

## New Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation Board Members

The Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation (RSF) expects much from its trustees. Each member has to be nominated and vetted by the RSF Membership Committee (this year chaired by RSF trustee Sherrie Hansen), and subsequently approved for a three-year renewable term by a majority of the Board. Because of RSF's commitment that every dollar donated will go into a scholarship, board members are also expected to cover all of RSF's annual administrative costs. This year RSF greets six new members, three of whom are introduced to Rossmoor News readers in this article. Sketches of the remaining three will be covered in a future article.

Judy Leckonby was born and raised in Pasadena, California, attended UC Berkeley for both undergraduate and graduate degrees, and completed clinical training at Stanford University, receiving a Master of Social Work degree with a mental health specialty. After working at Kaiser Department of Psychiatry for eleven years, she went into full-time private practice with a group of adjunct Stanford Clinical Faculty and remained in private practice in Palo Alto and Menlo Park until she retired in 2023. With her husband she lived in Portola Valley for thirty-four years until moving to Rossmoor a year ago to be closer to extended family. On her first visit to Rossmoor, she saw a very touching article in the Rossmoor News that profiled the newest RSF scholarship winners. For Judy, it was an "Aha" moment. "I want to join 'that' when I retire!" she thought to herself. Along with RSF, golf, daily walks with her two standard poodles, pickleball, partnership bridge, and a writing class/workshop she is beginning to feel very much like a Rossmoorian.

Melody Silberstein grew up in Oakland, California. Returning to work as a young mother, she felt completely underutilized as an accounting firm receptionist. She began attending University of San Francisco evenings and received her degree in organizational behavior at the age of thirty-eight. Ultimately, she became a Principal at Arthur Anderson. After a brief high-tech sojourn, she joined Woodruff-Sawyer as their Senior Vice President of Human Resources. She also joined the board of The Northern California Human Resources Association (3,800 members), eventually serving as board president. Upon retiring in 2014 Melody helped found Impact 100 East Bay, a women's giving circle focused on awarding annual \$100,000+ grants to Contra Costa and Alameda County nonprofits. She also joined RSF, but after serving a term took a one-year respite. This year she has rejoined its board. "RSF has a special place in my heart," she indicated. "I love interviewing the applicants and feel grateful to participate in a program that changes the lives of such high achieving, financially challenged students."

Jean Fiske came from New York to California as a child. She received a BA from Pomona College and an MA from UC Berkeley. Jean had a career in corporate finance with an international company, serving as treasurer or chief financial officer of several subsidiaries. After retiring, Jean became a volunteer in the Burlingame School District, serving as co-chair of a bond and parcel tax campaign and serving on the school board. "When I became the college and career advisor for a public high school" Jean says, "I saw how important scholarships can be to create opportunities for lower income students. I'm excited to be part of RSF's scholarship mission today." Jean and her husband John Fiske moved to Rossmoor in 2017. She has been active in the Rossmoor Trails Club and has served on her Mutual's landscape committee.

- Submitted by Wayne A. Wiegand, RSF Trustee