
The Auburn Education Foundation

Making dreams come true

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The Auburn Education Foundation: A Vision Fulfilled

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Some eighteen years ago, Steve Brown, a retired Auburn Union School District principal, felt the frustration of shrinking school budgets. Beneficial curriculum and activities were falling by the wayside, cut by limited funding. He saw dedicated teachers reaching deeply into their own pockets to buy those special activities and programs that helped to enrich and extend the classroom curriculum. Steve's own dedication to kids didn't stop with his retirement. He dreamed of ways to help fund the dreams of teachers. He contacted school staff, parents, the community, and local businesses. His challenge-How can we work together to provide funds for important projects not funded by the district? The result? The founding of the community-based non-profit Auburn Education Foundation. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to secure and distribute funds to provide educational experiences and curriculum materials for the benefit and enrichment of students.

Today, under the direction of Dr. Edward Gilligan, retired superintendent of the Auburn Union



Donation from Soroptimist International to the Auburn Education Foundation. Left to right: Ed Gilligan, Arlene Evans, Sue Dings

School district, the Foundation is a thriving organization. The board of directors is made up of staff and parent representatives from each of the schools and members of the community. Funds are raised through fund-raising activities, membership, sponsorships, memorial donations and grants. Classroom and school-wide projects ranging from \$250 to \$1000 are being funded. This fall, over \$7200 was awarded. Twenty-two teachers received mini-grants or memorial grants. For the first time, two maxi-grant projects were also awarded. More awards will be granted in Spring.

How are funds accessed? Teachers, aids, secretaries and administrators are all able to apply for

funds through submission of the mini- or maxi-grant application. Grant applications are reviewed by the Grant Committee and approved by the Foundation board. At the end of the year, the recipient submits an evaluative summary of the project to the Foundation. Project descriptions and summaries are available to all staff. Successful ideas can be shared across the district.

The Foundation is proud this past year to have played a part in providing classrooms with a variety of programs, material and equipment including: classroom library books, Accelerated Reading and counseling materials, instructional materials for Kindergarten Ocean units and junior high Ancient Civilization studies, CDs and music videos, junior tennis racquets, mini-math labs and P.E. and Physical Fitness materials. The Foundation has supported Conflict Management training for junior high school students, Life-Labs and the Community Garden.

Steve Brown pursued a dream to benefit school kids. The Auburn Education Foundation keeps the dream alive. The Board of Directors is very excited and appreciative of the staff, parents and community for their support and efforts.

The Foundation + Staff + Parents + Community = Educational Benefits for Kids

Why Do We Have An Auburn Education Foundation?

The Auburn Education Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise funds for the benefit and enrichment of students in the Auburn Union School District. The goal is to provide funds for projects which are not funded by the district, but which

benefit children. In the past, many enrichment programs were started from grant money provided by the Foundation. The grants include: the Rock Creek and Skyridge life lab, a history trunk for use in the District, a Skyridge weather station, materials for the music, reading and science

enrichment programs, computer lab software, maps and globes. The Foundation continues to reach out to the community to help enrich the education of all the children who attend schools in the Auburn Union School District.

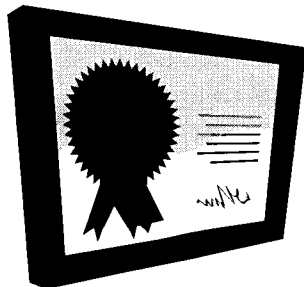
Grant Awards

At the Grant Award Reception in January, the Auburn Education Foundation was proud to award over \$7200 to classrooms for very diverse and creative purposes. Supporting community and business representatives introduced the twenty-four staff members receiving awards. For the first time, in addition to the \$250 mini-grants, two maxi-grants of up to \$1000 were given. Classrooms will enjoy such instructional materials, educational supplies and resources as: Accelerated Reading books, Zoo Phonics, digital cameras, Ocean curriculum, a home literacy program, Spanish language and Ancient Civilization studies, maps, compasses, Conflict management training and even an oven.

Mini-grants for Accelerated Reading books and software were awarded to Gail Burch, Karen Christensen, Gina Grunigen and Carol Lundberg of Alta Vista School. Jeff Fulweiler's Kindergarten class will be able to cook various foods using the new classroom oven.

At Auburn Elementary School, Tammy Cate will encourage reading in the home with books and backpacks for a Home Literacy program. Kathy Rounseville will have new books for her first grade class. Kindergarten children in Terry Tucker's class will enjoy ocean studies. Lisa McBroom will feature yearbook photos taken with the new digital camera while Joy Nesmith will use her digital camera to record classroom activities.

Tom Rae of Rock Creek School will also use a digital camera to record classroom and school-wide activities. Pam Patrick teamed with Tom to provide photo quality paper.



These Auburn Union Staff receive grants: Front row (left to right)-Stacy Pitzer (Sky), Barbara Whitley, Cindy Bell (AV), Kathy Meyering (RC), Laurie Westsmith (Sky), Karen Erghusen (EVC). Back row-Lynn Beckler (RC), Joy Nesmith (AE), Donna Mulsow (AV), Melody Thomasson (AV), Peter Niegmann (AV), Claudia Wilson (RC), Jeffrey Gail (EVC), Hilve Osella (AE).

Children will be able to inspect plant and insect life in the Life Lab with the use of magnifying glasses provided to Rebecca Lopez King.

Skyridge School's Heather Watkins also will use her mini-grant funds to purchase magnifying glasses for the Life Lab. Nan Jacobson and Gail Sims aim to increase physical education materials and equipment. Kindergarten children in Jan Hyatt's class will learn phonics in a new and fun way with Zoo Phonics.

Kelly Bennett of E.V. Cain School received the Judy Harrison Award for the purchase of Ancient Civilizations studies. Through the efforts of Kevin Daley, Spanish language instruction is returning to E.V. Cain School. As recipient of a mini-grant, the language and cultural education will be furthered. Steve Howe will provide his class with maps and compasses. Junior high students will receive Conflict Management training through the efforts of counselor, Monica Brockway.

Maxi-grants were awarded for two E.V. Cain programs. Karen Enghusen and Pam Magginetti will strengthen the 6th grade reading program with Accelerated Reading

books and materials. The maxi-grant results from a Bar-Tec Estimating and Detailing Services donation. The music program, under the direction of Patty Leftridge, will be provided instruments, a gift from the Auburn Gold Country Rotary.

Participating community and business leaders told a little about their business and why they supported the Auburn Education Foundation. Each in turn gave the certificate of award to each recipient who shared their project description with the audience. Those who participated in the program include: Carol Arnold of Advanced Bio-Mechanics, Inc., Tom Rosenau, Auburn Gold Country Rotary, Tom and Lynne Rosenau of Bar-Tec Estimating and Detailing Services, Tom and Shiela Evancie, Ken and Nancy Nittler, Gary Harrison, Jim Holmes of Holmes Service Station, Doug Houston, Coleen Conley of Lyon Real Estate and Al Patrick of Law Offices of Al Patrick.

The Auburn Education Foundation believes that in raising funds for our classrooms, we help make dreams come true for the students, and that all of us will be the beneficiaries of their success. We thank all those who have supported us in that endeavor.

The Auburn Education Foundation Reaches Out To The Community

The Foundation feels the community must work together to provide the best education system possible, which is important for the success of the community and the businesses in the community.

Business, Organizations & Professionals

The following businesses, organizations, and professionals have been most supportive of the Foundation:

Dr. Mark Abel
 Advanced Bio-Mechanics, Inc.; Carol Arnold
 American Express Financial; Karen Flemming
 Andregg, Inc.
 Art Accents Gallery; Rudy & Ann Rivero
 Auburn Gold Country Rotary
 Auburn Promenade, Ltd; Len Ganz
 Auburn True Value Hardware; Rod & Ester Ferreira
 Bar-Tec Estimating & Detailing Service, Inc.; Tom & Lynne Rosenau
 Mark Berg, Attorney
 California Payroll Concepts; Karla Tilley
 Casablanca Salon & Spa ; Shari Smith
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 Kathryn Grey, CPA
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 Homer Palermo & Co Inc.; Jan Homer
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 Placer County Board of Supervisors
 Pro Mailers
 Raleys
 Ropers Jewelers, Inc.
 Round Table Pizza
 Dr. Walter Skinner, D.D.S.
 Sizzler Restaurant
 Soroptimist International of Auburn
 Tokutomi & Caruthers; Ken Tokutomi
 Toy & Nature
 Unity of Auburn; Wayne Manning
 Wells Fargo Foundation
 Yamasaki Enterprises

Individuals

Many individuals have joined the Foundation. Those members who have the status of Patron or Friends include:
 Vince & Renee Anaclerio
 Bernice Bowen
 Bart & Joyce Bradshaw
 Rose Brown
 Meredith Bruck
 Glyneth Cassidy
 Page & Monique Eagan
 Tom & Sheila Evancie
 Kathy Fisher

Ed & Maureen Gilligan
 Bob & Dorthy Gloyd
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 Sue & Jerry Nelson
 Pam Patrick
 Laurie Penn
 Mike & Ella Rossitto
 Harriet Schlichting
 Alice Dowdin Singh
 Nancy Skidmore
 John & Theresa Tucker
 Joe & Janice Vargas
 Mary Voyazes

Memorial Donations

During the years, the Foundation received memorial donations named in honor of the following people:
 Mike & Mary Clark
 Mary Daniels
 Joe Fenolio
 Richard Lancaster
 Joe Mathews
 Gene Page



Some community members who have contributed to the Foundation this year: Elizabeth Morse, Wells Fargo; Marianna DeMartini, local artist; Cathy Springford, Attorney; Chris Benson, Audio Partners & Audio Editions; Jim Holmes, Homes Service Station; Lydia Jones, Toy & Nature; Page Eagan, Mussetter Distribution; Sue Dings, Soroptimist Int'l of Auburn; David Harrison, Magnussen's Auburn Toyota.

* Spaghetti Dinner *

The Foundation will have an old-fashion spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, May 27th at E.V. Cain Middle School.

The dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The menu will include salad, spaghetti, French bread and dessert.

Students from the various schools will display their art work and a number of classes will be performing songs.

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The Auburn Education Foundation will have two major fund raising events during the spring. Proceeds will go to future grants.

** Wearing of the Green **



It will be a great day for the Irish on Monday, March 17th, when the Auburn Education Foundation puts on a St. Patrick's Dinner Bash. The Foundation promises a great time.

The Leprechauns of O'Gilligan's Irish Band will entertain with Irish sing-along music plus the Auburn Elementary Choir will be performing.

The Irish Pub will serve dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner will consist of green salad, corned beef or pasta, potatoes, cabbage and dessert. The price of the dinner is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children and \$25 for a family ticket (2 adults & 3 children).

For tickets call (530) 823-8335.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a very productive year for the Foundation. It has taken hard work and support of many people, who have a common purpose in securing funds from individuals, corporations and foundations for the benefit and enrichment of students in the Auburn Union School District.

Twenty-three grants were made to the staff in January. These grants, I believe, promote the love of learning through enrichment projects and programs, that go beyond the basic curriculum. The Foundation is trying to provide those educational experiences and curricular materials which enhance the curriculum.

The Foundation has no salaried personnel so the work done by the Foundation Board is because of their firm belief that the money raised is supporting and enriching the students of the District. The news from Sacramento is not good for our schools. The proposed cuts in education funds will certainly effect the quality of education in our District with the probable loss of programs and personnel.

The Foundation will do everything it can through the grant program to minimize the loss. We hope you will support our work.