

CWC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND HISTORY

In 1984 **Louinia Mae Whittlesey, Arthur Goldsmith, Harry Kohn, John McGervey** and **Sheilah Rosenberg** got together to talk about establishing a 501c3 corporation as a memorial fund to help children of Unit 125 members with college expenses. John Wheeler would become its Statutory Agent and Sole Incorporator. The petition was presented to the State of Ohio and was approved March 8th, 1984. The five individuals named above became trustees of the fund. Arthur Goldsmith's term would expire at the end of 1984, John McGervey's in 1985, Harry Kohn' in 1986, Louinia Mae Whittlesey in 1987 and Sheilar Rosenberg's in 1988. for a period of five years. At the end of each term a new trustee would be appointed by the President of the Board of Directors of Unit 125 to take their place.

On October 11, 1989 Board President **Sharon Fairchild** called to order a meeting of the Committee at which time new trustees were appointed. They were: **Bev Carter** who was appointed for a one year term expiring in 1990, **Jim Zimmerman** and **Pat Chisholm** appointed to terms ending in 1991 and **Skip Burke** and **Tom Hample** whose terms would expire in 1992.

Later, **Sharon Fairchild** joined the committee and became its President. Then **Jim Zimmerman** and **Donna Largent** were appointed to terms ending in 1994, **Ellen Wolfe** became a new member whose term would end in 1995 and **Bev Carter** was reappointed along with **Pat Chisholm** for terms ending in 1996. **Donna Largent** was also reappointed later on and served until 2010 when she was replaced by **Peter Miller**.

The Committee currently consists of chairperson **Peter Miller** (whose term expires September 2018), **Ginny Young** (September 2015), **Judy Spooner** (September 2016), **John Spooner** (September 2019) and **Chuck Bisesi** (September 2017).

Since its beginning in 1984 over \$80,000 has been awarded to very deserving children of Unit 125 members, mostly through memorial contributions in honor of loved ones, the Friday night Charity Pairs at our Sectionals, the selling of Entertainment Books in the 90's, frequent contributions of \$1000 from the ABCL Charity Foundation but most of all Charity games held at our local clubs each year to benefit the fund.

Each year Awards have run from \$150 to \$1000 depending on how much money the fund received in contributions that year. In recent years an average of 6 to 10 applications are received as college expenses have continued to increase over the years and the need has risen for help paying tuition. Since the fund depends on your generosity and the number of applicants, awards vary in amount each year.

Scholarship applications are available on our website whistclub.org under the heading of Board information. Awards are presented at our Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner which is held in May of each year. Donations can be sent to the fund in care of **Charles Bisesi, 266 Franklin Drive, Berea, OH 44017** and gratefully accepted. For more information on how your child or grandchild can apply, please contact any member of the Committee or simply download the application from our website, whistclub.org.