

## Auction raises record amount

The 14th annual Education Foundation Auction on March 13 raised a record \$55,000 to support Foundation programs. The Foundation provides Enrichment Grants to enhance classroom activities for students and staff. It also administers a scholarship program for graduating seniors.



*Auctioneer Bob Hale is always entertaining!*

Auction chair Susan Hans called the 2014 event “fantastic” and said it drew around 230 guests – “one of our largest crowds.” Hans said the Auction Committee “believes that publicity by the trustees and on Facebook and the Foundation Web site drew more community members to the event.”

Encouraging new people to attend “energizes the room,” she said. “It gives you a chance to meet new people and reconnect with others you might not have seen in a while.”

During the Auction, Berea-Midpark High School Principal Vincenzo Ruggiero called the 2013-14 school year “The Year of the Titans.” He said the consolidation of Berea and Midpark high schools had been a “grand success” and he asked patrons to consider \$50 donations so that the school could buy banners to celebrate student accomplishments. Ruggiero said he hoped to raise \$1,000.

Auction guests responded by donating a total of \$2,250 to the project.

The Auction Committee is always looking for unusual and unique items. This year was no exception. The biggest ticket item was an African safari for two that went to Al Matyas of Southwest General Health Center for \$3,800. Other new and different offerings included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Natural History Museum conducted by the former director, Dr. Bruce Latimer, and a photo of four Ohio State head football coaches in the iconic O-H-I-O pose.

Also new this year was live entertainment by the Chordatum Aeternum – a string quartet of Berea-Midpark High School orchestra students. “That added so much to the evening,” said Hans, who is already working on next year’s Auction. That is set for March 12, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



*Bidders, Linda Simon, Walter Jaskie, Katie Bodnar, Ann Jaskie, Michael Simon, Krista Dickens and Lisa Breuning had a fun night.*



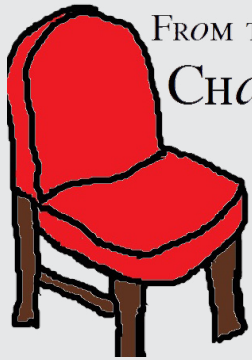
*Rodwell King, Stephanie Morely, Jim and Irene Joyce, Andrew Koha, Kerry and Mike Sheppard enjoying the Education Foundation Auction*

Generous sponsors such as GPD Group, MetroHealth Medical Center, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Southwest General Health Center plus a dedicated committee and community support make the auction a truly successful event.

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a Message  
FROM THE  
Chair



In a recent New York Times article entitled "Why Fund-Raising is Fun" by Arthur C. Brooks, the writer comments on why people donate to charities. He comments, "In one typical study, researchers from Harvard

and the University of British Columbia confirmed that, in terms of quantifying 'happiness,' spending money on oneself barely moves the needle, but spending on others causes a significant increase." Based on these findings, it would be my observation that a lot of individuals must be experiencing some increased personal happiness because of their contributions of money and time to The Education Foundation.

As you read this edition of The Education Foundation newsletter, you will see many examples of individuals who have contributed in various ways to the fundraisers, grants and scholarships that the Foundation supports. We are blessed that so many people have as a priority to support the staff and students of the Berea School District. Although The Education Foundation can in no way guarantee the "happiness" of an individual, we do provide numerous opportunities for people to share their time and treasure. Please consider joining us on this journey.

Jim Connell  
Chair, The Education Foundation



**SPOTLIGHT ON...**  
Guidance counselor  
doubles as 'Mom' for  
at-risk girls

When Berea-Midpark High School guidance counselor Susan Kelley thought she could lend an extra helping hand to some troubled teen girls, she applied to The Education Foundation. Kelley received a Payroll Deduction Grant two years ago that bankrolled the Girls' Group.

Kelley hand-picked 12 students who were having problems with attendance, behavior and academics. "There was some aggression, too, some fighting," Kelley said.

But Kelley saw potential. She wanted to stop a spiral of misconduct, possible drug use and unhealthy relationships. She met with the girls twice a month, mostly to talk. "I opened it up with a topic or a question and asked them for their feelings," she said. "Eventually, they came up with their own topics, what they were struggling with."

They talked about grades, boyfriends and girlfriends, family conflicts, nothing was off-limits, Kelley said. As the girls bonded, they tutored each other to improve their classroom work. They shared their frustrations, their dreams. "One girl felt very isolated," Kelley said. The Girls' Group helped her realize that other people care.

"We talked about body image, how to respect your body. We talked about their future, something most of them had never thought of," Kelley said.

The Payroll Deduction Grant was put to good use, Kelley said, providing school supplies for those who could not afford them and at the end of the year, a group outing to a local restaurant to celebrate their progress.

By any measure, Girls' Group has been a success. There has been a decrease in aggression and insubordination to teachers and attendance and grades have improved. Of the five graduating seniors, four are going on to college, something they could not imagine just two years ago. The choices are Xavier, Cleveland State, Tiffin and Toledo. One is pursuing her interest in horsemanship.

Kelley promises to stay in touch. "They call me 'Mom' and give me hugs," she said. "They have always been there for each other, and they have touched my life in ways they will never know."



Susan Kelley  
College and Career Readiness  
Counselor  
Berea-Midpark High School

Two educators named to Foundation  
board



David Thureau, a member of the Berea Board of Education, and Joseph Kornick, principal of Snow School, are the newest members of The Education Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Thureau is retired after teaching in the public schools for 31 years. He is past president of the Board of Education and earned the Award of Achievement from the Ohio School Boards Association in 1999, 2001 and 2002. He also received the Master Board Member Award in 2002. He and his wife, Darlene, also a teacher, have three children, all of whom graduated from Berea City School District schools.

Kornick, whose father also was a teacher in the school system, has a bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace University, a master's degree in biology from Kent State University and a master's in education from Cleveland State. He has a high school principal's certificate and a high school comprehensive science teacher's certificate as well as a five-year superintendent's license. Kornick takes online classes in educational technology and leadership from George Washington University and attends Ashland University's Leadership Academy.



Two student trustees named

Two new Berea-Midpark High School students have been named to The Education Foundation Board of Trustees.

Rachel Rouwenhurst and Vashaun Price are both juniors at the high school.



Rachel is a member of Interact, sponsored by Berea Rotary, and Key Club, sponsored by Berea Kiwanis. She plays trombone in Symphonic Winds and is a set designer for Drama Club. She also is on the school's Relay for Life Team and is a student representative to the district's Business Advisory Council. After graduation, she plans to study biochemistry and theater at Ohio State.

Vashaun runs the 100-meter dash and the 4x100 relay on the Berea-Midpark track team. He is a member of the Pride Foundation. His favorite subject in school is math, especially trigonometry. He is looking possibly to attend the University of Cincinnati to study for a career in dentistry but he also is interested in acting and modeling. Vashaun works part time at McDonald's.



Scholarship honors the late Dean Kelly

Dean Kelly was a Berea School District administrator for 23 years, responsible for many cutting-edge innovations in the curriculum and testing programs. Kelly passed away in 2010 at the age of 89.

An anonymous donor has established the Dean Kelly Scholarship to honor his memory. The scholarship will be awarded to a Berea-Midpark High School graduating senior who plans to major in education. The scholarship will be managed by The Education Foundation.

Born in Shadyside, Ohio, Kelly was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre. He returned from the war to enter the field of education and was with the Berea School District from 1957 until 1983.

Retired Berea Schools teacher and administrator Neal Heschke said Kelly helped shape his career. "He was a perfectionist," Heschke said. "He was the most widely read, the most up-to-date on education. He wanted the Berea School District to have the latest in ideas and technology."

One of Kelly's assignments was to evaluate the district's entire curriculum K-12. It was a 10-year project, Heschke said, and Kelly consulted teachers and parents along the way to make sure the best possible product would be the final result.

Kelly also developed the first parent-teacher conference model, a community service program for graduating seniors and a competency test for seniors. Students who needed extra help to pass the test were given special classes.

"He was tough," Heschke said, "but he was brilliant and was very appreciative of those who worked for him and did a good job. He worked very hard at getting teachers involved in the process."

"He was really a valuable asset to the school district."

Students who apply for the Dean Kelly Scholarship must be active in school and the community and must complete an essay on why they have chosen to become an educator. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of The Education Foundation.

Those who wish to contribute to the Dean Kelly Scholarship fund, should contact Kim Dettmer, Education Foundation executive director, at kdettmer@berea.k12.oh.us or call (216) 898-8270.



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# Education Foundation Grants Benefit Berea School District Students

Because of support for the Education Foundation from people like you, the students in the Berea School District are experiencing enhanced opportunities in their classrooms, schools, and at district programs! During the 2013-2014 school year, over \$35,000 was awarded in grants to BCSD staff members who created and implemented exciting, educational, innovative programs for their students. Sixth grade students worked with a professional music composer to create a new school song in music class. High School students taking Chinese gained more insight into the Chinese culture through field trips, guest speakers and enriched activities. Junior High students had the opportunity to join

the American Sign Language Club and learn sign language. A kindergarten class studied the lifecycle of ducklings and were able to watch baby chicks hatch right in their classroom. These are only a few of the opportunities BCSD students experienced this year due in part to a grant from the Education Foundation. The Education Foundation grant programs include: Payroll Deduction Grants, Donor-funded Enrichment Grants, and Foundation Enrichment Grants. If you are interested in learning more about how you can support the Education Foundation Grant Programs, contact Kim Dettmer, Executive/Development Director at (216) 898-8720 or kdettmer@berea.k12.oh.us.

## Employee donations support grants

Twice each year, a committee made up of BCSD staff including teachers, support staff, and administrators review grant applications from fellow staff members and make recommendations to the trustees of the Education Foundation. During the 2013-2014 school year, over \$4,900 was awarded in Payroll Deduction Grants.

### FALL GRANTS INCLUDED:

#### Realizing Your Potential (RYP) Mentoring Program

Berea-Midpark High School

Amount: \$500

Staff: Susan Malone



Guest Speaker, Wil Avery with the Realizing Your Potential members at their end of the year banquet.

RYP Mentoring Program is for African American males in grades 9-12 designed to support the charge to diminish the disproportionate number of African American males not achieving full potential. The grant funded workshops on strategies for classroom and workplace success as well as Real Talk sessions are designed to address societal questions and concerns.

#### Program for the Deaf and Hard Of Hearing

Berea-Midpark High School

Amount: \$350

Staff: Alice Kenny

This grant assisted in deferring costs for two deaf students to attend a Drivers' Education Summer School with the hopes that the students will get their driver's license.

#### PAINTS (Providing Artistic Inspiration Navigating Therapeutic Solutions)

Big Creek Elementary

Amount: \$500

Staff: Patricia Kukura

This Art Therapy program is designed for the self-contained ED and the K-4 cross-categorical self-contained units. The grant assisted in funding an Art Therapist.

#### Unidad Latino, Mix it Up Day, Café Harambee, & Diversity Center Conference

Berea-Midpark High School

Amount: \$350

Staff: Sherri Fox

UNITY in DIVERSITY and PEER MEDIATION programs sponsored events that celebrate and promote an awareness, respect and tolerance in diversity, and peaceful conflict resolution throughout the year. The grant assisted in covering the costs of these programs.

#### American Sign Language Club

Middleburg Heights Junior High School

Amount: \$375

Staff: Colleen Ticherich

The American Sign Language Club offered sign language instruction after school for students in 7-9th grade. The grant helped defray the costs of the class and instructional materials.

#### Rocketry

Brook Park Memorial – Gifted Services

Amount: \$375

Staff: Becca Fredmonsky

Classroom teacher taught a rocketry unit in the classroom in hopes to extend students' thinking and understanding beyond the science common core standards of force and motion. The grant assisted in defraying costs of the supplies and instruction materials.



A lesson on force and motion was enhanced with a grant supporting a rocketry unit. In this photo, 2nd grade student, Quinn DiCillo and teacher, Becca Fredmonsky launch Quinn's rocket.

### SPRING GRANTS INCLUDED:

#### 3rd Grade General Music – Ukuleles

Grindstone Elementary School

Amount: \$840

Staff: Lea Pulizzi-Smith



Members of the Ukulele Club enjoy making music during recess. **front row:** Ciara Zeleznik, Summer Zeleznik, Christian Riccardi, Kiera Klink, Leah Mlakar, Haley Svec **back row:** Xavier Bridell, Heinelys Perez, Michael Kerr, Jameson Fardink, Annice Son, Aida Gesink, Aubrey Errington, Sarah Kraus, Eva Conner

This grant was awarded for the purchase of baritone ukuleles and cases for the Grindstone music program in efforts to have a complete set for each class and to grow the Ukulele Club. Approximately 150 3rd and 4th grade students benefit from this program.

#### Titans Read!

All District Elementary Buildings

Amount: \$800

Staff: Gayle Schmuhl, Deb Talbott-Miller & Gayle Brusk

The grant helps to support a summer reading program for elementary students that promotes reading, academic achievement and prevents learning loss. This program is available to all K-4 district students.

#### 2014 Electrify Your Strings with Mark Wood

District Orchestras

Amount: \$800

Staff: Deborah Wesoloski, Lisa Cheshier & Hilary Patriok

Electrify Your Strings program, led by Trans-Siberian Orchestra founding member Mark Woods, will provide a workshop for all Berea orchestra students, grade 5-12. The workshop, which results in a community concert, incorporates contemporary and classical music, state of the art technology and a hands-on musical experience for approximately 400 students.

## New donor-funded enrichment grants promote architecture, reading/writing and physical education

Two new Donor Enrichment Grants will be awarded for the 2014-15 school year.

The goal of the Makovich & Pusti Architects Enrichment Grant is to expose students to the architectural design of buildings. It has been endowed by donations from the Berea architectural firm of Makovich & Pusti. David Pusti is a former member of the Board of Education and member of the Board of Trustees of The Education Foundation.

The grant is available to all teaching staff in the district. The grant will support such programs as projects, field trips and tours, artists in the schools and the purchase of books and other materials for libraries. Programs must focus primarily on building design and can include historical buildings, periods and styles of architecture, building renovations and sustainable building design.

The Neal and Lynnette Knautz Hesche Writing/Reading and Physical Education Enrichment Grants are aimed at expanding activities that promote reading and writing and physical education for students at all levels. These could be classroom activities or other opportunities.

All teachers and administrators are eligible to apply. It is possible multiple grants will be awarded each year, depending on funds available.

This enrichment grant is made possible by endowed funds donated by former teachers and administrators Neal and the late Lynnette Knautz Hesche. Lynnette Hesche passed away earlier this year. The enrichment grant was formerly a Staff Development Fund which provided for in-service opportunities for staff and administrators. The new Enrichment Grant focuses on activities for students.

Neal Hesche began his career as a physical education teacher and basketball coach. He retired in 1987 as assistant superintendent but was called back five weeks later as acting superintendent when Dr. Richard Andrisek passed away. Hesche officially retired in 1988. Lynnette Hesche taught at several elementary schools and retired in 1990 from the Curriculum Department. She was instrumental in the development of the English Language Arts program for the district.

Both of these new enrichment grants are perpetual funds. All interest and dividends will be used to award the grants annually.

## Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2014 Berea-Midpark High School Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients.

### Zachary Rosado

Brian Adkins Scholarship

### Rachel Budzilek

Dr. J. R. Andrisek Scholarship

### Nicholas Bennett

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### Kathryn Prinkey

Board of Education Scholarship

### Dane Hritz

Berea City Club Scholarship

### Kari Mitchell

Berea City Club Scholarship

### Sarah Strinka

Berea High School Class of 1962 Scholarship

### Hannah Kennedy

Berea High School Class of 1976 Merit Scholarship

### Abigail Sarver-Verhey

Berea High School Class of 1976 Merit Scholarship

### Kellie Martin

Berea High School and Midpark High School Class of 1963 Scholarship

### Taylor Sasak

The Berea-Midpark High School Activities Department Scholarship

### Brianna Kalnasy

Jessica Leigh Brown Scholarship

### Yash Patel

Dr. James V. Connell Scholarship

### Kyla Johnson

Brian James Floria Scholarship

### Monica Moody

Dr. Paul C. Gallaher Scholarship

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### Lea Ulintz

Berea Education Association Paul Swaddling Memorial Scholarship

### Austin Wesoloski

Berea Education Association Paul Swaddling Memorial Scholarship

## Grindstone Award prompts donations to Foundation



Sally King (middle) and her family at the 2014 Grindstone awards ceremony.

When retired Berea School District teacher Sally King received the Grindstone Award in April, The Education Foundation received donations from the Berea Chamber of Commerce and Baldwin Wallace University in her honor.

The Berea Chamber and BW, from which King received her master's degree, both donated \$750 in her name to The Education Foundation's Enrichment Funds program, which provides supplemental classroom experiences for students. King mentored education students at BW for many years.

The Grindstone Award is given each year by the Chamber of Commerce to an outstanding citizen based on nominations from the community. This was the 47th year for the event.

King's children, Matt King and Sarah Susalla, both graduates of the Berea Schools, presented her with the crystal trophy award.

King taught at Parknoll Elementary School and Ford and Roehm Junior Highs. She represented the Berea Schools for the Ohio Teacher of the Year Award in 1996. Her late husband, Jeff King, was also a teacher in the Berea District. He passed away in 2004.



### Education Foundation Scholarship award winners

**Front row:** Zachary Rosado, Rachel Budzilek, Nicholas Bennett, Kathryn Prinkey, Dane Hritz, Kari Mitchell, Sarah Strinka, Hannah Kennedy, Abigail Sarver-Verhey

**Middle row:** Kellie Martin, Taylor Sasak, Brianna Kalnasy, Yash Patel, Kyla Johnson, Monica Moody, Claudia Sladick, Cassidy Broz, Ian Filo

**Back row:** Emily Yusko, Kyle Slovick, Jala Fulton, Victoria Charvat, Nathan Gardner, Andrew Zapor, Julianna Brunnet, Austin Wesoloski **missing:** Lea Ulintz

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*Rose Henry prepares to launch her rocket. Rocketry Unit funded through a Payroll Deduction Grant.*

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