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Update on 2008's Grant Recipients  
 2009/2010 Grant Theme Luncheon



## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

A crowd of 60 members recently attended the Women in Philanthropy 5th Annual Meeting and Luncheon held at beautiful Colleton River Plantation.

Following the grantmaking theme of *Enabling the Disabled*, a wonderful presentation was developed and given by Mary Briggs, chair of the Education Committee. The presentation focused on three remarkable individuals in our community who have overcome many obstacles as a result of their disabilities.

These individuals, Kitty Sivertson, Bart Brophy and David Jones, were invited to join the members for lunch and the presentation.



Artist Kitty Sivertson (in red) looks on during the presentation.



David Jones and Bart Brophy listen to Mary's presentation.



Barbara Terreri and Linda Silver



Janice Grey, Judy Johnson and Susan Ketchum



Carolyn Moore, Lois Graver and Susan Barnwell

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## WELCOME NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

**Linda Ellis** – Linda grew up in Rochester, NY, and attended Purdue University and the University of Rochester, majoring in Pre-Med and Physical Education. After college, she moved to Albany, NY where her busy life included the Junior League (serving in several positions), the Red Cross (as a Board member and chair of Community Blood Mobiles), the Board of Planned Parenthood, a volunteer for the Albany Home for Children and chairperson for St. Peter's Fair. Through her love for golf, she also served on the Board of the Northeastern NY Golf Association and chair of the NY State Golf Tournament.



Linda moved to Hilton Head in 1980 and has lived in Moss Creek ever since. She sold real estate for 15 years and has also served on the boards of SCB&T in Bluffton and the First Presbyterian Church Day School. Golf continues to be a passion of hers, and she has served on the HHIWGA Board, and spent 11 years on the Executive Board of the Women's Eastern Golf Association (WEGA). Linda has also been a major fundraiser for the Bluffton Boys & Girls Club and has been an ongoing volunteer tutor for the past five years.

Summers find Linda on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin where she loves to garden. Golf continues to "confound, challenge and delight her." But the greatest loves of her life are her three children, their spouses and eight grandchildren. She is looking forward to being an active Advisory Board member of WIP.

**Dr. Juliann Foster** – Juliann was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and is a graduate of Howard University, with a B.S. degree in 1958 and a D.D.S. degree in 1962. After completing her education, Dr. Foster moved to Chicago where she began her career as a dentist with the Board of Health and spent summers working as a dentist with "Project Headstart." In 1967, she was named Director of the Dental Hygiene Department at the Northwestern University Dental School. During her 32 years at Northwestern, Juliann held numerous positions, including Dean of Admissions and Associate Dean of Auxiliary and Community Programs. She retired in 1999, and holds the position of Professor Emeritus at the University.



In 1992, Dr. Foster became the first woman and second African-American president of the Chicago Dental Society. In 1995, she became the first woman to serve as president of the American College of Dentists. She has served on the National Advisory Council for Health Professions Education, and has been active with the American Dental Association. Her list of honors and awards could fill an entire newsletter.

Since moving to Hilton Head, Juliann has served on the Board of the Boys & Girls Club, and now serves as Chair of the Grants Committee for WIP.

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### Advisory Board

Mary Noonan, Chair  
 Sheila Armstrong  
 Liz Clist  
 Margaret Conn  
 Mitzi Ganelin  
 Lois Graver  
 Jean Henderson  
 Susan Ketchum  
 Margaret Sanders

(retiring as of June 30)

Barbara Terreri  
 Carol Wilson

(joining the board as of July 1)

Linda Ellis  
 Juliann Foster



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## 2009 GRANTS AWARDED

In its fourth year of grantmaking, Women in Philanthropy, a fund of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, awarded \$14,000 in grants to four Beaufort County non-profits at the recent annual meeting and luncheon.

The grants were awarded to the following organizations:

### ABLE - \$4,545

The ABLE Foundation helps to support programs for persons with disabilities in Beaufort County. The grant will be used to fund Camp Treasure Chest, a four to six week program for approximately fifteen school age men and women, between the ages of six to 21, with disabilities.

### The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina - \$3,500

The Arts Center program, Arts Reach/Special Needs, has become a community partner to many organizations by providing services, support and outreach. The Arts Center is partnering with Programs for Exceptional People (PEP) in bringing the Arts in Motion program to the PEP clients. The classes range from 20-30 members for each activity, which include samplings of performance and visual arts.



Harriet Hilton, Tripp Ritchie, Mitzi Wagner, Kathi Bateson and Amanda Diaczenko

### Little Red Dog Foundation - \$3,000

The Little Red Dog Foundation provides mobility and independence to the disabled by providing therapeutic tricycles. The tricycles give children with special needs the joy of movement and freedom even with the disabilities they struggle with every day.

### Lowcountry Autism Foundation Inc. - \$2,955

The Lowcountry Autism Foundation will be providing a series of "playdate" opportunities for children with autism. These opportunities will enable children with autism of all ages and developmental levels to improve play and social skills in a safe and comfortable environment.

## A PARTY AT ELLEN'S

Thank you to member Ellen Taylor for hosting a delightful member and guest reception in her home. More than 35 Women in Philanthropy members and their guests enjoyed the wonderful food and fantastic conversation.



Carol Prillaman, Barbara Pollard and Lois Graver



Host—Ellen Taylor and Mary Noonan



Claudia Buckingham, Jan Billingslea, Louise Grosse and Sheila Sylvester

## MESSAGE FROM MARY



We closed the WIP year with a great annual luncheon and program at the Colleton River Clubhouse! Special thanks to Carol Wilson and Carolyn Torgersen for making all the luncheon arrangements and Jean Henderson and Mary Briggs for the program. This event encompassed all three of WIP's primary goals: grantmaking, education, and fellowship.

Our 2009 grant theme "Enabling the Disabled" was made meaningful to members by the appreciative comments from grant recipients, the educational PowerPoint presentation, and our three special guests whose remarkable stories give strong evidence of the human spirit. It is our intent to carry the "Enabling the Disabled" theme and presentation to several local service/civic/church groups over the next several months. Please let me know if you have an organization which could benefit from this program.

Also during the month of May, I had the opportunity to speak at the annual meeting of PEARLS, our sister organization in Hampton County. Although PEARLS has a different demographic and smaller scale financial commitments than Women in Philanthropy, its goals are the same and the members' enthusiasm great. I hope that we will be able to arrange a fellowship event with PEARLS in the coming year – perhaps in Hardeville or some other halfway meeting point. We could all benefit from the shared experience.

We are sad to see two strong contributors to the WIP Advisory Board retire their positions. Carol Wilson had managed special events and Barbara Terreri membership. Thank you both for your commitment and strong support of our goals. Coming on the Advisory Board as new members will be Juliann Foster and Linda Ellis. We look forward to having their active participation.

Our June Advisory Board meeting will be an organizational one to establish goals for the year, assign committee leadership, and begin plans for the 2009-10 theme luncheon in the fall. We also want to continue fellowship events and membership coffees in member homes, as hosted recently by Ellen Taylor and Barbara Pollard. Thanks, ladies. If you are willing to sponsor either type of activity in the coming year, just give me a call at 342-2030. These events have been so well received; we want to keep them going!

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

*Mary*

Mary Noonan, Chair

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT—HESTER HODDE



Hester is a North Carolina native, living in Scotland Neck, Raleigh, Wilson, and Charlotte over the years. She graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a BA in Journalism in 1980. She then moved to Charlotte, where she worked for Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting in their in-house advertising agency.

Marriage brought Hester to Hilton Head in 1983. Her husband, Bob is a long-time resident of the island. In 1984, Bob opened his own real estate agency, and when his secretary retired, Hester took on the duties of office manager. They have also raised two children – a daughter who is a senior in college, and a son who just graduated from Hilton Head Prep.

In her free time, Hester enjoys tennis, yoga, entertaining, cooking and gardening. In addition to membership in WIP, she has been active with the Boys & Girls Club, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and served on the Board of Hilton Head Prep for seven years, the final two as Chair.