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Making dreams come true

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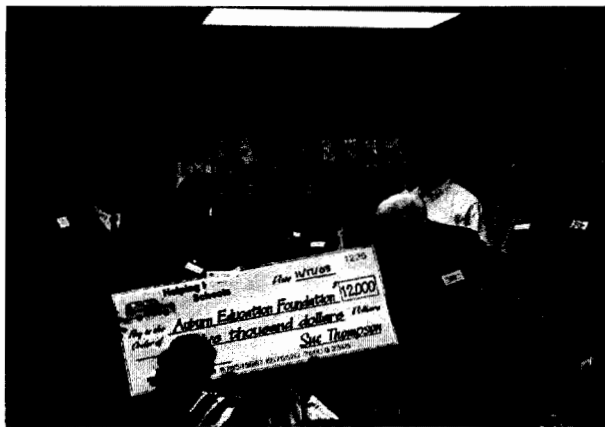
Summer 2004

Foundation Boasts Successful 2003-04 School Year

Words of Thanks

by Audrey Mueller

After an energetic year of fund-raising activities, gaining community support and receiving a substantial grant from Hometown Realty, the Auburn Education Foundation enjoyed its greatest year of giving awards. During the 2003-2004 school year, the Foundation approved 40 mini-grants of up to \$250 and seven maxi-grants of up to \$1000. Almost \$16,000 in grants were approved to enrich programs of Auburn school kids. Since the reorganization in 2001, AEF has awarded 119 grants totaling \$36,000. Proposals have come from classroom and special education teachers, computer lab and library techs, and even office staff who want to help make their school a cheerful place for leaning to flourish.



Ed Gilligan looks on as Sue Thompson presents a "big check" representing the \$12,000 grant from Hometown Realty to the Auburn Education Foundation..

Creativity and enthusiasm are evident in the varied proposals. How fortunate that Auburn has a staff that seeks out the best for students. The Auburn Education Foundation is excited to support their efforts. The Foundation raises funds through fundraising activities, grants, memorial gifts, sponsorships and memberships. Funds are accessed from the Foundation through the submission of mini-and maxi-grant applications.

We thank everyone who has helped raise funds to support children. The Foundation slogan is, "Making dreams come true." We invite all staff and community to continue to join us in that endeavor. Together we do make dreams come true.

HomeTown School Drive

On July 29th the 2004 HomeTown School Drive will kick off with a luncheon at Auburn Elementary School. This follows last year's drive that met with overwhelming success. The two month 2003 drive raised \$12,000 through the efforts of the HomeTown Realtors staff and other firms who joined in the important cause. Along with HomeTown Realtors, Auburn Coffee Co. & Cafe, Alliance Title, Auburn Community Bank, Auburn

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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. 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.

Journal, Countrywide Mortgage, CTX Mortgage, Dancing Dog Day Productions, Jeff Dutra, Essential Balance, Fidelity National Title, Gold Country Rotary members, Nikki Homes, North American Title, Old Republic Title, Jay Perryman, Placer Title Company, Premier Mortgage, Soroptimist International of Historic Auburn, Stage Stop Ranch, Sylvan Learning Center, Union Bank of California, Walker's Office Supply, and Warehouse Paints all supported the drive that helped provide many grants for Auburn Union School District students.

Special Donations

The Foundation received donations in the name of the following:

Steve Brown
Ed Feuerbach
Al & Pam Patrick
Curt Landry
Harold French
Judy Harrison
Laurie Niewaki
Jean McElroy
Dorothy Dimmick
Joan Chloupek
George Benham
Rosemary Feuerbach

These donations will be used for Grants to help provide the best education for students. The Foundation appreciated the donations made in their names.

Auburn Education Foundation Reaches Out to the Community

The Foundation and the community must work together to provide the best education system possible, which is necessary for the success of the community and the businesses in the community. The following businesses, organizations and professionals have been most supportive of the Foundation in 2004.

Business & Organization Donors

Patrons

ATT Community Giving Program, Auburn Gold Country Rotary, Auburn Host Lions, Mark Bert-Attorney, HomeTown Realty, Kiwanis Club of Auburn, Microsoft Giving Campaign, Wells Fargo Foundation, Daughters of the American Revolution, Placer County Builders Exchange, Union Bank of California, Mussetter Distribution, and Soroptimist International of Auburn.

Friends

Auburn Hardware & Rental, Audio Partners, Coldwell Banker, Contrails Inc., Crossroads Auburn Auto, Eislely Nursery, Foothill Fundraiser, Foster Freeze, Holmes Service Station, J.R. Associates, KP Martin, Lyon Realtors, Lichau & Associates, Parkside Church of the Nazarine, C & G Wire-

less Communications, Companion Veterinary Clinic, Sunrise Church, Ken Tokutomi-CPA, Bruce Ulrich-D.D.S., and Yamasaki Landscape Architecture.

Contributors

Adele's Boutique & Hair Salon, Albertson's, Art Accents Gallery, Auburn Breakfast Club, Auburn Journal, Auburn Sentinel, Auburn Valley Country Club, Auburn Family Tae Kwon Do, Auburn Drug, Bagel Junction, B Street Fantasy Theater, Black Oak Golf, Café Delicious, Casablanca Salon, Crystal Dairy, Downtown Hairstyling, Eislely Nursery, Encore Music, Foothill Computers & Accounting, Flower's by Foote, Gristmill Bakery, Harrah's/Harvey's, Hilda's Pastries, Hyatt's Wines, KAHl Radio, Ann Kelley-Hairstyling, Kusel Chiropractic & Sports Rehab, LaVello Spa Salon, Lee of Auburn, Lyon's of California, Lou La Bonte Restaurant, Magnusson's Auburn Toyota, Meissner, Madonna's Restaurant, Old Time Pizza, Pacific Fitness Gym, Gary Gilligan-Pampered Chef, Pasquale T's, Pizza Express, Placer Credit Union, Printmaster, Promailer, Raley's/Bel Air Supermarkets, Ralph's, Ridge Golf Course, Robber's Roost, Sacramento Bee-South Placer, Sacramento Kings, Sears of Auburn, Six

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Flag Amusement Park, Sizzler, Starbucks, Sugar Bowl, Thai Cuisine, Toy & Nature, Tsuda Grocery, Truckee Hotel-Karen Winter and Kathy Fisher, Whitney Oaks Golf Club, and Warehouse Paints.

The Foundation is Tax Exempt

The Auburn Education Foundation submitted legal materials to both the Federal and State governments to continue its exemption from paying state and federal income taxes. The Franchise Tax Board and the Federal Internal Revenue Service reaffirmed that donors may deduct contributions to the Foundation.

Foundation Officers and Board of Directors

President *Page Eagan*
 Vice President *Ed Gilligan*
 Secretary *Kathy Fisher*
 Corresponding Secretary
Harriett Kroot
 Treasurer *Monique Eagan*

Visit the Foundation's New Web Site

Board member, Ken Nittler, has developed a web site for the Foundation. Check it out at www.auburneducationfoundation.org. The web site provides a way for the community to find out about the Foundation, its fundraising efforts and to support its unique grant process.

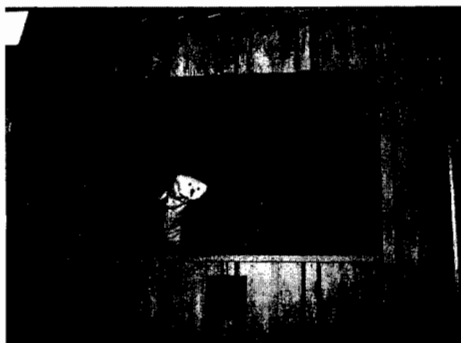
The Web site includes sections on the current supporters, fundraising activities, recent grants, and the mission and history of the Foundation.

General Meeting

The Auburn Education Foundation honored Linda Beasley, Britt Shirley, Linda Mirati, Sue Lloyd, and Margie Vielbig, who retired in June. They were honored at the Foundation's General Meeting.

Renaissance Faire a Huge Success

The Foundation approved a maxi-grant of \$1,000 for the Renaissance Faire at E.V. Cain. What a great job Shirley Paris and the 7th grade staff did in providing the students with many various medieval activities. A majority of the students dressed in medieval attire. Certainly, the event brought history alive to the students. The Foundation feels the grant provided enrichment activities that wouldn't have been available through the District budget.



Materials such as theatrical plays and science programs support the total student.

What the Staff Thinks About the Grant Program

There is no doubt that mini grants support students and their education. If one looks at projects sponsored by the Foundation, one will find remedial materials, leveled readers, and other materials that support specific needs of individual students. Supplemental materials, such as theatrical plays and science programs, and financial aid to physical education, support the total student, not only the academic needs of the students. Auburn Education Foundation grants have enhanced student learning by financing many materials that our schools' general funds have not been able to provide. Teachers are grateful to the Auburn Education Foundation for grants that have provided much needed remedial and enrichment materials for the students of the Auburn Union School District.

*Karen Christensen, Teacher
 Alta Vista School*

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The teachers of the Auburn Union School District are al-

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ways looking for ways to enrich programs, but occasionally programs are not funded by the District. Hence, the partnership of the two organizations. The members of the Auburn Education Foundation have unselfishly given countless hours of their time.

They have provided funds for grants for enrichment programs to benefit all of the children of the district. The teachers have been able to use the grants to go beyond the everyday curriculum and expand the minds of the children. It is a privilege to have received a grant from the Auburn Education Foundation, and I would like to thank the members for their support in making the dreams of the students come true.

*Jan Hyatt, Teacher
Skyridge School*

The Auburn Education Foundation's grant for \$250 helped me purchase phonics support instruction for my classroom with the "Versa Tiles Phonics Lab"—a phonics resource for children and teachers. In this program, I am able to have the children work in small groups, or independently, at their own level of phonics instruction; included is letter-



sound recognition, handwriting, blending, consonant and vowel practice, short vowels, and the long vowel rules, PALS, vocabulary, contractions, rhyme, classification, graphic awareness, grammar, mechanics, usage, sentence structure, parts of speech, paragraphs, prefixes and suffixes, skill building, context clues, comprehen-

sion, story components, main ideas, genres and more! I am able to have support and an intervention program with Versa Tiles. I am grateful to the foundation for granting my request—for the children are the real winners.

*Maggie Knapp, Teacher
Skyridge School*

The teachers and students at Rock Creek Elementary School are very excited about the most recent rounds of Auburn Education Foundation grants. Not only will we get a magnified view of our life lab, thanks to the magnifying loops requested by K-1 teacher Becky Lopez-King, but we will also be able to photograph and display our



discoveries around the campus with the new digital camera and photo-quality printer requested by 4th grade teacher, Tom Rae, and 2nd grade teacher, Pam Patrick. We are looking forward to producing and displaying ongoing documentation of school events and student work. We also plan to use the camera and printer to improve our school web site and generate new ideas for student writing. The staff at Rock Creek would like to say a giant THANK YOU to the Auburn Education Foundation.

*Pam Patrick, Teacher
Rock Creek School*

How Does the Foundation Use the Money It Receives?

The money raised by the Foundation goes directly to the classrooms and students of the Auburn Union School District. Many non-profit organizations have a great deal of overhead because of the salaries that are paid, but the Foundation has only volunteer members to do the work. The supplemental page

at the end of this newsletter summarizes the grants that have been given during the last

three years. The Foundation is proud of its support of the students of the District.

AUBURN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Making Dreams Come True

P. O. Box 6313 Auburn, CA 95604



MINI and MAXI-GRANT INFORMATION

AWARD HISTORY

January 2001 through April 2004

Number of Mini- Grants Awarded:

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| January 2001 through May 2003 | 67 |
| October 2003 | 22 |
| April 2004 | 18 |
| Total | 107 |

Number of Maxi-Grants Awarded:

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| October 2002 through May 2003 | 5 |
| October 2003 | 2 |
| April 2004 | 5 |
| Total | 12 |

Total Amount Allocated:

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| October 2003 - April 2004 | \$15,908 |
| January 2001 through April 2004 | \$36,324 |

Mini-Grant Awarded Projects (\$100.00 - \$250.00)

Language Arts

- Accelerated Reading Program - Books, Quizzes, Teacher's Editions, Quizzes, Computer Software 1-6
- Classroom Libraries K-1
- Every Child a Reader Software K-5
- Versa Tile Labs 1-5
- Co-Writer Software for Resource Specialist Program RSP
- LeapFrog Pads and Books 2-3
- Permabound Harry Potter books for Chapter I 7-8
- Zoo Phonics Materials K
- Book Bags, Backpacks, and Books for Home Literacy Program K-2
- "Operation Proofread" Writer's Workshop: Franklin Spell Checker, Dictionaries 7-8

Mathematics

- Chapter I Mini Math Lab 7-8

Physical Education

- CLIMB Materials (Classroom Learning to Improve Motor Efficiency) K
- Physical Education Equipment: Hockey sticks, big red balls, scooters, tennis rackets, obstacle course equipment, dance, and movement K-5

Spanish Language and Bilingual Education

- Spanish Materials to Study Cultural Events 7-8
- Singlish Program for Classroom Use and Bilingual Program K-5

Misc.

- After School Intervention Program: Games K
- Plastic Pond and Oven K
- Oven and Cooking Utensils K-2
- Learning Center Support 7-8
- Conflict Management Training 6-8
- Peer Counseling Training 6-8
- Seed Money to Explore Feasibility of Building an E. V. Cain Track 6-8
- Listening/Speaker Center Equipment Sp. Ed and K-5

History/Social Science

- Class set of Ulysses/Study of Greece; Child of the Owl/Study of China; Historical Fiction Novels/Study of American History 6-8
- Social Studies Books for Chapter I Students 6-8
- Interact Materials for Social Studies 6
- Video Library for Social Studies Curriculum 6
- Globe 2
- Compasses, Books for Mapping Activities 6

Science

- Ocean Studies and Dinosaur Curriculum 3
- Life Lab Greenhouse Support K-5
- Butterfly Habitat K
- Roll-around Guinea Pig Cage to Observe Indoor/Outdoor Behavior K
- Science Life Cycle Curriculum and Materials 1
- Let's Read and Find-Out Classroom Science Books 4
- Exploring My 5 Senses Investigation K

Music, Art, and Drama

- Music and Movement Materials K
- Portable Puppet Theater 2
- CD's and Music Videos 1

Technology Support

Computer Supplies, Software, Digital Cameras

- Computer Lab Software K-3
- Digital Cameras and Printmaster Software K-5
- Photo Printer 2
- Alpha Smart 4
- Technology Loaning Library (Licenses) K-5

Maxi-Grant Awarded Projects (\$600.00 to \$1000.00)

- Read Naturally Software 1-5
- Reading Intervention with Reading Rods 2
- Musical Instruments 7-8
- Accelerated Reading Materials 6
- Structured English Immersion Program: LeapFrog School House program. K-5
- Life Lab Support K-5
- The Symphony Goes to School K-5
- Medieval Feast 7
- Computer Lab Licences, headphones, recordable CD's for Publishing Student Stories Com. Lab
- Peer Counseling and Leadership Training 6-8
- Kid Pix Curriculum Integrated Software Com. Lab