

South Central Iowa Community Foundation Community Connection

Our mission is to contribute to a better life for people of South Central Iowa by helping donors to carry out their charitable intent and by providing responsible stewardship of gifts for community purposes.

August 2013

Ringgold County – SCICF Grants Awarded



The Ringgold County-SCICF board held a grant awards presentation at the Ringgold County Fair on July 10th to award over \$103,000 in grants to local non-profit organizations.

GRANTEES

Diagonal Lions Club
Diagonal Community School Foundation
Diagonal Fitness Center
Ringgold County Historic Society
Ringgold Outdoor Alliance
Ringgold County Public Health
Town of Tingley
Mount Ayr Entrance Sign Committee
Princess Theater
Ringgold County Senior Citizens
Activity Center

City of Kellerton
Ringgold County Bowling Association
Union Township Endowment
Family Resource Center
Ringgold County Child Care
Ringgold County Fair
Mount Ayr Community School
American Legion Post #172
Mount Ayr Community School
Foundation

Grant applications are available on our website www.scicf.org and are due May 1st each year. Contact the Foundation office at 641-217-9105 or board members: Sue Beck, Clint Spurrier, Michell Ricker, Barb Stephens and Kevin Creveling for more information.

Meet Our Board



Mellony Klemesrud
Clarke County

I have lived in Clarke County all of my life. My parents are Larry and Fran Siefkas. I graduated from Murray Community School in 1983 and I have worked at American State Bank in Osceola for 25 years. I began my career at American State bank in 1988 as the receptionist and through the years took on additional responsibilities including board secretary, bond accounting, ACH coordinator along with continuing to be in customer service. I very much enjoy helping our customers with their financial needs as well as getting to know them on a personal level. I am married to Kevin Klemesrud and we live on an acreage just north of Osceola. I have 3 children, Janelle, Jeff and Jared Jamison. Janelle and Jeff are enjoying their own careers, and Jared is a senior this year at Clarke Community School.

I have served on several boards over the years including Osceola Parks & Recreation and Youth First. I have so much to learn about SCICF but I am very much looking forward to contributing what I can to this board. I am amazed at the growth of the foundation since its inception and am proud to be a part of its continued success.

Meet Your New VISTA



Jill Whitehouse
Program Assistant (VISTA)

Jill Whitehouse was born in Huntsville, Alabama. She also lived in Michigan and Texas before moving to Iowa in 2004. She was home schooled through high school and received her BA in political science in December of 2012. She also enjoyed studying philosophy and history in college. She spent part of last summer in Beograd studying culture and theater arts (as an audience member, not as a performer). She loves to drink coffee, and particularly likes to hang out in coffee shops and see what interesting conversations she can get into. She collects hats. She is also the proud owner of two over-weight boy cats; Thomas and Auggie, and well as a new kitten; Pricey. She is excited to be serving with SCICF.

Board of Directors

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SCICF Offers Planned Giving Seminars

SCICF is hosting two seminars to be held on Wednesday, November 6th at the Osceola Country Club.

The speaker, Johni Hays, is senior planned giving consultant for the Stelter Company, a national publisher of planned giving newsletters and web products for charities.

The first seminar: “*Charitable Giving Planning and Ethics*” is for attorneys, accountants and financial advisors. It is 8.a.m. to noon and is about the latest developments and ethical issues in gift planning. Cost is \$25 to attend.

The afternoon seminar is “*7 Secrets to Enhancing and Protecting Your Wealth.*”

In this session, Hays will explain “how to use strategic retirement and estate planning techniques to maximize assets without unwanted pressure.” This seminar is *free* and for educational purposes only. There will be no solicitation made of guests.

Call us *today* for more information on these seminars!
641-217-9105

November 6th
Osceola Country Club

Professional Advisor Seminar
\$25.00 fee
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Register by:
October 23rd

Afternoon Session
FREE to attend!
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



We have a “youth pod” serving each county.

Clarke - CCOPS
 Decatur - ROCCS
 Lucas - SPLASH
 Ringgold - HELP
 Union - YACC

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