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Community Foundation Elects Officers & Trustees

The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce the election of officers and three new Trustees. Elected to another year as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, are Thomas Northrop and Richard White. Edward Morascyzk has been elected Secretary and Deborah Takach as Treasurer. Three new Trustees have joined the Board - Dr. Thomas Hart, John McCarthy, and Dorothy Tecklenburg. Rotating off the Board was Martha Berman, who chaired the Allocations & Programs Committee and Dennis Dutton, who chaired the Development Committee. Also rotating off the Board were Shirley Hardy and Elizabeth Todd. Both Hardy and Todd were active on the Allocations & Programs Committee and Todd served for one year as Secretary.



Morascyzk is a life-long resident of Washington and a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College. He is Senior Partner in the law firm of Morascyzk, Stopperich & Associates in Washington and also supports numerous charitable organizations including Special Olympics, American Cancer Society, Canonsburg Hospital, and Washington & Jefferson College.

Edward Morascyzk

Takach is the Vice President of Business Banking/ Southwest Region for First Commonwealth Bank and joined the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation in 2007. She is the current President for the South West Communities Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Business Loan Review Committee and the Real Estate Loan Review Committee for the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.



Deborah Takach

Takach is replacing Thomas Wild, who served for four years as Board Treasurer. During Wild's tenure as Treasurer, the Foundation doubled in assets from \$2.5 million to about \$5 million currently. To provide diversity of both investments and investment managers, Wild led the effort to select three separate managers with a \$1 million each, when the Foundation reached the \$3 million mark in endowment. He also helped to transition the Foundation from a combined Finance & Investment Committee to

separate Finance & Audit Committee and an Investment Committee.

Dr. Thomas Hart, a retired biology professor from Washington & Jefferson College, has worked globally on projects such as lecturing about tropical African agriculture in Malawi, to participating on a research expedition in the Gobi Desert, hunting fossil mammals and dinosaurs. More locally, Dr. Hart assisted the late Dr. Ernest Abernathy in the planting of trees for the Abernathy Baumplatz in Washington County and is currently the Tree Consultant for the WCCF's *Acorn to Oak Project*.



Dr. Thomas Hart



John McCarthy, Vice President of Finance for

Chapman Corporation, has an extensive background in construction financial management, emphasizing on cost controls, budgeting, competitive price analysis, forecasting and financial analysis. In addition, he has over 20 years of experience as the single source financial control of construction management projects ranging in size

from \$20 to \$100 million. Prior to joining the Foundation Board, John served on the Board of Directors of the Washington County Literacy Council. Early in 2008, John was very helpful in the Foundation's move from Washington Federal to the Chapman Annex.

Dorothy Tecklenburg has spent much of the past six years as a columnist, writing the *Observer-Reporter's* editorial piece "Dispatch from China" (03-08). She was a co-creator and creative consultant for the PBS television show "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?", an adjunct professor for Waynesburg College from 1987-2003, and a corporate communications consultant. Dorothy served as a Trustee for the International School of Beijing and as a Board Member for the Children's School of Washington. As a writer, Dorothy has authored several works, such as Bob Dorian's Classic Movies and has recently lent her talents to the WCCF, writing articles for various publications.



Dorothy Tecklenburg

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