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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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## FROM THE HELM



We did it! We had a fantastic year and broke our fundraising goals at the annual Cocktail Party & Auction, raising over \$67,000. Your very generous

contributions are already being put to great use to enhance our students' educational experience at the South Country School District. Please see a listing of past grants in this Appeal Newsletter, enabled by your continued support of the South Country Education Foundation.

The annual Cocktail Party & Auction is our primary fundraising event and this Appeal Newsletter is yet another way for you to donate to the SCEF so we can expand our programs and grants to the SCCSD. Please support us by using the back page donation form to send in an end of year contribution. We provide two grant cycles each year and would like to truly reach further to provide opportunities for our students and our community. With your support and help that will be possible.

We have added three new board members to the SCEF in 2017 and they, along with our existing board members, join me in thanking each of you for your continued support, year after year. Your contribution to the SCEF has fueled over \$58,000 of grants to teachers, students and community groups during the past year. I also thank the SCEF Board members, Robin, Andrea, Diane, Nancy, Susan, Geof, Nicole, Sue, Pam, Meg, Donna and Alison for being strong community leaders who volunteer in so many ways to enhance the SCEF. A special thanks to SCCSD teachers, Suzette Fandale, James Uzi and Barbara Gallagher for their extra efforts with this year's event.

This year's SCEF annual auction and cocktail party was spectacular. We had the largest and strongest community outcome, ever. We thank those who attended this year as it was a wonderful fundraising event and fun was had by all. We also thank all of our many silent auction donors as each donation fuels our fundraising effort. The Live & VIP auction hit the ball out of the park this year. Thank you to our VIP Item donations from, Ronnie O'Neill, Barbara & Edward Knowles, Larry Wolhandler, Docent Harold Snedoof, Bartolome + Chey, Jim Vaughan and our Live item donations from Philip Johnson, Pamela Lerner, Krebs Cycle, Chachama Grill, Kate Bachner & Eric Marklein, Cathy & Tom Cullen and AJ SPA (the Fassman family.) This event brings our community together and in 2018 we are celebrating our 20th event and invite you each to join us, you won't want to miss it.

SCEF grants enabled by you have supported students in the areas of Physical Education, the Arts, Music, Entrepreneurialism, Oceanography, Culinary, Future Business Leaders of America, Ecology, Community Life Skills, 3D Design and Printing, Woodworking and Forensic Archaeology. Your support of the SCEF enables our students to gain exposure to areas such as these and many others. Please visit [www.scefonline.net](http://www.scefonline.net) to see a full list of the grants which you have enabled.

Please help us to grow our capability to expand grants to the SCCSD. The back page of this newsletter provides an opportunity for you to contribute to the SCEF in your year-end giving. We hope and ask that you take advantage of this opportunity to contribute to the SCEF, once again, as, *"To the world, you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world (unknown author)."*

We wish you a joyous Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year.

— Frank Lento



## SCEF BOARD MEMBER TO RETIRE IN FEBRUARY

Geof Marschall, a SCEF Board member for the past 9 years, is serving his last term which ends in February 2018. Geof has been instrumental as a board member and a great asset to the SCEF annual auction event. He prepped, cleaned, painted, restored and set-up many auction items over the years and, according to Frank Lento, board president, *"has truly made a great impact"* on the work and mission of the SCEF.

In addition, Geof, a graduate of the school district and lifetime area resident, has served on the grant review committee for several years.

SCEF Board members are responsible for running the organization with support from the Community Advisory Council. The board does all of the work related to fund raising, grant review and approval, social media content, Newsletters (such as this one) and much more. Members are all volunteers and each brings a set of skills with dedication to the SCEF.

During his tenure on the board Geof has greatly contributed to the needs of the annual auction, (even tending bar for years), getting donations, permits, bar oversight and auction item inspection. On the Grant Review Committee, his insights have been invaluable.

*"Thank you Geof for 9 years of dedicated and loyal service and for bringing your friendship and spirit to our board. We miss you already,"* said Mr. Lento.

## SCEF WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS



*The SCEF Board welcomes two new and one returning Board members.*

We welcome Pamela Lerner to the SCEF Board of Directors. She served on our Auction committee since 2009. Pamela is the owner of Pamela Lerner Home and Design in Bellport and lives with

her husband, Tom in Brookhaven Hamlet. Pamela has always been an asset to our organization and we look forward to working with her.

We are very pleased to have Meaghan Shannon join our board. Meaghan is the owner of Get Up Stand Up New York, a vibrant, active business that encompasses paddle boarding and exercise throughout the year. She has donated the proceeds from the Paddle to the Point Race to the SCEF for the past three years. Welcome Meaghan!

We also welcome Donna Esp's return to our board. She previously served on the Board of Directors for nine years, continued to help during her year hiatus and will resume her active devotion to the Foundation with her energy and enthusiasm. She has been a Bellport resident for 43 years and both of her daughters attended and graduated from the South Country School District. Donna looks forward to once again, serving the children of our district.



### GET UP STAND UP AGAIN DONATES TO SCEF

We are very grateful to Meaghan Shannon of Get Up Stand Up NY. This is the third year that she has donated the proceeds from the Paddle to the Point Race to the

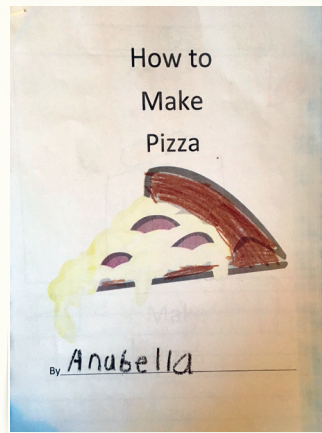
SCEF. This year totaled over \$2,800! Thanks to Meaghan, the event volunteers and her team.

## SCEF FUNDS LIBRARY EVENT IN STOP ANIMATION

Stop motion and flip animation were among the topics discussed and explored by students in grades one through five who participated in the South Country Library program titled "S.T.E.A.M. Movie Stars." The program, funded by SCEF, attracted young people with creative minds who wanted to create a short video.

The children used LEGO pieces and mini-figures to set up a story scene and then started experimenting. Along the way, they learned how to delete a frame, slow down a frame and more as their technical and creative skills emerged.

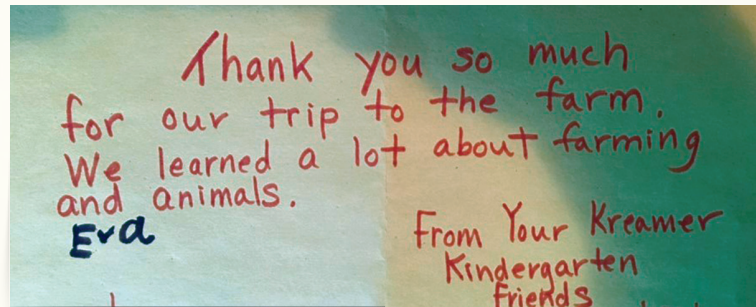
The iPads and tripods purchased for the program will be used for future ventures at the library for many years to come.



## LESSONS IN PIZZA

More than 100 Kindergarten students from Kreamer Street walked to Main Street for lessons in measurement, mixing ingredients and fashioning and baking a pizza. The lessons came to life at Café Castello under the tutelage of Chef Nick.

As part of their adventure, they wrote a story and drew accompanying pictures which are included in this issue. Congratulations to the students and teachers Deirdre Wittmann and Sue Mineo for a great learning event.



## LOTS GOING ON DOWN ON THE FARM

The Kindergarten students of Kreamer Street Elementary School participated in "Farm Exploration: How does a Farm Work." This amazing trip gave the students the opportunity to explore the sights and sounds of the farm. They were amazed at the "hands-on" experience they had. Students drew from information, learned from literature and class lessons, to explore real life at a working farm.

They really enjoyed feeding goats and chickens. They also learned about how farmers plant. Students were very excited to see and hold baby animals and now have a better appreciation for caring for animals and farming.

## INSPIRATION FOR 8TH GRADE ARTISTS



Mr. Dan Kudreyko, a Middle School art teacher, was awarded a grant for a visit to a ceramic studio to inspire his students. It worked.

The day long trip included instruction from an accomplished potter, spinning wheels to create clay objects such as platters and bowls. The kids loved it and really benefited from the experience. This field trip helped to pave the way for future ceramic students within our district.

## EARBUDS ARE A HIT!

March 17, 2017

Dear South Country Education Foundation Members,

Thank you for the earbuds/headphones. They are not crooked, like the ones we tried using before and they fit comfortably. We like the cases they came in. We are pretty sure they were expensive and expensive is usually the best. They help us because the people that are working on something else won't get distracted. The earbuds help us stay focused when we are doing research on our Chromebooks. Even when the teachers are talking to us, we can still hear what they are saying. We like that we each have our own set, so we do not have to share and clean them each time.

Sincerely,

The students in C-1 at Frank P. Long Intermediate School

Edmon SP  
Michael  
Frank  
Crystal  
Jake  
John  
Caleb  
Mike  
Katelyn

Sophia  
Marvin  
Ryan  
Avery  
Kenny  
Sophia  
Aidan  
Josiah

Raymond  
Lazarus  
Emoni  
Aaliyah  
Danden

## ANNUAL AUCTION

The 19th Annual Auction & Cocktail Party was held on July 8th at the beautiful bay front home of Chantal and Richard Berman. This summer's event cultivated more support than ever before and we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended, making it our largest event to date.

We raised more than \$67,000 and these funds empower grants, to enhance the educational experience of our students in the South Country School District. Grant summaries included in this newsletter are just a sample of the incredible impact your donation makes in our students' lives.

Bellport and surrounding area merchants showed overwhelming support for the SCEF through donations of food, drinks and fabulous auction items. Many of our donors also attend the party, and their generosity allows this community event to be a great success. Likewise, we would like to extend our thanks to the many who volunteered their time and efforts which undoubtedly enabled the fantastic time, had by all.

Our success stands on the shoulders of Chantal and Richard Berman, who graciously supply a magnificent setting for one of the best parties of the summer," said SCEF President Frank Lento. Next year's date is set for July 14, 2018.



SCEF 19th Annual Auction and Cocktail Party

## **\$13,147 FUNDS 13 GRANTS IN THE 2016/2017 SCEF WINTER GRANT CYCLE .....**

With the grants awarded in the 2016/2017 SCEF Winter Grant Cycle, BHS students will be able to attend an international trade show, visit Sunken Forest, and utilize their business skills to comparison shop for items to be sold in the school store. Bellport Middle School students will be able to visit a Ceramic Studio, as well as one BMS student will participate in an independent harp study, with hopes to eventually enhance the Bellport Middle School band performances. Frank P. Long students will participate in team building games and activities, utilize flexible seating in their classrooms, enhance their reading skills with PlayAway audio books, and protect their hearing (and not disturb other students) with new ear buds to be used with their Google Chromebooks. The Elementary school students will have opportunities to learn to make pizza, create STEM centers in their classrooms, and enhance their reading abilities with new programs created in conjunction with the Brookhaven Free Library. In addition, grant money will be used at the South Country Library to provide a S.T.E.A.M. program for students interested in stop motion animation. All these efforts could only have come to fruition with the great support of the community.

### **BREAK OUT EDU**

**T. Behl, T. Tietjen, L. Kleban, L. Nabi | Frank P. Long Intermediate School**  
**\$556.00**

Fourth and fifth grade teachers will use the game Break Out EDU to encourage collaborative thinking and problem solving. The grant will provide for the purchase of four game kits that students will use during their library period.

### **STEM EXPLORATION CENTERS**

**N. Santaromita | Kreamer Street Elementary**  
**\$700.00**

A first grade teacher is requesting funds to establish STEM learning centers in her classroom. The classroom centers would consist of kits with supplies for the following topics: sinking or floating, house engineering and coaster construction. The kits include blocks, maps, dough, puzzles and more.

### **SCHOOL STORE FIELD TRIP**

**K. Scotti | Bellport High School**  
**\$619.38**

This grant provides several field trips to BJ's Warehouse for special education students to comparison shop and purchase items to sell in the high school's School Store. The students now run the in-building store where they can obtain retail job training. The grant funds six trips.

### **FLEXIBLE SEATING SUPERSTARS**

**N. Paolillo, T. Giresi, T. Gallina, M. Pettit, Laura Heaton**  
**Frank P. Long Intermediate School**  
**\$1,999.76**

Alternative seating – such as wobble chairs, balance chairs, stools and stand up desks – can help some students focus and perform better. This grant funds the purchase of 15 chairs and four stand up desks to be used in Cluster A.

### **PLAYAWAY TECHNOLOGY: PORTABLE AUDIOBOOKS**

**M. Pettit | Frank P. Long Intermediate School**  
**\$1,000.00**

This grant will provide funding for 25 portable audio book titles by PlayAway, a company that provides audio books in a unit the size of a deck of cards. The audio books permit students to listen to a story while reading along in a hard copy of the same book. This type of activity helps students – strong readers and struggling readers alike – to enjoy reading. Because of a previous SCEF grant for this classroom, existing wireless headphones can be used so that several students can participate simultaneously.

**GO TO [WWW.SCEFONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.SCEFONLINE.ORG)  
TO SEE ALL GRANTS AWARDED**



# **SOUTH COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

## **WHAT WE DO**

The South Country Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to improving educational opportunities for all students in the South Country School District by:

- **Giving Education Grants**  
(upwards of \$60,000 for the past 12 months)
- **Supporting Our Cultural and Educational Committees:**
  - Becker/Gambles Music Fund, Martin Luther King Foundation and Students 4 Art
- **Partnering with the Boys and Girls Club and Knapp/Swezey Foundation for the 5th grade YMCA Swim Program**
- **Offering Professional Development Grants**



## **2018 SCEF SAVE THE DATE**

We thank the community for its generous support of previous SCEF annual auctions and hope you will take notice below so as not to miss the 2018 Cocktail Partner & Auction:

## **20TH ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY AND AUCTION**

**Saturday, July 14, 2018  
from 5pm to 7:30pm in Bellport**

Please check our website,  
**[www.scefonline.org](http://www.scefonline.org)**  
for up-to-date information

**Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you. You are a wonderful community of donors and contributors and you have all outdone yourselves this past year. Congratulations on a job well done and please take a moment to know that your donation have tremendously grown the education experience to the students of the South County Central School District. Our 19th Cocktail Party & Auction raised over \$67,000 this year and we are providing valued grants, which will grow our students' education and their experience in many fields. Thank you for your continued generosity to the South Country Education Foundation and please choose to support us again, in the year to come.**

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