

GG foundation introduces prez

Officers also appointed to committee with mission to enrich Garden Grove

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) begins the year with a new president and board of directors.

This year's president is Steve Jones, Garden Grove city councilman. Jones is a longtime member of the foundation and former vice president.

"Despite these very challenging economic times, it is our goal to continue providing the same high level of programs and activities that enhance the quality of life for the Garden Grove community," said Jones.

Jones officially assumed his new title at the organization's first board meeting of the year on Jan. 14. Other incoming foundation board officers are: Vice President Jeremy Harris, executive director and CEO of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce; Secretary Liz Polisar, community leader; and Treasurer Jane Oglesby, community leader and arts enthusiast.

Jones takes over leadership of the foundation from 2011-2012 President Richard Porras, executive director of external affairs for AT&T.

In 2012, the foundation con-



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Steve Jones

tinued its mission to enrich the community of Garden Grove with programs and events that offered entertainment, enhancement and something for the entire family.

Over 15,000 music lovers attended the Summer Concert Series, held at Eastgate Park, which has become one of the most popular foundation events. Over 2,500 concert-goers came out to the final concert and enjoyed entertainment by the popular Journey tribute band DSB.

The six-week concert series will be back at Eastgate Park on

Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting July 11.

Other successful events included the annual Food For Thought Luncheon, along with the Golf Tournament co-sponsored by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. It is expected that the ninth annual tournament, scheduled for May 8 at Willowick Golf Course, will be another sell-out event.

Established in 1998, the foundation is a non-profit 501c(3) organization dedicated to providing leadership and resources to enhance community life in Garden Grove.

The foundation often partners with other local civic and community groups that promote a similar mission, in order to assist them in their financial endeavors. If you are interested in supporting the foundation to ensure that these successful programs continue, tax-deductible donations can be automatically added to your water bill as a pre-designated line item.

For more information, visit the foundation website at <http://www.ggcf.com> or contact the foundation office at 714-741-5280.