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Kettering Parks Foundation News Update



The Kettering Parks Foundation is dedicated to servicing our community by sponsoring a variety of projects and events that support the Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department. In 2013, the Parks Foundation successfully raised \$120,000 for the *Reach for the Sky* Campaign, that created a permanent fund to support scholarships for under-served residents of Kettering.

Over the past three years the *Reach for the Sky* fund has increased in value. We are pleased to announce that in 2017 the *Reach for the Sky* fund will provide twenty scholarships to residents of Kettering, providing them the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful programs

and services of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department.

The Kettering Veterans and Inventor Campaign was the most ambitious project the



Foundation has completed to date. In 2016, the Foundation raised \$500,000 in pledges, gifts and in-kind services to construct The *Veteran Plaza and Charles F. Kettering History Walk* prominently located in Delco Park.

The *Veteran Plaza and Charles F. Kettering History Walk* has already been visited by thousands of people since opening in November, 2016. We have received positive feedback regarding the in-depth story about Charles F. Kettering's life, plus the history information on the military pillars. We encourage you to take some time this spring or summer to visit the site.

On behalf of the Parks Foundation Board, we thank you for your generous support of the Parks Foundation. We have enclosed a donation envelope and hope that you consider a donation this spring to continue your support of the Foundation.

Thank you!



July 13

The Kettering Parks Foundation annual **Party for the Parks** has been scheduled for Thursday, July 13, at Frazee Pavilion Fountain Patio. The music performance that evening will be *Hotel California*, an Eagles Tribute Band. The "Party" begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$75 each and include dinner, drinks and concert ticket, as well as an evening with our Kettering friends. (Concert tickets will be distributed the night of the event). You may register online www.ketteringparksfoundation.org, call (937)296-2454 or stop by the Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department Administration Office; 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering, Ohio 45429.

Veteran Plaza Commemorative Brick Sales

Pave the way to honor your veteran! The Kettering Parks Foundation continues to sell bricks at Veteran Plaza for any military person who has served or is serving in one of the five military branches. Three brick sizes are available.

4" x 8" – \$100

8" x 8" – \$250

12" x 12" – \$500

Order forms are available online ketteringparksfoundation.org and at the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department Administration office, 3600 Shroyer Road Kettering, 45429. Bricks will be placed each Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Orders for Veteran Day must be received by September 1 and orders for Memorial Day must be received by March 1 each year.

The Parks Foundation New Board Member: Dave Dutton

The Parks Foundation welcomes our new member, Dave Dutton.

Being from the great state of New York, I left for my continuing education to attend Ashland University, Wright State, and U.D. My major was business administration with an emphasis on real estate. That led me to a 48 year career into property management and ownership. Buying and selling apartments afforded me the opportunity to give back to the community in volunteering my time and service. Some of the fine organizations I have had the opportunity to volunteer



for include: The Dor-Wood Optimist Club, Fairmont High School men's and women's soccer parent groups, Crestwood Swim and Tennis Club, Kettering Renegade Soccer Club, Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association, Kettering YMCA Indian Guides, the Dayton Art Institute "OktoberFest", and the City of Kettering.

I strive to be a positive influence on the people around me. Living and working in Kettering, Ohio opened many doors for me and my family. Thank you very much for allowing me to give back, just a little bit more, to this great community of Kettering. It is truly the best place to call home.

David Dutton

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