Grapevine continued

The Bath Community Fund board and committee members hosted about 20 women from Bath at the Aug. 8 Girls Night Social in the historic Regal Beagle in the Bath Nature Preserve. This was the second in a series of planned Girls Night Socials that bring together ladies interested in learning more about BCF and the legacy of giving the fund is building to help nonprofits in Bath.

Performers spread their wings at the Butterfly Gala. Photo courtesy Stewart’s Caring Place

The Girls Night Social was also held to educate guests about the “200 Years – 200 Women” campaign to raise $250,000 for the fund through donations by and for the women of Bath.

Finger foods and beverages were shared as Kathy Sidaway, Nancy Fay, Jody Konstand and Mary Anne Krejci outlined the history of the community fund, its “For Bath, Forever” endowment campaign goal to reach $2 million, the focus on “200 Years – 200 Women” and the nearly $50,000 in grants the five-year-old fund has distributed in three grant cycles.

Akron Community Foundation’s Renee Scherick and Margaret Medzie spoke about the collaborative relationship between the foundation and BCF, and Robyn Cutler, executive director of Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio, provided an unsolicited and touching testimonial about how BCF dollars helped make a positive impact on young girls in the community.

More community gatherings are being planned. For information or an invitation to a future event, contact Sidaway at 330-285-5893 or Konstand at 330-618-4477, or visit bathcommunityfund.org.

Julie Baron and Steven “Skip” Radwany of Bath were named recipients of the sixth annual Stewart’s Caring Place Spirit Award for their advocacy of the cancer wellness center.

The money raised at the event is used to support programs and services provided to individuals and families touched by cancer. Bath residents in attendance included Debbie McKinney, Jeannine and Steve Marks, Lisa and Thom Mandel, Jeff and Traci Mockbee, Mark and Kim Hemminger, John and Mary Kay Chlebina and Cathy and Steve Leuenberger.

I hope you each had your own wonderful summer adventure, and I look forward to hearing about your news and events. Send your notes to jtowell@scriptype.com. ∞