



JANUARY FOUNDATION NEWS

Board Welcomes Tom Beadnell

Long-time local businessman Tom Beadnell joins the Foundation Board as Laurie Benson's term finished at year-end.

Beadnell is a Watertown High School graduate and has been in the investment securities industry since 1987. He is currently Vice President of Investments for Dougherty & Company LLC. In Watertown he serves as Past President of the Lions Club, SD Lions Foundation Finance Board, Executive Council of the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce and Past President, Board Member of the Watertown PACH Program. Upon graduating from Augustana College, Beadnell served as Branch Manager for Wire Houses of AG Edwards, Wachovia Securities and Wells Fargo Advisors. He and his wife Cheri have three children.

"I always think of Watertown as 'my town' so I'm very honored to be asked to serve on the Watertown Area Community Foundation Board," said Beadnell, who was appointed to the Board by the Chamber.

Charlie Ewalt, president of Enercept, was elected Board Chair during the January meeting. Ewalt looks forward to the coming year.

"I feel privileged to be a part of an organization which has done so much good for our community," Ewalt said. "I continue to be humbled by the generosity of our donors, who make it possible for the Foundation to do its work."

Dr. Jeff Danielsen, superintendent of the Watertown School District, is the 2019 Vice Chair.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING — With the stroke of a pen these five charter board members have officially brought into being the Watertown Community Foundation. After years of dedicated work by many the realization of a dream became reality Thursday evening. Board members agreed that the foundation is the perfect vehicle whereby individuals, corporations and families can designate funds by gift or will to the perpetual benefit and improvement of the quality of life in the Watertown area. Charter board members signing the official bylaws of the Foundation include Laurretta Hoff, secretary; Robert Carey, vice chairman; Dr. Robert Cockle; Clark Redlinger, chairman; and Floyd (Bill) Snyder. (Public Opinion photo by John Lowrie)

A YEAR TO CELEBRATE! - The Watertown Area Community Foundation celebrates its 40th anniversary this year! Thanks to its founders and donors who share a passion for 'Looking Forward & Giving Back,' the Foundation has grown from \$3,000 to nearly \$20 million and has awarded more than \$7 million in grants. Be watching and listening for continuing stories regarding our history and growth, as well as plans for the future, and, of course, ways we are celebrating this exciting milestone.



Trees

Fundraiser Brings Nearly \$18,000 to Nonprofits

Fifteen nonprofits are starting 2019 with a little extra cash thanks to the annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser sponsored by the Watertown Area Community Foundation.

The December event, traditionally hosted at the Watertown Regional Library, brought in a total of nearly \$18,000 which includes matches from the Foundation.

The Foundation matched donations up to \$300 per organization and the organization with the most votes received an additional \$500 grant. Checks were distributed this month.

Besides the organizations pictured above, the other nonprofits benefitting from the 2018 tree fundraiser were: 60's Plus Dining/Meals on Wheels, Beacon Center, Boys & Girls Club of Watertown, Codington County Heritage Museum, Friends of the Goss Foundation, Joy Ranch, Lake Area Zoological Society, My Happy Place, Town Players, Watertown Area People Against Child Hunger, Watertown Area Transit, Watertown Regional Library.

Thanks to donors and the library for their generous support.



TOP RECIPIENTS - From left are Neil Meister, Jeff and Maureen Anderson (standing), representing the Mellette House, which received \$5,087 in first place; Char Torgerson, Watertown Volunteer Center, receiving \$3,284 in second place; and Connie Cutler, Chief Lee McPeek (standing), representing the Watertown Police Department K-9 Unit, which received \$1,219 in third place.



JANUARY MEETING - Kristen Henderson (center), a member of the Foundation's first Youth Council, visited current members at their January meeting. She told the students about her educational and career background and the steps leading her back home to Watertown. Henderson currently is busy with her family, as well as the family business Midwest Ag which has several sites in the state including veterinary clinics. She is a member of the Watertown Excite Young Professionals Group, the Watertown Area Community Foundation Board, and sits on the Friends of the Goss Foundation Board. She also shared news regarding the Goss building. The Youth Council, from left, is Sydney Walker, Gracie Ebsen, Alyssa Roby (Henderson) Tessa Holiien, Braeden Kluver and Allison Kluver. Charlie Ewalt, incoming WACF Board Chair, also attended the first Youth Council meeting of 2019.