



## **Foundation Announces New Volunteer Organization**

### **Lisa McNeill to Head Effort**



The Cape Cod Foundation is pleased and excited to announce the transition of Cape Cod Volunteers from a Foundation initiative to an independent nonprofit organization.

Along with this happy news, we also note with a mixture of pride and sadness that Lisa McNeill, Foundation Vice President, will leave the Foundation to head up the new organization. Katie Mueller, Volunteer Initiative Coordinator, will join Lisa in the effort. Their departure from the Foundation will be effective Nov. 1.

Cape Cod Volunteers (formerly the HOPE Initiative) began in 2006 with an assessment of the civic engagement of older adults and the larger community. The effort steadily grew into an initiative to address the barriers and challenges that people face in community volunteerism. Since it was unveiled to the public in July, the Cape Cod Volunteers website ([www.capecodvolunteers.org](http://www.capecodvolunteers.org)) has grown to a database of more than 70 organizations seeking volunteers.

The Cape Cod Volunteers Advisory Committee has forged a solid plan to increase

and enhance civic engagement on Cape Cod through volunteerism. All of us at the Foundation are grateful to the staff and committee, and especially the leadership of the initiative's chair, Brian O'Connell. Today, Cape Cod Volunteers is strengthening our community at its core, and that is very exciting to witness.

Lisa has been an extraordinary Foundation friend and colleague. Her work over the past 11 years has been very important to our growth and has increased the impact of our work. All of us here wish her, Katie, and Cape Cod Volunteers much success in building this new community resource. We hope you will join us in sharing the excitement and supporting the new venture in whatever way you are able.

## **The Frank X. and Mary E. Weny Scholarship Fund**

### **Focus on: Chelsea Miller**



Roger Ludwig of Barnstable and Chatham met the late Frank Weny when Weny hired Ludwig, a CPA, as an accounting consultant at Weny's New Jersey construction firm. Among his duties was acting as trustee of the Frank X. and Mary E. Weny Charitable Trust. The Trust has contributed to local nonprofits on Cape Cod since Ludwig moved here in 1998.

By coincidence, both Ludwig and Weny had sons with Type 1 diabetes. That shared experience ultimately led to a deeper connection for the men and the creation of the Frank X. and Mary E. Weny Scholarship Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation. The scholarship, established at the Foundation in 2003, is open to graduating high school students who live in Barnstable County and have Type 1 diabetes. This year's recipient is Chelsea Miller of South Yarmouth.

"I'm very pleased with the way the scholarship has progressed," Ludwig says. "The students we've chosen have performed very well. It's difficult on them because of the disease." Chelsea Miller is just the type of young person that the Weny Trust wants to help. Chelsea, 18, will be heading soon to Tufts University, where she will major in biology. "I'm leaning toward medicine or research," she says. Chelsea, an exceptional student athlete who graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School with a 4.25 GPA, has had to focus on her diabetes since she was diagnosed at age 10.

The Frank X. and Mary E. Weny Scholarship Fund annually awards one student a four-year college scholarship totaling \$8,000. Recipients must maintain a 2.8 average, and no one doubts Chelsea's ability to succeed. Her determination, good attitude, and responsible nature - and the fact that she is heading to prestigious Tufts University - gladden Ludwig's heart. As he remarks, "That says it all."

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### **Jennifer Roberts Elected Foundation Vice Chair**



**Jennifer S. D. Roberts**

Jennifer S.D. Roberts, who served on the Foundation's Board of Directors from 1999 to 2006, has been named vice chairman of the 15-member board. Roberts is an attorney with the firm of LaTanzi, Spaulding & Landreth, P.C. in Orleans and a Sandwich resident.

"I am delighted to be returning to the Cape Cod Foundation board," Roberts said. "For anyone who loves Cape Cod, there is no better way to support our community and civic leadership. I look forward to building on the achievements

of the Foundation's first 20 years; \$37 million is significant. The years ahead have a tremendous energy and excitement."

Roberts is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and received her law degree from Boston University. She began her second tenure as a Foundation board member last June. Roberts also served as a director of Cape Cod Healthcare from 1999 to 2008 and is the former president of the Barnstable County Bar Association. She joined LaTanzi, Spaulding & Landreth in 2006, where she concentrates on civil litigation.

Foundation Board Chairman Richard M. Page said that Roberts' background and history with the Foundation is an important asset to local philanthropy, especially as the Foundation continues its work to enhance civic engagement. "Jennifer's leadership and familiarity with Cape Cod and the Foundation bring many strengths."

## **Kids & Philanthropy**

### **Good Cause Journals Make Shiny Hearts**



Lenore Lyons, a teacher at Henry T. Wing School in Sandwich, wanted to do a project with her second-graders that would encompass a lot of learning areas, as well as a subject the young students hadn't studied before: philanthropy. So she began Good Cause Journals, in which the students honed their language, math, and science skills by exploring topics like conservation, marketing, banking, philanthropy, bookbinding, and, as Lyons says, "the power of words."

The students gathered natural and recycled materials to produce the artful, handmade journals and sold them to the public. Throughout the project, Lyons brought in experts to talk to the class, including Foundation President Elizabeth Gawron, who spoke about philanthropy. The profit the students reaped, \$800, was presented in June to the two charities chosen by the students, the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) in Yarmouthport and the Cape

Cod Times Needy Fund. As Christine Jones accepted a \$400 check for IFAW, she drew happy smiles when she told the second-graders, "You've shown you care about the community and where you live," she said. "Your heart is really shiny."

Lyons retired this past June. She will continue the work of engaging children in philanthropy through Good Cause Journals this fall at the Cape Cod Art Association.

### **Eldred's Auction Benefits Foundation**



For the fourth year in a row, **Eldred's** in East Dennis held an art auction with a portion of proceeds benefiting the Foundation.

This year's event, held August 11, was "Cape Cod Contemporary Art," and featured 108 paintings. The painting shown at left, by David Schock, sold for \$1,840.

"We're very grateful for Eldred's continuing support," says Foundation Board Chair Richard M. Page.

### **Anti-bullying Workshop Draws 100**

The workshop "Community Response to Bullying Legislation," co-sponsored by the **Barnstable County Council for Children, Youth, and Families** and the Cape Cod Foundation, was held August 5 and drew a full house of almost 100 representatives of Cape Cod's 11 school districts. The meeting was held to discuss the new Massachusetts anti-bullying law and how schools and other community-based organizations must respond. "We received great feedback," says Kristin

O'Malley, Foundation Manager of Community Investment Services. "The Barnstable County Council for Children, Youth, and Families is in the process of developing a follow-up plan based on that feedback, to help our community meet the new state mandates and guidelines."