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Emeritus Directors are pictured below (l-r): Paul Kaczanowski, Linden Anderson, Dorothy DeWeerd, Burrell Stein and Tom Tarnutzer

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Wayland Union Education Foundation
2007-08 Annual Report/Newsletter, December, 2008
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*This report is dedicated to the memory of Richard Hudson
Foundation Director 2005-2008*

"The mission of the Wayland Union Education Foundation is to acquire funds and other assets for the purpose of supplementing and enriching the educational experience for the students of Wayland Union Schools."

Brigadoon

The Wayland Union Education Foundation underwrote the production of Brigadoon in April of 2008. Students, staff, and community members were involved in this huge event.



Thanks to Andy Zerban,

who served as Producer/Director, as well as all of the people who were part of this production. Special thanks to the area businesses who became Patron Donors, your sponsorship is appreciated. Partnering together, we are able to make great things happen.

If you would like more information on how to become a donor to the Education Foundation, please contact us by e-mail: info@waylandfoundation.org, or you may write to us in care of the

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We thank you for your continued support, which in turn allows us to enhance the learning opportunities for the students of Wayland Union Schools.



Highlights of our 2007-08 fiscal year

The Wayland Union Education Foundation (WUEF) is pleased to report on a successful 2007/2008 year. The Foundation provided \$39,000 in grants, awards, and program investments during the year to enhance the educational experiences of students in the Wayland Union School district. A summary of some of these programs follows, and you will find them sketched out in more detail elsewhere in this report. These opportunities are possible because of the donations of money, time and talent by many in our community.

Teacher Innovation Grants are awarded each fall on a competitive basis, and provide awards to fund new ideas that stimulate student learning experiences. The WUEF funded over \$7,800 in Innovation grants during the past school year, with many of those programs described in this report and on the Foundation's web site.

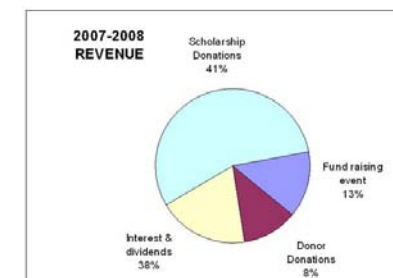
Camps, competitions & conferences are awarded based upon application to the WUEF. Applications were concentrated in music programs this past year, assisting students to attend educational camps and participate in the Young Americans program to develop their talents and skills.

National Teacher Conference awards are made based upon application by teachers, support by school administration, and approval by the WUEF. The emphasis for these awards is to bring fresh new ideas into our school district by assisting teachers in attending national events. The teachers then coordinate the effort to process the information learned throughout the school district. The Foundation provides a maximum of three awards each year.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors annually. The Education Foundation administers approximately \$207,000 in endowed scholarships, plus certain Community

and Foundation awards. Scholarships are applied for through the high school guidance department.

Earnings in the revenue chart in this report represent cash flow from the Foundation's investments. But like most, the Foundation's investment funds experienced market declines during the year. The Directors have made efforts over the past several years to increase the awareness of the WUEF in our schools, communities and with Alumni. We ask that you consider becoming a part of the activities of the WUEF through your financial support.





\$7,800+ in Innovation Grants Awarded in 2007-2008

Janel Hott
Media Assistant
Baker Elementary

Janel was able to bring an Author/Illustrator to Baker Elementary to visit the various classrooms. She provided four one hour presentations.



Lisa Neely
2nd Grade Teacher
Baker Elementary

Lisa's grant was to set up a reading lab with stories that were recorded on tapes or CDs. This lab provides a more individualized program for students with different learning and reading styles.



Jan Laman
Choral Director
Wayland Union High School

Jan received scholarship money from the Ed. Foundation so that 15 students within the District, who would otherwise not be able



Susan Boehm
5th Grade Teacher
Pine Street Elementary

Sue purchased iPods with a talking dictionary and audio books for her students. The iPods were used for recorded lessons and Podcasts, too. This helps readers to become more fluent with their reading.



Ann McInerney
Media Assistant
Middle School

Ann received a grant to provide Lexile Scores for books in K-8 media centers. This score provides a more complete determination of reading levels for students, and coordinates with the MAP testing.



to afford the cost to participate, were able to join in the workshops and performances with The Young Americans, when they came to Wayland.



Rene Watkins
Speech/Language Pathologist
Dorr Elementary

Rene's Innovation Grant provided her with Spelling Performance Evaluation for Language and Literacy Assessment software to be used with her students. This software can be used for speech therapy as well as in the regular classroom setting.



Betty Onopa
Physical Education Teacher
Dorr Elementary

Betty was awarded \$1,000 to help pay for a climbing wall at Dorr Elementary. Funds will be disbursed when the balance of the wall has been paid for with various fundraising projects.

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Welcome New Directors

We welcome the following individuals who have accepted an invitation to serve as Directors on the Foundation Board.

We are pleased to welcome Don Borgic, as the Board of Education appointment; Mary Jane Merren; Bruce Sexton, Chair of Fund Development; Roger VanVolkinburg, Public Relations Chair; and Margaret Webb, Chair of the Legal Committee.

We look forward to working with you on the Board, and we thank you for your willingness to serve.



Pictured above (l-r): 2007-2008 Innovation Grant Recipients Ann McInerney, Lisa Neely, Bill Schoonveld - WUEF Chairman, Betty Onopa, Janel Hott and Susan Boehm



Wayland Union Education Foundation,
Thank you so much, for once again funding our Senior Dinner Trip to NOEL, for our graduating special education students. We had a remarkable time! All of the students were so proud and dressed for the occasion!
Our students represented Wayland and the WUEF very proudly. Thank you so much for financing this for us. The graduating seniors talked about the dinner even more than the graduation ceremony! The feeling of closeness was very apparent in this graduating class, everyone lingered for almost an hour after dinner, took pictures, and just chatted.
Words can't express the gratitude all of us shared for the WUEF financing this event...
Kathy Lough, Teacher Consultant
Wayland Union High School

Thank you for your service...

The Wayland Union Education Foundation would like to thank the following Directors for their time, dedication, and service to the Foundation.

First, we honor the memory of Richard Hudson, who was Chair of our Legal Committee. Dick passed away in August, and we were very shocked and saddened to lose him. We are thankful for the time we shared with Dick, and grateful that he was willing to share his wisdom and expertise with us, by serving as a Director. We miss you, Dick!

Mandy Sikkema and Laurie Johnson have resigned their positions on the Board and we wish them both well in their endeavors. Thank you for your service.

Betsy Mauchmar, appointed by the Board of Education, has also resigned her position. Betsy was a member of the Projects Committee.

Paul Kaczanowski and Lindy Anderson both served several terms on the Board of Directors, and their presence will be sorely missed. During their time with us, Paul served as Treasurer and Chair of the Nominations Committee, and Lindy served as the Chair of Public Relations. Both were members of our Executive Committee. Words are hard to find that would adequately express our sincere thanks to both, for a job well done.

Thanks to each of you for sharing your thoughts, insights, wisdom and expertise. It has been a pleasure having you on the Board of Directors, and you will all be missed.

Dear Wayland Union Education Foundation,
How wonderful to finalize the "Learning Landscapes Project" at Baker Elementary. Your financial support allowed the dream of creating an educational and fun opportunity for our students a reality! It was so nice to have members of your organization attend the dedication ceremony.



With the assistance of the Voice Of Hope Church and volunteers, we all worked together for the same cause...our students. The children continue to enjoy the area. I have received so many positive comments from students, staff, and parents about the amazing outcome.

I wish to again extend my sincere thanks from all of us here at Baker. Your generous efforts have made a difference!

Sincerely,

Karen Hunter, School Social Worker
Wayland Union Schools

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