

Have you ever wondered who some of the volunteers are who make a difference in our community? These are the 15 volunteers who give their time and talents to the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence in order to help teachers and administrators bring innovative curriculum ideas into the classroom. Each

Kathy Bratcher (2008-2011)

Kathy was a teacher in the Batavia School for her entire career. During her tenure she taught in all of the elementary schools, the middle school, and coached track at the Batavia High School. In 2002 Kathy was honored with the recognition of Kane County Elementary Educator of the Year. Kathy retired in 2005 after thirty-three years of teaching in Batavia and now serves our schools as an active and informed Foundation board member.

Lisa Farley (2009-2012)

Lisa moved to the area in 2005 and has two children in the Batavia public schools. She was a member of the Hoover Wood PTO serving on the Communication and PR committee. She owns a personal training and Pilates company, rehabs homes with her husband, and has experience in sales and marketing. Lisa has been very active and involved with the golf outing.

Jennifer Heidenreich (2008-2011)

Jen moved to Batavia in 2002 and has one child in the Batavia school district. She has been a part of the Batavia Mothers' Club Foundation since 2002, most of those years as a Committee Chair. Very involved with the H. C. Storm PTO, Jen remains a stay-at-home mom by running her freelance graphic and web design business from home.

Mike Katz (2008-2011)

Michael joined the board after years of participation in the H.C. Storm PTO. Mike currently chairs the golf committee and is responsible for organizing the Foundation's only fundraiser. He brings business and financial management experience to the board and enjoys the opportunity to help Batavia schools reach their fullest potential. Michael has one child in elementary school, and one just around the corner. Michael and his wife have lived in Batavia for just over 10 years.

Lisa Foydel Kramer (2006-2009)

Lisa learned about the Foundation shortly after moving to Batavia in 2004. With three children enrolled in Batavia public schools she thought the opportunity to serve the community and its schools by providing innovative educational experiences would be a rewarding challenge. Lisa has served on the PR and grant committees and has been the Chairperson for the past two years.

of these individuals brings a unique perspective and background to benefit the Foundation and each person's contribution is important to its overall success.

When you meet these and other volunteers in the community, please take a minute to thank them for all the hard work they do!

Kerry Massie (2009-2012)

Kerry has been active in the Batavia community since moving here in 2005 from the Washington, D.C. area. She has a Master's degree in Special Education and has experience in both grant writing and review through her work with several different non-profits. Kerry and her husband have three children who attend Batavia High School. Kerry also volunteers with the Illinois Food Bank each week working on a limited pilot program.

Colleen Nyland (2008-2011)

Colleen is currently a part time faculty member for Northern Illinois University and a BPS parent of two children. She brings non-profit management, education, marketing and public relations experience to the board and is passionate about providing the best educational opportunities for our kids.

Heidi Molenhouse (2008-2011)

Heidi is a BHS grad (1989), a parent of four children in District 101 schools and a business owner in Batavia. Heidi joined the Batavia Foundation to help ensure that our schools remain among the best in the area. Heidi is committed to the Foundation's goal of bringing innovative tools, resources and ideas to the classroom in order to enhance the education of all of the students in District 101.

Dan O'Brien (2007-2010)

Dan is currently employed with Trust Company of Illinois located in Downers Grove which, specializes in investment advisory, employee benefits and estate administrative services. He has three children that attend Batavia schools and his wife is a teacher at HC Storm. Dan and his family have resided in Batavia for the past fourteen years.

Joe Purpura (2001-2010)

Joe is a long-time Batavia business owner and resident. His wife was a teacher in Batavia for many years. Joe also serves as a school board member and serves as the Director of Finances for the Foundation making investment decisions for the Foundation's endowment.

Jane Reid (2009-2012)

Jane and her husband chose their home in North Aurora because it was in the Batavia school district. Now her three children attend Batavia public schools and Jane has become an active volunteer in the classroom and PTO.

Nancy Schmitz, Administrator

Lifelong Batavia resident. Nancy attended Louise White School and Batavia High School as did her father and two sons. She has been serving as secretary to the Foundation for over 10 years.

Carrie Sebold (2009-2012)

Carrie joined the foundation after being a board member at Grace McWayne PTO because she wanted to participate in enhancing education for all students in the Batavia school district. As the mother of four young children, two of which are enrolled at Grace McWayne, Carrie values the importance of education and enrichment activities for children. Carrie is also a real estate agent for Baird & Warner. Carrie and her family have lived in Batavia since 2007.

Joanne Spitz (2007-2011)

Joanne has lived in Batavia for over 17 years and has two BHS grads (2007 & 2010) and one more to follow. She has a BS in Advertising and an MBA from the University of Illinois. Joanne is a community volunteer in many aspects: serving a total of 4 years as Treasurer

and President on her children's school's PTO, lending her time and talents to TriCity Family Services and other local organizations. Joanne, currently the Vice Chair, is a member of the Batavia Foundation to help make a difference in improving the education of all of our Batavia school children.

Matt Winkle (2006-2011)

Matt was raised in Batavia and graduated from BHS in 1985. Matt's three boys are all currently district 101 students. Matt is a local business owner, school board member, licensed foster parent, active on other community boards, and proud Batavian.

Mim Zeddies (2007-2011)

Mim has been active in the Batavia community since moving here in 1990. Her oldest son is a BHS graduate (2009) and two more will follow. Mim has held various leadership roles in the school PTOs, and Parent Advisory Committees. Mim serves as the chair of the grant committee which meets twice each year to determine which grant proposals the Foundation will fund.

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