

Record Funding Given in Community Grants

\$100,000+ Will Benefit Community

By Karen Gould

A record amount in funding of more than \$100,000 was granted during 2005 by the Mackinac Island Community Foundation to nonprofit projects that will benefit Islanders. Included has been \$32,000 toward a new ambulance, with donations made by cottagers and business owners, and some \$6,614 in grants this fall to various projects that will get underway this winter and next spring.

For the fall grant cycle, the Foundation also received the highest number of applications, reported Jennifer Bloswick, executive director, who made the grant announcements Sunday, December 4, during the Christmas Bazaar at Community Hall.

"I'm so pleased with the amount of grant making the Foundation is able to do this year," said Mrs. Bloswick. "There are so many worthwhile programs and services on the Island and it is wonderful that we can help."

She also noted the Foundation now has an endowment of \$4.6 million that will continue to earn money for grants well into the future.

Eight grants were awarded this month, worth \$6,614.

•Northern Area Health Education Center will receive \$950 to introduce kindergarten through third grade and ninth through 12 grade students to the potential for health careers.

•Mackinac Island Public School will use \$1,125 to

bring Michilimackinac Rendezvous to the Island to teach students in grades four through six about life in the 1880s.

•The Mackinac Island Fire Department will get \$955.78 to help send four firefighters to Indianapolis for annual training.

•The Cemetery Board will receive \$1,500 to provide headstones for unmarked graves in Island cemeteries.

•The Ski Club will be given \$428 to purchase supplies to maintain snow grooming equipment.

•Mackinac Island Recreational Development received \$800 to conduct a cooking class this winter.

•The Mackinac Island Brownie Troop was granted \$400 to fund a trip to Cadillac to observe TV 9 & 10 News operations and earn a badge.

•The Mackinac Arts Council will be given \$455 to bring musicians to the school for a performance and period of instruction.

The Community Foundation provides grants from earned income on endowed funds. Many of the funds have been created by donors to support programs in specific areas of interest. Applications for the spring round of grants are due April 1.

Foundation officers include Chairman Wesley Maurer, Jr., Vice-chairman R. Daniel Musser III, President Bradley Chambers, Secretary Margaret Doud, and Treasurer Mike Young. The Foundation board of trustees includes Penny Barr, Jack Dehring, Charles Kleber, Kimberly Kolatski, Kathleen Lewand, John Lore, Mary K. McIntire, Walter North, Carol Rearick, and Lorna Straus.

Dartball Hits Island

Meeting Slated for Dec. 21 on New Sport

Dartball hits the Island with an organizational meeting Wednesday, December 21, at 7 p.m. in Community Hall. Sponsored by the Mackinac Island Recreation Department (MIRD), the game is open to all ages, from high school on up.

Dartball is similar to baseball in scoring and rules, said Richard Bolander, who is introducing the game to Mackinac to help fill the long winter with social activities. Players stand 20 feet away from a four-foot square board and throw feathered darts under-hand at the board to score hits, strikes, balls, fouls, and outs, all according to where the dart lands.

There are generally nine players on a team, though teams may agree to fewer players, he said.

This new activity is part of the city Recreation Department's winter schedule of programs.

For more information, contact Richard Bolander at 847-8274, or show up at the meeting December 21.



Student Puppeteers Prepare for Dec. 15 Show

Mackinac Island students participating in the after school program called Puppets of Peace, sponsored by Mackinac Island Bible Church, will present the play "Born in a Barn" Thursday, December 15, at 4:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. The play is free and open to public. It is organized by Lori Straight, Julie Rilenge, Sandy Roe, and Terrie Armstrong. Student puppeteers include (front row, from left) Ivie Leaclens, Adrienne Rilenge, Amelia Roe, and Hailey Armstrong; (back) Robert Chaffee, Paul Wandrie, Zhane Nash, Sierra Tamlyn, Marie Bunker, and Maggie Chambers.

Shows Planned at Opera House

The Opera House in Cheboygan will host The Nutcracker by the Minnesota Ballet Wednesday, December 14, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. A Christmas Collaboration featuring the Little Traverse Choral Society and The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will be Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m. All tickets are available for purchase at the Cheboygan Opera House Box Office or at the door 1.5 hours before curtain time.

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