



2014 NEWSLETTER

Sustaining the Legacy of Volunteer Public Service and Generosity

BOARD PROFILE: BCF PRESIDENT CLAUDE PERASSO

Board members of the Belvedere Community Foundation lead, work, and inspire us to move forward in the best possible way, so that we may continue to make Belvedere a very special place. It is in this spirit that we will highlight current and past BCF board members.

Claude Perasso is currently serving as the Belvedere Community Foundation's President.

Claude lives on the Belvedere Lagoon with his wife, Kathy, and 10-year old daughter, Kelly. Born and raised in San Francisco, Claude practiced real estate and corporate law for 20 years and is now a real estate investor and consultant. In addition to the Belvedere Community Foundation, Claude serves as Chair of the Regents of St. Ignatius College Preparatory and Treasurer of the Italian Community Services Organization in North Beach. Locally, he chairs the Fitness Committee at the Tiburon Peninsula Club. In keeping with his deep sense of service to community, Claude was past President of the Belvedere Lagoon Property Owner's Association and with Kathy by his side, served as Commodore and "Commodorable" of the Belvedere Sailing Society.

Asked about the Belvedere Community Foundation (BCF), here are Claude's views:



Kathy, Kelly and Claude Perasso with their dog, Lacey.
Photo courtesy of Claude Perasso.

Claude, what are the challenges the BCF faces moving forward?

Visibility in the community and in particular reaching the new generation of Belvedere residents and getting them engaged in local community service.

How do you see the BCF's role in the community?

Our role is to touch the residents and to hopefully inspire them to pitch in with "time, treasure and/or talent" for the betterment of the community.

In your opinion, how has the BCF affected and/or improved the lives of Belvedere residents?

In many ways. First, the objective list of what the BCF has contributed to is included within this newsletter. Subjectively, we have hopefully not only had a positive impact on the lives of those who benefit from BCF donations but as importantly have had a positive impact on those who donate to the BCF as they see their generosity at work.

How can residents participate in the BCF should they wish to be more involved?

Great question. The answer is that there is a way for every resident to be involved at any level. We have an outstanding board and are always looking for new inspiring members. We also have a great group of Advisory Trustees who volunteer their time and spirit. Lastly, but of course not least, donations from the individuals of our community allow us to support our local projects.

Are there any changes you would like to make to the BCF?

Tough question. If anything I would like to increase the visibility of the BCF so that people make the decision to get involved.

What would you like your legacy to be as President of BCF?

My inner lawyer says that I ran productive meetings. My non-lawyer says that I encouraged an open forum and gave everyone the opportunity to voice their opinion on issues that we tackled.



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BELVEDERE, KEEPING IT CLEAN

In March, Belvedere citizens and their friends celebrated the city's third Clean & Green Day with the theme **"Zero Is A Good Score."** Volunteers of all ages were invited to take the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities designed to maintain their hometown's beautiful environment and to encourage a community goal of having zero waste input into the environment.



Clockwise, from above: Adam Gavzer helps Charlie Tantum, Quinten Maddox, and Jackson Feinberg clean up the playground. James Campbell shares ladybugs for the garden with local children. Mimi Cornelius, Annette Ryan, and James Campbell.

The weekend included a Friday night movie *"Tapped"*, an environmental documentary about the bottled water industry and its long term effects on the environment. Then, despite heavy rains on Saturday, volunteers cleaned and beautified selected worksites around the Belvedere community. Younger children enjoyed games and activities in the Belvedere Community Center that included live lady bugs to take home to their family's garden, birdhouse painting, a recycling game and a large supply of cookies.



ROCKIN' THE PARK FOR THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR

The seventeenth annual Belvedere Concerts-In-The-Park series filled Belvedere Community Park with four exciting programs. Each summer the Belvedere Community Foundation is proud to join the City of Belvedere, local businesses and individuals in supporting the series.

The 2014 crowds were entertained by the music of West Grand Boulevard, Fleetwood Mask, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, and David Martin's House Party Band.

The Concerts-In-The-Park Committee consists of Jerry Butler, Nancy Cappelloni, Mimi Cornelius, Christina Decker, Tina Dewey, Ginny Doyle, Roger Felton, Adam Gavzer, Nena Hart, Maureen Johnson, Cissy Kirrane, Jeffery Stein, and Petey Stein. Emeriti: Robin Daly and Jack Doyle.

For more information, go to www.belvedereconcerts.org.



Maureen Johnson and Nena Hart.



Belvedere residents Michael and Pepper Jackson have been generous supporters of the Belvedere Community Foundation for many years. Their donations to BCF have helped to fund improvements to the city as well as providing ongoing support for Concerts-In-the-Park.

"HARVEY'S GARDEN AT BLACKIE'S PASTURE" CONTINUES TO BLOSSOM

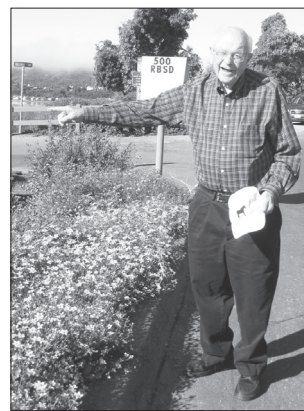
The Belvedere Community Foundation is pleased to continue its support of the Peninsula's largest and most prolific public garden.

With its new "official" name, *Harvey's Garden at Blackie's Pasture*, and the loving attention of twenty-four volunteers coordinated by Master Gardener Harvey Rogers, the 8,000 square-foot raised flower bed near the parking lot at Blackie's Pasture continues to be a welcoming public garden for the many visitors and locals who visit the area every day.



Blossoms in Blackie's Garden.

Harvey reported that the unusually severe cold weather of December 2013 caused many plants to die and required a postponement of the normal pruning schedule. But the Cape Plumbago and several Tagetes came back beautifully and are now five feet tall and "blooming their heads off!"



Harvey Rogers points out the progress of Blackie's Garden.

After years of repeated trouble with the garden's irrigation system batteries, a new solar system for the four controllers was installed and the system is working well. The volunteers removed an area of Manzanita that was over half-dead and replaced them with plants that have a long, colorful blooming period. In October the Gardening Brigade plans to develop another area with similar longer-blooming plants.

Harvey smiles as he volunteers some advice to Peninsula residents, "The garden has never looked as colorful as it does now. Come and see for yourself!"

For more information, contact Harvey Rogers at 415-435-4498 or harvnan2@sprynet.com

ALL ABOARD!

The Belvedere/Tiburon Bike Train was launched last fall to encourage Reed School students to bike safely to school. Every Wednesday morning an adult cycling "conductor" and parent volunteers escorted students to school. The bike train started at the San Francisco Yacht Club and followed the Old Rail Trail picking up students along the way, ending at Bel Aire School. Registration was free. Besides the obvious goal of reducing traffic congestion and pollution along Tiburon Boulevard, the Bike Train also:

- Teaches students how to ride safely
- Promotes healthy lifestyle habits
- Creates social interaction with new friends
- Gives students a sense of confidence and pride
- Supports the theory that exercise helps students concentrate

On average, ten students rode to school each week. Most rewarding for conductor Kathy McLeod was witnessing the learning and fitness curve of the participants and



Belvedere residents Camille Ray, Hannah Momsen and Sam Yolles join friends from Tiburon to bike to Bel Aire School with the Bike Train last year.

seeing more "unofficial" bike trains start up in other neighborhoods. As participants became more confident in their biking abilities and parents more comfortable with their child's safety, many of the kids began to ride more frequently and independently of the Bike Train. This is truly the ultimate goal of the Bike Train – healthy students, less traffic, a true win-win!

For more information about how to start a Bike Train contact Kathy McLeod (former conductor) for advice at KOMcLeod@wheeleescape.com.

FUN RUN FOR SUCCESS



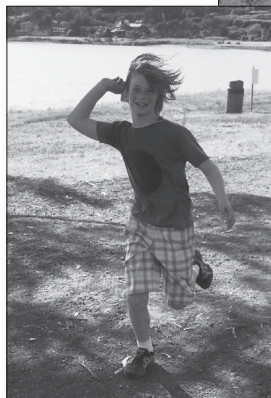
The Fun Run benefitting the Foundation for Reed Schools took place on May 1 and raised \$25,000, an impressive sum for the first year. The 1.9 km race, reflecting the Foundation's 2014 goal of \$1.9 million, attracted 172 runners. In spite of the 90-degree temperatures, a few brave children ran five laps totaling almost 10 kilometers.

To develop a sense of pride and ownership in their schools, the idea behind the Fun Run was to get the children directly involved in

fundraising for their favorite programs, including music, physical education, technology and science programs.



Above: Kelly Perasso and Amanda Yolles are all smiles at the finish line.



Left: Sam Yolles runs the course around McKegney Green.

OLD ST. HILARY'S BELL RESTORATION

Though the full restoration of Old St. Hilary's by the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society is still underway, with help from the Belvedere Community Foundation, the restoration of the bell is complete. The wheel was badly

warped and twisted and the old rusted bell was unable to swing. Now that the beautiful bronze bell, iron bracket and swing arm have been cleaned of corrosive rust and repaired, the bell is able to swing and ring once more as it did in 1888 when the church was built.

If you would like to contribute to finishing the work of the Old St. Hilary's restoration project, you may do so at Belvedere Tiburon Landmarks Society, Attn: OSH Capital Campaign, 1550 Tiburon Boulevard, Suite M, Tiburon CA 94920. If you would like to contribute online, go to www.landmarkssociety.com and click OSH CAPITAL.



FUN FAIR RAISES FUNDS FOR YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Blackie's Hay Day returned to Blackie's Pasture on September 27th for another fun-filled country fair fundraiser. The Belvedere Community Foundation was one of the major sponsors with founding sponsor Tiburon Peninsula Foundation. The petting zoo, pony rides, rock climbing wall, and old-fashion carnival games were especially popular, and community volunteers young and old helped out at the event.

Blackie's Hay Day is organized by Bookmarks, a volunteer organization that helps fund the children and teen programs of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library. Among the many programs these funds support are movie nights, tot story times, and extended hours during finals weeks.

For more information about Bookmarks, please visit www.thebookmarkslibrary.com.

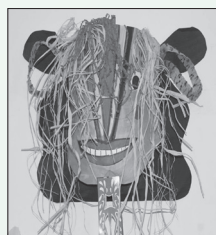
Catherine Hackett and Amanda Yolles of Belvedere at the fair entrance.



It's all smiles for these campers at Camp Create.

CAMP CREATE CREATES A FAMILY OF FRIENDS

Camp Create is a week-long summer arts camp for sixty-five elementary and sixteen high school counselors on the campus of St. Stephen's Church in Belvedere. Professional arts educators teach drumming, singing, dance, painting, drawing and multi-media. Two-thirds of the campers and counselors are under-served and at-risk kids drawn from Marin City, the Canal District of San Rafael, and The Hilarita affordable housing in Tiburon. The program's primary goal is to encourage multi-cultural harmony among all participants using the mediums of art and music. The program emphasizes the values of sharing, friendship and understanding to every child, youth, parent, volunteer and teacher. As one camper stated, "It's not a camp, it's a family."



The program's closing fiesta brings campers and their families and counselors together for an enjoyable evening of singing, dancing and a shared meal.

For more information please contact Shari Young at shari@ststephenschurch.org.

2013 BCF PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



Celebrating the Beauty and Spirit of Belvedere and the Tiburon Peninsula

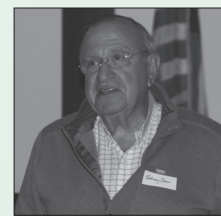


Photo Contest Co-Chair Jeffery Stein

2013 Photo Contest Winners. Architecture on the Tiburon Peninsula: Jaleh Etemad; Events of the Tiburon Peninsula: Lloyd Silverman; Wildlife on the Tiburon Peninsula: Thu Sokol; Views of the Tiburon and Belvedere Peninsula: Rich Shelton; People of the Tiburon Peninsula: Ingrid Lockowandt; Life in Tiburon and Belvedere (age 5-18): Mary Monda Oewel; People's Choice: Howard Ting.

FIRST BCF CHILI SUPPER DELIGHTS BOARD AND ADVISORY TRUSTEES

BCF's Chili Supper took place on October 2 in and around the gazebo at Belvedere Community Park. BCF board member Cathy Frymier provided inspiration and organization for the social event for the BCF Advisory Trustees and Board Members. Thoughtful details included the western-themed tables with cowboy boot centerpieces filled with sunflowers, mason jars carefully tied with string for the chili and tin plates for the cornbread, meatballs and salad. Guests enjoyed plenty of delicious food from Woodlands Market, festive music, and ace bartending in the best Belvedere weather we've had at 5pm all year. Many happy people were overheard saying that they hoped this was the First Annual Chili Supper!

Below: Wyman & Gay Harris with Gaby Isaacson



Above: Claude Perasso, Jan Andersen, Tom Cromwell, MD and Jean Cromwell. Left: Mimi Cornelius and Joan Bekins. Below: Kathy Pearson with Audrey



Below: Cathy Frymier and Juli Tantum

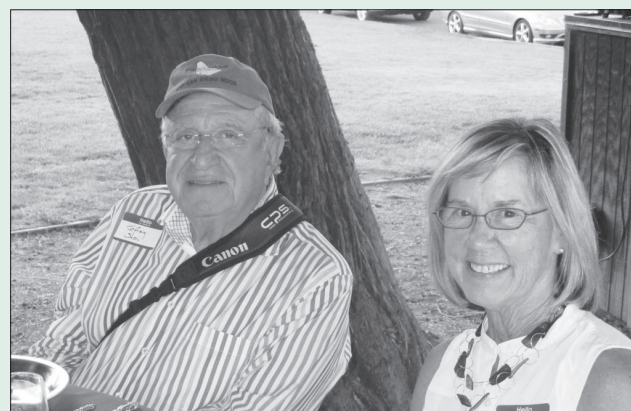


Left: Marcia & Roger Felton

Left: John Tantum with his in-laws, Annette & Tim Ryan

Left: Andy Anderson, Jim Cornelius and Don Bekins.

Right: Jeffery & Petey Stein



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL BCF BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 13th at 7:00p.m. in the Belvedere City Hall Council Chambers.

*Photos of BCF Board Members and
Advisory Trustees at the 2013 Annual Meeting*



RICHARDSON BAY AUDUBON CENTER & SANCTUARY PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL ENJOYMENT AND A SAFE HAVEN



Birds in Richardson Bay

Photo: Courtesy of Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

The Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary conserves 10.5 upland acres and 900 sub-tidal acres along the shoreline of Richardson Bay, an area that provides a feeding and resting spot for thousands of migratory waterbirds during the peak winter migration. This safe haven provides public access with unparalleled viewing opportunities for nature lovers of all ages and the Belvedere Community Foundation is a proud supporter.

The Audubon Center provides interactive educational programs and activities for children and adults. In 2015 the Audubon Center will hold its second Waterbird Festival and plans to increase activities such as docent-led beach and birding walks, kayak and/or boating trips on the outskirts of the Sanctuary's waters, speaker sessions on a variety of topics and interactive and hands-on activities for people of all ages.

More information is available at: <http://richardsonbay.audubon.org>.



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Jan Andersen, Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society,

Mimi Cornelius, Jill Einstein, Kathy McLeod,

Juli Tantum, Jeffery Stein and Shari Young.

Belvedere Watercolor by Don Davis.

BCF Logo designed by Anne Feinberg.



LOCAL RESIDENTS TEAM UP FOR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Jack Fiorito

*Co-Executive Directors of
Belvedere Tiburon Landmarks,
Alan Brune and Leslie Doyle*



The 19th Annual Belvedere-Tiburon Open Golf Tournament took place on September 9th at the San Geronimo Golf Course in Nicasio with 60 golfers.

The Belvedere Community Foundation was one of the organizations that sponsored the tournament and over \$10,000 was raised to benefit The Ranch & Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society.

NEW HANDRAILS PLACED ON BELVEDERE ISLAND LANES

With a fund-matching grant of \$20,000 from the Belvedere Community Foundation, the City of Belvedere has installed handrails that were missing on Park Lane, the middle of Lower Woodwardia Lane, and the bottom of Upper Woodland Lane.

These lanes of Belvedere and Corinthian Island are a historic treasure for all the community to enjoy, as well as a great place for exercise and a pleasant and quick route into town.

*Belvedere Parks and Open Space Committee Members at the top of
Lower Woodwardia Stairs: (l to r) Annette Ryan, Barbara Brookins,
Molly Hofmann, Alison Seaman.*



iInspire

The iInspire Institute, created in 2012 by Bel Aire School's Principal, Patti Purcell, and her staff, provides our teachers with the professional development they need in order to continue to grow in excellence. Currently, the Reed School District serves over 1,600 kindergarten through 8th grade students in our community. Our award-winning public schools help define Belvedere as an exceptional place to live. It is essential to the continuing success of our schools and our community that our

teachers receive the best professional development we can give them.

This year's three-day seminar, with a "teacher-to-teacher" model, gave our teachers the opportunity to learn from discipline experts, collaborate on curriculum, share best practices, and also encouraged innovation, creativity and effective communication among district staff. The Belvedere Community Foundation is proud to offer its support.

RECENT BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

BCF Annual Photography Contest

BCF Clean & Green Day

Bel Aire Elementary Outdoor Classroom

Belvedere Historical Trail Signs

Belvedere Tiburon Child Care Center

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation:

Teen Zone

Dairy Knoll Building

Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society:

Old St. Hilary's Bell Restoration

Belvedere-Tiburon Library: Corner Books

Belvedere-Tiburon Open Golf Tournament

Bike Train

Blackie's Garden

Blackie's Hay Day by Bookmarks

for the Children's Library

Camp Create

City of Belvedere:

Lane Handrails

Wooden benches on patio

Wood Fence on San Rafael Avenue at Lagoon

Concerts-in-the-Park

Farley Place: Affordable Senior Housing

GETREADY94920/Emergency Preparedness:

Del Mar First Aid Supplies

Belvedere Emergency Disaster Supplies

Peninsula Pride

Reed Union School District

Bel Aire Outdoor Classroom

Del Mar Butterfly Garden

Fun Run

iInspire Institute

Protective Canopies for Second Grade Lunch Tables

Reed Vegetable Garden

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary:

Oil Spill Clean-Up

Bird Conservation and Monitoring Program

Junior Naturalist Summer Training

Scholarships for Summer Adventures Camp

Americorps Intern Program for Local Restoration

Senior Access: Adult Day Program

Tiburon Peninsula Village

Tiburon Salmon Institute

Tiburon South of the Knoll Playground:

Tugenberg Tot Lot

Zelinsky Playground

Town of Tiburon: Plant the Medians

Walk Your History Day

Young Performers International



ABOUT THE BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

- To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.
- To form an endowment fund with contributions from all of Belvedere's citizens.
- To provide grants to support projects and volunteers working to enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.

OUR VALUES

- To sustain the legacy of volunteer public service.
- To perpetuate the generosity of Belvedere's citizens.

OUR COMMITMENT

- To be a vital resource to sustain and nurture Belvedere's rare and exceptional character.
- To support the energy and creativity of our citizens.



BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



IF YOU HAVE A NEW PROJECT IDEA THAT IS IN NEED OF LOCAL FUNDING...

The Belvedere Community Foundation welcomes grant requests for projects that assist in preserving the unique character of Belvedere and enhance the overall quality of life in the community. If you would like to apply for a grant, please submit an application online at <http://belvederecommunityfoundation.com>.

