



Geneva Academic Foundation

Viking Voyage to Excellence



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GENEVA ACADEMIC FOUNDATION HOLDS MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Volunteers Celebrate Organic Growth of Board of Directors

GENEVA, Illinois, 5/20/15—The Geneva Academic Foundation (GAF) held their first annual Membership Event last week at Penrose Brewing Company. The event was well attended by current volunteer Board members and Advisory Board members as well as their many esteemed, invited guests. The event was catered by Claddagh Irish Pub and Restaurant in Geneva who provided four great appetizer platters including their renowned corned beef and cabbage rolls. Additional food was also on hand. Kernel's Gourmet Popcorn provided three delicious flavors of popcorn and Nobel House contributed two platters of chicken wings.

The Geneva business community was out in full support of the GAF's Membership Event and their mission to organically grow their Board of Directors. Generous door prizes for the each of the GAF's potential new Board members and Associate Board members were provided by Kernel's Gourmet Popcorn, Stockholm's Restaurant and Brewery, Barrel + Rye American Bistro, Preservation Bread & Wine, Aurelio's Pizza and Geneva Ale House.

Guests at the event were given the opportunity to meet active Board members and talk about how the foundation works with the community to support all nine schools in the Geneva school district. Among the topics discussed were the GAF's Viking Voyage to Excellence Endowment Fund campaign, 28 years of funding annual GAF grants, totaling over \$1.2 million, for our school teachers for supplemental programs, equipment and educational resources, two \$1,000 annual college scholarships for Geneva seniors and the many successful fundraisers the GAF holds each year to continue to support our Voyage to Excellence.

Jeff Vekony, GAF Board Vice President and Co-Chair of the Endowment Fund, said, "We are excited about the success of our Membership Event and about meeting new volunteers to help us continue the vital tradition of supporting our Geneva school system."

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Pictured with Jeff Vekony, left, is Laura Zuzuly, former GAF Board Chairperson, enjoying the event held in Penrose Brewing Company's tasting room.

About the Geneva Academic Foundation

GAF is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 volunteer organization formed in 1987 by a group of parents to raise money to fund grants for teachers, schools or scholastic organizations. The grants must enhance the educational experience of students in District #304 of the Geneva Community School System. Each year, the GAF also awards two \$1,000 college scholarships to Geneva High School seniors. Visit us on the web at www.gafgeneva.org, like us on Facebook at GAF-Geneva Academic Foundation or follow us on Twitter @GAFGeneva.

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