

FOOTNOTES

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New Board Members

The Bay Education Foundation is delighted to welcome Mr. Juan Andrada, the Reverend Kenric Conway, Mrs. Retha Threat, Mr. Steve Southerland, Mr. Chuck Thiele, and **Ms. Johnene Marcum** as new members to the Board of Directors. These board members have been welcomed during the past six months to bring the Board of Directors up to a full complement of twenty-one members.

"It is an honor to welcome our new board members with varied degrees and backgrounds to collaborate with our long standing members," said Marilyn Fenimore, Bay Education Foundation Board president. "It's great that so many people are willing to give their time and energy to promote excellence in education."



Juan Andrada would be a welcome addition to any organization. As a civic-minded businessman and a devoted father, he considers promoting

excellence in public education critical to the future of our community. He has a special interest in countering the effects of poverty.



Another new board member is **Kenrick Conway**, pastor of Family of God Baptist Church, who is a big supporter of education. The Reverend Conway is very active in supporting the welfare of children and adults throughout the community, and we welcome his special brand of compassion to the board.

Steve Southerland is known throughout the community and state as an advocate for children. In addition to his demanding job as president of Southerland Funeral Homes, Steve's interest in the Bay Education Foundation is also personal, as he is a product of Bay District Schools and has four children who currently attend public school.

Retha Threatt is a senior vice-president at Peoples First Community

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A Salute to Donors: Bay District Employees Join President's Club

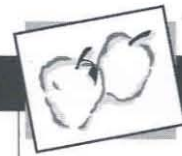
Fall 2008 marked the induction of another member to the Bay Education Foundation's President's Club. The new member, Bay District Employees, joins

the Chapman Family Foundation/ Peoples First and the St. Joe Foundation as donors of more than \$100,000 cumulatively to our Foundation.

"This is such a giving community," says President Marilyn Fenimore. "I continue to be impressed by the commitment of businesses and others to support education, especially those in our President's Club. District employees

have really stepped up this year, and we are so grateful because everyone is trying to help in a difficult economic climate."

Fenimore presented the President's Club Award at the October 8, 2008, School Board meeting, where everyone in the audience was reminded that these contributions make a big difference for teachers and students in Bay District schools. 🍏



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Bank. As an executive at one of the Foundation's strongest corporate supporters, her interest in the Foundation is almost a given. However, her interest is far more than professional because her children attend Bay District Schools, and she is heavily involved in a number of initiatives to help our community.

Johnene Marcum is a self-employed CPA, who has been actively involved in the Bay Education Foundation's mentoring program for a number of years. For the past four years, Johnene has been a fixture at Rutherford High School, mentoring one of our most outstanding TSIC students, Kayla Pou.

Chuck Thiele, vice-president of Wachovia Bank, began his work with the Bay Education Foundation as a mentor to Marcus Harris, a Take Stock in Children scholar at Mowat Middle School. As well, Thiele has been instrumental in securing funding for the Take Stock in Children scholarship program through the Wachovia Foundation.

The Board of Directors ensures a consistent focus on the Bay Education Foundation's mission of promoting excellence in education by overseeing the four major initiatives of the Foundation: the classroom grants program, the awards program, the Take Stock in Children student scholarship program, and the employee tuition assistance program.



Junior Service League: Excellence in Education Grants



Michelle Kinard was recognized at a School Board meeting.

The Excellence in Education Grants program is the newest community outreach initiative of one of our community's most generous and energetic groups. The Junior Service League sponsored this grants program to provide exciting learning opportunities for local students. Partnering with the Bay Education Foundation, the League invited all local private and public school educators to participate.

"The response was tremendous," says Michelle Kinard, the League's chairperson for the project. "We expected a good response; we didn't expect over a hundred applications for twenty \$500 grants."

Because of the overwhelming response, the Junior Service League revisited their original budget allocation of \$10,000 and came up with another \$ 5,500 to fund thirty-one projects. Talks are currently underway to merge the JSL program with the Bay Education Foundation's mini-grant program to provide even more funding for teachers in the future.

Grant winners received their awards at the October 8, 2008, school board meeting from Junior Service League president Amy Moody and president-elect Kara Davis.

Ketura Williams	Bay Haven C.A.
Katy Svitenco	Bay H.S.
Christy Clanton	Callaway E.S.
Rhonda Woodward	Cedar Grove E.S.
Debbi Earnest	Covenant Christian
Amy Gunn	Covenant Christian
Ann Street	Covenant Christian
Jane Perry	HNES
Janet Fiser	HNES
Linda Kitner	Lucille Moore E.S.
Lori Hast & Debbue Carey-Burkett	Oakland Terrace E.S.
Michelle Creel	Oakland Terrace E.S.
Dehner, Creel, McCaghren,	Oakland Terrace E.S.
Aufschneider, Reeves	Oakland Terrace E.S.
Caroline Brantley	Patronis E.S.
Laurel Floyd & William Guilford	Rosenwald M.S.
Laurel Floyd & Julie Cook	Rosenwald M.S.
Heather Scadova	Rutherford H.S.
Theresa Rowell	Southport E.S.
Brenda Branch	St. Andrew School
Marsha Rockhill	St. Andrew School
Beth Bailey	Surfside M.S.
Mary Frank Sheesley	Tommy Smith E.S.
Jan Dykes	Tyndall E.S.
Ashley Williams	Waller E.S.
Craig Bush & Jeanne Noda	West Bay E.S.

