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# Q. News

Official Newsletter of the Q. Walter Peabody Foundation, Inc.

March 2009

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## How Far We've Come...

Welcome to the Q. Walter Peabody Foundation's first official newsletter. We hope to use this publication to communicate with you, our donors, to keep you updated on our projects and financial considerations. We hope you find it to be valuable.

First, a bit of history. In just two short years our small charity has raised over \$20,000 and given out more than \$6,000 in scholarships to deserving students in Meriden, CT through the annual Zachary Weston Memorial Scholarship (ZWMS) and the independent merit-based Q. Walter Peabody award. These awards would not be possible without the support of donors, like yourself, and we are extremely grateful for your generosity and enthusiasm.

The Foundation also significantly expanded its fundraising activities, partnering with Platt's Key Club for a bottle and can drive, and with a holiday party at the Village Barn in South Meriden. Visit our website to learn about more exciting events and fundraisers in

the coming months.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly announce my President's Challenge for 2009. As many of you know, the Q. Walter Peabody Foundation currently administers the Zachary Weston Memorial Scholarship (ZWMS) in memory of our friend and brother, Zack Weston. We would like to create an endowment for this scholarship large enough so that it can fund itself far into the future. With this goal in mind, I pledge that if the endowment for this scholarship reaches \$20,000 (it currently stands at \$18,400) this year I will personally donate \$1,000. So, keep sending in those donations. With your help, we will ensure that the ZWMS award will thrive to help future students for many years to come.

*Luciano Racco, President*

## New Meriden Fund-raising Initiatives

On August 16, 2008 the Q. Walter Peabody Foundation, along with the Meriden Arts Trust, co-hosted the first annual "Music for a Summer's Eve," a celebration of music in central Connecticut. During the reception, we met with donors over an array of fine foods and drink and discussed our upcoming plans to endow a new arts-based scholarship. The concert was an eclectic mix of music, including selections from the court of Elizabeth I, organ music of Bach and Buxtehude, Broadway show tunes, and a

jazz set. The high quality of music combined with the generosity of our donors to kick off a great start to our new project. We are delighted at the success of the evening, and look forward to our second-annual gala this coming summer on June 20, 2009. We hope you will join us for another enchanting musical event. More information about both the event and new scholarship will be forthcoming.

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**VISIT US AT OUR NEW WEBSITE:**

[www.qwalterpeabody.org](http://www.qwalterpeabody.org)

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**HAVE A QUESTION OR COMMENT?**

**E-MAIL US AT**  
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**INTERESTED IN MAKING A DONATION?**

There are two ways to donate:

- Go online and donate now through our secure website



- Send donations to:  
Q. Walter Peabody Foundation  
c/o Jesse Caputo, Treasurer  
4600 Connecticut Ave NW  
Apartment 717  
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**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## *Update on the Board of Directors*

In December 2008, Meriden resident Rev. Lucy Ijams retired from her 2-year position as a Board Member for the Q. Walter Peabody Foundation.

Lucy's insight, leadership, and life-experience as a Reverend at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden helped shape the goals and values that the QWP Foundation continues to maintain.

We are very grateful for Lucy's commitment to the QWP Foundation and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We are pleased to announce that our newly vacant Board Member position has been filled by Barbara Kendzior, Head of the English Department at Orville H. Platt High School.

Barbara has worked closely with the Foundation over the years and joins us now eager to expand our fund-raising efforts and visibility in the Meriden community. We offer her an enthusiastic welcome and look forward to the ideas she brings.

### *Zachary Weston Memorial Scholarship and Q. Walter Peabody Foundation: What is the connection?*

Over the past two years, we have received numerous questions regarding the difference between Q. Walter Peabody and the Zachary Weston Memorial Scholarship. If this has been unclear in the past, we want to be sure the distinction is entirely clear now.

The Q. Walter Peabody Foundation was founded as a non-profit organization in North Carolina in late 2005 by five graduates of Orville H. Platt High School in Meriden, CT. The purpose of the foundation was – and remains – to give back to our community by raising scholarship money for deserving students of Meriden.

The Foundation took on the role of managing the Zachary Weston Memorial Scholarship (ZWMS) starting in 2006 to provide support for the Weston family and to honor the memory of our good friend Zack.

The QWP Foundation maintains separate accounts for the ZWMS award and our other scholarship endeavors and diligently strives to ensure that donations are credited to the properly intended award.

We appreciate your support of the ZWMS award as well as our separate Q. Walter Peabody Awards, and new awards as they become financially feasible. If you have any further questions or concerns about this issue, please feel free to e-mail us and we will be happy to address them.



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