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## The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston Report to the Community



### A Grant to: *Phoebe* Restoration at the Pump House Steam Museum

by Francesca Esford

**T**HE STEAM LAUNCH *Phoebe II*, now sitting over a slip at the Pump House Steam Museum, is one of **Canada's National Treasures**. Both engine and boiler were built in Kingston in 1914 by the Davis Dry Dock Company. It is the only original Davis steam launch, complete with engine and boiler, still in existence in North America. This spring, the *Phoebe II's* power plant and 36" propeller will be on display at the Steam Museum. It is all part of a long-range plan that encompasses the complete restoration of the launch in preparation for a permanent display.

Henk Wevers, Project Coordinator, speaks proudly and passionately about the *Phoebe II*, pointing out the nickel-plated detail, the white oak keel, and mahogany-panelled interior. Eventually, the inside will be furnished to give a feel for the Edwardian period.

Dr. John Brashear and Phoebe Brashear-Stewart were the owners of the original *Phoebe*. Unfortunately, the boat burned, an event which happened quite regularly in those days because sparks from the wood-fired steam boilers could ignite the dry hull or oily rags in the engine department. Among Dr. Brashear's good friends was American billionaire, and fellow Scotsman, Andrew Carnegie. When the steam launch burned, Carnegie and his friends gave the Brashears the *Phoebe II*, plus a boathouse in the Muskokas.

**I**N 1979, Jack Telgmann founded the Pump House Steam Museum. He brought the *Phoebe* back from the United States and fixed it up through grants and donations. It was in the water for four years and took part in sail-pasts and the opening festivities of the Rideau Canal. In 1984 it was put into storage, and went into gradual decline. Last year, Wevers, a professional mechanical engineer, led the drive to have the *Phoebe* restored right here in Kingston, a city with a long tradition of boat building.

### A Lasting Tribute to a Fine Young Man

**A**BRIEF AND TRAGIC moment in time ended the life of Francis (Frank) Carney, but his parents Caroline and Carl Yates have ensured that Frank will always be remembered. The Francis Carney Memorial Scholarship Fund will provide support for Bayridge Secondary School students who have a love of literature, poetry or art. Donations were originally collected by Frank's close friends. The Yates moved the fund to The CFGK because, as Caroline suggests, "We knew it would be well taken care of and that it would go on forever."



"Frank was passionate about the things he loved, but he was a normal teenager," shares Caroline. "He loved football, coffee houses and teasing his Mom."

**I**N TRIBUTE, his teacher M. J. Dempster wrote, "Because Frank understood the value of literature to help us develop mature sensibility for all humans, he was passionate about books. Frank hungered for and devoured great works that would challenge him to appreciate the totality of life and serve as a mirror of the human soul."

### A Grant to: Katarokwi Traditional Community PowWow, 1999

by Francesca Esford



**F**OR THE Iroquois/Mohawk Confederacy and the Six Nations housed within, the Katarokwi PowWow, held in June at Lake Ontario Park, was a grand celebration. Sandra Claus, secretary for the PowWow of the Six Nations Reserve, likens it to a church gathering. She is from the family of the Six Nations Reserve, a Mohawk woman of the Bear Clan.

At the PowWow was the sacred fire, tended by the fire-keeper (Sandra's brother), who must keep the fire burning day and night until all of the wood is used up. He cannot leave his post, and so food is brought to him, lots of it, by different people all interested in taking care of the fire-keeper. The rocks to build the fire-pit are brought from the lake. Water is the other sacred element. In the Native culture, the men are in charge of the fire and the women honour the water. (But, as has been pointed out, water puts out fire!)

**A**ND THEN there were the dancers and the drums. The day formally opened at 11 am, with the flag carrying ceremony and the ceremonial dancers. For the women there are fancy dresses, ribbon dresses, and jingle dresses – which consist of little tin cones, sewn onto cloth. The men's equivalent of the tin cones are dried deer toes and "dew" claws, which are hollow and create a sound after they have dried.

This year's theme was "learning our part in Creation", a giving of thanks to Mother Earth for the gifts of life, and to honour the drum, the "heartbeat" of the Great Mother. There also was a mini PowWow with dancers and storytelling, for the children. The focus of the organization is to educate and continue the Native traditions. The PowWow is a wonderful way of achieving this end.



## Bill and Nancy Gray: Another Way of Giving

by Charlotte Dorn



BILL AND NANCY GRAY contribute in a different way to The Community Foundation. Their annual tax-deductible donation pays the premium on a life insurance policy they took out especially for The Foundation. To Bill and Nancy it means an affordable commitment every year, and to The Foundation it means a much bigger gift when the policy pays out at their death. Bill thinks this way of giving is particularly useful for people who want to make a significant future gift out of their present cash flow.

The opportunity to make a very substantial future gift today is what makes this way of giving so attractive. The leverage gained on a donation by using life insurance is remarkable. There are many ways to arrange this type of gift. People who want to learn more about this method of giving should consult their Chartered Life Underwriter or Financial Consultant.



Bill and Nancy Gray  
(photo Bernard Clark)

THE GRAYS have become “strong components of a city that is rebuilding itself”. They chose to move to Kingston in 1990 from Toronto, built a home in 1991, and are here to stay because they love it. They feel life in Kingston is better and offers everything they need. Two sons are studying architecture in Toronto and a daughter Abby, is attending Vanier in Kingston. Bill works for London Life and Nancy is a partner in a small home based business called *The Truffle Box*. By the way, if anyone needs chocolate truffles for weddings, Christmas or anytime, I had a taste – delicious!

Realizing that “many organizations need assistance”, Bill and Nancy give because they are generous people. “Our gift to CFGK is for the future of Kingston; we are helping to ensure that Kingston remains strong.”

### The Camp Outlook Endowment Fund,

with a commitment of \$10,000, has been established to provide Kingston area at-risk and under-privileged youth with the opportunity to experience wilderness camping trips. Staffed entirely by dedicated student volunteers, the camp encourages the youth to feel a sense of accomplishment, thus helping to increase their self-esteem. Volunteer Joseph DeLuca says, “The CFGK endowment fund will assist us in our goal of keeping Outlook viable in perpetuity”.



## Leveraged Charitable Giving

by Bill Gray



IN ANCIENT TIMES, people gave goods, clothing, shelter, fire, water, and medicines to assist their fellow man. Today, we ultimately give the same types of things; however, there is an intermediate step. With the invention of currency, most people give money to those they want to support. Also, in modern times, there are organizations called charities or foundations, created to act as middlemen between the giver and the consumer of the gifts. These organizations, such as the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston, give a focus to both the givers and receivers and coordinate the process.

CHARITIES typically distribute the gifts they receive, primarily cash, in the year of receipt. They focus on immediate needs. Foundations, like the name implies, have a much longer point of reference. They are meant to be solid, enduring and consistent. A foundation distributes annually only the income earned off the capital created by donors. In this way each gift received creates an everlasting legacy. The capital is never spent. The gift is forever, not just for today.

Life insurance, when used for charitable gifts, creates a large ultimate gift, i.e., capital at the death of the donor. It is particularly useful for people who want to make a significant future gift out of their present cash flow.

LIFE INSURANCE is simply another way of giving money. Many younger people do not feel comfortable writing out large cheques for charity when they feel they may need the money for personal uses. However, the use of life insurance makes a very substantial gift possible on an affordable basis. Other than using some cash flow one doesn't reduce one's assets or estate. The premiums paid for an insurance policy given to a charity or foundation are deductible from income just as a cash gift would be.

Consult with your insurance advisor (or contact the CFGK) if you would like to explore this alternative further.

## Two Sisters Establish a Family Fund

by Charlotte Dorn



AYLE GRANT MCBRIDE and Gloria Grant FitzPatrick have just enriched The Community Foundation with a Family Fund in memory of their late mother, Mildred Grant.

Mildred started Grant's Travel Service in 1954.

It was a difficult time to start a business as a woman in those days, but, after growing up in Toronto, Mildred found Kingston her favourite city, a perfect community and a great place to live. As an independent business-woman she became very involved on the City Planning Board and LACAC. She volunteered with Phil Quattrocchi on the Winter Carnival, and served on many other committees.

Her daughter, Gayle, joined her in the travel business, while Gloria became a high school teacher. Both daughters married, both had twin children - Gayle, two girls, Arran and Skye; Gloria two boys, Adam and Ryan. Grant's Travel is still growing strong and is now owned by their nieces.



The late Mildred Grant

BOTH WOMEN feel community foundations are a way of the future. They say, “People contribute now so that generations to come will benefit”, and “Communities have to become more self-supporting and care for themselves”. They feel there is no better way to accomplish this than by supporting our Community Foundation, which is “well set up and managed by people with great ideas and strong business experience”. In fact, Gayle is so enthusiastic about community foundations that she is planning to establish one in Gananoque.

Gayle and Gloria can be found these days busily painting and hammering away on Gayle's retirement project, *The Misty Isles Lodge*, a sea-kayaking centre, located just a few kilometers east of Gananoque. I am told it will be “strictly for fun for the mature adult”.

### The Kingston-Frontenac Public Library Board

was pleased to become a member of The CFGK, with the creation of The Kingston-Frontenac Public Library Endowment Fund. Interest from the Fund will be used to augment the revenues that the library receives from traditional funding sources and allow for enhanced library services. By contributing to an endowment fund, donors know that their gift will continue to work for the library forever. Our association with The Foundation is a valuable link with the community. It provides us with an opportunity to attract new donors to the library because of The Foundation's high profile, good public relations, and safe investment program.

Deborah Defoe, *Chief Librarian*

### To Our Generous Donors

Please note that a complete list of our donors will appear annually in our December issue.

## Grants and Consequences



by Eveline Flint

THE BOARD of the Martello Tower Society – the forerunner of the Community Foundation – considered applications and awarded grants. When the CFGK was founded in 1995, a specific grants committee was established. The depth and diversity of the committee has resulted in a rich array of community projects supported in part by Foundation funding.

We've been around long enough now that we thought it would be fun to check out the impact of some of our grants. Did the original grant have a long term impact?

AN EARLY grant for \$3,000 to the Kingston Heritage Tattoo Society demonstrates how a little support makes things happen. Contacted on a Sunday to be told of the grant, the chair reacted emotionally, "You don't know what this means – we were going to meet Wednesday evening to cancel the event, because we just couldn't get any support." Turned out, someone else was willing to donate \$2,000 if they got a matching amount. With a total of \$5,000 there was enough to proceed with the 1993 Heritage Tattoo celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scottish settlement in Canada – a huge success, with more than 4,000 in attendance.

A sense of Kingston's lengthy military history descended on everyone present as the sun set and the lone piper played against the ramparts of Fort Henry.

Since then, many events have been staged by the Society. Coming up July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup> – *A Salute to the Royal Canadian Air Force* – marking their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## What are You Doing for the Millennium?



by Peter Aykroyd, Creator of the National Millennium Gifts Program

LEADS UP EVERYBODY! The odometer is about to turn from 1999 to 2000. Never mind the controversy about whether the new millennium starts on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000 or January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. The whole world measures time by the Gregorian calendar, and when the world sees all those zeros – that's it. It's here.

The Year 2000 (not to be confused with Y2K, which hopefully will be accommodated to by January 15<sup>th</sup> in the new year) is an anniversary, the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of how we measure time. And it's also a time of passage. Passage from one one-thousand-year period to another, new, one-thousand-year period.

At such times we pause and reflect on who am I? Where am I going? And we seek reassurance as we start the next leg of our journey. There is a deep-seated need to participate somehow in events, or in building something. One way we recognize and observe the special nature of these occasions is by the giving of a gift. This is ritual behaviour. It is one of the rites of passage.

THE NATIONAL OFFICE of Community Foundations of Canada was prescient in realizing that Canadians would want to do something for the millennium, and after two years of meetings and discussions throughout the country, officially launched on May 25<sup>th</sup> a unique initiative called *Our Millennium*. *Our Millennium* is a nationwide program encouraging Canadians to come together in their communities to contribute special gifts to the future. These gifts of time, energy, creativity, commitment, and support will signify the hopes, values, and priorities for the future well-being of our communities.

The Canadian Millennium Bureau is the major funding partner for this program, Rogers Media is the media sponsor, and five national volunteer organizations such as *Volunteer Canada* and the *Canadian Centre for Philanthropy* are active partners, working with Community Foundations of Canada. Together they have compiled, produced, and distributed a *Catalogue of Possibilities*, an extensive compendium of ideas and suggestions designed to give substance to the concept of gift exchange in the millennium context, and to assist Millennium Committees in getting started. Committees have been formed in forty-four communities, taking different forms to meet local circumstances, and more are starting up every week.

IN OUR OWN community, The Community Foundation of Greater Kingston, in partnership with the City of Kingston, has created a Millennium Committee chaired by David Baird. Baird explains that "giving can involve a gift of time, action, money, or commitment." In association with Lesley Kimble from the City's Culture and Recreation Department, an office has been set up on Midland Avenue with facilities provided by the City, (Telephone 384-1770, ext. 275). This office serves as a resource centre and as a clearinghouse for the sharing of ideas. In addition, the office will keep a registry of millennium gifts to the community, and this, permanently preserved at City Hall, will form part of the national registry of what Canadians did for the millennium.

What are you doing for the millennium? Wouldn't it be a shame, looking back, if you had done nothing? Start today! *Our Millennium* website: [www.ourmillennium.ca](http://www.ourmillennium.ca).



Peter Aykroyd



by Fred Laflamme

THIS IS the time of year when we are exposed to more golf tournament invitations than we can fit into our too-short summer season. If you are like most of us, you'll eventually pare down the number to a manageable few and ideally spread them out so your colleagues won't think you've joined the Pro Tour. The CFGK is proud to be associated with two fine tournaments, which are so well spaced they could serve as bookends for your golfing summer.

THE FIRST tournament on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Colonnade Golf Club tees off at 10:30 a.m. and is a memorial to Matt Cahill and Frank Carney. While the proceeds will flow to the CFGK, the money will be deposited in the boys' Memorial Scholarship Funds, which will annually be awarded to selected graduating Bayridge Secondary School students. The tournament will be a fun event, featuring a scramble format and will be limited to 100 golfers. The cost is only \$65 for golf and dinner and everyone is assured of a prize. Contact Caroline Yates at 389-2806 or Diana Cahill at 384-9116.

IF YOU'VE never played the outstanding Cataraqui Golf Club layout, you'll have your chance by participating in The Tower of Hope Classic on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Union Gas, The Royal Bank Financial Group, Sun Microsystems, and The Kingston Whig-Standard, this is the premier golfing event of the summer. Featuring a senior or club pro in every foursome (courtesy of the CPGA) you'll not only be able to network with like-minded business people but you'll also enjoy a stellar opportunity to lower your handicap. And, you'll receive the enormous satisfaction that comes from knowing you played a key role in raising \$20,000 for The CFGK.

Sponsorship opportunities are filling quickly, as are playing spots, which will be strictly limited to 132 golfers including the CPGA professionals. For information, call Kim Mundell at Union Gas: 389-4000, ext. 217.

## The Youth Advisory Committee

THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE is off and running! This group of twelve energetic high school students will evaluate and make recommendations on grants to worthwhile local projects that promote youth development in the arts. This is made possible through the generosity of CFFX/CFMK's annual fund of \$6,000. Student Katrina Smith says, "It's important for youth to be involved in decisions affecting youth." We anticipate that other Funds will be established for youth in our community and administered by our leaders of tomorrow!



Front Row: Gillian Steacy, Courtney Matheson, Katrina Smith, Bianca Tong, Tara Wright  
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