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Fond du Lac Area United Way Welcomes New Board Members

Six new volunteer members have joined the Fond du Lac Area United Way 2009 Board of Directors, bringing the board's membership to 27.

Board members represent a wide variety of occupations, including education, business, healthcare, public office and event retirement. New members include Bill Hackney, John Cooper, Andy Winget, Brian Kuhnz, Paul Osterholm and Steve Fleming.

"We are very grateful for their willingness to serve and welcome their leadership as United Way moves forward with its mission to build an educated community, healthy community and supportive community," said Dr. Gayle Hytrek, board president.

Hackney is originally from Pennsylvania and has been in the newspaper business for 40 years. He and his wife, Debbie, moved from Manitowoc to North Fond du Lac in 2007 when he became President and Publisher of The Reporter.

"I enjoy community service and have been actively involved in volunteering for different causes to help the Fond du Lac community since arriving here with my family," he said.

Cooper has been in the financial industry since 1973 and with National Exchange Bank & Trust since 1999. He's been involved with various services and groups in the Fond du Lac community, including many United Way campaigns.

"I have always felt that it is very important to be involved in the community and give back the blessings that I have received," said Cooper.

Winget is a division controller with Mercury Marine and has lived in the community since 2005. He is a native of Wisconsin, earning a bachelor's degree at UW Eau Claire and an MBA at Dartmouth College.

"I believe that, in today's trying economy, it becomes all the more important to be involved and sensitive to the needs of the community around us," said Winget.

Kuhnz is a native of Fond du Lac. He has been Senior Sales and Marketing Executive for Radio Plus Inc. (Sunny 97-7/96-1 and WTCX) in Fond du Lac the past eight years. He and his wife, Dawn, have a 14-month-old daughter. He attended Marian University and UW Eau Claire, studying business management.

"Since I've been in the community such a long time, I understand how it operates and want to help United Way the best way I can," said Kuhnz, "like my grandpa Bob did in the 1960s."

Osterholm is the Director of Alumni/Parents Relations with Marian University and formally managed the Common Grounds Coffee House. He and his wife, Janet, have two children: Paul Jr., a senior at Marian, and Maggie, a freshman at St. Norbert's. Osterholm served United Way in 2000 as board chairman and said he is pleased to return to serve again.

"I'm committed to the Fond du Lac community and to the young people who come here to pursue their higher education," he said.

Fleming has been with Mercury Marine since 2002 and is Global Director of Public Relations and Communications. He previously was communications director for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and was a reporter for the Gazette Telegraph, all in Colorado Springs. Fleming has a bachelor's degree in journalism from

Colorado State University. His wife, Terri, is vice president of the Fond du Lac Association of Commerce. They have four children: Mathew, Tim, Lori Ann and Claire, a Fond du Lac High School 2006 graduate and a junior at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities.

Retiring board volunteers include Nicole Wiese, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Nancy Daleiden, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Tony Barthuly, City Police; Tom Baumgartner, Mercury Marine; Tony Faust, Schenck Solutions; and C.O. Wilson, who recently retired from J.C. Penney.

“We are deeply grateful to all of them for their leadership and contribution of service to the United Way organization” said Tina Potter, Executive Director of Fond du Area Lac United Way. “They will be dearly missed.”

The Fond du Lac Area United Way is an independent United Way that serves Fond du Lac and its surrounding rural communities. Donations are accepted year-round via telephone at 920-921-7010 or by mail or in-person at 74 South Main Street, Street, Suite 201, Fond du Lac. United Way website is www.fdlunitedway.org.

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