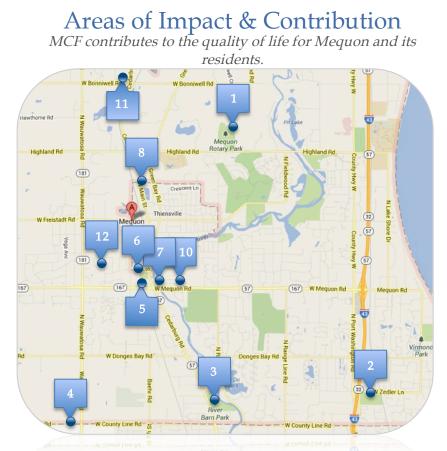
Mequon Community Foundation

MCF HAPPENINGS

Serving the Mequon Community to Enhance Our Quality of Life



**1 Rotary Park** is one of the sites in Mequon where many community events are held. MCF was proud to be sponsors of such events as the City of Mequon Concerts on the Green, as well as many other projects held at the Park.

<sup>2</sup> Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park. This site was donated to the City in 1967 subject only to the conditions that it be used for public park purposes and that children and pets be given unrestricted access. MCF has donated over \$17,000 towards the upkeep of this park.

**3 River Barn Park - Sommer Pavilion**. MCF was instrumental in the construction of the Pavilion at River Barn Park.

To date, this is the largest contribution we have made to our community, donating \$300,000 to the construction of the

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### ABOUT MCF

The Mequon Community Foundation (MCF), formed in 2001, provides a resource to undertake projects that enhance the quality of life in the city. Since its founding, MCF has raised and distributed over \$600,000 through the charitable giving of the generous residents and businesses of Mequon.

Save the date **June 2, 2015**: fourth annual Pillars of the Community luncheon.

Visit our website: **www.mcfgives.org** to learn more about MCF and to make a contribution.

## 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Kathy Pederso Immediate P President: Jim Jurack

Directors: Stephanie Cox Linda Maly Andrew Petzold Jane Wierzba

### CONNECT



**4 Mequon Nature Preserve.** The Mequon Nature Preserve is an ongoing project to restore its lands to the deciduous forests and wetlands that existed prior to European settlement. MCF has donated over \$34,000 to the Nature Preserve.

**5 Logemann Community Center.** LCC is a gathering place for the recreational, social and educational activities of area residents, businesses, and organizations. MCF has donated to support its events and even acted as sponsors for fundraisers, socials, and other events at the center.

**6 Weyenberg Library**. Every year the library has a summer reading program for kids. MCF donated over \$10,000 keeping these kinds of programs going at the Library.

**7 Rotary Riverwalk.** A joint project of the two sections of the Mequon Rotary Club, the Riverwalk is an endeavor meant to physically improve the area along the river, as well as draw in visitors. MCF has donated over \$10,000 to this project.

# Board Member Highlights

#### Kathy Pederson

Kathy and her husband Gordon moved to Mequon in 1980. They enjoy the peace and quiet, the natural beauty, proximity to Lake Michigan and wonderful neighbors. Their two children Ryan and Kara thrived in the schools and graduated from Homestead in 2004 and 2007. As a successful career woman Kathy provides investment advice for individuals, families and foundations. When invited to join the Mequon Community Foundation, Kathy jumped at the opportunity to work with longtime friends.

Having served in several capacities on the MCF board, Kathy now provides energetic and innovative leadership as President, with the goal of making the MCF non-profit structure broadly available for continued betterment of our city. A highlight of the year is recognizing Pillar of the Community citizens who have made significant contributions to our community and to our world. Kathy feels honored to serve in this capacity. 8 Highland Woods. Tree planting in honor of US Military

#### 9 Mequon Historic Society

10 Homestead High School. Band uniforms

11 Jonathan Clark House. On the National Register of Historic Places, The Jonathan Clark House is an important historic building in Ozaukee County, and is a key part of Mequon's rich history. Located at the corner of Bonniwell and Cedarburg Roads, the home was built in 1848 as a private residence for early Mequon settler Jonathan Clark and his family. Clark made many important contributions to the community, including founding our first public school system. The fascinating history of this family and their home represents the pioneering spirit of Ozaukee County's early settlers. For tours of the historic house please visit http://jonathanclarkhouse.org/

**12 Mequon K9 Unit.** After many years of loyal service, K9 Officer Vero is retiring. We look forward to welcoming Officer Iron.

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#### Trish McEnerney

Trish and her husband John hail from Chicago. They moved to Mequon in 1993 to be close to John's work. Trish says "We moved for the quality of life with a large city nearby, but the open space is what drew us." Trish's children Ryan and Kate enjoyed playing baseball and softball with the Thiensville Mequon Youth Baseball Association (TMYBA). They also excelled in hockey and soccer.

Trish enjoys golf, skiing and traveling to visit family and friends. She joined the Mequon Community Foundation in 2006 and has contributed her banker expertise as MCF Treasurer ever since. MCF salutes Trish for her patient competence as a stalwart guide navigating the myriad financial responsibilities of the foundation.



#### **OZAUKEE COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER SINCE 1883**

# **Pieper receives Pillars of the Community award**

Former electric company president is third to receive the Mequon honor

MEQUON – Richard R. Pieper Sr., who received the Pillars of the Community award from the Mequon Community Foundation on Tuesday, said servant leadership and character education have been the cornerstones by which he has lived his life and built his business.

Pieper, a longtime resident of Mequon, has garnered a reputation both locally and nationally as the successful leader of a multi-generation family business, PPC Partners, the parent company of Pieper Electric. PPC Partners encompasses 17 businesses working under four employeeowned corporations.

Over the years, Pieper has done much to support the community, including the development of the Pieper-Power Education Center, which is the hub of the Mequon Nature Preserve. The list of his other contributions is lengthy. They include endowed chairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ripon College, the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Lawrence University. He also has lent his support to



Richard Pieper Sr. is pictured with the new president of the Mequon Community Foundation, Kathy Pederson, after receiving the Mequon Community Foundation's Pillars of the Community award.

Bradley Tech, Learning for Life, the Wisconsin Character Education Partnership and Servant Leadership programs.

He earned the 2013 American Patriot of Character Award and the Silver Antelope Award, a top honor by the Boy Scouts of America.

As he stood to accept the award and thank the room

full of luncheon attendees who gathered to honor him at North Shore Country Club, Pieper said he sees himself as just a small particle of what makes up the universe. He said he has been blessed with resources and opportunities in a great nation – and has tried to ethically make the most of those opportunities. During the introduction, James Jurack, the past president of the Mequon Community Foundation, said Pieper learned much from his parents and other relatives. He added that he also learned what he did not like, from seeing business practices that he decided were less than ethical.

"I couldn't see how your faith principles could be separated from what you did in business," Pieper said later as he accepted the award.

He talked about how he took over the Pieper Electric business from his father and built it in new directions. He said he ultimately sold the business to his employees, although he could have made substantially more if he pursued other avenues.

He urged others in the room to do their part to help others.

"There are people in this community who need to be lifted up and cared for and respected," he said, urging those who gathered to honor him to be an example to others.

"We are serving the future and serving the world," he said. "We're speaking with our whole lives."

The Mequon Community Foundation previously has given its Pillars of the Community Award to the Sommers Family in 2012 and to former Mequon Mayor Christine Nuernberg in 2013.

# 2014 MCF Happenings



Save the Date June 2, 2015: Fourth Annual Pillars of the Community Luncheon

*See more at <u>www.mcfgives.org</u> for other current happenings.* 

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