



THE FUTURE FOR ONEONTA FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER Spring 2017

FOF Annual Meeting

On Monday, April 10 the Future for Oneonta Foundation held it's annual meeting at Community Bank on Main Street. At the meeting Board members discussed the accomplishments and challenges of the past year and elected officers for the upcoming year. For 2017 the officers will be Frank Russo, Chair; Chris Kuhn, Vice Chair; Beth Goetz, Secretary and Ben Nesbitt, Treasurer. FOF Treasurer, Ben Nesbitt, gave a full financial report and Frank Russo thanked outgoing officers Ryan Brooks and Susan Hughson. Two former board members, Sarah Patterson and Geoff Smith, also attended the annual meeting.

Pictured at left are Frank Russo, Chair and Susan Hughson, outgoing Vice Chair



The **O-Town Triple Crown** race series strives to promote a series of quality run/walk events that create a better sense of community, promote healthy activities, and raise support for and awareness of three charitable organizations: The Ricky J. Parisian Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care, and the Oneonta Family YMCA. Each event includes a different course throughout the beautiful hills of Oneonta. The O-Town Triple Crown series kicks off in the Fall and runs through the Holiday season by recognizing and celebrating those who come out to our great community and get moving in the spirit of giving to these three great causes. 2016 was the first year of the **O-Town Triple Crown** and 260 people in Oneonta completed the race series. In 2017 the Pit Run will be held October 1, The Turkey Trot will be held on November 23 and the Frost Bite will be held on December 31.



Board of Directors



The Future for Oneonta Foundation is looking toward the future and is excited about the possibilities that are in store for 2017. This year FOF will review grant requests two times—once in June and again in December. The FOF Board will continue to follow the strategic plan and will grant money to organizations who meet one of the following criteria—**arts and culture, beautification or community engagement**. If community groups need the grant application they can access it by going to our website www.fofoneonta.com or they can email fofoneonta@gmail.com.

Keep up with FOF...

The Future for Oneonta has a Facebook page. You can like our page to keep up with all of the latest news and events of FOF.

Online Donations

This year you can donate online to support the mission of the Future for Oneonta Foundation. To donate please visit www.fofoneonta.com.

CANO Chili Bowl

FOF donated money to the Community Arts Network of Oneonta (CANO) for their 13th annual Chili Bowl fundraiser. Each year this event is held on Super Bowl Sunday. This year the event was held on Sunday, February 5. Participants purchased a handcrafted pottery chili bowl and then they got to taste a variety of chili's made by individuals and restaurants. This year the people's choice award winner was the **Oneonta Bagel Company** and the firefighters blind taste test winner was the **SUNY Delhi culinary team**. The event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for CANO and this year and proceeds from this event fund CANO activities throughout the year including monthly art, writing and music events, and classes at the Carriage House Art Studio.



Congratulations to our 2016 Grantees!

In 2016 FOF made donations to the following community organizations

ARC Otsego, Catskill Area Symphony, Catskill Valley Wind Ensemble, Community Arts Network of Oneonta (CANO), Dollars for Scholars, First Night Oneonta, Friends of Oneonta Community Health Center, Greater Oneonta Historical Society, Little Delaware Youth Ensemble, Lower Deck Events, Oneonta Concert Association, Oneonta Family YMCA, Oneonta Dollars for Scholars, Oneonta Federated Garden Club, Oneonta Middle School, O-Town Triple Crown, Oneonta Community Concert Band, Oneonta World of Learning, Greater Oneonta Historical Society, St. Mary's Food Pantry, United Way

FOF was chartered in 1982 and granted tax-exempt status by the IRS in December of that year.

FOF Board Members

Frank Russo, Chair
Chris Kuhn, Vice Chair
Ben Nesbitt, Treasurer
Beth Goetz, Secretary
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