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After months of planning, the SPEF launched its 'A Foundation Worth Building' campaign

A FOUNDATION WORTH BUILDING

SPEF Board member Glenn Fenske and longtime community supporter Gene Schey step forward with leadership gifts to the Sun Prairie High School Naming Rights Campaign during the April kick-off for the SPEF fundraiser.

The culmination of roughly a year of planning occurred on Wednesday, April 28, when members of the Sun Prairie Education Foundation conducted the kick-off to A Foundation Worth Building in the new Sun Prairie High School.

Prospective donors heard from several important donors who have already committed to donating sums of money to the Sun Prairie Education Foundation in exchange for naming portions of the new school in their honor.

Both Glenn Fenske and Gene Schey attended a press-only preview that morning with then-SPEF President Randy Handel inside the new high schools Performing Arts Center and explained why they believed their gifts to the SPEF were so important.

The Fenske Family has pledged \$50,000 to name one of the two courtyards at the new school, and Schey donated \$50,000 to name the commons area at the new school the Schey Commons. The Fenskés and Scheys joined donations by the Chase and Stiener families; the Thompson and Simon families and others who have already pledged to name classrooms or portions of the new Sun Prairie High School located at 888 Grove Street.

For a complete, updated list of the "A Foundation Worth Building" donors, as well as how to donate to the campaign, log on to the SPEF website at sunprairieeducationfoundation.org.



Kyle Ketelsen sang Frank Sinatra tunes with the Sun Prairie High School Jazz Band during the first-ever performance in the new SPHS Performing Arts Center.

Please Stop By For An Evening of Fun!



**Sun Prairie Education Foundation
"Keys to the Future III"
Silent Auction**

To Benefit the Children of the Sun Prairie School District

THURSDAY, OCT 14TH
– FROM 6:00PM TO 10:00PM –
Angell Park Pavilion

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with
music, outstanding food and
terrific silent auction items.

*Tickets are \$25 and available
by calling our Sun Prairie Office
at (608) 837-7345*



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AUCTION ITEMS

For the most current list of live and silent auction items for the October 14 event, log on to the SPEF website, sunprairieeducationfoundation.org and click on

'What's New' to see the Keys to the Future III event and its most current listing of items for the annual fundraising also featuring great food and music at Angell Park.

DONATE!

Donations to the SPEF are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Consult your tax advisor or log on to the SPEF website for details on how you can give!

SPEF ENHANCES EDUCATION



Grants enhance SPASD!

Members of the Sun Prairie Education Foundation Board of Directors may be coming to your school to deliver grants! These are just two of the grants delivered for programs designed to enhance the education provided to Sun Prairie Area School District students!



Sun Prairie High School seat purchase program now under way

The Sun Prairie Education Foundation recently began its seat “purchasing” program at the new Sun Prairie High School, located at 888 Grove Street.

For \$100, interested individuals can “save a seat” in the Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center while benefiting the work of the Sun Prairie Education Foundation to enhance educational opportunities within the Sun Prairie Area School District.

In exchange for the \$100, each purchaser ensures their name, names of family members or ancestors, or corporate name can become a part of history on a wooden tile to be placed on the wall of the new Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center. Your

commemorative name and phrase will be artfully lasered in cherry wood and displayed on a locally handcrafted board inside the new Performing Arts Center.

This effort is just the latest chapter in the “A Foundation Worth Building” naming rights campaign at Sun Prairie High School. A similar “Save A Seat” effort is being planned for the new SPHS Fieldhouse and will be announced at a later date.

For more information, contact Kip Kobussen at (608) 825-3006 or Rebecca Ketelsen at (608) 825-7346.

Information about the campaign is also available on the Sun Prairie Education Foundation’s website, www.sunprairieeducationfoundation.org.

Save a seat for generations and aid SPEF

SPEF GRANT SALUTES 9/11



POLICE

Police Chief Pat Anhalt spoke for local law enforcement and EMS paramedics as part of the SPEF grant submitted by Janice Mertes.

FIRE

Arnie Kleven of the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department spoke on behalf of firefighters during the flagpole dedication event.

VETERANS

Commander Phil Gerg of VFW Post 9362 expressed gratitude for the support shown by SPHS students during the flag pole dedication event.

HEROES

SPHS Principal Lisa Heipp saluted students for their willingness to remember 9/11 and help dedicate a plaque for local heroes.

FAREWELL, RANDY AND BETH

During the past board term, two members of the Sun Prairie Education Foundation left the board -- Beth Mielcarek and Randy Handel.

Although serving primarily as president of the Sun Prairie Education Foundation Board of Directors, Randy was the impetus behind the "A Foundation Worth Building" naming rights campaign. From conception, Randy fathered and nurtured the idea -- from early questionnaires to brainstorming sessions to final completion of the idea and execution of the project.

Randy left the board at the conclusion of his term as president to begin a new chapter in the life of his family and his career. He became a Major Gifts Officer for University of Minnesota's Athletic Department.

Besides the vision and fundraising prowess Randy brought to the job, his commitment of

time thanks to his employer, McGann Construction, will also be sorely missed. Congrats and good luck in future endeavors, Randy, and a special thanks to McGann for allowing you to be a special part of our board.

A special thank-you goes to Matt Harms, who agreed to take over for Randy as president of the board.

Beth Mielcarek (in grand dame pose at right from the 2009 Keys to the Future event) also left the board at the conclusion of her term at the end of June.

She will be missed not only for her work in organizing the Foundation's fundraising events and auctions, but also for her sense of humor and knowledge of the fundraising world. Beth

will always be a friend to the Sun Prairie Education Foundation's Board of Directors and will also be sorely missed by all on the board of directors.



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