAPTAIN, the Beagle School and the Ballston Area Recreation Commission. He co-chairs the Membership Committee and joined the BSEF board in

Kathi Leigh is the Executive Director of the Ballston Area Community Center. Kathi joined the BSEF board in May 2004. She has three daughters in the Ballston Spa Schools aged 15, 10 and 9. She is a native of Hawaii and graduated from Skidmore College in 2003. Kathi is very active in the PTA and also serves on the Health Advisory Committee

Paul Perrault, Chair of the Grants Review Committee, is a retired school administrator, with over twenty years in the Ballston Spa School District. He is a member and past president of the Ballston Spa Rotary Club and member of the Board of Trustees for Grant Cottage. He and his wife, Roberta, have two grown daughters and two granddaughters. They are residents of Malta. Paul joined the board in September 2001.

Valerie Valla, a sixth grade science teacher, has been teaching at Ballston Spa Central School for 13 years. She is an advisor for the National Junior Honor Society and a teacher mentor. Valerie's personal time is filled with volunteering (4-H, BSEF, BSCSD), canoeing, hiking, reading, cross-stitching, and sewing. Her family includes her husband, Mike, three grown children (Jennifer, Jeffrey, Justin), and son-in-law (Andrew). Valerie chairs the Payroll Deduction Committee, the annual raffle, and has been a member of the board since October 2003.

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We appreciate all the donations and assistance that we have been given by the Community. It is the reason for our success. As of Spring 2005, the Ballston Spa Educational Foundation has given out over \$146,000 in enrichment grants.

Thank you to all our supporters.

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