



BELVEDERE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

2019 NEWSLETTER

Sustaining the Legacy of Volunteer Public Service and Generosity

BCF 2018 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



- Top left:
“Mud Buds” **Tyler Rosengren**
- Top Center:
“Corinthian Moon” **Matthew Gormley**
- Top right:
“Tiburon Dusk” **Johanna Provenzano**
- Middle left:
“Winter” **George Brewster**
- Middle center:
“Bewick’s Wren” **Caleb Jordan-McDaniels**
- Bottom left:
“Anna’s Hummingbird” **Joyce Bell**
- Bottom right:
“Sunset on the Lagoon” **Leela Pratt**



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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.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BCF

or to make a donation, visit our updated website.

OUR BLOG

provides the news, and the Projects section has links to the organizations and events we support.

www.belvederecommunityfoundation.com.

TO DONATE SECURELY ONLINE,

click the Donate button, or mail a check to:

Belvedere Community Foundation

P.O. Box 484, Belvedere-Tiburon, CA 94920

BCF – REFLECTIONS ON THE LAST THREE DECADES



2018-9 Board of Trustees: Left to right: Back row: Bryan Kemnitzer, John Pearson.
Center row: Whitney Lee, Leni Eccles, Mimi Cornelius, Sarah Ryan, Sue Hoeschler.
Seated: Anne Feinberg, Debbie Fisher, Betty Gaye Toney, Claus Lund. Not pictured:
Cathy Cole, Jean Cromwell, Doug Patterson. Photo: Diane Smith

In the summer of 1990 three distinguished Belvedere citizens, each a former mayor, met to discuss how to take advantage of the overwhelming success of a recent Belvedere voter-approved capital improvement measure. **Don Davis, Bob Gordon, and Chuck Auerbach** had each served the City of Belvedere for many years, and their love of this magnificent place motivated them to stay involved. Inspired by what they saw as the generosity of Belvedere citizens to “tax” themselves in order assure the quality of life in Belvedere, they hatched the concept of a

community foundation. November 17, 1990 marked the first official meeting of the City of Belvedere Foundation Trustees. **Donald Davis, Sandra Donnell, Philip Ehrlich, R.H. Fink, Robert Gordon** and **William Smith** met at the San Francisco Yacht club and each contributed \$200 to open a bank account. The organization’s name was changed the following year to Belvedere Community Foundation.

As we look forward to the 30th year of BCF’s involvement in our community, we can reflect on the growth and achievements of the last three decades. There are now almost 100 Trustees and Advisory Trustees volunteering their efforts for BCF, and as its endowment has grown, so has BCF’s ability to support the physical, social, and cultural needs of Belvedere. This newsletter documents how money contributed by you, the citizens of Belvedere who are willing to “tax” yourselves, is spent for the good of our community. We who serve on the Board are humbled by your trust and are inspired to help support the activities and programs that make our city so special.

Please join us for the 30th Annual Meeting of the Belvedere Community Foundation to recap the year, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate our Photo Contest winners.

You Are Invited! JOIN US FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 21
7:00 pm
Belvedere City Hall
Photography Contest
Annual Meeting & Reception

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PROJECT IDEA THAT NEEDS 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>



BCF SUPPORTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER UPGRADES

Attendees at the BCF Annual Meeting in November will enjoy the slide show and photo contest on a new state-of-the-art display system, thanks to a grant from BCF that helped the City upgrade its audio-visual capabilities. A new laser projector and HDMI scaler provide a clear, sharp image. The City also upgraded many monitors used by the city council and other legislative bodies during meetings, and new rechargeable microphones replaced the wireless audio equipment.

2018 BCF photo contest winners pose with their winning entries. Photo credit: Diane Smith



BELVEDERE BLOCK CAPTAINS UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of an emergency, communication will be crucial for saving lives but land lines and cell towers may be out of commission. With help from BCF, each Block Captain will receive a two-way radio and learn how to use it. An ongoing BCF grant will fund regular battery replacement so that radios are always ready for use.

Block Captains (L to R): John Tantum, Jerry Butler, Phil DeMaria



YELLOW BUS CHALLENGE HELPS EASE TRAFFIC WOES

The pilot program doubled school-bus ridership to 44% of RUSD students and reduced transit times on Tiburon Boulevard by 40% at school drop-off and pick-up times. The Yellow Bus Program, which serves all three Reed District campuses and the Cove School in Corte Madera, is completing its most successful year of operations to date.

Riding the bus is fun with your friends!



EUCALYPTUS LANE RESTORATION REOPENS HISTORIC PATH

A five-year Belvedere Lane Initiative seeks to repair and reopen our public lanes. The first project, now renamed Golden Gate Lane, will connect Golden Gate Avenue with Belvedere Avenue. This path will provide a beautiful view of the Golden Gate Bridge, improve walking on the west side of the island, and provide an emergency evacuation route on that side. Look for it to be completed this fall.

A view from the top of Golden Gate Lane

TIBURON PENINSULA VILLAGE ENGAGES VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SENIORS

A grant from **BCF** enabled **Tiburon Peninsula Village** to enlarge its base of volunteers who support the organization's mission of helping seniors stay active and involved in our community. Volunteers help with everything from cleaning out the garage to providing rides to activities and doctor's appointments. In addition to the usual monthly get-togethers, Tiburon Peninsula Village is participating in a series of special events celebrating the tenth anniversary of its parent organization, Marin Villages. Find out how to become a member or volunteer at marinvillages.org.



*Belvedere resident **Lois Cannady** at Marin Villages' donor appreciation party.*

CAMP CREATE TEACHES KIDS TO PLANT, SOW, GROW

Camp Create at **St. Stephen's Church** was again a nurturing center of arts education for first through fifth-grade students from southern Marin. This year's theme was "**Plant, Sow, Grow!**" Campers learned to plant, sow, and grow their creativity through multi-cultural song, dance, drumming, and art. The week-long camp culminated in a well-attended Friday Fiesta and performance showcase created by and starring the campers.



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS CAN HANG OUT AT THE RANCH

Your tween has no excuse for complaining that there's nothing to do on a Friday night. During the school year The Ranch offers a Friday evening drop-in program for middle school students to play games, watch movies, play sports like basketball and ping pong, or just socialize. BCF is happy to help the Ranch provide a safe and fun place to hang out.



ALL IN SUMMER CAMP SUPPORTS SUMMER FUN

This summer ALL IN provided a total of fifty-five weeks of summer camp for local low-income children. They partnered with six different camps including **The Ranch, Galileo, Hawks Hoops, Steve and Kate, Camp Create, and Audubon**. Each participant received a free week of camp. The campaign kicked off with a summer camp fair in March.



***Olivia Burns** loved her week at Camp Create!*

ANGEL ISLAND ADVENTURE RACE CHALLENGES RACE TEAMS

Photos: Rachel Simpson,
rachelsimpsonphotography.com

The fourth annual race was a great success and has grown to 280 competitors for this two-day event. With nearly 100 teams competing, youth, families, and adults brought their best and conquered the island in record time. The ten obstacles tested competitors' communication, coordination and teamwork skills.



BCF SUPPORTS LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Programs and events help bring a sense of community to the library and are integral to its core educational mission. This year BCF supported two important programs at the library: the Children and Teens Events and the Tuesday Evening Speaker Series. Teens enjoyed book clubs, movies, and board game nights, while younger children delighted in magic, circus, and wildlife, among other performances. Adults enjoyed a wide range of presentations, often with a local angle, and always offering food for thought.

Morgan Falzone assists magician Owen Baker-Flynn



HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BECOMES A LOCAL TRADITION



Train rides (above) and encounters with Santa Claus (right) were part of Tiburon's winter wonderland. Photos: Diane Smith



Petey Stein (r) and Todd Ziesing enjoy the concert. Photo credit: Jeffrey Stein

CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK BRING MELLOW MUSIC TO BELVEDERE

The 23rd season of Concerts-in-the-Park presented four blockbuster performances: **Super Diamond**, a Neil Diamond tribute band, **Vintage Jukebox Orchestra**, playing jazz, swing, blues, and R&B, **Pop Fiction**, spanning decades of popular dance tunes, and **The Sun Kings**, recreating the excitement of the Beatles.

HARVEY'S GARDEN PROVIDES GARDEN INSPIRATION

While Harvey is much missed, his wonderful demonstration garden continues. Harvey always thought it was hard to tell what a plant was going to look like in your garden by just looking at it in a pot at the nursery, and he wanted his garden to be a reference point for home gardeners. If you want to join the crew of **Master Gardeners** and friends of Harvey's at the next work day, email jamesgcampbellsf@gmail.com.



Above: Harvey Rogers and Nena Hart in the garden

Left; Front row: Ellen Callaway, Carol Felton, Mary Kasher, James Campbell, Kristin Jensen.
Back row: Jane Hirt, Lesley Zwilling, Pat Randolph, Jan Rosales

BCF again provided support for the **Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Festival of Lights**. Families participated in ornament making and gingerbread house decorating, went on wagon and train rides, met Santa Claus, and enjoyed seasonal treats. The grand finale was the tree- and menorah-lighting ceremony on Main Street.

Far Right: **Juliette Rodenbeck** with **Ellie and Caleb**



HOORAY FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

Our award-winning public schools and the sense of community they offer our children are crucial to Belvedere's quality of life.

BCF is proud to support our schools in various ways throughout the year.

RUN FOR REED

The Foundation for Reed Schools hosted foot races in downtown Tiburon followed by an evening celebration on Main Street. Proceeds fund academic programs and teachers at all three campuses.



Exercise makes us all winners



The family that runs together has fun together

REDWOOD SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHT

Graduates partied responsibly as Mt. Tam Racquet Club became a fantastic beach club. Over 360 graduates tried out a whole host of activities and sports, including a new surprise, Silent Disco. Raffles went on all evening and food was served throughout the night.

Robbie Wilson celebrates graduation from Redwood



DEL MAR ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURE

Tiburon native Doug Woodring engaged Del Mar 6th and 7th graders in learning to be responsible community stewards. The lecture complemented the middle school science curriculum.

Be a good steward - keep plastic off our beaches