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NEWSLETTER



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Menomonee Falls
FOUNDATION

The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation transforms donor's dreams and desires into reality by providing an effective means for investing in their community, meeting needs now and in the future.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can make secure donations online at FallsFoundation.org

Donor Advised Fund Has Lasting Impact

In 1995, George Lohnes established a donor advised fund with the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation as a memorial to his wife, Laurie Lebo Lohnes. The donor advised fund is administered by the foundation according to the donor's wishes.

Over the years, grants from the Lohnes fund enhanced waiting room areas and patient resource centers at Community Memorial Hospital, including new furniture and reading materials. In 2018, the GMFF board approved a distribution that will purchase recliners for the lobby of the emergency department.

If you're interested in learning more about establishing a donor advised fund or other giving options, please contact us or visit www.fallsfoundation.org/funds.



Rod Marks, our "model," is pictured in the waiting room at Community Memorial Hospital.



In May GMFF provided a \$1000 grant to Menomonee Falls Preschool Co-op to update playground equipment and create a learning garden for their students. Here's the newly installed playground. We're sure the kids are having fun out there!

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018

What is #Giving Tuesday?

#Giving Tuesday is a global movement built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries around the world. This year #Giving Tuesday falls on November 27. It is a time to inspire people to take collective action to improve their communities, give back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they believe in, and help create a better world. It is a day to celebrate giving and to recognize that every act of generosity counts.

Giving even a small amount to the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation makes a difference.

Giving Through the Charitable IRA Opportunity



Did you know?

Legislation was passed that makes permanent the Charitable IRA.

"The Charitable IRA" opportunity, as it is called, means that Americans age 70 ½ and older can make IRA contributions direct to public charities without paying federal tax.

Americans who are of age can make tax-free IRA contributions to public charities, such as the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation. This means:

- Holders of traditional and Roth IRAs who are of age (70 ½ or older) can make direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000.
- A single person can transfer \$100,000 tax-free annually.
- A married couple can transfer up to \$200,000 tax-free, over the same period, from separate accounts.

Please consult with your financial advisor for more details.

Who Will Be Honored Next?

Help us recognize individuals who have made a difference in Menomonee Falls. We are now accepting nominations for 2019. Visit www.fallsfoundation.org/leadership-awards for a nomination form or call Sue Jeskewitz at 262-251-9595.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipients have outstanding leadership qualities and must have contributed to the benefit and betterment of Menomonee Falls and its citizens with a long-term community impact.

The Unsung Hero Award

Awarded to inspirational role models who have contributed significantly to other's quality of life through caring actions.

The Shining Star Award

A person or members of a local group who have dedicated their time and talent and made a generous commitment to an organization, which makes a significant impact on our community.

The Patriotism Award

Given to a member of our community who has dedicated service that exemplifies patriotism to our country.



Stan Larson, Tim Newman, Harry Stoetzel and Russ Knoth were honored for their contributions to the community at the 2018 Ovation event.



Seeking 2019 Grant Applications

GMFF's new grant application cycle is now open! Non-profits have until February 1, 2019 to submit their application. Spread the word – let area non-profits know about our grant cycle!

For more information regarding grant instructions and the application process, go to www.fallsfoundation.org/grants

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



Rick Kohl

A committed, charismatic and compassionate leader, Rick Kohl brings his enthusiasm for Menomonee Falls and years of financial experience to the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation Board. A board member since May 2017, Rick now serves as the board treasurer.

Rick grew up in Menomonee Falls and graduated from Menomonee Falls North High School as part of its first graduating class. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and obtained

his master's degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management. Rick worked in the public accounting profession for forty-one years, and just recently retired in May.

Through the years, he has held leadership roles in many Menomonee Falls organizations, including the Greater Menomonee Falls Committee Board, Chamber of Commerce, and the Optimists Club. Today you may see him around the village attending Optimist Club Meetings, walking his two dogs, or working at the high school's football and basketball games.

When asked about how he views his role as a GMFF board member, Rick describes his contribution as, "laying the groundwork to obtain more bequests and donations to serve the donor's dreams of keeping Menomonee Falls a great place to live." He seeks to help build the foundation's endowment to increase community giving through more annual grants.

Ann Wanke

The success of GMFF's Annual Ovation event the last several years is due in large part to the careful planning and organization of Ann Wanke, who served as the event committee chair. Initially, GMFF's annual event drew Ann to the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation, as she first volunteered for the event before joining the board in 2013. Since then Ann and has also served on the governance committee.

Ann chose to become a GMFF Board Member because she believes in building and making our community a better place to live through the foundation's efforts.

Ann has been a Falls resident, business owner, and volunteer for many years. She first moved to the Falls over thirty-five years ago, when she married Tom Wanke, who grew up here. For fifteen years, Ann owned the Quilted Basket a full-service quilt shop and sewing machine dealership in the Village Centre. She was part of the Business Improvement District Board, Wisconsin Quilters, Menomonee Falls Historical Society, and the Alpha Phi Alumnae chapter of Milwaukee.

Since closing the Quilted Basket in 2013, Ann currently works as a freelance quilt instructor and enjoys spending time cooking, gardening, working on all forms of stitchery, and watching the Packers.



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Join our Founders Society by making a total contribution of \$10,000 within a 3-year period.



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N E W S L E T T E R

GMFF Grants at Work in Menomonee Falls

Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association used a \$1000 grant to purchase two new wheelchairs and replacement tubes for adaptive sports events. Good luck to your athletes this season!

WASA's Mission

To promote community collaboration of adaptive sports and recreation opportunities to those with physical disabilities and/or visual impairments in Wisconsin.

Look inside to read about our 2019 Grant Application!



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