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2022 was a Year of Planning for the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation's 25th Anniversary and The Silver Ball

Glen Ellyn Library Foundation celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2023, and to kick off this momentous occasion, the Foundation hosted The Silver Ball on Friday, April 28, 2023, in the Ginkgo Room at The Morton Arboretum. Foundation Board members welcomed more than 200 guests to the event, which featured dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment from the Blue Water Kings Band. Diana Martinez, Director of the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. The Silver Ball also honored Dan and the late Midge Anderson, longtime supporters of Glen Ellyn Public Library and the Foundation.

The Silver Ball raised an impressive \$270,000 for the Foundation to help fund the library's new makerspace. "I am overwhelmed by the success of The Silver Ball," said Chairwoman Molly Mattaliano. "The entire community came out to support the event; from the 34 company sponsors, multiple individual donors, and the 90 auction donors to the Board members, library Trustees and library employees. So many people went above and beyond to make The Silver Ball a fun, memorable and worthwhile event."

In addition to Mattaliano, a host of board members, library employees, and community members filled leadership roles, including Board President Joli Murphy and Peter Cooper, who chaired the sponsor committee. Vice President Gina Meyers chaired the technology committee, Kelley Kalinich and Kelli Christiansen co-chaired the marketing committee, Marlene Slansky supported the auction committee, and Treasurer Merrill Rajeck was the chief finance officer. Library Director Dawn Bussey served on the sponsor and decor committees, and many library employees donated their time and talents as well. Dozens of community members volunteered before and during the event, including committee chairs Mary Lou Skalkos, Janet Penley, Laura Heimbürger, Molly Hoerster, Becky Mulligan, Susan Bredfeldt, Mary Ellen Young, and Leslie Petro. Last, but not least, we are grateful for the day-of support from the Friends of the Library, headed by President Katie Scherer. Our Development Officer, Carrie Gowans, was there to ensure that the technology running the auction went smoothly and that packages were first-rate and seamless for guests to procure.

As the Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary, we hope to reach a fundraising goal of \$300,000. Part of the money will go toward the library's new makerspace, and the remainder will be invested to

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grow the Endowment, ensuring that future Glen Ellyn residents will continue to enjoy a state-of-the-art facility and high-quality library services that support innovation and community outreach. Please help the Foundation reach our \$300,000 goal with a \$25 donation (or another amount) by visiting gepl.org/foundation.

PROFILE: SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Foundation Board Member Molly Mattaliano signed on as The Silver Ball Chairperson shortly after joining the board. "Heading up a major fundraiser for the Foundation was a bit daunting at first, but when I realized the entire Board was willing to help, it

was easy to divide and conquer the many tasks using the abundant talent of the Board members." A lifelong Glen Ellyn resident, Mattaliano has volunteered her time with numerous local organizations, including St. Petronille, Marianjoy Auxiliary, and Community Nursing Services. "I love that Glen Ellyn is a town of volunteers. I feel it's important for everyone to contribute in some way." Mattaliano has a background in magazine writing and editing, but also enjoys planning events, including two of her three daughters' weddings. She lives in Glen Ellyn with her husband Al, and in her spare time enjoys teaching and practicing yoga.



Mary Ellen Young and Molly Mattaliano



Melissa and Ray Cliff

IN MEMORIAM

Ray Cliff, who served on the Library Board of Directors from 1999-2003 and the Foundation Board of Directors from 2003-2009 passed away in January 2022 at the age of 86.

Ray's vision for the Foundation expanded its impact, grew its membership, and helped ensure its future.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Foundation was sorry to see Development Officer Julie Evans depart in June; Carrie Gowans was hired in August to take her place.
- More than 2,000 readers participated in the Glen Ellyn Public Library summer reading program, and the Foundation donated \$1,000 to Forest Preserve District of DuPage to support the state-endangered Blanding's turtle head-start program.
- Forty engraved bricks were installed in the library walkway to acknowledge donations of \$16,000 for the Outreach Van in 2021.
- The Board voted to host a fundraiser in 2023 to celebrate its 25th anniversary.
- The Foundation received \$32,000 in donations in 2022 and disbursed \$25,000.

EMPLOYEE MATCHING PROGRAMS

Many companies participate in matching programs. Village resident Bill Dallman chose the Glen Ellyn Library Foundation as his corporate volunteer matching partner with his employer, Microsoft Corporation. Microsoft matches an hourly rate for the time that Bill volunteers. Bill and his wife, Lucy, have lived in Glen Ellyn for 26 years and Bill has been a Technology Tutor for 11 years. By participating in this program, Bill said that he gains a sense of purpose and belonging and helps the community at the same time. To learn more about employee matching programs, please visit gepl.org/foundation or contact Development Officer Carrie Gowans at foundation@gepl.org.

WAYS TO DONATE

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