



A newsletter of the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation

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GRANT RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT: Falls Patio Players



In 2023, The Menomonee Falls Patio Players presented Andrew Lloyd Webbers' classic "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

For over 50 years, Falls Patio Players has been a family-oriented community theater company that prides themselves on providing professional quality theater experiences and entertainment for all of southeastern Wisconsin. The mission of the Falls Patio Players is to be a welcoming, diverse company of volunteers and professionals dedicated to producing inspiring, affordable entertainment, while offering opportunities to develop skills in all aspects of theatrical productions.

Menomonee Falls and our shows are enjoyed by young and old alike. Many don't realize the expense in putting on a quality production. Our focus with this request is to revitalize our worn-out sound equipment and make our shows easy for everyone to hear and enjoy, without having to turn up their hearing aids." Falls Patio Players added, "we appreciate the continued support of the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation to allow Falls Patio Players to offer entertainment that enhances the quality of life in Menomonee Falls and beyond."

The GMFF agrees that Falls Patio Players has contributed greatly to Menomonee Falls, helping to make this a great place to work & live! For more information on the Falls Patio Players, go to www.fallspatioplayers.com.



Through the years, the GMFF awarded grants to Falls Patio Players for upgrades to their sound equipment, wireless microphones and headsets, and a new special effects scrim curtain.

As the Players said in a past grant application: "The performing arts have contributed greatly to



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Meet Board Member Sharon Manone

The GMFF is excited to welcome Sharon Manone as our newest board member. We briefly sat down and interviewed Sharon.

GMFF: Tell me about yourself and your ties to Menomonee Falls.

Sharon: I was born and raised on the northside of Milwaukee. Joe, my husband, and I bought our home on Main Street in 1986. Shortly after, we bought our office building on Main Street as well. We owned and ran an insurance agency working together for 32 years until retiring 11 years ago.

GMFF: What are your current / past volunteer activities?

Sharon: A few years ago I started working with the Village, becoming a special voting deputy.

GMFF: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Sharon: I enjoy home projects, golf, and entertaining.

GMFF: What are some of your favorite things about the Falls?



Sharon and Joe Manone celebrate community at the 2022 Ovation event.

Sharon: While the GMFF (and the Village) has greatly enhanced Menomonee Falls by expanding the entertainment venue, building developments, and adding new businesses, it still maintains a small hometown feel.

GMFF: How do you plan on contributing to the GMFF board?

Sharon: I look forward to working with everyone, learning more about it, and sharing any ideas and observations I have.

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the GMFF board, Sharon!

Thank you to our 2023 Donors!

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and Fundraiser**

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Ovation

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volunteered countless hours to the community
and present grants to area non-profits.

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Look for your invitation coming at the
end of summer.