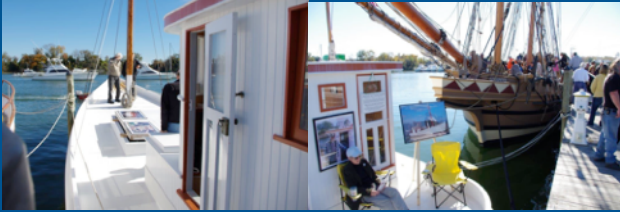


The Broadside



The voice of The Mathews Maritime Foundation

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The Year in Review... President Jack Caldwell

2016 was an exciting year for Mathews Maritime Foundation. The celebration of "The Mathews Men" with author Bill Geroux at Mathews High School auditorium was followed by the WWII Exhibit at MMF museum. This exhibit is still ongoing, in case you missed it. The subject of this year's 18 month calendar (July 2016-December 2017) is "Remembering World War II". It can be purchased from our Museum, our on line store at www.mathewsmaritime.com or from the Mathews Visitors Center. Once again, our speaker meetings were informative and well attended. 2016 was another good year for boat donations and artifact donations and loans. Our flagship "Peggy of New Point" also had an exciting year representing MMF at various venues around the Bay.

"Mathews Men" Debut a Rousing Success... by Nancy Lindgren

A "Mathews County WELCOME for Bill Geroux, author of THE MATHEWS MEN: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler's U-Boats" was held May 22 in the Mathews High School auditorium, as a way to thank him for seeing the story and writing a compelling book about the many Merchant Mariners of Mathews County who were in WWII. While the main story revolves around the seven Hodges brothers, Geroux weaves facts about the war, ships, U-boats, and the men who represented Mathews at the time. Generations of boys, often as young as 16 would leave the county for well paying jobs and,

largely because of their knowledge of boats that was almost genetic, and their work ethic, they quickly rose to become officers who assumed responsibility not only for the ships, but all on board. That seven brothers were in the Merchant Marines, and 6 were captains, was unusual and their lives are well described in the book.

The "traditional, old fashioned, patriotic, small town assembly" included many groups and individuals from Mathews: Supervisor Jack White was the host; The American Legion presented colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; The National Anthem was sung by William Earl Sadler who hails from a sea going family; the invocation by the Reverend Parrish; and a video of Merchant Marines in WWII. Memorial poems written by local people that were first recited at the time of the war, when 21 mariners, 11 sailors and 11 soldiers from Mathews were lost, were read by Lisa Callis and Jean Hodges McFarlane. A section of the program called "quotable quotes" took place when several family members of WWII Armed Services went on stage as a recording of "Heave Ho, My Lads", the Merchant Marine song, was played. Short quotes from Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, Winston Churchill, and officers of various branches were read after each participant introduced themselves and stated who in their family had served. All the quotes referred to the large contributions made by the merchant vessels, even before the U.S. entered the war, as they transported the goods and men between all ports in the world, always in harm's way.

William Geroux presented a power point and words that described many of the situations

Keeping the Past in the Present Preserving it for the Future

that men from Mathews were facing during WWII. His uncovering of facts and personal stories told to him by veterans of the war, family members, archives and years of research were skillfully crafted to make the book very readable, whether a person is particularly interested in the Merchant Marines, WWII or Mathews. The documentation is extensive, and the contents serve as a way to better understand what those who were directly engaged were encountering.

A lovely quilt depicting typical aspects of Mathews was made by volunteers of the Bay Quilters Guild of Mathews in "recognition of the significant contributions made by the Merchant Mariners of Mathews County in WWII" to benefit the Mathews Maritime Foundation and Museum. It was raffled off to one lucky winner, who was in attendance. Debbie Dawson, president of the group, and Pete Hall of MMF/M, displayed the quilt and Debbie drew the winning ticket stub.

The program concluded with the Gwynn's Island Baptist Church Choir singing the Merchant Marine Hymn, under direction of John Lee Callis, including a verse provided by the Chaplain at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, followed by the recognition of those in Mathews who served in all the Armed Forces during the war. Benny Fitchett, a veteran of the war and a career at sea, had volunteered to sing several patriotic songs but, unfortunately, was unable to attend.

ALL participants are thanked again for their contribution to the program.

WWII Exhibit at Museum... by Nancy Lindgren

In keeping with WWII, the museum's current exhibit honors all who served in the war, whether from Mathews or not. So many have shared photos, memorabilia, and wonderful stories that the walls, display cabinets, and exhibit "boards" are full. There are German and Russian uniforms, caps from allies and enemies, medals, models, and other artifacts loaned or donated to us by people near and far, all of whom we thank for making the exhibit the largest yet!

Our building is bulging, which serves to show how important the maritime history of Mathews is, and the need for it to be preserved and shown to our citizens and visitors to the county.

We will keep this exhibit up until the next one is prepared, and we welcome you to stop by on Fridays and Saturdays from 10-2, late April to early November (weather dependent due to high cost for heat!), and by appointment (804-725-4444).

Volunteers for the many functions of Mathews Maritime Foundation and Museum are always needed and welcomed, for whatever amount of time you can offer!

Calendar Honors Mathews Men Who Served in WWII...

The current 18 month calendar (July 2016-December 2017), "Remembering WWII" is our way to thank all from Mathews who served, and includes the first female, Gloria Diggs, who was a new graduate nurse at the time, and who rose to the rank of Colonel, U.S. Army during her career. But, at age 94, she isn't the oldest honored by us. Hirbry Payton who is now 98, was in the Navy during the war, and was then in the Merchant Marines for many years.

The calendar began as only those who went to sea, but how often do people in their 90's become "calendar pin-ups", so we were happy to broaden the contents to include other branches. Additionally, several others are still with us: Travers Thompson (whose Dad was the first Merchant Mariner from Mathews to lose his life); Benny Fitchett; and Gilbert Hall (whose son Kerry serves on the Board of Directors of MMF/M).

We're grateful to all who provided photos and information to help make our calendar a "collector's item". Horace "Brother" Hodges, son of one of the seven brothers, and himself a veteran of the Merchant Marines in WWII, recently died. He was invaluable during the preparation of the program, calendar, and exhibit. He will be sorely missed.

Lectures of 2016... Director/Curator Dennis Crawford

Our third Thursday of the month Speaker's Meetings have been well attended by those interested in the maritime topics presented by very able and interesting speakers. Some of the topics discussed this past year were WWII submarine warfare off the coast of Virginia, identification of maritime artifacts brought in by members, British ships scuttled in the York River in 1781, and sailing to Cuba.

At our February meeting, "Torpedo Junction" was the topic presented by Mr. Ed Moore in which he described the WW II submarine warfare off the coast of Virginia. Ed Moore is a retired newspaper sports editor and sports columnist. Mr. Moore has won 91 journalism awards in his career, and three times was named one of the top five sports columnists in the United States. Mr. Moore is a journalism graduate of Auburn University, a member of Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society, and a member of Who's Who among American teachers. He earned a Certificate in Military Strategy and Policy through the Old Dominion University Masters of History program. Mr. Moore has been a docent at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News.

For our March meeting we held An Artifact Get-Together Meeting at which members bought in some of their maritime artifacts for discussion or identification. A membership interactive meeting, a wide variety of items were described by their owners from Navy careers, local maritime items, to beach finds.

April brought Jesse Carroll Thornton as guest speaker. That evening served as an introduction to the Hodges family and the coming events planned around author William Geroux' book, "The Mathews Men: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler's U-Boats", and the Mathews County Welcome planned for him on May 22. Mr. Thornton described what life was like in Mathews during the 1940's and 50's and how much influence the Merchant Marines had in Mathews.

Jesse's mother, Hilda Fourteen (true given name), was the last child born to Henrietta "Henny" and Jesse Thomas Hodges, and the only one born in a hospital. His father, William "Billy" Lee Thornton, was a Merchant Mariner in the engine department, unlike most of the Hodges men who worked on deck. Jesse Carroll was sent to Mathews to live with his grandmother from 1941 through 1956 and has wonderful memories of his experiences during that time. His recollections of how difficult his grandmother's life was on the family homestead, and the responsibilities he had to help her in daily situations described how many families in Mathews functioned at that time.

Our June meeting topic was "British ships scuttled in the York River in 1781". Mike Steen, Director of Education at the Watermen's Museum in Yorktown, presented information about the ships thought to be buried in the York River bottom, from Cornwallis' fleet through other eras such as the Civil War.

At the November 17th meeting Ed Tillett presented exploring the new travel guidelines to Cuba and led an interactive discussion of the relationship that the U.S. has with Cuba and its people.

Ed is an award winning film and video producer, author and journalist. His initial travels to Cuba resulted in a film documentary produced with the University of Richmond's Dr. Mike Davison that examines the relationships between American and Cuban music over the past century.

Ed Tillett is Editor-in-Chief of Waterway Guide Media, a 70-year old publishing company now headquartered in Middlesex County. Waterway Guide publishes travel and cruising guides for boaters for 7 regions: The Bahamas, Cuba, Southern U.S., Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Chesapeake Bay, Northern U.S. and Great Lakes including the Mississippi River. His extensive travels to Cuba over the past 17 years culminated in a book titled, "Cuba Bound, The North Coast: Ports of Entry and Anchorage," which was released in February 2016. The second edition is in production and set for release in

February 2017. Ed lives in Middlesex County with his wife Anne.

Peggy's Chesapeake Bay Marathon...

by George Pongonis

Can you imagine running a marathon after passing your ninetieth birthday? How about the events that our ninety one year old flagship, the PEGGY of NEW POINT participated in during the previous year? After her annual haul-out at Keith Ruse's Deltaville Boatyard, she was fitted with her summer awning and headed for Cape Charles to join her peers. This occasion marked the kick-off of the 12th Annual Chesapeake Buy Boat Tour. Captain Kerry Hall along with Bob Gammisch, his faithful bayman-in-training, piloted Mathews County's Maritime Ambassador from one waterfront festival to another through the first two weeks of August.

After three days of meeting crowds in Cape Charles that numbered in the thousands, PEGGY headed up the Bay with the rest of the Buy Boat fleet to Tangier Island for a casual reception. This event was truly a highlight for many of the Island's residents who personally recall several of these work boats from the past. Then, we were off to the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, Maryland. This museum maintains and operates their iconic, nine-log, sailing bugeye Wm. B. Tennison. This vessel was built in 1899 and is in such fine condition that the U.S. Coast Guard certifies her to carry 40 passengers for hire. The museum folks hosted a fine reception to honor the crews of these traveling deck boats.

Next, the Buy Boat Tour traveled from Solomons to St. Michaels, Maryland. Here, a three-day celebration unfolded. Crowds in excess of ten thousand were witness to quite a festival. The docking contest was the main crowd pleaser. Watermen from all corners of the Bay compete in what might best be described as a "work boat rodeo".

To get a sense of how enjoyable this festival was for the public, visit this website:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/cbmmphotos/sets/72157672221113226>

After an especially pleasant voyage down the Bay to her Gwynns Island home, our flagship/ambassador was due for some R&R. She received a fresh coat of paint on her decks and some fine-tuning of her running gear. Then it was away for Urbanna and the Education Day activities held annually prior to the Oyster Festival. This was PEGGY's third year of participation with school children from Middlesex County, and beyond. We always have enthusiastic responses from the students to our "chores of pound net-fisherman" activity. Over the following weekend, numerous visitors to this end-of-season classic took time to inquire about the missions and the goals of the Mathews Maritime Foundation. To learn more about the PEGGY of NEW POINT, and what kind of marathon this venerable old girl will be up to as 2017 unfolds, be sure to check our MMF web page or visit with us on Facebook.



Peggy dockside at CBMM, St Michaels.

Would you enjoy an opportunity to participate in activities such as these? PEGGY is in need of more volunteers to help with her mission. Please know that you are very welcome to join the crew. We are planning now for 2017 and would like to include you in the fun. Contact George Pongonis (article author) at 757 898 4364. ***Looking Forward in 2017...***

Many exciting and new things are happening this year. We are in the process of forming a Sea Scout "ship" in Mathews. We are looking forward to the arrival of the historical boat "Freya", built on Gwynn's Island by Gilbert

Klingel. We are also supporting the documentary film "Gilbert Klingel: Man of Steel" which is being produced by film Director/Producer Dave Miller for Public Television. We are planning excellent speaker meetings and new exhibits for the museum and *Peggy of New Point* will continue her trips and activities around the Bay as ambassador for Mathews County.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to become involved in many of these activities. Docents are needed for the museum, more adult volunteers would be welcome to help with the Sea Scout program and other activities.

Sea Scouts Come to Mathews... by Director Page Herbert

As the Mathews Maritime Foundation is in the process of forming a Sea Scout unit some questions are rightly going to come from the membership, which could require some clarification. I will try to anticipate some of this



Who are the Sea Scouts? The Sea Scouts are a part of the Boy Scouts of America and serve boys and girls between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. The local scout council provides training for the adult leaders and a defined program for the scouts, which can be followed in part or as a whole. The national scout council provides interaction with other similar units across the country and even own and operate a sea base in Florida. They provide instructional materials and monitor progress. In addition they provide liability insurance that covers the scouts, leaders and even parents and others when working with the scouts. This insurance is an umbrella type coverage, which takes effect after any insurance that the individual may carry.

Why should we be the sponsors? We live in an area that has a history and physical assets superior to almost any other place that I can think of. Our Foundation has a mixture of sailors, watermen and powerboat operators and a depth of experience that is unsurpassed. We have world-class rowers and the young people in this County are constantly exposed to things maritime. We own the physical assets to make this program work in the 54 foot Chesapeake Bay deck boat "Peggy of New Point" and the 34' sloop "Freya", and experienced sailors and watermen as teachers and mentors.

What can the scouts expect? We would anticipate that the scouts would learn the basics of seamanship and all of the things associated with that such as boat handling, rules of the road, and navigation. More importantly they learn to work as a crew in operating a vessel, maintaining that vessel and interacting with each other. They learn leadership and to develop their specialty. Some will enjoy sailing while others will want to work with engines and still others will like history and will gravitate toward the museum. We would hope that they would represent Mathews County at various events around the Bay.

What would we get out of this? We would get to see young people realize their potential and go on to productive lives. We would also get the opportunity to interact with amazing young people that we might not otherwise be able to do.

Klingel's "Freya" Coming Home... by Director John Bonner

The Freya is a work in progress, we have raised funds to do the immediate repairs to get her afloat and powered with the mast under repair. All these efforts are to get her seaworthy for the trip from St. Augustine, Fl. to Gwynn's Island in the spring. When she arrives here, additional work will be required to repair dry rot damage to the cabin sides and cockpit coamings.

The goal is to bring her up to the task of becoming a facility for the Sea Scouts and to participate in local maritime events. The Board is now working on approving a Freya Committee to define the use and responsibilities of the boat.

Membership participation in this project is needed to maintain the boat and, as instructors, provide the Sea Scouts with the skills to sail her.

She is an Al Mason designed boat built in steel by Gilbert Klingel at his boat yard on Gwynn's Island in 1953. She is sloop rigged and has carried in the past a variety of sails including a spinnaker. Her engine is a 20hp Beta Marine diesel that should be able to push her 30ft LOA along at hull speed easily. The intent of the builder results in a simple design that focuses on the sailing of the boat: you will not find wine racks here. Therefore, we will put greater focus on the traditional skills that have been passed on to us. When brought up to snuff she will be able to accommodate six passengers in the cabin. She will be a great addition to the maritime history of Mathews County and may well help produce the next generation of Mathews Men.

For more information about the Freya, the man who built her and the Gwynn's Island boat shop where she was built go to www.gilbertklingel.com



Freya in slings at St. Augustine, Fl. Photo-Dave Machen

“Gilbert Klingel: Man of Steel”... by Director Marcy Benouameur

In case you haven't heard through the grapevine, there is currently a film being produced in Mathews County. It is a new film focused on the Chesapeake Bay and about someone who spent most of his life on and around the Bay. It is about the man who actually wrote the classic book on this topic. The Bay, published in 1951 was written by award-winning author

Gilbert Klingel. He also wrote Inagua (1940), a true story about his adventures on a lonely island in the Bahamas after being shipwrecked. Both of these books are still in print. Another book: Boat Building with Steel (1973) is a technical book which gives step by step instructions on how to build a boat of steel.

Gilbert Klingel was a pioneer in the construction of steel hulled sailboats and yachts. As a metallurgist during WWII, he learned how to use these skills in boatbuilding with steel rather than wood. This led to a long career in boatbuilding at his Gwynn's Island Boat Yard located just off the Bay on Milford Haven. Here he built steel hulled boats ranging in size from 30' to 75' in length. All of these were built single-handedly! This is why we have entitled our PBS documentary “Gilbert Klingel: Man of Steel” in case you may have wondered about that.

It all started with a boat that came back to Gwynn's Island on pilgrimage ten years ago. It was April 1st 2007 when the *Freya* landed at the dock of the Gwynn's Island Boat Yard. Captain Mark Jackson and his crew wanted to see where the boat had been built in the early 1950's. They came also to see the Gwynn's Island Museum exhibit about the man who built this boat.

The crew on the *Freya* that day were from Vinalhaven Island, a remote island off the coast of Maine. These were students from the Vo-Tech class at Vinalhaven High School who had helped restore the *Freya*, a 30' A. Mason design sloop.

This was a unique project called VIVA SAIL (Vinalhaven Island Viking Adventure). The students had taken turns as crew members as the *Freya* sailed down the coast from Maine to Florida and back.

At the time, here in Mathews it was thought how neat it would be to teach high school students how to restore old boats and then have the opportunity to learn to sail on them.

Fast forward to spring 2017. The *Freya* has now been donated to the Mathews Maritime Foundation and upon her return to Gwynn's Island in the spring will once again be used as an educational vessel. This time there will be a new

Sea Scout troop which will have the opportunity to learn boating and sailing skills on a boat that will be docked at the Mathews Maritime Foundation Boat Shop on Gwynn's Island.

It was this *Freya* story that eventually developed into the making of a documentary film about local boatbuilder Gilbert Klingel. His own story is pretty awesome and incredible. He was certainly known by the people around him at the time but nowadays not too many younger folks in Mathews have heard of him. How strange that he is known internationally but not so much here at home. This film should bring attention to someone Mathews can be proud of for contributing so much in several different fields. Upon a closer look it was discovered that he was much more than a boatbuilder.

He was a pioneer in undersea research as well as a naturalist, explorer, author, inventor, undersea diver, and an avid sailor. For more information about Gilbert Klingel, the *Freya*, and how you can help promote the film, go to the websites www.gilbertklingel.com and www.mathewsmaritime.com

Donor Boat Program...

This program continues to be a good source of funding for our operations. 2016 was another good year for this program. Fifteen boats ranging in size from sixteen to twenty-five feet were sold for a total of \$ 26,245.00. The oldest boat sold was a 1960 Pintail Class one design sailboat.

Although Foundation treasurer Pete Hall takes care of the paperwork associated with the acceptance and sale of the donated boats, Director Dave Machen is to be thanked for his efforts above and beyond. He takes on the responsibility to prepare many of these boats for presentation to prospective buyers. His expertise with engines and all things mechanical has been a major factor in our success in selling these boats.

All donor boats for sale are listed on our web site <www.mathewsmaritime.com> for anyone looking to buy a boat. Contact Pete Hall at 804-693-9335 or Dave Machen at 804-815-4367 for additional information or to see the boats

close up. They are located at our Gwynn's Island Boat Shop and at our Museum at 482 Main Street, Mathews.

More Exposure for MMF...

To keep abreast of our activities and sponsored events follow us on Facebook and our blog.

You can follow both of these, receiving posts to your email or phone if you like, and get the latest info as soon as it is posted. Check out these features through the links on our home page, www.mathewsmaritime.com, or directly at <https://www.facebook.com/mathewsmaritime> for Facebook, and for Peggy's blog go to <http://peggyofnewpoint.blogspot.com/>. Like our page, sign up to receive posts, share with your friends, and get social with us!

And don't forget, you can always order t-shirts, books, calendars, Peggy prints, DVDs, and other items found in our Museum Gift Shop using our online store. We use a secure PayPal connection for checkout.

Boat Build at GIBS ...

We had planned to set up for boat building/repair classes at our boat shop on Gwynn's Island last spring but other projects sort of got in the way. We are now in a position to get this program up and running. We are looking to attract persons who have some experience in boat construction as well as someone wanting to learn the ins and outs of the process. If you have the interest and are willing to dedicate some time to the program we can teach you the skills needed.

All are welcome.

We have three boats in our Gwynn's Island Boat Shop awaiting restoration. One is an Old Town "Whitecap", 13' lapstrake sloop rigged sail boat that needs new deck canvas and a coat of paint all around. In addition she needs a new mast and boom as well as a new centerboard, rudder and tiller.

A second boat is a 8' Seal Cove Skiff (some call it a wheel barrow boat) that was built by students in a boat building school run by Joe DeAlteris that was located in Mathews Courthouse in a building now occupied by Sunrise Pancake & Waffle House.

This boat is on loan to the Foundation. We are to restore it and then it will become a part of our museum collection. The work needed on it is quite extensive as the stern and bottom need to be replaced, some of the chine and ribs need replacement, and she needs new paint from stem to stern.

In addition to the work needed on the aforementioned boats we have left over from one of our earlier family boat building weekends, two Mike O'Brien six-hour canoe kits available for purchase at \$395 each. Purchaser can choose to build the kit at our boat shop assisted by one of our volunteers or take it home to complete the build. If the latter, a construction manual will be furnished.

We are in the process of gathering the materials to be used in the restoration and building of these boats and canoes. Once we have them assembled at the Boat Shop we'll send out to our email list a schedule of work days.

Initially we'll set aside one day of the week to hold the classes. It will most likely be on a Saturday unless those participating decide to schedule it on another day that works better for the group.

An Apology to our Members...

We have had several of our members call asking when their membership dues are due. We had been sending out renewal notices on a regular basis but that process pretty much came to a halt about a year ago. The cause of this lack is the unavailability of a computer savvy volunteer who could spend a couple of hours per month performing this task.

In this new year we promise to try and do a better job of it. A search has begun to find a person to assume this task on a more consistent and regular basis. If perhaps you are interested in taking on this job please call Pete Hall at 804-693-9335.

MMF Officers/Directors...

To close out this issue of the Broadside I thought it would be nice to include the names and contact information for the officers and directors of the Foundation.

I would also encourage you to contact any one or all of them to discuss any issues or suggestions you may have concerning the Foundation and its activities.

In addition, though the Museum is closed until the first of May, you may gain access by calling any one of the directors.

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804-693-9335

Director - John Bonner
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Director - Dennis Crawford
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Director - Kerry Hall
804-725-4099

Director - Page Herbert
804-725-3579

Director - Dave Machen
804-725-0546

Director - Tom Robinson
804-725-3168s

Foundation Financial Position...

Here is a summarized statement of the Foundations Activities for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2016. It is presented here to give you a picture of our financial position and well being.

The Foundation continues to support its mission to preserve and protect Mathews County's rich maritime and cultural heritage through research, conservation, documentation and education.

Statement of Activities

<u>Revenue</u>	
Contributions	\$13,435.
Boat Donor Program	26,245.
Gwynn's Island Boat Shop	6,370.
Gift Shop	15,283.
Membership Dues	930.
Program Income	<u>1,508.</u>
Total	\$63,771.
<u>Expenses</u>	
Boat Donor Program	7,855.
Insurance	6,277.
Building Rental	10,800.
Building -Equip. & Repairs	813.
Utilities	2,573.
Peggy Operations	3,299.
Museum Operations	5,105.
COGS	<u>10,112.</u>
Total	\$46,834.
 Change in Net Assets	 \$16,937.

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2016

Assets:	
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 60,265.
Peggy Endowment Fund	38,613.
MV Peggy	85,000.
Other Assets	<u>9,688.</u>
Total	\$193,566.
Liability & Equity	
Accounts Payable	\$ 457.
Equity	<u>193,109.</u>
Total	\$193,566.

The Foundation maintains a profile on The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia web site. To view profile go to...

<http://giverichmond.guidestar.org/NonprofitProfile.aspx?OrgId=1047401>

Contributions to MMF in 2016...

Donations / Contributions of \$1,000 - \$ 4,999

- James Blossom
- Linda Boan
- Cricket Call
- Carol Carter
- Edwin Green
- Richard Hollerith, Jr.
- James A. Keith, Sr.
- Marvin Meredith
- Albert Merz
- David Montgomery
- Beverly Roan
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- Leo Viens
- James Wohlgemuth

Donations / Contributions of \$ 500 - \$ 999

- David Adams
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- Michael Tingle

Donations Contributions of \$ 100 - \$ 499

- William Bell
- Alva Bohannon
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