



The Foundation Buzz

Our Mission

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experiences for students in our public school system

GALA 2017 Highlights Leaders



Past presidents Bruce Hackman (l) and Susan Krumm, along with Rodney Latty, board president, enjoy viewing this vintage 1932 LaSalle Cabriolet convertible at Auto World Museum, site of GALA 2017.

GALA 2017 brought together great leaders, great food, great projects and great automobiles to celebrate another year of the Foundation's success. Saturday evening, March 18, saw 110 people gather to applaud those successes and honor the people making them happen.

Fulton Public Schools Foundation grant recipients were tucked among the vintage automobiles with exhibits showcasing their projects. They loved the cars and visiting with attendees (see page 3). Following an invocation by Earl O'Rourke, Honorary Chairs, Vicki and Mike McDaniel, welcomed the crowd to the exciting Auto World Museum, a favorite with everyone, and thanked GALA committee members Jane Bell, Susan Krumm, and Angela Morrison. School Board president, Kevin Hajban, also welcomed attendees and gave a brief update.

After a delicious meal by Reinhardt Circle Catering, the crowd heard from FHS alum, Janea Danuser. Janea, a 1991 graduate, took the usual route of college and work before returning to Fulton in 1999 to join the family business, Danuser Machine. Being a young woman in an agricultural equipment business had its challenges. Janea reflected on her Fulton Public Schools background and pointed out teachers that had helped prepare her for such a world. After hearing her story, we can all be proud of this dynamic FHS graduate and local businesswoman and the leader she has become.

Also on the agenda was honoring Foundation leaders. Since establishing a working board in 2006, the Foundation has had excellent leadership provided by Susan Krumm, Bruce Hackmann, and Tom Riley (see page 4). Board president Rodney Latty, welcomed Susan and Bruce to the stage (Tom was unable to attend), highlighted their many accomplishments in advancing the Foundation and presented each with an engraved desk clock in appreciation. Thanks to their vision and leadership, the Foundation is thriving.

Another group moving the Foundation forward is the Hornet Foundation Circle major giving club. All members were recognized and new members presented with their HFC pins. FHS alumni are critical to the Foundation's success and three classes were honored for their Reunion Class Gifts (see page 6). Recognized for their outstanding donations were the Classes of 1966 (50th reunion), 1946, 1947 & 1948 (joint reunion), and Class of 1971 (45th reunion). Rodney Latty, president and Diane Burre Ludwig, executive director, gave Foundation updates and thanked the evenings sponsors, **Backers Potato Chip Company, Dollar General, and William Woods University.** Enjoy more of GALA 2017 on the following pages.



Janea Danuser, FHS '91, leader and businesswoman, shares her story during GALA.

From the President

Dear Friends of the Fulton Public Schools Foundation,

We began 2017 with great expectations for the Fulton Public Schools Foundation and we have not been disappointed. Activities started off in the Spring with our third annual Gala event. It was a packed house at the Auto World Museum with attendees being able to view the projects that were funded by the classroom grants during the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you to the teachers who made good use of these grants to enrich the education of their students and for attending the Gala to explain their projects.

Other Gala highlights included honoring the past presidents of the Foundation and a wonderful keynote address delivered by Fulton graduate Janea Danuser. As it was an evening of recognition, we expressed our gratitude to those that supported the Foundation in the past year through the Hornet Foundation Circle and the reunion classes that provided generous donations last fall. Thank you to all those individuals and groups that, through their generosity, support the success of the students of Fulton Public Schools.

Of course, thank you to Mike and Vicki McDaniel for serving as our honorary chairs and allowing us to use the unique and wonderful Auto World Museum for our Gala. It was so enjoyable that we are going back there for GALA 2018. And another big thank you to Carol Robertson for the great photos you'll see throughout this issue.

It seems almost as soon as the Gala is over the school year is coming to a close for the academic year. But, just like the school district, our work continued as usual. The new classroom grants for the 2017-18 school year were awarded in April (see page 9). Congratulations to the teachers who received these grants and we will look forward to your displays at next year's Gala event.

The Foundation board spent a significant amount of time this summer striving to make our operation as efficient and productive as possible. One result of our discussions was partnering the FHS Alumni Association with the Foundation in a joint relationship which included the establishment of an Alumni scholarship to be awarded annually. We believe this will provide a streamlined contact point for Fulton graduates and reunion classes while also funding a scholarship for the continuing education of future graduates.

Also, to make our operation the best it can be, Foundation board members spent several hours with facilitator Bill Jessop in two strategic planning sessions this summer (see page 9). We were able to take a detailed look at our mission, our goals, and how we can do an even better job of accomplishing those goals. A huge thank you goes out to Bill Jessop for his assistance in our strategic planning. We were able to make great progress due to his skills as a facilitator.

One last comment on the summer activities involves a gift to the Foundation. A sincere expression of gratitude goes to The Callaway Singers who generously donated the proceeds from their May concert to the Foundation to be directed to the vocal music department at Fulton Public Schools. What a wonderful gift from a great bunch of folks (see page 6).

The 2017-18 school year is started and in full swing. The graduating class of 2018 can hardly wait for May and the graduating class of 2030 has entered the elementary buildings full of energy. It's easy to take for granted what Fulton Public Schools does for the children of the Fulton community and easy for a graduate to forget the gift of the quality education they received.

As I write this letter, children are on the buses going home after having spent a day dominated by a unique event, the total eclipse of the sun. How lucky our children are to have been able to be at school when this happened. No one could or would have done more to teach a child everything there is to know about a solar eclipse, helped them view the eclipse, and kept them safe the entire time. I am grateful for the many efforts the teachers, staff, and administration of Fulton Public Schools put forth in making this event as fun, educational and meaningful as possible for the students. This is why our schools are so special and so important.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Foundation so far this year and we look forward to this Fall with great anticipation.



Rodney Latty at GALA 2017

Rodney Latty

Gala Showcases 2016-2017 Classroom Grants



'Authentic Education Experiences' combined field trips, writing assignments and adventures for kindergartners guided by Robyn Frame and Katie Finley.



The Busy Hornet Café allowed special needs students to expand the Mugs Coffee Shop. Taylor Oestreich and Justin Gilmore provided guidance as they developed business experience.



'Digital Arts' provided a new digital approach to art in a classroom learning center. Danielle Davidson displayed a variety of concepts and techniques through various apps.



'Makerspace' allowed the library to expand their collection of items and accessories for students to use. Kendall Stradford presented various works.



'FMS Thrive Hive' is an on-site store for things students need to thrive—schools supplies, food, health/hygiene and seasonal clothing. Tiffany Sargent, Connie Tobias, Heather Yates and Stephanie Horstmeier oversee the project with Jo Williamson's assistance.



Debra Hunter and Kara Wagner share results of their project, 'OSMO in Kindergarten,' which in a hands-on interactive use of iPads in learning.



Foundation grant recipients, Katie Finley and Robyn Frame, at the mike, represented all recipients in thanking attendees for supporting our schools through the Foundation.



'Creation Station' provided an after-school focus on developing STREAM skills, problem solving and critical thinking using Makerspace. Cami Webb directed the program for 4th and 5th grade students.



'Connecting Kindergarten Through Service Learning' took students to local nonprofit agencies for hands-on helping projects. Amy Caswell, Melissa Milius and Shauna Smith headed up the team.



'Full STEAM Ahead with Makerspace' focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math using Makerspace to further creativity and building skills, all guided by Delora Vaughn.



'Sparking Learning Through STEM' brought Sphero, an app-controlled robotic ball, into the classroom, teaching problem-solving and teamwork under the guidance of Jan Bailey.

Foundation Leaders Award Recipients

GALA 2017 initiated a new award, the Foundation Leader’s Award to recognize leadership significant in the Foundation’s growth. This recap of our Foundation presidents shows how their leadership moved the Foundation forward. We are pleased for them to be the first honorees on the Foundation Leader’s Award.



SUSAN KRUMM

As the first Foundation president, 2006-2009, Susan presided over the development of basic infrastructure, built a larger board, developed a logo and mission statement, surveyed the schools for funding options the Foundation could

provide, developed the first grant application process and made the first classroom grant awards in April 2008. The first Major Saver fundraising campaign was also part of this period of growth. Foundation asset began at \$12,440.

BRUCE HACKMANN

During Bruce’s first term, 2010-2012, the major activity was the Founding Fifty campaign to raise \$50,000 for endowment and it was successfully completed in eight months. A Foundation website was also established, the first 5K Run held and the first Alumni Association scholarship presented. Assets climbed to \$114,216.



Rodney Latty, president, congratulates Bruce and Susan. He holds the new Foundation Leaders plaque displaying with their names.



TOM RILEY

Tom’s term , 2013-2014, was devoted to developing a strong strategic plan, expanding the website, managing the Bruce Harris memorial gifts, selling the land donation in Georgia and building the Foundation’s partnership with the Alumni Association. Foundation assets totaled \$178,712 during this time.

BRUCE HACKMANN

In his second presidency, 2014-2016, Bruce’s focus became growth as the Foundation hired it’s first executive director (part-time), began a major gift club, produced the first newsletter, continued strategic planning, updated bylaws, received two trusts to oversee, accepted the first class reunion campaign gift, and held the first GALA (2015) to honor Foundation founders. The Foundation also expanded its financial support beyond classroom grants to designated gift opportunities such as the audio/visual projection system at FHS, Academic Week, and building grants. Assets at the end of 2016 totaled \$240,215.



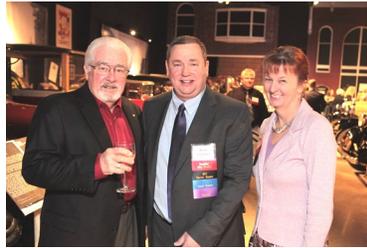
Our sincere thanks to Susan, Bruce and Tom for their exemplary leadership

GALA 2017 Highlights

Thanks to Carol Robertson for the great photos



Dr. Jacque Cowherd, Superintendent, helps honor teachers.



Honoree Bruce Hackmann (c) and wife, Linda, visit with Jack Tutt.



Diane Burre Ludwig, executive director, shares a story.



Honorary GALA 2017 chairs, Vicki and Mike McDaniel (left), lead the way for the delicious buffet prepared by Reinholdt Circle Catering.



Mayor LeRoy Benton and wife, Francis, enjoy the evening.



Doc Kritzer (c), board member, helped with the drawing for a black & gold quilted throw made by former teachers, Deana Ready and Becky Gohring, which brought in \$364. Another throw is underway for GALA 2018.



Joyce Williams and daughters, Sarah and Jenny enjoy GALA .



Moriah and Verdis Lee with the 1932 LaSalle Cabriolet.



Scott Walker entertains the crowd .



Clint Smith (l) and Matt Gowin enjoying the great array of automobiles.

From the Executive Director



“To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.”

I love quotes. The one above is from Mother Teresa and is one of my favorites. Having done fundraising for over 33 years now, I know how true that it. Good things need care. We have to keep finding the oil and adding it to the lamp to light our way.

As we did our strategic planning process this summer, I could see our board members finding that oil— in time, treasure and talents. We have a strong and viable Foundation. What does it take to keep it that way? How much more oil will we need? What can we do if we have more oil? All good questions. I’m proud of the work our board is putting into finding the answers.

Last year, we had three reunion classes make gifts to us. This year there are five groups in progress as this time. I constantly appreciate how one generation reaches back to help the next. We look forward to honoring the reunion classes of 1952 (65th reunion), 1962 (55th reunion), 1967 (50th reunion), 1977 (40th reunion), and 1997 (20th reunion) on March 17, 2018 at GALA . I LOVE working with the reunion classes to keep the Hornet Pride going! If your class is already planning a reunion for 2018, we have banners, centerpieces and other materials to offer. Just get in touch!

Diane Burre Ludwig, FHS '64 573-642-4664

Reunion Class Gifts Honored at GALA

THANK YOU!



Betsy Blattner Tutt, Class of 1966, is pleased with their total of \$6,600 that is now engraved on the official Class Reunion Gifts plaque. Their 50th reunion, held September 9-10, 2016, was a great success! Here, Rodney Latty and Diane Burre Ludwig are pleased to recognize their accomplishment.

GALA is a time of celebration and recognizing the Class Reunion Gifts has become a favorite part of the event. We were pleased to be able to recognize three class gifts in March. All class gifts were individually listed in our Spring newsletter.

The Class of 1966 was honored for their unique gift of \$6,600 (from the Class of '66)! Approximately 40 classmates participated with a gift. Betsy Blattner Tutt, representing the group, noted they were very pleased to support the Foundation and the work it does to help today's students.

Marianne Murphy Stone represented the classes of 1946, 1947 & 1948. They joined forces to hold a reunion in September 2016 celebrating their 68th, 69th, & 70th reunions respectively. Their Class Reunion Gift campaign had 24 donors and a gift of \$1,620.



Mary Yates Hagan (l) and Rita Russell Adams represented the Class of 1971. Their 45th Class Reunion Gift campaign was done in one day and totaled \$315.

Taking a slightly different approach, the Class of 1971 did a one-day campaign for the Foundation during their reunion on September 10, 2016. This resulted in a gift of \$315.

If your class is interested in helping, please contact Diane Burre Ludwig at 573-642-4664. It is the perfect way to remember your high school years and help today's students as they make their own great memories.



Members of the classes of 1946-1947-1948 joined together for a reunion on September 17-18, 2016. They presented a gift of \$1,620 to the Foundation. Here, Marianne Murphy Stone represents the group.



Callaway Singers Surprise Foundation

"O Happy Day" was not only on the playlist for the May concert done by The Callaway Singers, it was the feeling of the Fulton Public Schools Foundation when they were announced as the charity benefiting from the concert. Foundation board member, Donald (Doc) Kritzer, was in the audience and remembers the excitement when the Foundation's name was announced. "The Foundation had no idea it had been chosen," he said. "The concert was classic/soft rock and they certainly 'rocked' us with that announcement!"

Marlene Railton, director of The Callaway Singers, noted, "Our gift is being directed to the choral music department at the high school. This is a win-win for all as that will help grow potential members for The Callaway Singers as well as help the department with things it needs now."



Above, The Callaway Singers in concert. Right, Diane Burre Ludwig (l) receives check from Marlene Railton (r), director, and Laurey Lehman. Funds are directed to the FHS choral department which Lehman directs. She too was unaware of the gift until the announcement.

"A strong community works together and we are thrilled with their generous gift of \$800," commented Rodney Latty, Foundation president. "It was a wonderful surprise! The Foundation is most grateful for this recognition by The Callaway Singers."

Hornet Foundation Circle Welcomes New Members

For January through August 2017, the following individuals and organizations have joined the Hornet Foundation Circle with a gift of \$250 - \$5,000. Our sincere thanks to each of them.

Mike and Teri Basnett Central Bank Jerry and Janet Danuser Glen and Natasha Harris
 The Callaway Singers Janea Danuser Michelle Hans Mosers

If you would like more information on the Hornet Foundation Circle, or to make a donation to the Fulton Public Schools Foundation, please contact Diane Burre Ludwig, executive director, at 573-642-4664 or exdir@fultonschoolsfoundation.org.

GENERAL DONATIONS

For January through August 2017, the following individuals and organizations have made a general donation to the Foundation. Our sincere thanks for their support.

Barbara Huddleston
 Lucy and Patrick Kirby
 Ronnie McDaniel
 Alton Real

Alumni Association Creates New Scholarship at Foundation

Nikki Ryan and Lydia Schuster are passionate about Fulton High and its alumni. For several years, they worked to form an official Alumni Association and got it off the ground. During that time, fundraisers were held to provide funding for an Alumni Scholarship. Administering it was a bit more challenging than either had expected or had time for.

With both women on the Fulton Public Schools Foundation board, they realized the Foundation could house the scholarship funds and help with distribution. After discussions, steps have been taken to make that happen. The Foundation is honored to be the custodian for this account. The first award is expected to be made in spring 2018.

Foundation Homecoming Tent
 The Foundation is planning to be a part of the Homecoming celebration again this year. Look for our white tent on Friday, September 29, at the stadium!

Coffee Shop Grant Proves Great Success

In 2014-15, the Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Fulton Middle School (FMS) to help start a student-led coffee shop. Amy Jolly wrote and implemented the original grant in 2015. It allowed FMS special education students to run a coffee shop which provided coffee, tea, and hot chocolate to MS and district staff, parents, and members of the community. The shop was open 3 days a week and helped to teach business and life skills to the participants as they were responsible for all operations.

In 2016-17, the grant was funded again to begin the same program at the High School. Both programs are now very successful. Teacher, Whitney Kettle, and several of the current students presented their story at the May 10th Rotary Club meeting at the Country Club. Students shared what each one did to run Fulton Mugs and what they liked about their specific job. Kettle reported that the program has grown sufficiently and is now self-supporting. A great success story!



Fulton Mugs students enjoy their day at Rotary



Foundation Accomplishments

The Foundation works closely with the School District to determine priority items for Foundation funding. It also work with donors who have special funding interests that align with district needs. Since its grant-making began in 2006, the Foundation has helped by funding the following:

		<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Classroom Grants	2007-2018	66 grants	\$ 50,000
Foreign Language Grants	2007-2011	3 grants	\$ 5,000
Academic Week	2014-2017	3 grants	\$ 9,000
Building Grants	2015-2016	1 grant	\$ 12,000
Equipment Grant for Projection System	2015-2016	1 grant	\$ 30,000
Memorial Gifts	2016-17	1 gift	\$ 2,600
Donor-directed Gifts	2016-17	1 gift	\$ 1,000

Funds for these grants are raised from Reunion Class Gifts, the Hornet Foundation Circle gift club, the annual GALA, memorial donations, annual appeals, community gifts, payroll deductions, and endowment income.

We are also honored to be the custodians for the Sylvia K. Blattner Award, the Jack Garner Memorial Music Scholarship, and the new FHS Alumni Association Scholarship.

What are Classroom Grants?

This is a question we hear frequently as we visit with alumni and donors. Our classroom grants allow teachers to apply for funding for projects or activities that would be instrumental in advancing student learning but are not in the current school budget.

Grants are typically \$500 - \$1,000 each. Teachers complete an application form with project description, budget, goals and projected outcomes. A Foundation panel then reviews all grants and makes selections. Typically we can award 8-10 grants each year with total funding of about \$7,000 annually.

At GALA, teachers display their grant projects, the student's works, and are there to discuss the results with attendees. A win-win for all!

2017 Blattner and Garner Scholarship Recipients Named

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation is pleased to be the custodian for these two scholarship accounts and to announce the 2017 recipients. Our congratulations to these worthy students.

Sylvia K. Blattner Award

GENTRY TOTTA

Gentry will attend Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe, KS. On her application she noted, "I have decided to major in biology and become a practicing optometrist, with the aspiration of taking optometry into the mission field."



Jack Garner Memorial Music Scholarship

COLLEEN VAN NORMAN

Colleen is headed to Truman State University in Kirksville to major in music therapy, with a vocal emphasis. Colleen noted, "When you are busy with school, you don't have a lot



of time to think how school is being paid for. This scholarship has helped me in many ways. It has helped me with the cost of my tuition. I am from a low income family who needs all the help they can get sending their three kids to college. God granted me the gift of singing and I am using it for his glory. He helped me receive the scholarship, and I am using it well. The scholarship has given me strength and confidence in my abilities to go for my goals of becoming a music therapist. I feel prepared by the financial help and the emotional support of the scholarship. I am so thankful for it. It has definitely helped me in my college path. "



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation offers its congratulations and best wishes to these 2017 retirees from Fulton Public Schools District 58. Thank you for your many years of loyal service.

Jan Bailey, Fulton Middle School

Carolyn Clark, Fulton Middle School

Linda Hall, Fulton Education Center

Dr. Suzanne Hull, Central Office

Pat Kelley, Fulton High School

Julie Koochkyazdi, Fulton High School

Darren Masek, Fulton Middle School

Dave Milligan, Fulton High School

Donna Neumann, McIntire Elementary

Foundation 2017-18 Classroom Grants Announced

The following grants have been awarded for the current school year to allow teachers to expand learning opportunities and creative activities.

Seatbelts Everyone! Educ Experiences	Bartley Elem	\$ 500
Connecting Kindergarten Through Service Learning	McIntire Elem	\$ 500
We Like to Move It!	Fulton Educ Center	\$ 500
FMS Ambassadors	Middle School	\$ 700
FMS Thrive Hive	Middle School	\$1,000
Lights, Camera, Science in Action	Bartley Elem	\$ 500
KitchenAid for Foods	High School	\$ 800
Read to Succeed	Bartley Elem	\$ 500
OSMO in Kindergarten	Bush Elem	\$ 500
STEAM City; Creative Innovation Stations	K-8 all schools	\$1,000
Total 2017-2018 Classroom Grants		\$ 7,000

**Attend GALA 2018 on
March 17, 2018 at
Auto World Museum
to see displays of the wonderful
work that will be created in
these teachers' classrooms!**



2017-18 Grant Recipients

Robyn Frame, Amy Caswell, Katie Finley, Shauna Smith, Kara Wilkerson, Linda Hackmann, Kasey DuBuque, Kara Wagner, Kayla Foust, Debbie Hunter, Heather Yates, Melissa Milius, Jo Williamson, Stephanie Horstmeier, Jamie Thompson, and Josh Howard.

Strategic Planning with Bill Jessop

Bill Jessop is always a man with a plan— a strategic plan. His expertise in this field is vast. The Foundation was fortunate enough to have Bill help us with our planning sessions in June and July. The board of directors met to discuss current Foundation issues, review the mission statement, focus on future growth, brainstorm new ideas, and develop action plans.

Sessions involved doing a SWOT analysis of our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, a review of the current plan and visioning of where the Foundation should be going. Board members worked in small groups on assigned areas of the Foundation. Board member Angela Morrison noted, "It was exciting to look back and see how much the Foundation has accomplished. Bill Jessop did a wonderful job guiding us through the process. The Foundation has a path to help us continue to offer support to staff and students of Fulton Public Schools."

Other key issues discussed included establishing an ongoing awards program to recognize educators at the annual GALA, growing Foundation assets through donations and planned gifts, upgrading the website and social media presence, increasing donations to the schools, and helping fund a grant writer for the district. Our thanks to Bill for sharing his expertise to help the Foundation grow.



Above, Bill Jessop leads a discussion.



At left, board members work in groups on specific issues.

2017 Board of Directors

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Susan Krumm
Vicki McDaniel
Nikki Ryan
Lydia Schuster

ExOfficio Members

Dr. Jacque Cowherd, Superintendent
Diane Burre Ludwig, Exec Director

Join us for GALA 2018 on March 17, 2018



Upcoming Events

Class of 1962 Reunion	September 6-8, 2017
Class of 1972 Reunion	September 16, 2017
Foundation Homecoming Tent	September 29, 2017
Class of 1967 Reunion	September 29-30, 2017
Class of 1997 Reunion	September 29-30, 2017
Class of 1977 Reunion	September 30, 2017
Class of 1952 Reunion	October 13-14, 2017
Hornet Foundation Circle Fall Campaign	November 2017
2018 Foundation GALA Dinner and Awards	March 17, 2018

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