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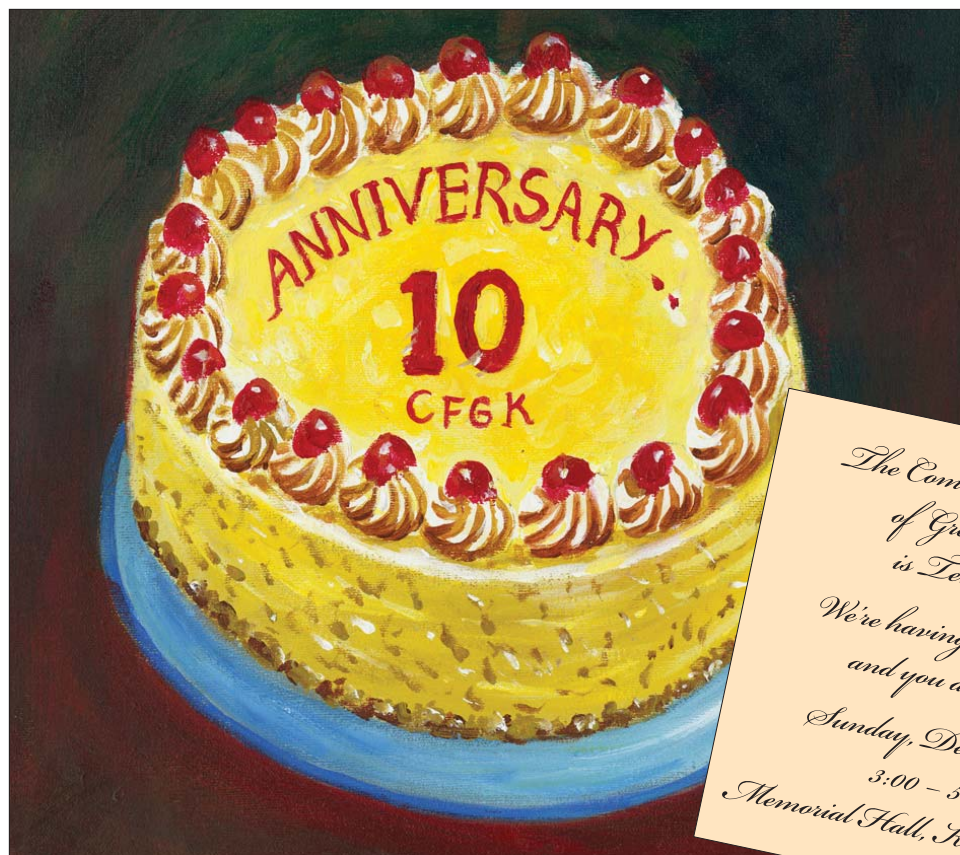
## From Community Conference to Community Foundation

By Eveline Flint, Co-chair, 10th Anniversary Committee

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston has its roots in an earlier organization, The Martello Tower Society of Kingston. It, in turn, arose out of a gathering of community leaders at the Donald Gordon Centre in 1985. Attendees at the *Courage to Dream Conference* broke into smaller groups to discuss specific community proposals.

Post-conference, the dream of a Kingston Foundation was pursued. You can read more about it in our upcoming 10th anniversary publication, "A Decade of Giving." In brief, Martello founding committee members in the late 1980s were Michael Davies, Walter Viner, Eveline Flint, Reg Shadbolt and the late Arnold Maizen. Early board members who took on special tasks were Marianne Thompson, Elaine Viner and the late Dr. H.G. Kelly.

Walter, Michael and Eveline were the three presidents. Special supporters, too numerous to mention, some of whom became CFGK board and committee members and still contribute today, were and continue to be the bedrock of the organization. The last official board of The Martello Tower Society of Kingston was comprised of Eveline (president), Wilma Bernabei (secretary), Grace Bastianutti (treasurer), Gerald Finley, Elisabeth



A painting by Bob Blenderman – a gift honouring CFGK for its special milestone. Come and see the original unveiled at our birthday party.

Heney, Lyndon Jones, Helene Pratt, Marc Raymond and Douglas Ritchie.

In June 1995, the membership of the

Society accepted the advice of the board of directors and voted to become The Community Foundation of Greater

Kingston. Originally selected as a feature associated with the entire area, The Martello Tower logo was retained.

Fast-forward to 10 years later, May 2005, and the Martello connection was renewed as dozens of supporters gathered at the Murney Tower to be photographed from the air by Jack Chiang. The photo will appear on the cover of our 10th anniversary book when it is published in early 2006.

The names of several Martello Tower Society board members

appear on the roster of the first Foundation board, elected in June 1995: Michael (president); Eveline (past-president); Douglas (vice-president); Wilma (secretary); Tom Wightman (treasurer); and directors, Elisabeth, Lyndon Jones, Helene

Pratt, Marc, and Grace Schwarten. Michael and Eveline continue to serve the board as Honorary Life Members.



### CFGK's Tenth Anniversary Birthday Song

By Spencer Evans, Musician at Large

<p>REFRAIN Happy Birthday C F G K. We're ten years old this very day.</p>	<p>FIRST VERSE Today's celebration Is to say what we've got to say. We feel like a million dollars - 'Cause that's what we've given away.</p>	<p>SECOND VERSE Since Martello Tower days Helping the community Enhance the quality of life, And be everything that we can be.</p>	<p>THIRD VERSE We're building our future together, Feeding both body and soul, Through grants to every sector. From day one, that's been our goal.</p>	<p>FOURTH VERSE Heartfelt thanks and appreciation To donors and volunteers To our staff and our directors Who have given us ten great years.</p>
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SINCE 1995 CFGK HAS AWARDED 683 GRANTS, TOTALING \$1,111,362 TO 271 ORGANIZATIONS

## Grant Funds Citizen Involvement

By Michael Sykes, CRCA

Thanks to a \$2,400 grant from CFGK, regional residents will be empowered to monitor environmental conditions in local lakes.

"Residents of our watershed are interested in environmental issues," says Watershed Management Coordinator Mara Shaw of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority. "Many look for meaningful ways to become engaged in environmental stewardship." She is establishing a Cataraqui Region Citizen Monitoring Team, funded by the Community Foundation, the Conservation Authority and Ontario On-site. The grant will allow the CRCA to buy the necessary monitoring equipment and to initiate the program.

Volunteers will be trained to monitor water levels, precipitation and water quality. These will be entered into a database, posted on the CRCA website and published in

its newsletter, *Cat Tales*. Ms. Shaw says she envisions expanding the program to include collection and analysis of biological samples and physical data on lake and stream health.

"Monitoring local lakes and streams puts residents in touch with climate trends, encourages thoughtful water use and empowers them to protect *their* water body," concludes Ms. Shaw, author of the innovative program.

For more information, please contact: Mara Shaw Watershed Management Coordinator 546-4228, Extension 228.



Michelle STR Assessment

## Foundation Supports Community Effort to Create a Green Legacy

By Vera Kettmaker, CFGK Environmental Assistant

In 1999, Joe and Sandi Slater moved to the Sharbot Lake area and enjoyed long, peaceful walks through nearby Meisel Woods, a 120-acre conservation area that their illustrious neighbour, John Meisel bequeathed to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in 2000.

Sandi died unexpectedly in May 2003. In the darkness of the night before her death, Joe thought of an inspiring way to commemorate her love of nature and radiant smile: he asked that memorial gifts be directed towards the creation of a walk through Meisel Woods in Sandi's name. Friends and neighbours embraced the idea, and the trust fund for the Sandi Slater Memorial Walk quickly swelled to \$15,000, enough to pay for a small parking lot, trail head signs, steel beams for a footbridge, and a necessary legal survey.

During the summer of 2003, three work parties involving 40 volunteers came together to clear a first trail loop. The path leisurely meanders through varied types of forests and passes a deeryard – a pine tree with wide branches under which deer sleep during winter. Joe Slater lovingly maintains the walk, and friends have donated benches so that the many hikers can contemplate beautiful views over Beaver Lake (locally known as Bass Lake) and Crow Lake. In order to continue the walk around the other side of Beaver Lake, a bridge and a boardwalk will have to be constructed.

Impressed by so much generosity and community spirit, the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston granted \$3,500 to the Conservation Authority to pay for part of the bridge. With the tireless help of volunteers, construction of the bridge has begun this fall while the remaining \$10,000 is still being raised. To visit this community effort in fall colours, drive North from Kingston on Route 38 for 45 minutes, then turn right onto Crow Lake Road for 5 km. After crossing the rail tracks, turn right, then right at the bottom of the hill. The parking lot is at 1392 Anderson Road North.



Some of the volunteers who generously helped to clear the walk.

## Guitar Horizons Festival

By Jeff Hanlon, guitar instructor, Queen's University School of Music

The Upper Canada Guitar Society (UCGS), a not-for-profit society of guitarists in Eastern Ontario, is very grateful to have the support of CFGK for Guitar Horizons, the second annual UCGS festival for guitar students in the Greater Kingston area. Bayridge Secondary School is the host for the April 2006 event that will feature concerts and workshops by professional guitarists from Kingston, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, as well as a guitar orchestra performance comprising all participants. The festival will culminate in an evening concert in downtown Kingston featuring the guest artists and open to the general public.

Eastern Ontario is a hotbed of guitarists! There are hundreds of elementary, high school, college and univer-



sity students in the Kingston area enrolled in group or private instruction. The annual festival is the brainchild of UCGS members, including Dave Barton of Bayridge S.S., Jeff Hanlon of Queen's University, and Ron Heidebrecht of Ernestown S.S. The festival will serve to inspire young guitarists with exposure to world-class performers and to enrich the quality of music education in area schools. The festival also enjoys the support of regular UCGS sponsors, including the Kingston Guitar Shop, the Kingston School of Music and Renaissance Music, as well as the Limestone Learning Foundation.

## Habitat for Humanity Kingston and Frontenac Community Education and Partnership Development Project

By Karen Baldwin-Porter, Special Projects Coordinator

Habitat for Humanity Kingston and Frontenac is pleased to announce our upcoming Community Education and Partnership Development Project. Reaching out to local organizations and public gatherings, Habitat for Humanity Kingston will deliver a series of informative presentations that will help qualifying low-income families to become aware of the home ownership opportunities that Habitat for Humanity can offer and the processes required to become an HFH Partner Family. In addition, the series will aid in establishing a better understanding of the benefits that affordable housing can offer to a community as a whole.



By demonstrating the many ways that individuals and groups can contribute to the Habitat for Humanity mission, and the many rewards that can be achieved through those contributions, we hope to build many new partnerships with both those in need of affordable housing and those who can help us to build homes and build hope in the local community.

We gratefully appreciate the assistance of the Foundation. The grant awarded by the Foundation will serve to purchase a laptop computer and LCD projector to assist our staff and volunteers in the delivery of this series.

## The Fall Grants for 2005

By Marilyn Banting, Chair, Grants Committee

This fall, CFGK made 12 grants on the recommendation of our Grant Selection Team, a group of volunteers who are dedicated, conscientious, knowledgeable, and very hard working. The review process, one of two such exercises each year, began with 42 proposals, two of which received attention and support earlier this summer through the fast-track procedure and on the recommendation of our Youth Advisory Committee.

These grants, totaling \$36,650, reflect the diverse con-

cerns in our community, from conserving our water and environmental resources, to reinforcing the learning of mathematics and reading in young children, to enriching musical and athletic experiences, and finally to maintaining our cultural and historical heritage. As such, they provide a wonderful window on the wide range of extraordinary projects that are happening within Kingston and its larger community.

Over the last couple of years available funds for grant-

ing have been growing. It is hoped that this will give us an even greater opportunity to look for areas to support in all parts of our community, and to consider different types of grants such as multi-year ones, for example. Music, the arts, heritage, literacy and the broad field of development and social services are all possibilities. Ongoing activities, and ones which are innovative and unique to Kingston, will continue to draw our attention here at the Foundation as we seek to enhance our wonderful community.

## GRANT RECIPIENTS 2005: THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS TOTALING \$42,950

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A *St. Cecilia Choral Celebration* will be held at St. George's Cathedral this fall. Volunteer organizers have recruited singers from several choirs to make up a 50-voice choir for this cultural event. This grant was made under our fast-track procedure this summer.

*The Exceptional People's Olympiad* is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a two-day event run within the federal penitentiary by the inmates and volunteers from the Kingston community. The event had lost some of its funding for this year and in order to mark the anniversary, the number of participating athletes will be increased.

The Katarokwi Native Friendship Centre is establishing *Marie's Healing Lodge* as a place of gathering for Aboriginals in the Kingston community to promote healing and cultural activities.

*The Katarokwi Community Fence* has become necessary to protect the Katarokwi Community Garden from vandalism. This garden has been planted and is tended by volunteers and provides vegetables, fruits and herbs for both the meal program and for native medicines.

*The Community Education and Partnership Development Project* will assist volunteers of Habitat for Humanity Kingston and Frontenac develop and present visual aids to help explain their program to those who need help as well

as potential donors, sponsors and volunteers. (Funding by CFGK's Alcan Endowment Fund).

### EDUCATION AND LITERACY

*The Literacy and Numeracy Project* of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic Education Foundation will provide mathematics and reading kits for children in grades one to three in several elementary schools.

(Funding by CFGK's Cameron and Laurie Thompson Fund).

*Giving Literacy a Boost* is a literacy enhancement project of the Limestone Learning Foundation that will be implemented in five area schools over the next year.

Speech language pathologists will now be able to work with several grade-one children with poor hearing abilities using the new *Earobics - Building Reading Foundation Skills* educational software. The project is supported by the Limestone Learning Foundation.

(Funding by CFGK's Alcan Endowment Fund).

### ENVIRONMENT

A *Citizen Monitoring Team* within the Cataraqui Region will be equipped and trained by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority to collect data on water resources.

*Over the Top for Dunder* is a project of the Rideau Waterway Land Trust Foundation for the acquisition and preservation of the area on Morton Bay known as Rock Dunder. This eco-

logically significant area will then be kept as a wilderness recreational facility. The grant will help with acquisition costs (survey, legal).

### HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Hospice Kingston already had funding for its *Volunteer Program Assistant* to develop a new database of available volunteers. This database will then allow them to match their volunteers with their clients, as well as have people available for other palliative care agencies. A better computer was needed for this project.

(Funding by CFGK's Alcan Endowment Fund).

### HERITAGE PRESERVATION

*The Wilton Hall Addition Project* is the final stage in a 10-year program of restoration to the 1873 Wilton Hall. The restoration of the hall is in keeping with the 19th Century Ontario church halls and the addition of a kitchen and washrooms will allow for more community use.

### RECREATION AND YOUTH

The Upper Canada Guitar Society is presenting the second annual *Guitar Horizons*, a day long workshop and concerts by professional guitarists for young students. These will be followed by a public concert in the evening.

Queen's University's Science Quest received a grant in June for their project *Funding to Create Higher Quality Projects*. This grant came from the Youth Endowment Fund.

### Grant Summary for Board – 2005 Kickstart Mini-Grants

John XXIII Catholic School Serenity Place A garden sanctuary at the front of the school	\$300
St. James Major Tree Project Students will plant trees on school and church grounds	\$385
Holy Family The Magical Land of Oz School play, funding costumes	\$300
Yarker Family School A beautiful sign deserves a beautiful garden A garden for the front yard of the school	\$200
Odessa Public School A tree in memory of Constable Chris Garrett The students will plant a maple tree in the peace garden	\$260
Storrington Public School School Beautification Project A flower bed in front of new sign	\$287
Elginburg and District Public School Flying Wonders Enhancement of butterfly garden	\$169
<b>Total amount granted</b>	<b>\$1901</b>

## GRANTS AND CONSEQUENCES

### The Kingston Prize – a Canadian 'First'

Karen and Julian Brown had an idea about how to put Kingston on the map by holding a national competition for portraiture. Based on an Australian model, they went about creating this project. Amongst others, CFGK supported this initiative with a seed grant.

On October 7, the first *Kingston Prize* of \$3,000 for contemporary Canadian portraiture was awarded to Marcia Perkins from Victoria, British Columbia. This prize, a first in Canada, was established to "encourage and attract up-to-the-minute paintings of Canadians". Twenty-

nine finalists were selected from over 100 entrants from across the country. The works of these talented finalists were presented in a wonderful exhibition, which opened at the Firehall Theatre in Gananoque. What a variety of approaches to portraiture were on display!

What a task for the highly qualified jury to have to choose a winner.

Two artists received an Honorable Mention for their portraits as well as an unexpected \$500 each, donated by a guest at the opening event who was so impressed by what he saw. At

the end of the exhibit there will be another prize of \$600 – the People's Choice Prize.



# The Community Foundation appreciates the contributions and commitment of the following:

**As of October 10, 2005, the names of donors who have made cumulative donations of \$1000 or more are gratefully acknowledged below.**

## Over \$1,000,000

The Stark Family Fund ■

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ANONYMOUS (2)

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Frank and Kathryn Lockington

## What's 'Bred in the Bone': Virginia and John Gordon

By Merv Daub, Chair, Marketing Committee

Some come to the activity of charitable work and giving as a consequence of acquired wealth. For others it flows from a tradition of family and background involvement. In the case of Virginia Gordon and her husband John, both apply but with considerably greater emphasis on the latter than the former.

"I knew about community foundations and their work long before I came to Kingston," says Virginia, "particularly from Calgary where my family was involved, but also from Vancouver where a good friend had given some money to the foundation there." Husband John, ex-Dean of the Queen's School of Business, was also well aware of the institution, having used a grant from the Vancouver Foundation in the name of a former stu-

dent to set up a visiting scholar program at the School in the late 1980s.

As a result, when the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston (CFGK) was just getting off the ground, the Gordons were one of the first donors. "I'd made some money off the sale of shares, and Eveline Flint as well as Bill Gray helped walk me through the hoops to set up a donation to the Foundation," Virginia recalls. "After that they put me on the Donor Committee and eventually the Board. I guess they thought if I was good enough for the donation, I was even better as a fundraiser and director," she laughed.

This work has been rewarding for them both ("I help by holding Virginia's hand from time to time," adds John playfully), taking them into corners of the community

they didn't know much about. Virginia cites the particularly rewarding story of a young woman she heard speak at one cheque presentation early on, who had suffered severe social adaptation problems, but as a result of the group/CFGK support, eventually surmounted them and recently became a police-

woman. "It gives you an awfully nice feeling to hear that," Virginia added reflectively.

While off the Board now, she remains very active on the Donor Committee, particularly focusing on the upcoming second annual Zal and Rose Fund breakfast in December. She and John have also added to



their financial support of the Foundation, this time in the form of the deferred life insurance option. "One gets attached to it," Virginia said. "It's nice to see how the Foundation has grown, to have had an influence on the money raised and the people brought in to help serve."

It is to be hoped that all of this good work will continue, for it reflects a deep and abiding loyalty to Kingston which has brought her and John back to the city on several occasions. No doubt it will continue to do so, for it is clearly something that is, well, "bred in the bone."

## Two Lifetimes of Service: Henry and Marion Meyer

By Merv Daub, Chair, Marketing Committee

It is often the case that hardship early in life makes one grateful for all that is good later on. It also provides a powerful sense of needing to give back to, and participate in, society for the rest of one's days. This has never more been the case than for Henry and Marion Meyer, whose actions in participating in, doing something useful for, and giving back to their community now span more than 50 years.

Forced as children to flee Nazi persecution, they arrived in Canada as young adults (Henry first in '53, Marion later in '57) and from that time forward, both individually and together, they have been involved in myriad volunteer activities serving the communities in which they lived (principally Kingston, but Belleville before that). United Way, Canadian Men-

tal Health Association, Social Planning Council – the list goes on and on. All the while they worked full-time (Henry with Dupont, Marion at Queen's) and raised a family. After they had both retired, they spent six years with the Canadian Executive Service Overseas in places such as Peru, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and the like, helping out wherever they could.

"So many people had helped us both. Canada was especially good to, and for us," Marion notes, "and we wanted always, we still do and will 'til we die, to give back."

"It is also a way of doing something



socially useful, of integrating oneself in the community, of getting a larger picture," Henry adds. "Time given is extremely important to us. Of course, money doesn't hurt either," he says impishly. "If I can do it, I should" is one of their favorite mot-

tos, especially if there is no one else to do it. Luckily, the Foundation was in their sights early on in its existence (thanks to Katherine Manley's efforts).

Henry has been particularly active being "Mr. Everything" to the Foundation. For years he has taken notes, kept the books, run the proceedings for various committees of the Board and the

Board itself. He even served full-time as temporary executive director during the summer of 2003 until the current director, Glenn Stresman, arrived.

Together, the Meyers also donated \$100,000 to the Foundation to celebrate Marion's 75th birthday. "We do not need all our money," says Marion. "We have lived frugally all of our lives. So we give it back, try to do some good with it while we are alive."

To these quietly noble, dignified people of purpose, this seems so obviously the correct way to live that this writer questions his own commitment to community. By example then, Henry and Marion also help on an individual basis to make Kingston and their larger world a better place for all of us, and for this we are grateful.

## A Decade of Donors

By Virginia Gordon, Past Chair, Fund/Resource Development Committee

In his book, *The Anniversary Compulsion*, Peter Aykroyd talks about why and how people celebrate. Peter had been director of public relations for the Centennial Commission supervising Canada's 100th birthday in 1967. Such big birthdays, he felt, should be acknowledged in very special ways. He came up with the idea of people giving special community-spirited gifts to their communities.

CFGK is now 10 years old and only part way to its first 100 years. All of us who have been part of the first 10

years and watched the organization grow to \$10 million in endowed funds feel it is time for celebration. Think of what will happen when the millennium of the Foundation arrives in 2095!

The growth achieved by CFGK over the past 10 years is a testimonial to the richness of our community. Donors, volunteers and staff have helped build the Foundation along with our many partners who represent a wide spectrum of the community. For all their diversity they

share common beliefs in what people can do and in the power of the community that cares.

We would like everyone to share in this opportunity to be part of our **Decade of Donors**. Add to an existing fund, remember a friend through an anniversary gift, donate an insurance policy, become a member of our Giving Circle or talk to us about something you would really like to see happen in your community. A special gift for the future is a great cause for celebration.

# Create the Future Together

By Judith Mackenzie, President

It has been my good fortune to have been President of the Board during this 10<sup>TH</sup> anniversary year of the Foundation. We have had a wonderful time planning a variety of celebrations – special anniversary awards, a community party, a gala event, an anniversary publication – all of which remind us how this organization has forged its way into the fabric of the Greater Kingston community.

Every year we have embarked on something new and learned more about how our community works and how we can help. Each year we have been able to assist more donors to achieve their philanthropic goals.

In the beginning we were able to grant only small amounts to a few agencies. We have been so impressed with what agencies and organizations have accomplished,

and inspired by the non-stop dedication of the hundreds of hardworking staff and volunteers that keep our community humming. Some of the projects we have supported have been directed to meeting severe needs such



Still going strong 10 years later is Town Crier, Chris Whyman, one of our first grant recipients.

as feeding hungry school-children. Other projects have supported cultural events such as the Kingston Prize, (see p. 3). We refer to this dual approach as nurturing “the body and the soul” of our community.

As we grow, so do the grants in size and in number. The total amount granted in our first 10 years now exceeds \$1M. By the end of the next decade? – well, just watch us!

A final word of deep appreciation to our many donors, individuals and corporate, who care about their community and understand the necessity of playing a positive supporting role in it. We are privileged to be able to provide them with philanthropic opportunities through our endowment funds and granting programs. Their “donor investments” have indeed enhanced com-

munity life. We are proud to have been a part of this and are confident that the next 10 years will see even more exciting things happen as we continue to build our future together.

## Matchmaker – a Requirement!

By Ameena Jaffer, Chair, Resource Development, Chair, Fund/Resource Development Committee

After seven years as Chair for Resource Development, Virginia Gordon is stepping down, but not away from this challenging task with the Foundation.

During this period, Virginia has proved herself to be a genius at perfect matchmaking! Many of her ideas have come to fruition, with her putting great effort into bringing people together and letting things happen. She has brought to life major projects for the Foundation. The Tragically Hip concert – “Across the Causeway”, the Giving Circle, and Rose and Zal Breakfast Fund for school children are were all conceived by her. With these projects, she has been a major factor in the accomplishment of the Foundation’s goal to meet the target of \$10m in endowment by the 10<sup>TH</sup> year.

As the incoming chair for Resource Development, I see the Community Foundation playing a more proactive role in encouraging donors to establish new and

increased endowments to enhance grant-making in chosen areas. Motivating endowment builders to increase and target their giving to achieve a specific result that appeals to them is an area that we will explore more fully. My aim is to focus on wide participation in the community with past, present and future donors to ask their help in addressing the question of how, why, when and how much to give. On the other hand, I consider it my responsibility to consult with key professionals in fields of arts and culture, heritage, community services, environment and children and youth to stay informed of the needs of the community.

Keeping donors and grant receiving agencies abreast of activities at both ends is what I believe will enable the Foundation to make a perfect match each time and move forward the potential of the endowment builder to help shape the community for a positive future.

## OUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### Who Are We?

The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston (the CFGK or “the Foundation”) is a public charitable association supported and run by citizens of the Greater Kingston area (i.e., west to Loyalist Township, north to North Frontenac Township and east to the former Pittsburgh Township, including Amherst, Wolfe and Howe islands.)

### What Do We Do?

The Foundation encourages individuals and organizations to establish and build permanent endowments and other funds from which worthwhile community projects are then funded.

### How Does It Work?

The funds from our donors are held in permanent endowments which are invested. The income earned is used to make grants to worthy causes of all kinds whose projects enhance and strengthen the quality of life in the Greater Kingston area. Currently, the Foundation has over \$10 million in its various endowments.

### How Do I/We Find Out More?

Please visit our website, [www.cfgk.org](http://www.cfgk.org), or call us at 546-9696.

## Investing Your Money

By Jack Gilfillan, Chair, Vice President, Investment Committee

Investing the assets of our Community Foundation remains the primary responsibility of the Investment Committee. This committee is made up of a group of individuals with considerable experience in portfolio management.

The Investment Committee meets regularly in order to actively manage the portfolio. In recent years we have slowly increased the portion of the portfolio that is managed by institutional managers. This is done in order to provide a more hands-on management in selected market segments. Currently 15% of the portfolio and 25% of the equities are now managed by two institutional managers. It is our expectation that this trend will continue as the assets continue to grow.

As of Sept 30, 2005, the portfolio has had a year to date return in excess of 9%. This level of return has been achieved by increasing the weight in Canadian equities. Although results to date have been excellent, I am writing this in early October, a month which has been historically very volatile.

Our goal in managing the portfolio is to achieve performance above the average for Canadian Institutional Balanced Funds. This year our performance remains well above the average. In the eight years we have been measuring our performance against this benchmark, we have outperformed the benchmark by approximately .75% per annum. As the pool of assets continues to grow, we anticipate that this exceptional performance will be far more modest.

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

# 'Honor the Past, Live the Present, Create the Future'

By Regina Rosen, Co-chair, 10th Anniversary Committee

**2005** marks the 10<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston. By its very nature, a community foundation honours the past, lives the present and creates the future. As chairs of the celebrations, Eveline Flint and I believed that this year's special events should do the same. The success of each project attests to the many dedicated, competent and enthusiastic members who joined us on the committees. *Judith Mackenzie* and *Glenn Stresman* were ex officio members.

Despite CFGK's young age, the writing of a commemorative book was a priority. *A Decade of Giving – Celebrating our First Ten Years 1995 – 2005* became the responsibility of the Ripples committee – *Merv Daub, Peter Dorn, David Pulver, me, and Eveline* as editor. Recording how our initial endowment of \$64,000 grew to \$10M and how over \$1,100,000 income from the funds has benefited Kingston and area, tells a bigger story than the mere passage of a decade.

Our financial records have always been scrupulously recorded in detail. But while researching material we realized there had not been as much care taken with things like documents, speeches, and photos – in other words the items that constitute a valuable archive. An initiative was undertaken, with the advice of Queen's University archival staff, to systematically collect, sort and store our records. *Wilma Bernabei* and *Lin Good* researched volunteers in all areas.

On September 12, 2004, CFGK hosted Eastern Ontario's largest charity rock concert ever, featuring The Tragically Hip and friends, on the playing fields of RMC with 20,000 enthusiastic fans in attendance. The undertaking required a coordinated effort, with donations of time, talent and product. *Members of The Hip, Brig. Gen. Jean Leclerc, Lt. Col. Larry Aitken, Dan Aykroyd, 300 volunteers, and the committee of: Virginia Gordon, Donna Grieve, Ameena Jaffer, Kathy Leverette, Katherine Manley, Jan McDonald, Marie Shales, Martin Skolnick, Michelle Skolnick, and Margaret Zakos*, all helped create a net profit of \$362,000. Proceeds went to the Joe Chithalen Musical Instruments Lending Library and to Camp Trillium.



Jack Chiang: City of Kingston

This original photo by Jack Chiang will be used on the invitation to our Black Tie Gala in March 2006. When you receive it, please respond and join us for this exciting event.

The residue of \$200,000 was endowed in The Tragically Hip Community Fund.

The Foundation awarded \$20,000 to four worthy recipients which might otherwise not be eligible for grants. The

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committee of: *Al Crago, Michael Davies, Cathy Kelleher, Henry Meyer and Dan Norman*, addressed both body and soul: – deficit alleviation and community social enhancement. Partners in Mission Food Bank; the 29<sup>TH</sup> Exceptional People's Olympiad at Collins Bay Institution; The Kingston Coalition for Emergency Dental Care; and The Market Square Redevelopment Project each received \$5,000.

In recognition of his inspirational,

philanthropic philosophy, *Peter Aykroyd*, who has supported both the national foundation movement and CFGK, received the first medal for achievement we have ever granted.

Foundation supporters and the entire community are welcome to attend a birthday party at City Hall on December 4. We will pay tribute to the membership of our founding organization, The Martello Tower Society of Kingston. *June Dinsdale*, chair, *Lin Good, Donna Grieve, Jan MacDonald, Katherine Manley and Margaret Zakos*, conceived a party at which clowns, balloons and cupcakes will create a festive atmosphere.

When we first contemplated this milestone in December 2003, we had endowed funds of approximately \$7M. *Judith, Eveline and I* believed we could set a goal of \$10M by the end of our 10<sup>TH</sup>

anniversary year – 10\$ x 10. Led by our Resource Development Chair, *Virginia Gordon*, we have achieved it. (See p. 4).

An elegant, black-and-white themed gala ball will officially end the anniversary events. Chaired by *Michael and Elaine Davies*, with committee: *Kathy Leverette, Marie Shales, Michelle Skolnick and Helene Pratt*, music, magicians and outstanding décor will create a classy affair at the Vimy Officers Mess, March 25, 2006. Our gift to attendees will be the distribution of "A Decade of Donors." But as *Michael* says, our real gift to the community is CFGK – something to celebrate now and in perpetuity.



# MAKING WAVES

## Tower of Hope Classic

Charity Golf is fun and helps the cause. The CFGK Tower of Hope pro-am tournaments have been held for the past eight years. Net profits, which have gone mainly to operations, have yielded a grand total of \$203,096. We thank Fred Laflamme, who has been chair all eight years, his co-chairs, Carrie Lagasse and Greg Thompson, and loyal committee, for their dedication and imagination.

## Camera Kingston:

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of Don Sleeth, CFGK is now the proud owner of a new, state-of-the-art 4 mega-pixel digital camera. All photos taken by the CFGK staff, board or volunteers, whether appearing in Ripples, or elsewhere, are courtesy of the generous support of Camera Kingston.

## A Fluid and Flexible Board

In January, **Merv Daub** will have completed his three-year Board term with CFGK. During his tenure, he was chair of Marketing, and on several other committees. We have not lost his talents, however, as Merv continues to work on Ripples and the Festschrift.

**Bruce Stickle**, who recently retired as Executive Vice President Commercial Banking, BMO Financial Centre, has also taken early retirement from the Board. Bruce worked diligently on the Finance committee, lending CFGK his considerable expertise.

## Family Philanthropy

The front-page article of the fall edition of *Community Foundation of Mississauga Newsletter* featured Winston and Marie-Claude Meyer, who recently established a generous endowed fund in their hometown. Winston is the son of Henry and Marion, whose Donor Profile appears in this issue of *Ripples*. Generations of this family know that community foundations have a valued role in creating sustainable funding for essential community initiatives and services.

## Rose and Zal School Breakfast Fund

Look for the date of the second annual breakfast, which recognizes the late Rose and Zal Yanovsky's commitment to the cause. Several restaurants around town have offered venues for this event. The first grant from the Rose and Zal School Breakfast Fund will be awarded as part of the breakfast's program. Join us for this inspiring get-together.

## Congratulations

**Sherri Agnew**, long-time Marketing Committee member, was recently recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as Business Person of the Year.

## Happy Holidays

If we don't see you before, have a Happy Holiday Season and a good start to the New Year.

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