

## CELEBRATING THE HEART OF THE FOUNDATION Our Volunteers and Leaders

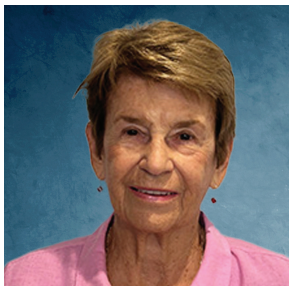
As we mark a decade of impact, generosity, and community spirit, one truth stands out: the Bentley Foundation thrives because of the extraordinary people who give their time, talent, and heart to our mission. This year, we honor several individuals whose leadership and service have shaped our work—and continue to inspire the path ahead.



### Honoring Our Retiring Trustees

#### **Joan Frey: A Steady Hand and a Brilliant Pen**

Joan Frey has been a quiet but essential force behind the success of the Bentley Foundation Scholarship Program. Her exceptional writing and editorial skills brought clarity, professionalism, and heart to every communication. Joan ensured our scholarship recipients' stories were told with dignity and that our mission was always expressed with purpose. We extend our deep appreciation for her service, insight, and unwavering commitment.



#### **Sherry Bailey: A Musical Spirit and a Guiding Voice**

Sherry Bailey has shared her musical gifts and leadership with warmth and enthusiasm. As a member of the Program Committee and leader of Belles and Beaus, she helped shape programs that brought joy, connection, and community pride to Bentley Village. Her creativity enriched our events and strengthened the bonds that make our community special. We are profoundly grateful for her years of service.

## A Leader Who Never Stops Leading



Wayne Antworth (l) passes BF leadership to Bill Welbourn (r), 2026 BF President, at the 2025 Annual Meeting on February 26, 2026.

#### **Wayne Antworth: President and Tireless Champion**

Although Wayne Antworth has completed his term as President, no one would say he's stepping back. His leadership has been transformative. Wayne played a key role in developing the 2021 strategic plan, advancing Tom Lynch's committee structure work, and guiding the Foundation through major organizational change.

Under his leadership, the Foundation hired its first staff members, transitioned from an all volunteer model to a staff and volunteer structure, and completed its first operational review and full audit. His steady vision strengthened the Foundation's capacity, transparency, and long term sustainability.

And he's not done yet. Wayne continues on the Executive Committee as Vice President and will lead the Development Committee in 2026 until a new chair is appointed. His dedication is still a gift to all of us—and to the Foundation's future.

# The Power of Volunteerism

*One person's reflection on purpose, curiosity, and choosing engagement over "retirement"...extracted from anonymous submission.*

"I've made a decision and in the interest of transparency, I want to share it with you. I have decided it is time to "un-retire." At 85, that may sound impractical, perhaps even a little foolish. But for me, the reasoning is simple, and it comes down to three very personal truths.

1. Because I still can.
2. Boredom is far more dangerous than hard work.
3. I've never liked the word "retirement".

So, I am "un-retiring" and not because I have to, and not because I need more titles, prestige or a larger home - but because engagement is life. Perhaps the real question isn't whether we should retire, but whether we are still growing, still contributing, still curious."

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## JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM — YOUR TALENTS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!



2025 Dollars for Scholars team

The Bentley Foundation is powered by people who care—people who bring their skills, creativity, and enthusiasm to support our mission. As we look ahead to another exciting year, we're inviting YOU to be part of the team that keeps our momentum strong.

We are currently seeking a Program Chair and a Development Chair. Both roles come with staff support. If you enjoy organizing, collaborating, or helping shape the future of our programs and fundraising efforts, these leadership opportunities may be a great fit.

We also need more committee members in all committees, with a special need in Communications, Volunteer Recruitment, and Development. Whether you have a few hours a month or a little more to give, there's a place for you.

Do you enjoy writing, proofreading, or photography? Have computer skills or simply a willingness to learn? Your talents are needed—and your enthusiasm matters even more.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to stay engaged, meet neighbors, and contribute to the programs that enrich life at Bentley Village. Join us—and help shape what comes next.



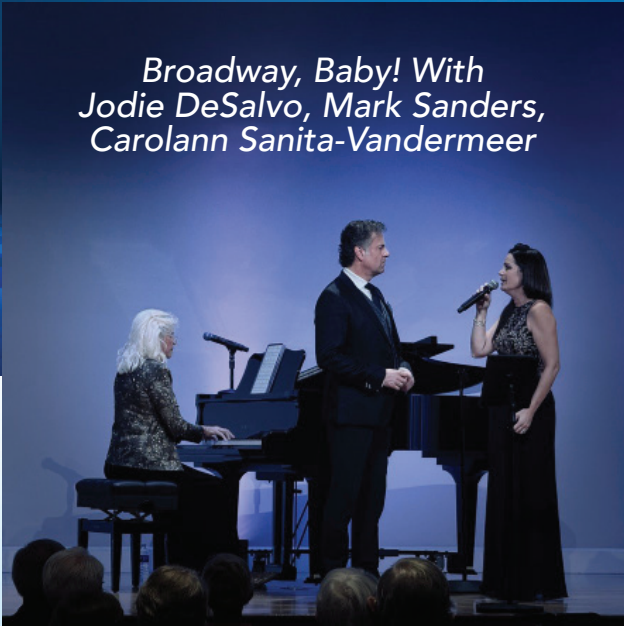
### BENTLEY FOUNDATION MISSION

The mission of Bentley Foundation is to enrich the lives of residents, employees, and others within Collier County and southwest Florida, and enhance their cultural, intellectual, emotional, and/or physical well-being through philanthropic programs and educational scholarships.

# Our Volunteers have been presenting programs for your enjoyment



Broadway, Baby! With Jodie DeSalvo, Mark Sanders, Carolann Sanita-Vandermeer



## And So Much More!



Celebrating 10 years of Foundation growth at Annual Meeting, and planning for the future.

**BENTLEY FOUNDATION**

| A volunteer organization of residents enhancing community life.

**OFFICERS**  
Bill Welbourn  
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Wayne Antworth  
Vice President

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Steve Aronson  
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Wendy Wiltse

Bentley Foundation volunteers make an impact in countless ways, taking part in scholar reviews and awards, helping plan educational and entertaining events, and supporting the daily work of the Foundation. Join the team that's enriching lives throughout Bentley Village and across Southwest Florida!

## NEW WEEKLY BEGINNERS' UKULELE CLASS



**THURSDAY, MAY 21 @ 3 PM** - Must Sign up in Advance.

Questions or sign up: Call, text or email:

**Jeanne Berger (239) 398-4920 / Jeannemberger1215@gmail.com**

Why learn to play the ukulele? It's fun and beginner friendly. You start playing hundreds of songs by learning just a few simple chords. It reduces stress, strengthens cognitive function, enhances memory and helps with eye-hand coordination. Playing the ukulele and singing along to favorite songs with friends is good for the soul. Learning to play the ukulele is another way to create social connections and forge new friendships. No natural talent or prior musical experience necessary.

So, what are you waiting for? Sign up now. Why not embark on this exciting new endeavor with our teacher, Bobbie Schuster. Bentley Foundation will provide you with a ukulele to get you started.

**Thurs, April 16**  
7:00 PM

**Belles & Beaus On Broadway**

*Palmetto Room*

**Sat, April 18**  
12:30 PM

**Met Opera Streaming: Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci**

*Theatre*

**Tue, April 21**  
4:30 PM

**David Cole on Piano**

*Seaside Lounge*

**Wed, April 29**  
7:00 PM

**Dance with Billie Dean & Dawn**

*Palmetto Room*

**Tue, May 5**  
4:30 PM

**Doug Williams on Piano**

*Seaside Lounge*

**Wed, May 13**  
2:00 PM

**FORUM with Collier County Sheriff**

*Palmetto Room*

**Tues, May 19**  
12:30 PM

**Stuart Shelton (Jazz) on Piano**

*Seaside Lounge*

**Thurs, May 21**  
7:00 PM

**Grand Piano Event with Konstantin Soukhovetski**

*Palmetto Room*



**Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament & Awards Banquet - November 13**

Co-Chairs - Dave Shellenbarger & Stephanie English.

Join the team behind our fun and popular fundraiser supporting BV employee and dependent scholarships!

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