

Message From The Cambridge Foundation

Because the purpose and the program of the Cambridge Foundation is so similar to the suggested program of your very worth while organization, we would like you to join hands with our organization in the long time promotion of the worthwhile endeavors of our community.

Because of your interest, and because some of you do not know what the Cambridge Foundation is and what are its accomplishments, we are happy to give you the following information:

1. The Cambridge Foundation was founded in 1948, the 100th birthday of the Village of Cambridge. It is a non-profit organization and has as its goal—"To Make This Community A Better Place in Which to Live."

2. It has a membership of 132 men and women, most of whom are residents of this community and all of whom have contributed at least \$100 as a membership fee. There are a number of people who have contributed \$5,000.

3. Through its 20 year history the Cambridge Foundation has made a number of important contributions to the community growth. For your information we are listing some of them:

A. The ownership and operation of the Foundation Park on Lake Ripley, which is one of the finest recreational parks in small town Wisconsin. It has 18.5 acres and if sold as lake property, is conservatively worth \$65,000.00.

During the many years of operation, the Foundations has not taken a nickle of income from the park but has put it all back into improvements. Buildings have been built, the property improved, play ground equipment, benches and tables added, hundreds of trees planted and many other improvements made, including tennis courts and picnicing areas. As many as 5,000 people have accepted these recreational opportunities on a single week-end. This year, there is a possibility that an additional \$20,000 investment will be made to further improve the park and the services it offers.

The Park Board which operates the park work, without pay has put in hundreds of donated hours each year to keep the park operating efficiently.

B. Cash contributions of considerable amounts have been made to the Boy Scouts, the Library, American Legion, and other worthwhile projects. The present property and scout building was one of the many interests this organization has had.

C. The West Side Park was converted from waste land into a fine park area. The cost of this alone was \$6,000 and was planned and built with Foundation supervision and money. Further plans call for the development of adjacent land on highway 12 and picnic equipment for tourists and community folks.

D. At the present time the Foundation, with the help of interested people, is working with the Dane County Board to develop a Park of considerable size and importance along the east side of the Koshkonong Creek. It will run from Cambridge to Rockdale. The County officials have met on this a number of times, surveys have been made and, at present everything looks favorable for a realization of this project.

E. In the interest of perserving historical land marks, the Foundation purchased the "Stone House" on Main street — and have plans to make it a social center for the people of the community. Along with other historically interesting places it has been properly marked.

F. At the last meeting of the Foundation Board an interesting program was inaugurated. With the Village Board, a plan of street beautification including the purchase of trees of various kinds to replace trees cut down with elm disease. Incidentally, more than 150 trees have been planted at Foundation Park during the past two years.

The total worth of the Cambridge Foundation is well over \$100,000.

The big need in the organization is new and fresh leadership and some of the kind of enthusiasm you people are showing in your meetings. The Executive Board consists of eight men, all but one of whom are over 60 and a number of them are over 70. We desperately need new blood to make this organization more effective.

Therefore we urge you to consider becoming members if you are not already so enrolled. The \$100 membership fee needed to join can be paid in convenient small payments and you can be sure it will be used for an excellent purpose. We invite you to make inquiry about the Cambridge Foundation from any of its officers or members. We welcome your interest and support and congratulate you on your program and your fine interest in the welfare and development of our community.

Be sure we can use your enthusiasm and your knowledge to encourage the Cambridge Foundation to attempt greater projects and to do more to make this the finest small community in Wisconsin.



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