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Abby Wright, vocalist

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ANNUAL MEETING

Welcomes New Board Officers and Belew Legacy Award Recipient

PATHWAYS to Giving



Dave Belew, Judge Jack Moser and Shirley Moser

Jack’s community activities and volunteer commitments are what set him apart and elevate him to status few others have achieved or even hope to achieve. He has served the community in his role as a Master Gardener, Board Member for many organizations, philanthropist and volunteer wherever needed.

Judge Moser and his wife Shirley have given generously throughout the community, including at the Hamilton Community Foundation where they have a scholarship fund and are members of our Legacy Society. Jack served on the Foundation Board from 2003 through 2012 – serving as Board Chair in 2010. Jack was an outstanding Board member – curious, engaged, dedicated and wise. He helped guide the Foundation as we made some critical decisions that helped shape the future of the Foundation and the community.

Also, Heather Lewis ended her term as board chair and was recognized for her leadership. She welcomed Scott Hartford to his new role as the new chair of the Board of Trustees. Officers were elected and several members appointed to third three-year term.

- Scott Hartford – Chair
- John Kirsch – Vice Chair
- Craig Wilks - Secretary
- Cynamon Trokhan – Treasurer
- Heather Sanderson Lewis – Past Chair

The following individuals were elected to a third three year term:

- Scott Hartford
- Tom Rentschler
- Steve Timmer

Community members and donors to the Foundation gathered for the annual meeting and celebration in October to celebrate the Foundation’s successes and recognize the recipient of the David L. Belew Legacy Award.

This year we are proud to honor Judge John R. “Jack” Moser as the 2018 recipient of the David L. Belew Legacy Award.



HARRY T. WILKS HAMILTON CELEBRATES EDUCATION EVENT

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Seventeen outstanding educators were recognized at the annual event in October. Each educator was recognized with a \$1,000 grant to be used in their classroom or school. Through this program, Harry Wilks' legacy of supporting and recognizing educators lives on.



Back row: Matt Wilson, David Gretz, Doris Williams, Ellen Baden, Bridget Adams, Evan Vogel, Beth Rudolph, Ruth Houston, Gunnery Sergeant Todd McAlister. Front Row: Wendy Carter Harris, Ann Marie Gutjahr, Abby Jackson, Kari Espel, Donna Hoover, Casey Koelblin, Elizabeth Larson and Terri McDonald.

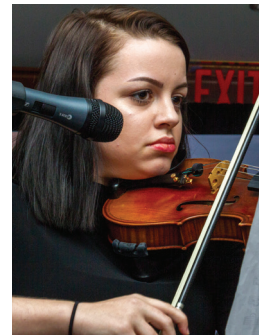
Students Entertain Educators



Badin students, Kateri Wielgos and Sydney Long sing "Country Roads"



Ezra Simmons shares his talent through a beautiful flute solo.



Violinist Holli Keillor performs to a sold out crowd.

MARCUM PARK Named One of the Great Public Spaces in the United States



Steve Marcum accepts the Great Spaces in America Award on behalf of his family.

Thanks to the generous gift of the Marcum family to create the new Marcum Park, our community has a wonderful gathering space that the American Planning Association selected it as one of the country's Great Public Spaces.

According to the APA, Great Spaces in America are those that "make communities stronger and bring people together through good planning."

Since the park opened, it has proven to be a tremendous asset to the community. Any given day you can see people there enjoying it as well as gathering for concerts, Hamilton Flea and more.



NEW TAX LAW *Could Impact Charitable Giving*



John Kirsch, CPA

The Hamilton Community Foundation and other non-profit organizations nationwide share a common concern: How will the federal tax law changes impact charitable giving? The biggest concern is that some middle-class donors might back off from their support of charities, since they are unlikely to reap the previous tax breaks they enjoyed.

“The standard deduction has doubled for most taxpayers, so that means most of them will get a large deduction, whether they do charitable giving or not, and therein lies the dilemma,” said John Kirsch of Kirsch CPA. “The positive news for me is

that I’ve seen many middle-class donors continue to give even without the tax benefit.”

The good news is that there was virtually no change to the mechanisms available to taxpayers – like Donor Advised Funds – for doing charitable contributions. “I’m pinning my hopes for the charitable segment on the fact that people truly have a charitable intent, and the tax deduction was just an added bonus,” Kirsch added. “I don’t see many people whose giving was solely based on getting a tax deduction.”

For the retired population, people who are seventy-and-a-half or older may want to use funds they have in an IRA for their charitable giving. Those contributions offer a 100% deduction for both federal and state taxes.

Ways to Give

Donor Advised Funds

A Donor Advised Fund may be a great giving vehicle for your charitable gifts. With a Donor Advised Fund you can make your gift to the Foundation when it makes the most sense for you – for tax purposes or for convenience. Once you make the gift to the Donor Advised Fund, you receive the full tax deduction and you make gifts from the fund to your favorite charitable causes.

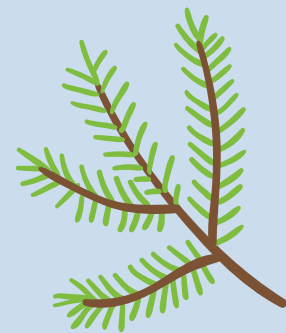
Gifts of Stock

With the strong performance of the market, it may be particularly advantageous to make gifts of stocks. If you own stocks, mutual funds or other securities that have increased in value,

and you have owned them for more than a year, it can be wise to use them to make charitable gifts.

The new law retained the tax benefits that benefits making a gift this way. You may still claim a deduction for their full market value, not just the amount you paid, and you do not have to pay capital gains tax if you gift them to charity. This opportunity is available to everyone, whether or not you itemize deductions.

Whatever option you are interested in, check with your tax advisor to determine what would be best for you.



Photos on the left & right: Community members along with the Marcum family gather to recognize Marcum Park as one of the Great Public Spaces in the U.S.



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GERMAN VILLAGE CHRISTMAS WALK

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Noon to 5 p.m.
A free, fun, family event!

ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

for graduating high school seniors
December 21 – January 21, 2019
hamiltonfoundation.org

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Deadline: February 8, 2019



Become a monthly or annual giving donor and your continual gift will help the causes you care about to sustain them today and for generations to come.

To make a recurring gift to a fund at the Foundation, please visit our website today!



FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

"Building a better community through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership."

FOUNDATION VISION STATEMENT

"Continue to be the trusted resource for growing philanthropy and leading change to improve our community."