



TLF AUCTION FOR EDUCATION IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE STUDENTS

When we started planning the 2021 biennial auction we set two goals: a monetary goal so we could expand our support to the students and a goal of providing an educational, engaging and fun event. We are happy to report that we passed our monetary goal and we have received feedback from many people who really enjoyed the themselves and praised not only the fun show, but the bidding process, the testimonial videos, the food and the wine.

The stars of the event were Gina Cabaddu as our MC and the intrepid, first rodeo Auctioneer Jeffrey Tritt. Hopefully you watched and enjoyed the show, they pulled off a little magic together.

We had an incredible team working to make this event a success. Our event chair, Michele Gorman, did an outstanding job working through many glitches with our auction system. A huge thank you to Michele. Working closely with Michele to make this happen was our videographer, Megan Schowalter, who not only produced the live show, but also put together the testimonial videotapes used in the show.

We are still finalizing the numbers, but the bottom line is that with your tremendous support the auction raised over \$80,000 and the team kept expenses below \$8,000. Congrats and thank you to all!

Following are the names of just a few of the over 30 volunteers who helped make this Auction a reality. Randy Carr led the effort to obtain a dozen sponsors, you will see their logo elsewhere in this newsletter.

Carolyn Carr and Kelly Hettinger led the effort to obtain, document and photograph 48 Auction Items. There were 126 food boxes delivered by Meg & David Haggerty's catering company, Tuxedo & Tennis Shoes, as well as 13 cases of wine supplied by Don Swensen, BLEND – of course! In addition, 14 delicious desserts were donated by some talented bakers. Thank you to Mary Lemon, Christine Tritt, and Lori Zeigler for coordinating, packaging and handing out the food, wine and desserts.

Last but not least, and the only supporting group not visible on the Auction web site, were those of you who provided donations that could be used for matching funds. There were 22 of you who gave us a base of \$17,800 with which to work, and which did not show up in the running total. A major thank you to: Allen & Marcel Ballinger, Bill & Julie Bingham, Randy & Carolyn Carr, Rick and Francie Carr, Michele Gorman, Betsy Dennis, Lynn Doherty, Thomas Duren, Barb Floyd, Bob & Barbara Green, Jeff & Marcia Harris, Jim & Kelly Hettinger, Marsha Kremen, Lynn Larson, Fred Leestra, Bill & Lynn Lloyd, Sheryl Low & Polly Robinson, Colter & Stephanie Mott, Denny & Jan Prichard, Susan Quigley, James Sobieck and Linda Strand.



STUDENT PROGRAMS

Jan Prichard, Student Programs Chair, is putting together a small committee to establish a plan to increase our support to Evergreen Students and to expand our support to the Middle School. If you would like to be involved with this activity, please contact Jan.

EVERGREEN QUILT PROJECT

There is a group of talented people working to produce a Quilt for Evergreen Elementary to be ready when the new school opens. This group has met several times and have a wonderful design that includes pictures of the schools over time as well as the school symbols – a fir tree and an eagle. We hope to have pictures of the quilt as it is being assembled soon.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Marcia Harris and her committee have reviewed applications and identified three high school seniors to receive a scholarship. They have also identified three students who are currently in school for a recurring scholarship. The Hawks virtual award ceremony is planned for May 19th. We will be able to tell you more about these students after the awards ceremony.

TLF BOARD OPENING

We recently increased the number of Board members to manage TLF and there are several open positions. The mission of The Longbranch Foundation: To Inspire Collaboration and Generosity in Order to Promote Educational Opportunities, to Maintain the Area's History and to Improve the Natural Environment. As you may know, we are a non-profit charitable organization with six charitable purposes affiliated with the LIC, a non-profit social welfare organization. If you want to know more, please visit our web site: mytlf.org

If you have any interest in joining us, please send a resume and brief explanation of why you are interested to thelongbranchfoundation@gmail.com or contact me or a Board member directly.

THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THIS TUNNEL

We are making headway controlling the virus and many of us now are vaccinated. Thank you for doing your part!

However, please continue to follow the recommended guidelines: wear a mask - indoors and out, wash your hands frequently and maintain at least a six-foot distance.

This is a simple way to show respect and kindness to others.

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If you have any questions about or input for The Longbranch Foundation please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Randy Carr, Jim Hettinger, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman, Jan Prichard or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site.

Thank you for your volunteer time and donations of money to meet the needs of the community!

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