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The Blind Groundhog - Craft Beer Fundraiser

On a cold February night, Marquette came out to celebrate winter, Groundhog's Day, and craft beer to raise funds for the Community Foundation of Marquette County. The first annual Blind Groundhog - Craft Beer Sampling, held at the Marquette Regional History Center, showcased "blind" samples of beer from Upper Peninsula Breweries and hearty appetizers from local restaurants.



The event had a casual flare, with attendees encouraged to wear their flannels and don their Stormy Kromers. Participants had the opportunity to try regional beers in three categories -- Pale Ales, Seasonal, and Brewer's Choice -- and then vote for their favorites. Samples were available from Blackrocks, The Ore Dock, and Keweenaw Brewing Company. Organizer Judy Vonck said, "With the growing popularity of craft beer in the area, we thought it would be fun to have all of the brewers at one place, so people could try them all. We celebrated their craft, and the ingenuity of the people of the U.P., while raising money that stays right here in our community."

Gail Anthony, CEO of the Community Foundation, said proceeds from the event will be used to support funding in the Marquette area. The Community Foundation also has affiliate funds for Greater Ishpeming, Negaunee, Gwinn, and Big Bay.

In 2015, The Community Foundation made grants to 92 non-profit organizations in Marquette County totaling \$693,000. All of this was made possible by the generous donations of people like you.

Special thanks to our sponsors of The Blind Groundhog - Craft Beer Sampling: Getz's Clothiers, VAST, Jill Leonard - State Farm Insurance, Dressler Mechanical, Dan Jahnke Builders, Vango's, The Window Store Home Improvement Center, Miner's State Bank, Café Bodega, Cowell and LaPointe, PC, Border Grill, Econo Foods, Lawry's, Radio Results Network and Double Trouble DJs. As well as to the event planning committee: Judy Vonck, Patricia Davis, Lisa Jahnke, Peggy Weber, Community Foundation staff and local breweries: Blackrocks Brewery, Ore Dock Brewery and KBC.

For more information or to make a donation see our website www.cfofmc.org or call us at 90-226-7666.



A message from our CEO: Mentoring is Important!



I recently attended the Westend Gearbusters Robotics end of year dinner. Robotics competition engages students in key STEM activities where students gain experience in a number of outcomes including 21st century work-life skills, leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

I was especially impressed with an elderly couple who led the festivities. A retired military gentleman and his life partner who mentor, recruit, organize, fundraise, and tend to the countless details involved in bringing this team to fruition. This is what I learned from them:

1. Students appreciate when their parents are involved.
2. Volunteering to work with high school students is rewarding.
3. You are never too old to impact the younger generation.
4. The practice of apprenticeship is very important.

I am honored and grateful to be able to represent the Community Foundation at these types of events. Thank you to our many donors and volunteers who make these moments happen across our community daily.

Clark Lambros' Beach Park Fund

The Community Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the Clark Lambros' Beach Park Fund. The Fund will be held by the Community Foundation and interest from the fund will be used for upkeep and enhancement to the park as deemed necessary by committee recommendation.

Clark Lambros Sr. proposed the idea of the park prior to his death in 2012, to honor his late son, Clark Lambros Jr. The elder Lambros was a local businessman and owner of Vango's Pizza and Cocktail Lounge in Marquette, as well as the life partner of current Vango's co-owner Michele Butler.

Clark Lambros' Beach Park is equipped with picnic tables, barbecues, a paved parking lot, men's, women's and family restroom/bathhouse facilities and mats to make the beach more handicap accessible.

"This is the final piece of the park," said Butler, "We are happy to partner with the Community Foundation to establish a fund so that money will be available for long-term maintenance of the park."



Matt Davidson Memorial Scholarship Fund Established

On March 1, 2017, the Matt Davidson Memorial Scholarship Fund, a permanent endowment, was established at the Community Foundation of Marquette County with gifts received from family and friends. This fund will be used primarily to provide scholarships to graduating senior student athletes of Republic-Michigamme Schools. Matt Davidson was a highly regarded K-12 physical education/health teacher and coach in the Republic-Michigamme School district for 16 years.

A 5-on-5 basketball tournament in honor of Matt has been held annually since the popular teacher and coach died in a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 41 in Baraga county in January of 2015. Matt coached both the boys and girls varsity programs, highlighted by his 2003 girls team winning a Class D regional championship. Davidson was also the school's boys and girls track coach. This scholarship is for students that share that same attitude of hard work, commitment, and teamwork that reflects Matt's inspiration for students to dream and believe in themselves.



Dr. Ulrickson's legacy continues with scholarship



A new scholarship fund at the Community Foundation of Marquette County will help local students receive a college education and carry on the legacy of the late Dr. Mark Ulrickson, a Marquette ophthalmologist, Ishpeming native, and supporter of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. The Mark Ulrickson Memorial Scholarship Fund will present \$1,000 annually to a Marquette County graduating senior who excels academically and demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to students who have participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, as well as to those who are enrolling at Northern Michigan University. Dr. Ulrickson, who passed away in October 2016, served as a Big Brother for seven years and was also a financial supporter of the program. His children, Joy La Prade, Peter Ulrickson, Juliann Ulrickson and Valerie Aalto, along with their spouses, chose to establish the scholarship in his memory.

“Our father cared about the success and well-being of the Marquette County community and looked for opportunities to support local children and families in need,” they said. “We hope this scholarship fund will continue the work he started and make a difference in the community where he invested so much of his time, money, energy and love.” Born and raised in Ishpeming, Dr. Ulrickson served in the U.S. Marine Corps before returning to Marquette to earn a biochemistry degree at Northern Michigan University. After completing medical school at Michigan State University, he served for many years as an ophthalmologist in the U.S. Navy before entering private practice and returning to Marquette.

For more information about the Matt Davidson and Mark Ulrickson Scholarship Funds, visit cfomc.org or call the foundation at 906-226-7666.

Community Foundation of Marquette County Announces New Trustees

Three new trustees were recently appointed to the Community Foundation of Marquette County Board of Trustees. The 16-member board serves on a volunteer basis as the legal entity of the Foundation. Tom Blake, Patricia Davis and Lowell Larson Sr. will all serve three-year terms with renewal options up to 9 years.



Tom Blake is the President/CEO of the U.P. Catholic Credit Union. He recently completed his term on the United Way Board where he served as Campaign co-chair. Tom has been involved with a number of organizations benefitting local non-profits and is a past Board member of the Lake Superior Community Partnership. Tom currently serves on the executive committee of the Michigan Credit Union League U.P. Chapter. He was a member of Kiwanis for many years and served as the past KI Sawyer/Gwinn Kiwanis Club President.

“Having served in various service clubs, nonprofit organizations and working with nonprofits over the years, I have learned how organizations serve a purpose in the community. When organizations work together, a stronger and healthier community is the result.” Blake said.



Patricia Davis is an attorney with Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Greenlee, & Keefe, PC. She serves on the Board of the Economic Club of Marquette County, UPAWS, chairing the Bylaws/Policies Committee and the Marquette Area Community Fund Committee. As an attorney with Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Greenlee, & Keefe, P.C., Trish focuses her practice in estate planning, business law, and probate administration. She earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and in Legal Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, MN.

“Working with the MAC fund has been an incredible experience. I look forward to serving our community through the Board of Trustees,” said Davis.



Lowell Larson Sr. is a lifelong resident of Marquette and is a retired industrial arts teacher and high school assistant principal from Marquette Area Public Schools. Aside from his lifelong education career, Lowell is the owner of Lowell A. Larson Builders, Inc. Currently Lowell serves on the Board of Directors for the Economic Club of Marquette and is a former member of Marquette County Conservation District Board.

“Being a resident of Marquette County my entire life gives me a unique insight into the needs of the community and its residents,” Larson said.