

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

LYME/OLD LYME EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

August 2008

A Message from the President ...

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation encourages Lyme and Old Lyme community members to make contributions to support programs, projects, and activities that increase the breadth and effectiveness of educational opportunities for residents of all ages. Our nonprofit organization has a special interest in promoting ways to build educational partnerships between students and community members. The Foundation is now preparing for a third anniversary to recognize our continual growth and efforts to support new ideas and initiatives for our communities. Thank you for your support.

— Adam S. Burrows, LOLEF President (2005 - Present)

LOLEF Grants Benefit LOLMS Music and LOLHS Humanities Departments

Broadening educational opportunities for our youth and community members beyond those provided through the annual school and town budgets has been a priority of the Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation. To this end, the Foundation has invited grant applications from community members, from school teachers and from students. The Foundation recently awarded grants to fund two innovative educational enrichment programs in our public schools. Grant applications for each of the programs were submitted to the Foundation for the winter grant selection period in December 2007.

- Robin Aubin, a music teacher and choral director at the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, received a grant to develop a digital music laboratory. The award will be used for purchase of computers and keyboards for the study of music theory, composition and musical keyboard development for students in the Middle School.
- The Foundation also approved an award as seed funding for a grant application to enhance the humanities

program at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School. Charlie Wolfe, humanities teacher at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, and recipient of the grant, has developed and taught a course that expands cultural awareness and bridges historically significant events with a variety of artistic forms relevant in contemporary society. Since this course of study is funded largely within the curriculum for the humanities program, provisions of the grant award will focus on innovative opportunities to expand and enrich the program aligned with the curriculum.

The Foundation welcomes grant applications from teachers, students and all Region 18 staff and community residents interested in promoting educational enrichment opportunities. Criteria for Foundation grant applications and grant application forms are available from the Foundation website at www.LOLEF.org, or interested persons can obtain an application from the Foundation Grant Selection Committee or other board members upon request.

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THE 2007/2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation works closely with, but is independent of, the school district. Our board of directors consists of community members representing parents, business leaders and residents, all of whom share a strong commitment to high quality public education. The Foundation's board is completely voluntary and all of its members have made personal financial donations to the organization this year.

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The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation, in its second full year as a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is committed to serving the communities of Lyme and Old Lyme. Copies of the Foundation's brochure are available on request and by-laws can be downloaded from the website at www.lolef.org.

LOLEF Grants

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Grant applications are accepted throughout the year. Grant selection decisions are announced semi-annually after November 1 and May 1. All grant proposals are evaluated for their educational merits in accordance with their benefit to students, faculty and the Lyme/Old Lyme educational community. Proposed grant projects/activities must be consistent with the purpose and mission of the Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation.

Foundation Board Meetings

The Foundation's board of directors meets monthly on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (Meeting location is posted on the website prior to each meeting). The following meeting dates have been scheduled for the 2008-2009 calendar:

September 8	October 6*	November 3	December 1	January 5
February 2	March 2	April 6	May 4	June 8
July 6	August 3	September 7		

* Annual meeting/new board elections

Members of the community are invited to join the board of directors in our monthly meeting discussions or to contact board members to learn how you personally can contribute to the efforts of the Foundation to support our mission. Board elections will be held in October 2008 at the Foundation's "Annual Meeting." Any community member interested in being considered for a position on the board of directors is invited and encouraged to contact any of our current board members for more information or e-mail us at info@lolef.org. Board members stand ready to share information about the Foundation and our future plans to support the community and our public schools.

Foundation Sponsors

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation would like to acknowledge and extend sincere gratitude to the **CHESTER KITCHINGS FAMILY FOUNDATION** for its continued support and generous donation. The Foundation recognizes that the financial support of the Chester Kitchings Family Foundation has been instrumental in creating the LOLEF and extending our ability to support learning opportunities for the children in our communities.

The Foundation also would like to acknowledge and extend sincere gratitude to **IR SERVICES LLC**, an Old Lyme business consulting firm that produces corporate communications for shareholders of public companies, for sponsoring the generous \$4,000 matching grant the Foundation recently received. The donation was made to match an additional \$4,000 raised from individuals and businesses since August 2007. The matching grant allowed The Foundation to receive \$2.00 for each dollar raised.

Additionally, the Foundation received a remarkably thoughtful and generous donation from Melissa Sakul, a third-grader at Center School in Old Lyme. Melissa, who celebrated her 9th birthday, requested that attendees to her party make a contribution to the Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation in lieu of birthday gifts for herself. She collected \$222 on behalf of the Foundation.

Finally, the Foundation wishes to thank the community for its support at its inaugural Spring Benefit. Over eighty people attended and approximately \$3,500 was raised at the benefit held on March 28, 2008. These generous contributions have greatly aided our newly created non-profit organization in supporting the growth and development of educational opportunities in our communities. We also extend a sincere "thank you" to the many individuals who sent contributions in support of our annual fundraising drive during the 2007/2008 fundraising campaign. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Donors

The work of the Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation is made possible by the generous contributions of many individuals and businesses throughout the community. Therefore, we gratefully recognize these donors who made contributions between August 2007 and August 2008.

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All proceeds from fundraising events and direct donations to the Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation, Inc. are identified and recorded in accordance with all federal and state tax-exempt expectations.

Yes, I would like to join my community in supporting the work of the Foundation

LYME/OLD LYME EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

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The LOLEF welcomes bequests, gifts of securities, or other donations. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

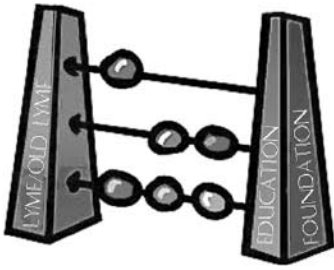
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Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation Highlights

In its second year of operation, the Foundation has:

- Accepted donations totaling over \$27,000 from sponsors and community members;
- Fulfilled the challenge to raise \$4,000. The challenge grant donor firm was IR Services LLC;
- Awarded over \$4,000 in grants to support new, creative teaching initiatives for individual teachers;
- Developed a cycle of fundraising events including an annual Spring Benefit, Road Race, and Golf Tournament.

These and other programs were made possible because of *YOUR* contributions.
Thank you!

Upcoming Events ...

September 13 *Artistry in Motion* 5K Road Race
— Register on-line at
www.Artistryinmotion5k.org

October 6
November 3
June 2009

Annual Meeting
Anniversary Reception
Golf Fundraiser at Fox Hopyard
Golf Course

For more information, see our website: www.LOLEF.org.