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**REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members:

Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier

Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager

Alderspersons: Sherri Ames, Shari Straube, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Joel Hoiland, Cathy Stoodley

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AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from December 2, 2024
5. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.
6. Presentation: Introduction to Forbeck Foundation & Update on Half Marathon; Jamie Forbeck Collins, Executive Director and Steve Bingham-Hawk, Event Management Director
7. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.
 - a. Finance, License, and Regulation Committee-Chair Ames
 - b. Personnel Committee-Chair Yager
 - c. Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier
 - d. Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame
8. **COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS.** The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the

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- a. Utility Commission-Fesenmaier and Stoodley
- b. Tree Board-Esposito
- c. Police and Fire Commission-Straube
- d. Plan Commission-Esposito
- e. Board of Park Commissioners-Yager
- f. Library Board-Ames
- g. Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito
- h. Avian Committee-Yager
- i. Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Stoodley
- j. Cemetery Board-Frame

- 9. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.** The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

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- a. *VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager
- b. *Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland
- c. Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Yager
- d. *Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier
- e. *Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube
- f. *Geneva Lake Use-Frame
- g. Business Improvement District-Ames
- h. *Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause

10. Adjournment

A quorum of the Council may be present; however, no official Council action will be taken.

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the City Clerk's office in advance so that the appropriate accommodations can be made.

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager
Alderpersons: Sherri Ames, Shari Straube, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Joel Hoiland, Cathy Stoodley

Call to order

Council President Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Esposito, Frame, Hoiland, Stoodley
Absent: Straube

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from October 7, 2024

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager.
No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.

Stacey Smith, 1486 Rockridge Ln; spoke about safety concerns at the intersection of Stone Ridge Dr and Interchange N.

Presentation: Walworth County Needs Housing, Pam Carper, Walworth County Economic Development Alliance

Pam Carper, WCEDA, gave a presentation on housing needs in Walworth County.
Questions followed between Committee members and Ms. Carper on topics including state funding for infrastructure, grants vs loan programs, resident involvement, different issues facing potential homeowners, potential locations and specific community needs, resources for potential homeowners, the effect of Short Term Rental properties on average home prices, and different financing situations including TIFs and TIDs.

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Finance, License, and Regulation Committee-Chair Ames

Alderperson Ames spoke on recent activities including approved contracts, the bid award for the Lions Den concrete pads, park bench purchases, and payment to Wolf Paving.

Alderperson Fesenmaier noted that the Channel 25 broadcast will be returning.

Personnel Committee-Chair Yager

Alderperson Yager reported that the City is down to 4 finalists for the City Administrator position.

Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier

Alderperson Fesenmaier spoke on recent PWC activity including parking on North St, potential intersection and sidewalk improvements, safety improvements at various intersections throughout the City, the speed limit on Hwy 50 in front of Hillmoor, and improvement to areas on Main St.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame

Alderson Frame reported on the ongoing discussion of plans for the Lagoon and a timeline for project updates regarding the seawall. Upcoming topics include possible pier replacement options and discussion on different open water pier systems.

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Utility Commission-Fesenmaier and Stoodley

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on the lift station at South Street.

Questions followed regarding the Commission's involvement with the electric substation and excess materials from the South Street lift project.

Tree Board-Esposito

Alderson Esposito spoke about budgeting, the Park Director position, and the BID's holiday lights on the trees downtown.

Police and Fire Commission-Straube

Alderson Straube absent, no report given.

Plan Commission-Esposito

Alderson Esposito reported on the plans for the new development on Geneva Sq.

Questions and discussion followed on the design for the electric substation behind the Museum.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on the Board's focus on the city's playgrounds, recent use of impact fees, and the status of basketball & tennis court resurfacing.

Library Board-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on foundation liquidation, the landmark designation process, employee interviews, 130th anniversary plans, and the tree entry in the parade of trees at the museum.

Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito

Alderson Esposito reported on the Hillmoor archaeological survey, a grant application for a survey of homes that are at least 50 years old, and the restoration of the 3 Graces Statue.

Avian Committee-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on the Bird City USA renewal and new criteria concerning climate change.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Stoodley

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on grant recipients and recurring post event evaluations.

Cemetery Board-Frame

Alderson Frame asked Alderson Stoodley to report on Cemetery Board activity. Alderson Stoodley spoke on pricing updates, the abandoned grave process, logo creation, and timing of improvements to cemetery roads in order to accommodate other projects.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

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***VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager**

Aldersperson Yager reported on partnership increase, the upcoming Christmas Parade, and Winterfest.

***Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland**

Aldersperson Hoiland reported on attendance, the Parade of Trees, and recent donations.

***Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Yager**

Aldersperson Hoiland reported the corporation will be putting in a bid on the property north of the roundabout, with the plan to develop commercial properties, residential developments, and another road out of the Stone Ridge development.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reported multiple plant & animal surveys have been posted on the GLEA website along with the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. Upcoming areas of focus include wake size effects on plant and animal life.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube**

Aldersperson Straube absent, no report given.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

Aldersperson Frame reported that this Committee meets only as needed, and there have been no meetings.

Business Improvement District-Ames

Aldersperson Ames reported on expanding boundaries, increasing the mill rate, and upcoming community learning sessions.

***Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause**

Mayor Krause reported the final meeting for the season was last month.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Yager.

No discussion, motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk

William Guy Forbeck Research Foundation

Cancer's Leading Thinkers. Together in one room.



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Progress over time

This year, we've once again encountered cancer in our family and among friends. While terrifying, my mother's diagnosis brought hope. The Foundation has operated for 39 years. Around the 25th year, the tagline "Shortening the timetable of cancer research" fell a bit flat. The Foundation had been operating for decades, and it didn't feel like progress was being made. But this year, I feel hopeful.

We've had Immunotherapy meetings since 1999, now it is a regular part of treatments. The results have differed drastically from the toxic, practically lethal cocktails my father and brother endured. There was always a risk the medicine might kill them before the disease. Now, the decades of collaborations between the Foundation and thousands of researchers are bearing fruit.

The Foundation also hosted meetings on Targeted Therapy in 2000, 2008, and 2021. This therapy, now received by friends and family, reduces treatment toxicity and damage. This brings great hope for pediatric cancers, where children had to deal with the side effects of treatments for the rest of their lives.

So, I have hope. Progress is not made overnight, but it is happening. The Foundation is proud to be a pillar of this progress, and we are proud to be part of this organization that has been on the forefront of cancer research since 1984.

Jamie Forbeck Collins
Executive Director

A Message from the NIH Director



I am so glad to have had experiences with the Forbeck Foundation as a scholar, a meeting participant, a mentor, and as a board member. The ethos of the Foundation is exactly on point—bringing great minds together and pushing them to do even more—by wrestling with the hardest problems in cancer together. I plan to bring this lesson and others I learned from the

Forbeck family and friends I made through the Foundation, to advance the National Cancer Plan and accelerate advances that help people live longer, healthier lives.

W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD
Director of the National Cancer Institute
WGFRF Emeritus Scientific Advisory Board Member

2004 - Forbeck Scholar Awardee
2015 - Collaborative Research Grant Awardee
2016 - Chair; Renal Medullary Carcinoma
2021 - Scientific Advisory Board Member
2022 - Chair; Dynamic Histone Methylation

2023 FORUMS RECAP

During 2023, eight Forbeck Cancer Forums were held. The subjects covered ranged from graft versus host disease to mutational signatures in pediatric cancers to novel methods of treating various cancers. Most of the meetings took place in the USA; two Forums were held in Italy. International experts attended each meeting as well as two or three Forbeck Scholars and representatives of the Forbeck Foundation Scientific Advisory Board.

The major goals of each Cancer Forum are to facilitate discussion amongst the participants and to identify potential new areas of research. In addition to the discussion of new ideas and research results, networking and informal conversations during the breaks and over meals often lead to new and fruitful scientific collaborations.

RADIOTHERAPY AND IMMUNOTHERAPY COMBINATION

Julie Constanzo, PhD of IRCM, INSERM U1194

Lorenzo Galuzzi, PhD of Weill Cornell Medical College

Immunotherapy has revolutionized the clinical management of patients with various tumors. However, some forms of immunotherapy, e.g., immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs), only benefit some patients with cancer. Other types of immunotherapy, e.g., chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-expressing T cells, have been associated with impressive overall response rates. Unfortunately, these responses are short-lived in a large number of patients, due to adaptive resistance mechanisms. Combining immunotherapy with other interventions is under investigation in order to increase response rates and/or duration of response.

Radiation therapy (RT) has attracted attention as a combination partner for immunotherapy, at least in part due to its well-defined safety profile, widespread availability, and some potential for immunostimulation. However, several disadvantages of this combination have been identified and need to be overcome. Ultimately, well-designed studies of RT-immunotherapy combinations have the potential to identify suitable combinations that should benefit a large number of patients in terms of safety and superior clinical activity. During the Forum, the focus of several presentations and discussions was to identify the preclinical and clinical progress toward this objective.

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Invest in the future of science through our prestigious program. Scholars receive three years of collaboration opportunities, including attendance at a Forbeck Forum focusing on their specialty, and three Scholar Retreats in Lake Geneva, WI. Sponsor a Scholar for \$1,000 annually (\$3,000 total.)

SPONSOR A MEETING

Become a title sponsor for an upcoming meeting—topics in 2024 impact all types of cancer from pediatric cancers such as neuroblastoma and DIPG, breast, leukemia, colon, prostate, and more. Title sponsorship is \$30,000.

SPONSOR A FUNDRAISER

- May 4: Pig Roast at Bella Vista, Lake Geneva, WI
- June 3: Golf Outing at Lake Geneva Country Club, Lake Geneva, WI
- June 22: Yoga Event at Edgewater Park, Williams Bay, WI
- September 28: Blue Jean Ball
- October: Walk the Lake for Kira Faith at Reid Park Pavilion, Fontana, WI
- November/December: Four Decades of Cancer Research Celebration, Location TBD

GRAFT VERSUS HOST DISEASE

Bruce Blazar, MD of University of Minnesota

Leslie Kean, MD, PhD of Harvard University

Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT) is a potent, curative therapeutic option for people with specific malignant and non-malignant diseases. HCT is a disease modifier and has graft versus leukemia effects but its use is also associated with a considerable number of toxicities. The toxicity profile of allogeneic HCT significantly compromises its long term success. Acute and chronic graft versus host disease (GVHD) develops in up to 80% of patients who receive allogeneic HCT.

A better understanding of the biology of GVHD will, hopefully, lead to better ways of preventing and treating GVHD. Already, there is a growing body of knowledge about the molecular mechanisms that lead to GVHD, and the aim is to eliminate GVHD for all patients who receive allogeneic HCTs so that they can benefit from this life-saving intervention. It is possible that identifying the underlying mechanisms in GVHD and the development of new therapeutic strategies to prevent or treat GVHD will have a wider relevance to other immune disorders.

MUTATIONAL SIGNATURES IN PEDIATRIC CANCER—FROM ETIOLOGY TO THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS

Stephen Chanock, MD of National Cancer Institute

Jinghui Zhang Baker, PhD of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Adam Shlien, PhD of The Hospital for Sick Children

The mutational signatures in cancer genomes are markers of past mutagen exposure or intrinsic DNA repair defects. Recent studies in childhood cancer have shown that mutational signatures can reveal a tumor's origin—including whether it arose due to inherited mutation—and provide information about potential therapeutic vulnerabilities.

During the Forbeck Forum, discussion topics included the huge potential for mutational signatures in childhood cancer to predict future outcomes and eligibility to take part in clinical trials and, identifying the mechanisms for therapy-induced drug resistance. Mutational signatures may enable scientists to perform "reverse genetics" which could lead to an understanding of the tumor's past evolutionary trajectory and possible etiology. Knowing that childhood cancers are unique, the participants agreed that mutational signatures approaches should be specifically adapted for pediatric patients. This would include focusing on thresholds for detecting underlying mutational signatures, such as mismatch repair and homologous recombination as well as identifying mutational signatures involving structural rearrangements, which are frequent drivers of childhood cancer malignancy.

UNCOVERING NEW MECHANISMS OF LKB1

Russell Jones, PhD of Van Andel Institute

Reuben Shaw, PhD of Salk Institute

STK11 is a tumor suppressor gene, which encodes the serine/threonine kinase LKB1. It is one of the most frequent hotspot mutations in human cancer cells. LKB1 plays many and diverse roles in cancer. It has been implicated in the development of both hamartomatous polyposis syndromes and malignant disease, including lung cancer. More than 30% of lung cancers display STK11 mutations. However, there has been limited progress in developing therapies to treat patients with LKB1-deficient tumors.

Recent advances in our understanding the tumor suppressor functions of LKB1, including regulation of inflammation, epigenetics, and anti-tumor immune responses, holds new promise for translating fundamental scientific discoveries into clinical practice. The Forbeck Forum on LKB1-mediated tumor suppression brought together top scientists and clinicians to discuss recent advances in LKB1 biology. The long-term vision of the attendees is to expand therapeutic options for patients with either Peutz-Jeghers syndrome (PJS) or LKB1-deficient tumors by targeting novel aspects of LKB1-mediated tumor suppression.



2023 FORUMS RECAP

SYSTEMIC METABOLISM IN CANCER

Matthew Vander Heiden, MD, PhD of Koch Institute at MIT
Karen Vousden, PhD of Crick Institute

Cancer is a systemic disease, and there is evidence that both the development of cancer and the treatment outcomes are impacted by life-style factors, such as diet and exercise, as well as by age and health status. However, the interactions between cancer and host are poorly understood, in part because the complexity of the systems require input from a broad range of experts. During this Forbeck Forum, world leaders in various fields engaged in a robust discussion of evidence about how both life-style choices and systemic metabolism influence the development, progression, and treatment of cancer. This included reviewing mechanisms by which the systemic metabolism interacts with both the tumor and the brain and how these may influence some of the consequences of cancer, such as loss of appetite and weight loss. They also discussed how dietary choices and interventions might influence tumor growth and the impact of physical activity on cancer biology. Finally, they explored the molecular mechanisms by which these factors interface with the dysregulated growth signaling that drives cancer growth with the goal of identifying the best ways to intervene and help patients.

The format of the Forbeck Forum allowed for ample and animated discussion from all attendees. Each presentation provoked more discussion than the time allowed, and these conversations continued into the social sessions. It became apparent how much everyone had to learn from each other with the formation of cross-disciplinary interactions that will continue well beyond the end of the meeting. Several new ideas were formulated that, hopefully, will lead to new collaborations and progress in this understudied aspect of cancer biology and cancer medicine.

TARGETING LIPID BIOLOGY IN CANCER

Brooke Emerling, PhD of Sanford Burnham Prebys
Raymond D Blind, PhD of Vanderbilt University

The Forbeck Forum on Targeting Lipid Biology in Cancer included biologists, chemists, and physician scientists working in the fields of lipid signaling and metabolism to help develop strategies to better target lipid pathways and improve our understanding of how these pathways are dysregulated in cancer. Although it is clear that lipids control tumor growth, it is not understood how oncoproteins that produce those lipids are turned on and off. Having a clearer picture of how these oncoproteins are regulated to control the levels of lipids in tumors may help in the development of anti-cancer drugs. Many oncogenes that control lipid abundance in tumors are overexpressed in cancers, but the specific role that these genes play in tumor biology or the details of how the lipids control the growth and survival of

tumors are unknown. Although it is becoming clear that age impacts the tumor microenvironment and that lipids within the microenvironment affect tumor growth, the details of how a patient's age stimulates tumor growth are unclear.

At this meeting, there was consensus that improved molecular markers for a membrane structure called the "endosome" are needed, so that scientists can better characterize how particular oncogenes and tumor-suppressor genes cause cancer. Cancer-relevant lipids that co-localize with atypical structures in tumor cells have recently been discovered. It is unclear how disruption of the lipids at these sites causes cancer or stimulates tumor survival/growth. Very common metabolites, which are present in both healthy and tumor tissues, play a role in regulating important tumor proteins that remodel membrane lipids to become oncogenic. However, it is unknown how these proteins "sense" those metabolites. Advances in these areas could significantly improve our understanding of how lipids control tumor growth.

Drugs directed against the PI5P4K lipid enzymes have high therapeutic potential in several cancers, including breast and pancreatic cancer. NR5A1 appears to be an excellent target in adrenocortical cancer. Despite recent setbacks, PI3K delta inhibitors could be clinically useful in combination or if administered to the appropriate patient population.

Innovative surgical tools that allow surgeons to monitor the lipid content of resected tumor tissue in seconds, in the operating theater, permit better surgical outcomes for patients. Tumor imaging provides data that is rich with information about the tumor, but this data is not used to its optimum because of current analytical methods. The use of time-resolved imaging should unlock higher quality diagnostic and biomarkers that could be used, initially, in clinical trials.

In summary, this Forbeck Forum inspired brilliant discussions and interactions among participants from diverse backgrounds, ultimately fueling several new collaborations which will result in publications, grants and, importantly, better clinical trial design strategies.

FORBECK CANCER FORUMS—A SUCCESS STORY

In recent years, many research projects and consortia have "germinated" at the Forbeck Cancer Forums. The Forbeck Foundation focuses on stimulating multidisciplinary research into various cancers, both pediatric and adult, and improving treatment options for people living with cancer. Attendees at every meeting praise the Forbeck Cancer Forums for their dynamic and interactive atmosphere that stimulates fruitful discussions and new scientific projects.

THE BIOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

Laura Dawson, MD, FRCPC of University of Toronto
 Dan G Duda, DMD, PhD of Massachusetts General Hospital
 Tim Greten, MD of National Institutes of Health

Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) is the third leading cause of cancer-related death, and it poses a significant health challenge. HCC incidence is increasing globally, and research on HCC is relatively underfunded. A Forbeck Forum addressed the biology of and therapeutic strategies in HCC. It was organized by Dan G Duda, Laura Dawson, and Tim Greten, and was an open, multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary forum for a wide range of HCC experts. The meeting provided a unique platform for critically examining cutting-edge insights and discoveries in these crucial areas.

The discussions were both nuanced and tailored to the intricate biology of HCC, acknowledging the variety of underlying liver diseases predisposing patients to HCC and the diverse treatment modalities currently available. The participants discussed the most recent clinical trial findings and interpretations surrounding the use of neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapies for HCC. The Forum addressed the potential of novel treatment approaches, including cellular therapy and combination therapies with immune checkpoint inhibitors. Topics covered included patient selection, indications, biomarkers, and underlying mechanisms of action. In addition, the participants reviewed the promise and challenges of radiation therapies, such as stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT), trans-arterial chemo- and radio-embolization (TACE/TARE), and their synergy with immunotherapy. HCC's origins, progression, and etiology were extensively discussed, drawing on preclinical and clinical insights.

This Forbeck Forum transcended the confines of individual specialized areas. While maintaining the utmost respect for each other's expertise, participants engaged in discussions surpassing conventional conferences' bounds. The exchange was intellectually stimulating, yielding mutual feedback, fresh ideas, and a shared enthusiasm that will catalyze future collaborations. Hopefully, these endeavors will make meaningful contributions to advancing therapeutic strategies for HCC. The meeting concluded with a pledge to disseminate the concepts discussed to the broader HCC community through publications; to develop new collaborative initiatives; and to propel further strides in the treatment of HCC.

THERAPEUTIC TARGETING OF MRNA SPLICING IN CANCER

Olga Anczukow-Camarda, PhD of The Jackson Laboratory
 Andrei Thomas-Tikhonenko, PhD of University of Pennsylvania

Abnormal (dysregulated) RNA splicing is a molecular feature in almost all cancers, both hematological and solid tumors. It is a newly recognized tumor vulnerability that holds the promise of yielding novel therapeutic interventions for cancer patients. However, a number of outstanding problems and challenges remain to be addressed by scientists and physicians in order to move drugs targeting RNA splicing from the bench to the bedside. They fall into four broad categories: 1) Developing high-throughput approaches to interrogate the function of spliced isoforms at scale; 2) Developing single-cell and spatial approaches to unravel the role of RNA splicing in drug responses and resistance; 3) Defining the splicing landscapes of tumor, stromal, and immune compartments to enable targeting of tumor microenvironment; and 4) Developing in vitro and in vivo model systems that better represent cancer patients.

Addressing these goals will enable identification of patients who are likely to respond and benefit from several existing splicing-targeting therapeutics approaches.

2024 MEETINGS

- Cancer and Nanotechnology
- 2024 Spring Scholar Retreat
- Non-genetic Drug Tolerance Mechanisms
- Mechanisms of Cancer Genome Rearrangements
- Molecular Mechanisms Driving Metastasis
- 2024 Fall Scholar Retreat
- Environment, Host and Tumor Interactions
- Fusion Oncogene
- Cellular Quiescence and Tumor Dormancy
- Addressing Disparities among Populations in Cancer Research

2025 MEETINGS

- Sex Differences in Etiology, Epidemiology, and Treatment of Cancer
- Harnessing Stroma-immune Interactions for Anti-cancer Therapy
- Mitochondrial Stress in Cancer—From Worms to Patients
- RNA Modifications in mRNA Translation and Cancer
- 2025 Spring Scholar Retreat
- Targeting Mitochondria in Cancer (Immuno)therapy
- Targeting Cancer Evolution
- 2025 Fall Scholar Retreat
- Persistence, Apoptosis, and Minimal Residual Disease
- Cell Death in Cancer Therapy
- Targeting Immunometabolism for Cancer Therapy
- Nucleosome Structure and Function in Cancer

GRANTS UPDATE

It is not often that the Forbeck Foundation provides grants. We believe that it is in our best interest to stay in our lane of running our unique scientific Forums. Also, the demand for these meetings by the scientific community is ever increasing. However, during the pandemic, we were not able to operate meetings, and therefore, we redirected the program funding to grants for Forbeck Scholars. The COVID Recovery Grant was created to help restart research that was stunted or destroyed during the shutdown. Further to the COVID Recovery Grant, we also launched the Accelerator Grant to create a bridge of funding to advance our Scholars work. The results are something to be truly excited about. The Forbeck Foundation, as well as all its supporters, should be proud to have been part of these results.

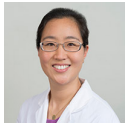
The COVID Recovery Grant allowed Shrutiben Bhatt, PhD of the National University of Singapore, to still manage to start her lab during COVID and get further funding for her work. Shruti now has a lab of 10 people, and the Foundation has played a critical role during challenging times in expanding her research.



“ The initial funding to my lab from Forbeck helped us to gain additional funding from 3 foundations after gathering much-needed preliminary results in 2021.

Shrutiben Bhatt, PhD | National University of Singapore

Vivian Y. Chang, MD, of the University of California, Los Angeles, published a paper in *Aging Cell* on work that discovered Bloom Syndrome patients and mice display accelerated epigenetic aging. She received further funding from multiple other sources to continue her work in this area, thanks to the Accelerator Grant.



“ This project would not have been possible without the Forbeck Accelerator funding that helped me maintain this unique mouse model and perform innovative methylation experiments. These results are the first to show molecular evidence that BLM deficiency causes a premature aging phenotype that has been associated with cancer, morbidity, and mortality.

Vivian Y. Chang, MD | University of California, Los Angeles
THIS SCHOLAR WAS SPONSORED BY THE BATES FOUNDATION

Jay Sarthy, MD, PhD of Seattle Children's Research Institute, sent this update that could revolutionize treatments for children.



“ With this generous backing, we've made tremendous strides in identifying a novel class of chemotherapies, vital for the treatment of leukemias and lymphomas worldwide. These therapies, distinguished by their safety and efficacy, offer a beacon of hope, transcending geographical barriers. Most importantly, unlike commonly used agents such as doxorubicin, they exhibit no cardiotoxic effects, promising a revolutionary approach to cancer treatment for children and adults. Such pioneering work would not have been possible to do without the support of the Forbeck Foundation, as the pharmaceutical industry will not develop these drugs due to the lack of patentability. This work and the support by WGFRF underscore the importance of philanthropic initiatives in advancing critical medical research for the betterment of humanity.

Jay Sarthy, MD, PhD | Seattle Children's Hospital
THIS SCHOLAR WAS SPONSORED BY THE KIRA SPEDALE FOUNDATION

Jason Sheltzer, PhD of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, has had a recent publication in *Science* that stemmed from the funding from the Accelerator Grant. The funding was used to “generate preliminary data on the identification of aneuploidy-specific genetic vulnerabilities, which we can then leverage to successfully compete for R01 funding on this project.”



“ The result of this seed funding has had very exciting results. We developed a new strategy for chromosome engineering that allowed us to selectively eliminate aneuploid chromosomes from cancer cells. We found that “aneuploidy elimination” prevented these cancer cells from forming tumors, demonstrating that this aneuploidy is actually a key driver of malignant growth.

Jason Sheltzer, PhD | Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
THIS SCHOLAR WAS SPONSORED BY THE BATES FOUNDATION

Andrew Venteicher, MD, PhD of the University of Minnesota, had a very exciting report from the area of brain tumors.



“ The Forbeck Accelerator Grant was instrumental in allowing our laboratory to use high risk, high reward approaches using epigenomics to understand heterogeneity in human brain tumor specimens, particularly during the COVID pandemic. This opportunity allowed us to determine epigenetic signatures that predict tumor recurrence and patient survival which allowed our team to discover new vulnerabilities in particular brain tumor subtypes defined epigenetically. This data served as critical preliminary results for a recent Department of Defense grant. We are grateful to the Forbeck Foundation for their support of early career investigators and their trainees.

Andrew Venteicher, MD, PhD | University of Minnesota

Laura Banaszynski, PhD from UT Southwestern Medical Center, received a COVID Recovery Grant as well as an Accelerator Grant. She has had, or is soon to have publications out with the results from both! “A significant amount of genomics was requested by our reviewers, and funds provided by the Forbeck Foundation were used to complete these experiments.”



“ The funds provided by the Forbeck Foundation for COVID relief were used to help us complete a study on ATRX, a tumor suppressor gene that is often mutated in human cancers. This work was published in *Nature Communications*.

Laura Banaszynski, PhD | UT Southwestern
THIS SCHOLAR WAS SPONSORED BY THE KIRA SPEDALE FOUNDATION

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

FORBECK FOUNDATION WELCOMES THREE NEW SAB MEMBERS

One of the strengths of the Forbeck Foundation has always been our Scientific Advisory Board. This is one of the most important things any donor should check when selecting a non-profit to support. For almost 40 years, an elite group of scientists and clinicians has provided scientific guidance to the Foundation. Sometimes our board members have had to leave to go on to serve the greater good. For example, Dr. Rathmell was recently chosen by President Biden to be director of the National Cancer Institute. Sometimes they simply retire such as Kate Matthay, MD, who enriched our lives with her years of experience and stories. We have welcomed three new members over the past year to take their place:

KRIS WOOD, PHD, DUKE UNIVERSITY

Kris is an Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Cancer Biology at Duke University. His laboratory uses genomic and pharmacological approaches to understand how tumor dependencies are shaped by cell intrinsic factors, environmental factors, and drug treatments during the dynamic process of tumor evolution. Kris has been involved with the Foundation for more than ten years. He started as a Scholar in 2013 at the “Resistance Mechanisms” Forum. At that event, Kris formed valuable connections and collaborations during a coffee break, one of which led to a clinical trial. Asking Kris to join the SAB is a natural progression given his dedication to the Foundation.

ERIC ALEJANDRO SWEET-CORDERO, MD, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

Alejandro is the Chief of Pediatric Oncology at UCSF. In his research, he focuses on lung cancer and pediatric sarcomas. He uses functional genomics to understand mutations and new approaches to therapies. Alejandro attended our first meeting back after COVID in September of 2021 called “Targeted Therapies in Pediatric Cancer”. Shortly after the meeting concluded, the Foundation invited him to be a Mentor at the 2022 Scholar Retreat. Alejandro’s commitment to mentorship is underscored by his exemplary service as a valued member of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Alejandro was referred to the Foundation by retiring SAB member Kate Matthay, MD.

EDWARD STITES, MD, PHD, YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Ed is an Associate Professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine. at Yale University. His experimental and computational research laboratory brings ideas from mathematics to the study of disease and its treatment, with a focus on cancer. In 2023, Ed began his tenure as a mentor at the fall Scholar Retreat. His passion for the Foundation and his commitment to guiding our scholars were evident, signifying his suitability for an expanded role and a seat on the SAB. Ed was referred to the Foundation by current SAB member, Jan Karlseder.

CURRENT MEMBERS

John T Kemshead, PhD, FRCPATH
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Yale University

Alejandro Sweet-Cordero, MD
University of California, San Francisco

Kris C Wood, PhD
Duke University

AN UPDATE ON THE INTERNATIONAL NEUROBLASTOMA RISK GROUP DATA COMMONS

The International Neuroblastoma Risk Group Data Commons (INRGdc) is housed within the Pediatric Cancer Data Commons (PCDC), and the neuroblastoma data led the way to build the PCDC as noted in a recent press release put out by the White House. The INRGdc now includes clinical information on more than 25,000 children and links to genomic data based are available, greatly enhancing the types of research questions that can be asked using these data.

“None of this would have been possible without the initial funds provided by the Forbeck Foundation more than a decade ago. Your support has truly impacted our ability to share neuroblastoma and other pediatric cancer data, advance our knowledge about neuroblastoma biology and treatment, and impacted the care of children with neuroblastoma.”

Susan L. Cohn, MD | Professor and Director of Clinical Sciences | Department of Pediatrics
University of Chicago

2023 FALL RETREAT SUMMARY

The 2023 William Guy Forbeck Research Foundation Fall Scholar Retreat took place at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, October 12-15th, 2023. Twenty-three Scholars, representing thirteen Forbeck Forums, and seven mentors participated in the Retreat. The Forbeck Scholars are early career scientists working in various aspects of cancer research. Forbeck Forums and Retreats are designed to be unique and informal scientific meetings, during which participants have the opportunity to present and discuss unpublished data with their peers. These discussions take place during the presentation sessions, mealtimes, and during social events.

THEMES OF THE SCHOLAR TALKS

The Scholars' talks ranged from basic science, such as understanding the three-dimensional architecture of chromosomes in cancer cells and genetic changes that occur during cancer development, to translational research in which basic science findings are "translated" into novel approaches to managing various cancers, such as altering patients' diets to help overcome resistance to specific therapies.

The pathway from basic scientific findings to practical applications for patients with cancer can be lengthy and torturous, but all of the Scholars are striving to improve care and outcomes for patients.

COMMENTS FROM THE SCHOLARS

"It's been such a pleasure to be part of this organization," Floris Barthel said. "My science has evolved considerably as a result of attending the Forbeck meetings and Scholar Retreats. The concept that I presented at my first Forbeck meeting has finally come to fruition, and I have presented the results of my research at this Scholar Retreat. Some of the suggestions that I received at Forbeck meetings over the years have helped to push the project forward and to prevent me from falling into 'traps'. The discussions have been instrumental in the success of my project."

Aguirre de Cubas commented, "I would not miss the Retreats for anything in the world! It is a very exciting to meet the new Scholars and to discuss my research with people in the same field. I appreciated the new guidance on how to prepare the slides this year. I enjoyed getting feedback from the other Scholars on my work and my plans for the future."

"Being able to network with 20-25 new people is extremely important," Pippa Cosper said. "You meet new, potential collaborators, and you can ask questions in a supportive environment."

"We are trying to find out how global chromatin disruption produces specific tumorigenic outcomes," Dr Meers explained. "We are performing automated profiling on a large number of AML patient samples in order to identify genetic lesions. We hope that this will enable us to find potential novel therapeutic targets."

Dr Eric Gardner asked, "What makes a cell into a cancer cell? We can look at the cells of origin and their responses to mutational and non-mutational events. We also have to consider resistance mechanisms, such as those seen in the histological transformation of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) driven lung adenocarcinoma. We may see more elaborate resistance mechanisms develop as cancer therapies improve and expand in scope."

"I would like to express my gratitude to the Forbeck Foundation for enabling me to attend the Forbeck Scholar Retreat and to meet the other scholars. Being able to freely share and discuss unpublished data is very important," Sihan Wu said. "A conversation with another scholar was the inspiration for my latest research project, the initial results of which I presented at the 2023 Scholar Retreat. I hope to complete the project in the next 2-3 years. I anticipate that it will help to improve cancer treatment."

"I really value the mentors at the meetings," Adam Wolpaw commented, "but it is the peer-to-peer support that is unique and very helpful. I have had a lot of interesting conversations at the Retreat and hope that some of these discussions will lead to future collaborations."

CONCLUSIONS

At the conclusion of the meeting, the participants thanked the Forbeck Foundation and its donors for their support of the Scholar Retreat. All of the scholars were very positive about the scope and aims of the meeting. Creating a network of early career scientists in cancer research will be beneficial in the quest to understand more about cancer development and evolution, as well as identifying new therapeutic targets. Improving the outcomes of patients with cancer is a key goal for all of the scholars, the mentors, and the Forbeck Foundation.

MEET THE 2024 SPRING FORBECK SCHOLARS



Eran Hodis, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Massachusetts General Hospital
Non-Genetic Drug Tolerance Mechanisms

I am studying the cause of the melanoma drug tolerant gene expression program "MITF-Low". My work in engineering genetically precise human cell models of melanoma has led me to a hypothesis as to what triggers the MITF-Low program and the ensuing drug tolerant state.



Yogesh Goyal, PhD
Northwestern University
Non-Genetic Drug Tolerance Mechanisms

Yogesh has made significant contributions to this topic. Specifically, he developed FateMap, a transdisciplinary framework to track fates of individual cancer cells responding to anti-cancer treatments.



Arum Kim, PhD
Duke University
Non-Genetic Drug Tolerance Mechanisms

As a PhD student and then a research professor at Korea University, Arum investigated liver diseases. Arum made many discoveries by dissecting the mechanistic underpinnings of liver repair and regeneration following tissue damage.



Shrey Sindhwani, MD, PhD
University of Toronto
Cancer and Nanotechnology

Shrey's work on how nanoparticles enter and exit solid tumors has reshaped the delivery mechanism to solid tumors. His next goal is to discover specific receptors that bind circulating nanoparticles and underlying genetic pathways in endothelial cells that control the entry of nanoparticles.



Joelle Straehla, MD
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Cancer and Nanotechnology

Joelle is a pediatric neuro-oncologist and physician-scientist with expertise in cancer nanomedicine. She is highly engaged in understanding and overcoming the barriers to clinical translation for nanomedicines.

SPONSOR A SCHOLAR

Forbeck Scholars are selected through a highly competitive process. Members of the Scientific Advisory Board says that each year it is difficult to make it's selection due to the number of outstanding candidates.

The Scholars attend a Forum in their first year, which gives an opportunity to work with the leaders in the chosen field. For the following three years, the Scholar attends the Scholar Retreat where there is collaboration with peers from various areas of cancer research. This meeting has been highly successful at bringing together collaborations between researchers.

With your pledge of \$1,000 a year for three years, you are supporting a specific candidate, of your choice, to attend these meetings and to follow his/her progress over the years. Many of our scholars have become highly acclaimed researchers, directors of institutions; they are the future of cancer research.



Forbeck Scholars at the 2023 Spring Scholar Retreat in Lake Geneva, WI



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“ The mission of bringing junior cancer researchers together to share their work, to learn from each other and from mentors, to form collaborations, and to grow as scientists is worthwhile and has a high return on investment. It's also clear that the Foundation has been very successful accomplishing it's mission. The scholars were intelligent, passionate about their research, and it was a pleasure to get to know them. The other mentors were brilliant, altruistic, and motivated to help the next generation of scientists. Its flattering that Jan and Kris nominated me and spoke favorably of my potential to serve and that Foundation leadership supported their recommendation.

Edward Stites, MD, PhD | Yale University | WGFRF Scientific Advisory Board Member

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WHAT MAKES FORBECK FOUNDATION MEETINGS SO SPECIAL?

We have asked past participants what makes these meetings so special, and we think the best way to answer this question is by quoting from one of the meeting reports:

The success of a Forbeck Forum comes down to three things:

1. An engaged set of participants who are engrossed in the topic during the sessions and in between sessions—at meals, while hiking, in the evening, when socializing.
2. A topic that has a lot of facets that are relevant to human physiology and cancer, and a group willing to approach the topics with openness—an open mind to consider outside-the-box concepts and openness to share opinions, ideas, and expertise.
3. A cohort of early career researchers who are energized, excited for the future, and enthusiastic about the careers they are launching into—and the community of investigators that they are joining.

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INTRODUCTION

Billy Guy's tragic journey has become a remarkable legacy, spanning nearly four decades of transformative progress in cancer research

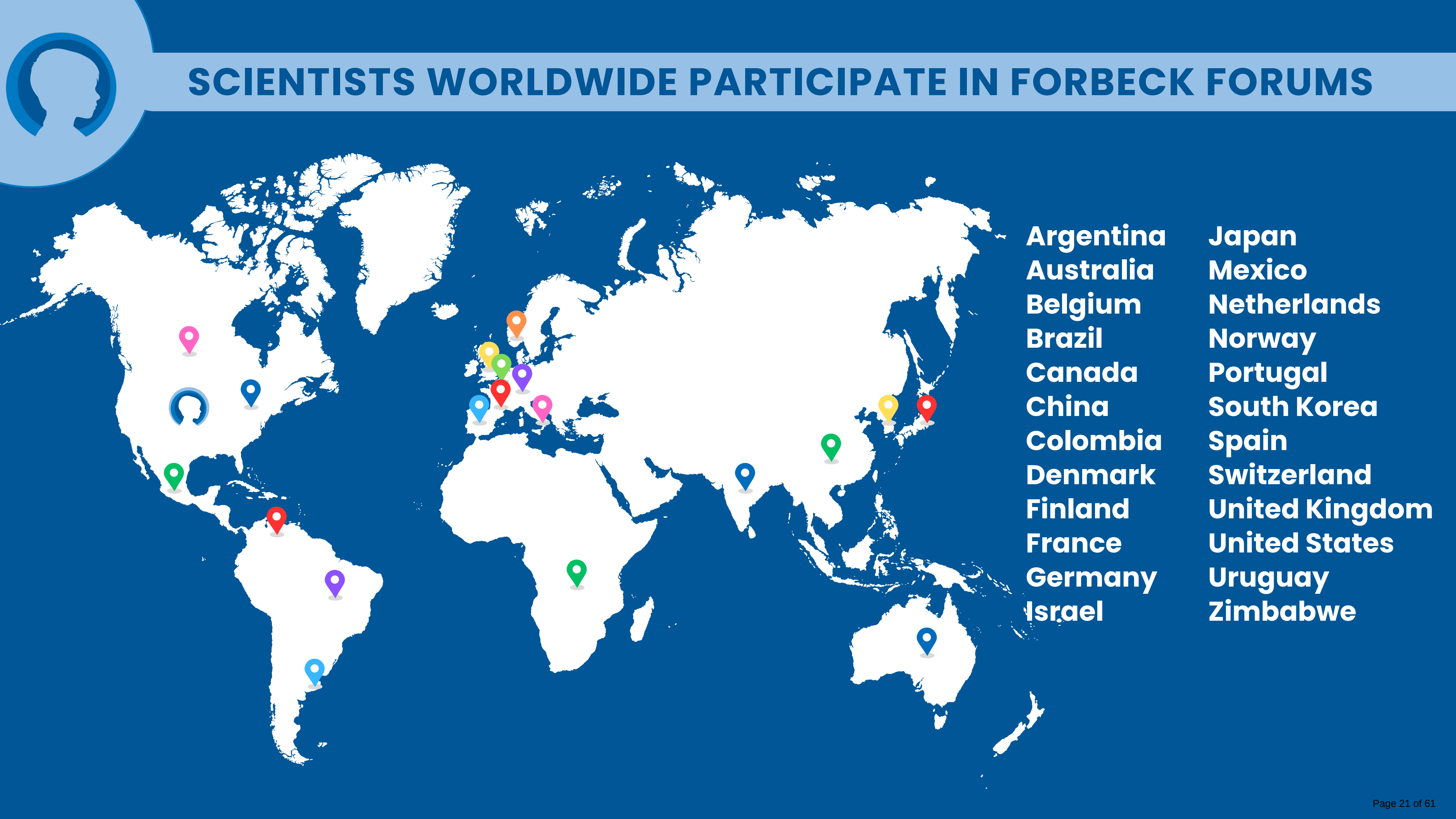




PROGRAMS

- The structure of the Forum has been developed over years of experience
- Between 16 & 20 participants are invited to each Forum
- Unpublished work is the focus of each presentation
- Each presentation is meant to lead to a lively discussion





SCIENTISTS WORLDWIDE PARTICIPATE IN FORBECK FORUMS

- Argentina
Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Canada
China
Colombia
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Israel
- Japan
Mexico
Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
South Korea
Spain
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
Zimbabwe



SCIENCE AT THE LAKE

- Scholar Retreat held in Lake Geneva twice a year
- In 2025 we are hosting 3 additional Forums in Lake Geneva
- Two of these Forums will be focused on pediatric cancer survivorship and are a collaboration with Curing Kids Cancer Foundation



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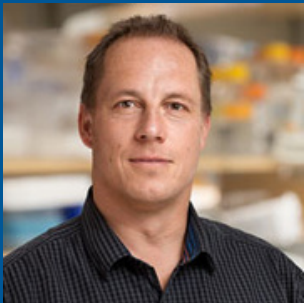
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BY THE NUMBERS

- 110+ Lifetime Forums, Scholar Retreats, and Focus Groups
- 950+ participants representing over 30 countries
- 5 Nobel prize winners
 - Jim Allison
 - Victor Ambros
 - David Baltimore
 - Leland Hartwell
 - William G. Kaelin Jr.
- 2 directors of the National Cancer Institute
 - W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD – 2024 to present
 - Norman E. Sharpless, MD – 2017 to 2022





MODEL FOR COLLABORATION



“The ethos of the Foundation is exactly on point—bringing great minds together and pushing them to do even more—by wrestling with the hardest problems in cancer together. I plan to bring this lesson and others I learned from the Forbeck family and friends I made through the Foundation, to advance the National Cancer Plan and accelerate advances that help people live longer, healthier lives.”

W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD
Director of the National Cancer Institute
WGFRF Emeritus Scientific Advisory Board Member





IMPACT & SUCCESSES

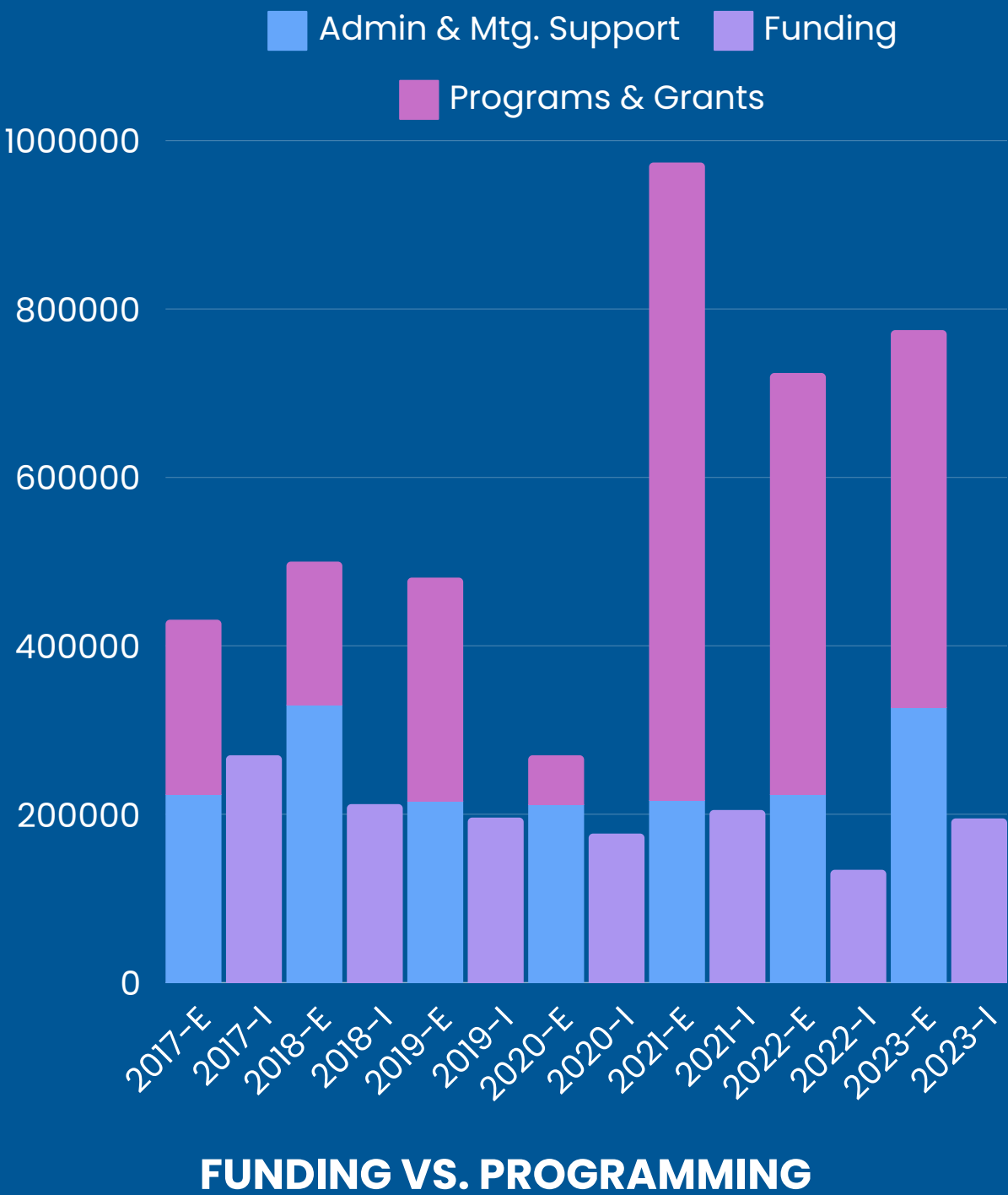
- Funding for the creation of the Interactive International Research Group database (iNRGdb), which now contains over 25,000 patients
- 4 International Neuroblastoma meetings with numerous publications from INSS/INRG
- Formation of the Society for Functional Precision Medicine
- Innumerable clinical trials, papers, and collaborations
- \$860,000 funding 3 Collaborative Research Projects
- \$263,000 funding 9 Accelerator grants
- \$283,000 funding 13 COVID recovery grants

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CASE FOR SUPPORT – FINANCIAL NEED

- Increasing demand for our programs requires more funding
- Consistently operated with a conservative approach, maximizing every donation for program impact
- Rising program costs make it essential to secure new and sustainable funding sources
- A majority of administrative costs are dedicated to operating our programs and scientific research



Due to COVID, we could not hold meetings in 2020 so we redirected our funding to Scholar Grants in 2021 to help rebuild lost research

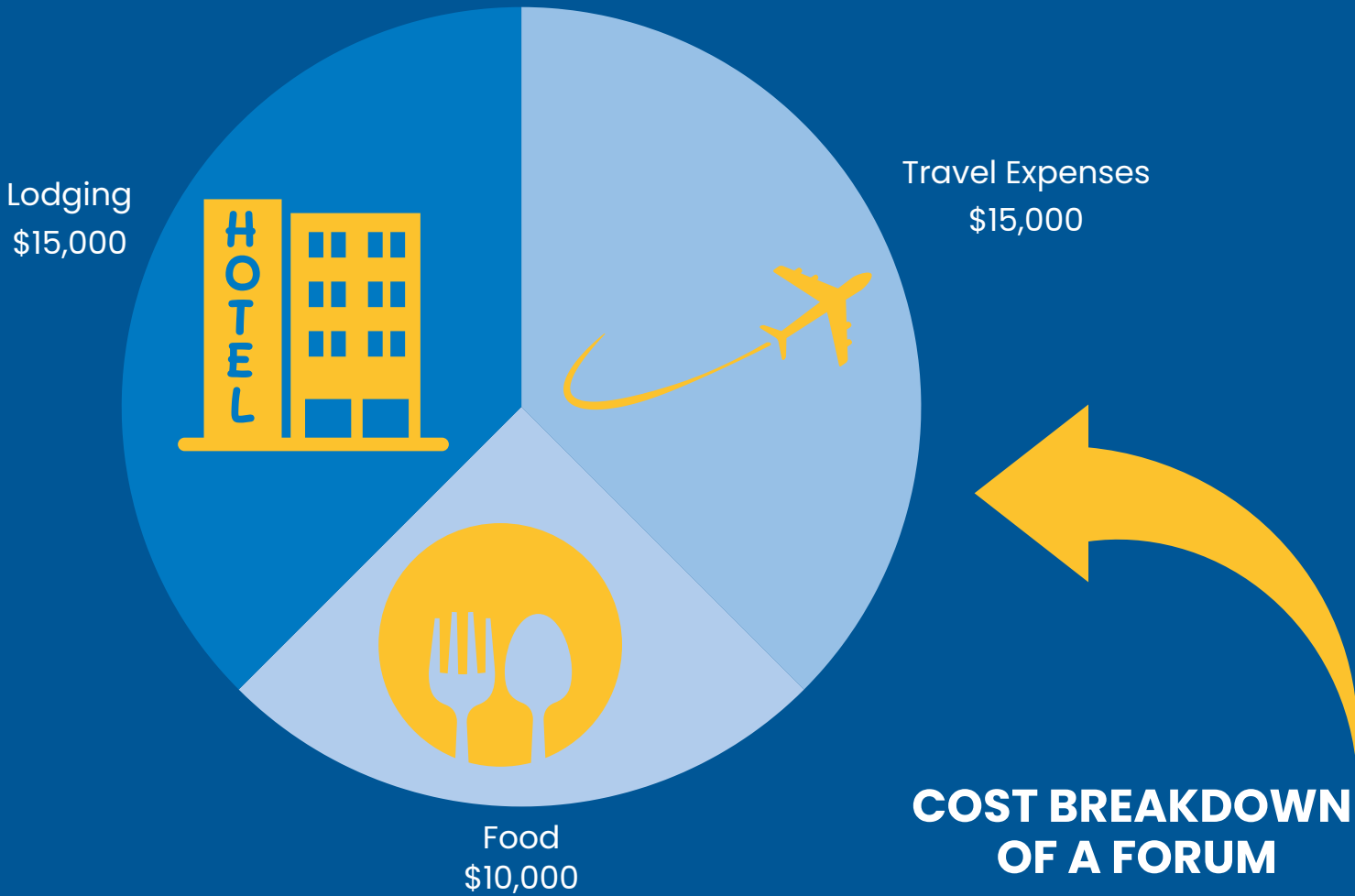


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Since our first Forum in 1985, costs have increased more than 166% throughout the years. We now run 10 Forums and 2 Scholar retreats annually.

Average cost of a forum in 1985: \$15,000

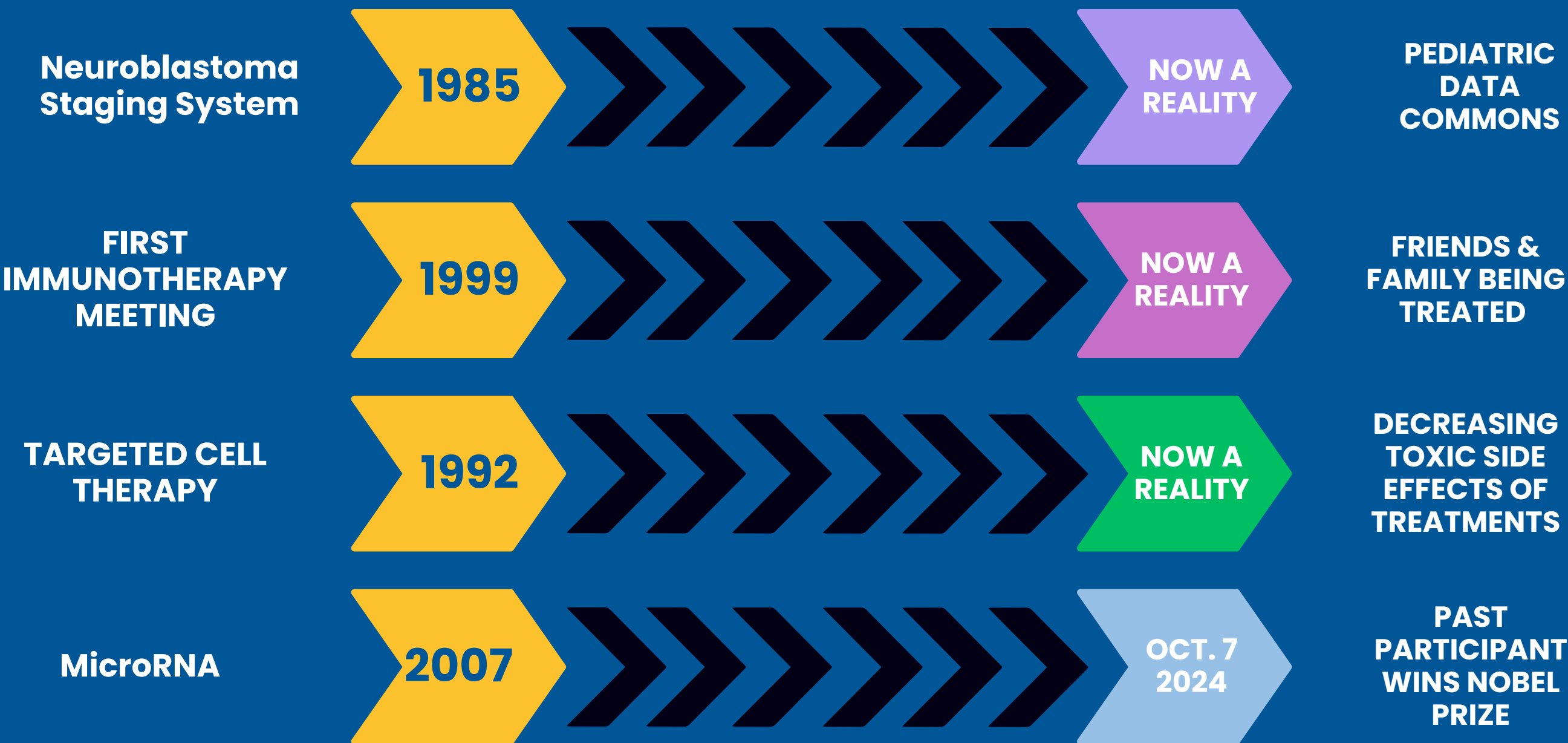
Average cost of a forum in 2025: \$40,000



The only thing we ask our participants to give is their time & knowledge.

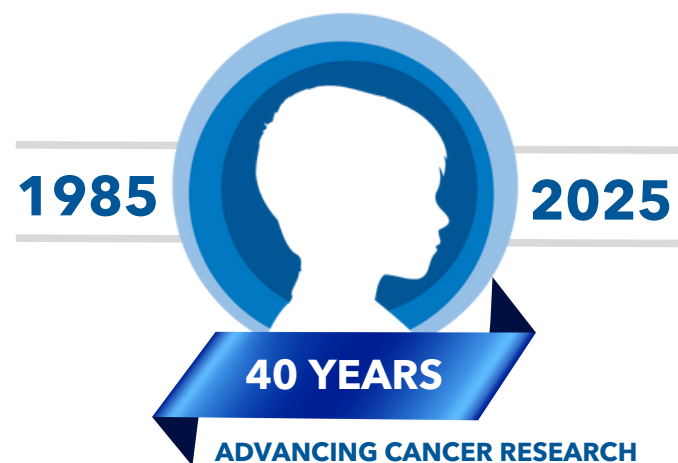


CASE FOR SUPPORT - RESEARCH TIMELINE



The ultimate goal is to put ourselves out of a job. Until that day comes, our mission is to keep growing, supporting groundbreaking ideas, and driving progress until we've rendered our work unnecessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS



STATE OF THE FOUNDATION
JANUARY 22, 2025



A TOAST TO 40 YEARS
APRIL 10, 2025



HALF MARATHON
JUNE 8, 2025



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
SUMMER 2025



SCHOLAR ENGAGEMENT
MAY 2, 2025



WALK THE LAKE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025



20TH BLUE JEAN BALL
OCTOBER 4, 2025



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Event OVERVIEW



Sunday, June 8, 2025

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 5,000 Participants & Spectators
- Half Marathon
- 5K Run/Walk
- Kids Dash

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"We are thrilled to team up with the Forbeck Foundation to support their incredible work in cancer research. As race organizers behind iconic events like the Chicago Triathlon, we're honored to bring our expertise and passion to an initiative that aligns so deeply with our mission. Together, we're creating an impact that will extend far beyond the finish line." - Hank Zemola, CEO & President, Special Events Mgmt

FINISH LINE FESTIVAL

- Food, Beer & More
- Live Music
- Tribute Wall, Photography and Massage Booths



Demographics & **ATTENDANCE**



AGE:

Primary: 21-49
Secondary 18-65



PROFILE:

A 52/48 split of female and male athletes who are active, health conscious, disciplined, focused, college educated with higher income, including influencers.



ATTENDANCE:

2,000 Participants
3,000 Spectators
4,000 Finish Line Festival
300 Volunteers



Operations & PERMITTING

Race Day Schedule

6:00 AM

- Street closures begin
- Event site opens

7:30 AM

- Half Marathon Start

7:45 AM

- 5K Start

8:00 AM

- Finish line festival begins: exhibitors, kids activities, music, refreshments, awards

10:45 AM

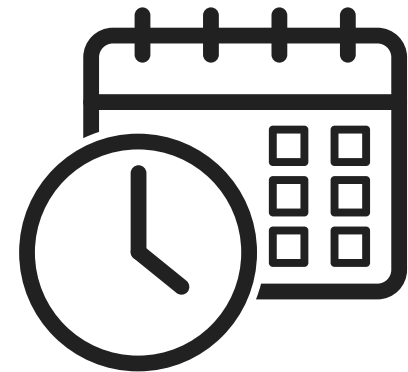
- Kids Dash

11:30 AM

- Finish Line closes

12:00 PM

- Event ends



Progress

- City Council conditional approval 6/18
- City agency meeting 9/11
- Insurance submitted
- Medical Plan submitted

Requirements in Process

- Petition with 51% of residents and businesses signed
- Traffic control plan



Course Routes

5K

Turn-by-Turn

**START on Wrigley Dr
between Broad St and
Center St**

LEFT on Wrigley Dr
LEFT on Main St
RIGHT on Elmwood Ave
RIGHT on Park Row
RIGHT on Warren St
RIGHT on Dodge St
LEFT on Maxwell St
LEFT on Geneva St

RIGHT on Center St
LEFT on Main St
RIGHT on S Lake Shore Dr
LEFT on Cass St
RIGHT on Wells St
RIGHT on Campbell St
RIGHT on S Lake Shore Dr
LEFT on Baker St
RIGHT on Wrigley Dr

**FINISH on Wrigley Dr
between Broad St and
Center St**



Course Routes

HALF MARATHON

Turn-by-Turn

START on Wrigley Dr between Broad St and Center St

LEFT on Wrigley Dr
LEFT on Main St
RIGHT on Elmwood Ave
RIGHT on Park Row
RIGHT on Warren St
RIGHT on Dodge St
LEFT on Maxwell St
LEFT on Geneva St
RIGHT on Center St
LEFT on Main St
RIGHT on S Lake Shore Dr
LEFT on Cass St
RIGHT on Wells St
RIGHT on Big Foot State Park
RIGHT on Wells St

RIGHT on Big Foot State Park Service Road
LEFT on S Lake Shore Dr
LEFT on Pilgrim Church Rd
RIGHT on Willow Rd
LEFT on Linton Rd

Turnaround on Linton Rd at Travers School

RIGHT on Willow Rd
LEFT on Pilgrim Church Rd
RIGHT on S Lake Shore Dr
LEFT on Baker St
RIGHT on Wrigley Dr

FINISH on Wrigley Dr between Broad St and Center St



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 - 4:30 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members:

Committee Members: Chairperson Ken Howell, Alderpersons: Sherri Ames, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Cindy Yager, and Joel Hoiland

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from November 19, 2024
5. Discussion/Recommendation Regarding Licenses & Permits
 - a. Public Event Permit filed by Lakeland Community Church for Church in the Park on July 6, 2025
6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding the Sunday Parking Program
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding items approved by Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee on December 10, 2024
 - a. Geneva Lake Seawall Replacement Project Alt Bid 1 - Reinforced Poured Concrete Wall from CK Contractors in the amount of \$131,028.20
 - b. Gage Marine Pier and Buoy Service Contract for 2025-2027
 - c. Changes to the City of Lake Geneva Fee Schedule for increases to the Annual West End Pier Slip, Lagoon Slip, Buoy, Dingy, Kayak and Paddleboard Rack Leases
8. Presentation of Accounts
 - a. Pre-Paid Checks: \$392,935.92
 - b. Regular Checks: \$557,333.29
9. Adjournment

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**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 - 4:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members:

Chairperson Cindy Yager, Sherri Ames, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, and Peg Esposito

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Yager
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the Personnel Committee minutes from August 5, 2024, and September 4, 2024
5. Discussion/Update regarding the City Clerk hiring
6. Discussion/Update regarding the City Administrator Search
7. Discussion/Recommendation concerning the Parks Director position
8. Discussion regarding creation of Parks Director Job Description
9. Discussion regarding Committee Chair packet materials
10. Next meeting date & time: Monday, November 4, 2024 at 4:00pm in Conference Room 2A
11. Future Agenda Items:
 - Committee Chair Packet
 - Continue to Review Job Descriptions
 - Review Committee Guidelines/Procedures for all Standing and Appointed Boards/Commissions (member voting rights, etc)
 - Review Policy and Procedures Manuals
 - Handbook Discussion/Review
 - Set Schedule for Staff Evaluations

12. Adjournment

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Review of the proposed construction of the Big Foot Lift Station Forcemain Replacement Project, per Ordinance 78-8(5).

Josh Gajewski, Utility Director, gave an overview of the Big Foot Lift Station Forcemain Replacement project. Gajewski stated the project is anticipated to start December 15, 2024. PTS Contractors was the awarded contractor for Bid Amount \$1,152,700.00

Fesenmaier referred the public to the last Utility Commission meeting for more bid information regarding the project.

Motion by Hoiland to approve Big Foot Lift Station Forcemain replacement per ordinance 78-8(5), second by Yager.

Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

No further discussion.

Discussion/ recommendation regarding 2025 Budget request (DPW).

Nothing to report expected in Septemeber.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding stoplights and crosswalk buttons. (Fesenmaier)

Committee members and Waswo discussed pricing to deactivate pedestrian push buttons and reprogram traffic signals to activate walk signals.

Waswo explained the price to upgrade software and install cameras in order to remove pedestrian push buttons is estimated to be \$22,000 per intersection.

Motion by Yager to disable pedestrian push buttons and reprogram on all four intersections: Main and Cook, Main and Center, Main and Broad, Main and Wrigley and removal of signs. Second, by Esposito.

Motion carried 4-1 on a voice vote.

No further discussion.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding crosswalk and signs on Main Street near Donian Park.

Committee members and Waswo discussed replacement of flashing beacons and temporary fixes.

Motion by Fesenmaier to send to FLR for funding source up to \$20,000, Second Yager.

Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

No further discussion.

Discussion/ Recommendation regarding traffic control of intersections Geneva & Broad; Geneva & Center (DPW).

Committee members and Waswo discussed comparisons of different scenarios of bump outs, referring to examples that were included the packet.

Waswo further explained the use of hot paint and priority areas needing to be repainted.

Committee members and Waswo further discussed hot painting throughout the city.

Discussion/recommendation regarding Center Street and Interchange North (Kapur).

Rauch gave an overview of Alternative 1 and Alternative 3.

Committee members and Rauch further discussed Walworth County incorporating Alternative 1 & 3 into their project at the City cost.

Motion by Yager to add Alternative 1 to the 2025 budget, second by Hoiland.

Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

Motion by Yager to include engineering fees for Alternative 3 in 2025 budget, second by Esposito.

Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote.

No further discussion.

Discussion/ Recommendation regarding adding stop signs to Harmony Drive at the Cadence Circle Intersection (Fesenmaier).

Motion by Fesenmaier to add stop signs at Harmony Drive at Cadence Circle intersection and to recommend to FLR. Second By Esposito.

Motion carried 4-0 on a voice vote. No further discussion.

Discussion/ Recommendation regarding WisDOT repairs on Main Street and planning for HWY 50 construction update (DPW).

Committee members and Waswo discussed price and repatching of 3 areas Warren to Maxwell, Cook and Main,



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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024 - 4:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members:

Chairperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Joel Hoiland, Peg Esposito, and Cindy Yager

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AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fesenmaier
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from September 23, 2024
5. **Staff Reports:**
 - a. Director of Public Works Report
 - b. Street Superintendent Report
 - c. Parking Manager Report
 - d. Engineer Report
6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding crosswalk on Center Street adjacent to Brunk Pavilion (Kapur/Hoiland)
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding parking on North Street
8. Update regarding the condition of east and west portions of Bloomfield Road (Mayor Krause)
9. Discussion/Recommendation regarding snowplowing
10. Discussion regarding ADA Recommendation and our Safer Towns
11. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Crosswalk and Stoplight timing
12. Discussion/Recommendation for approval of Contract Change Order #02–2024 Street Program (Kapur)
13. Discussion/ Recommendation for approval of Payment Request #02–2024 Street Program

(Kapur)

14. Future Meeting Date: Monday, November 25, 2024

Agenda and Packet published on the website: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

15. Future Agenda Items

16. Adjournment

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**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 - 5:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members:

Chairperson Linda Frame, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Sherri Ames, Peg Esposito, and Cathy Stoodley

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AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes from October 8, 2024
5. Discussion/Recommendation regarding the bid award for the Geneva Lake Seawall Replacement Project
6. Discussion/Review of renderings of pier placement options
 - a. Lagoon Piers Replacement
 - b. Flat Iron Park Piers Installation
 - c. Library Park Piers Installation
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible development of new piers and their placement
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding Gage Marine Pier and Buoy Service Contract
9. Discussion/Recommendation regarding proposed changes to the City of Lake Geneva Fee Schedule for increases to the Annual West End Pier Slip, Lagoon Slip, Buoy, Dingy, Kayak and Paddleboard Rack Leases
10. Adjournment

*This is a meeting of the Piers, Harbors & Lakefront Committee.
No official Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*



Lake Geneva Utility Commission

MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

361 W Main Street
P.O. Box 187
Lake Geneva, WI 53147
262-248-2311
www.lgutilitycommission.com

Dennis Lyon – President
Josh Gajewski – Utility Director
Jeff Ecklund – Water Superintendent
Ken Bauman – Wastewater Superintendent

LAKE GENEVA UTILITY COMMISSION MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2024 4:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL, 626 GENEVA STREET

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Statutes §19.84 (2), limited to items on this agenda except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
4. Approve Utility Commission Minutes from November 18, 2024 as prepared and distributed
5. Acknowledgement of Correspondence
6. Approval of November 2024 Financials
7. Approval of November 2024 Bills
8. Directors Report
9. Discussion/Action on a scope of services provided by MSA for utility improvements on CTH H
10. Discussion/Action on Change Order #1 for the Big Foot Lift Station Force Main Replacement Project
11. Discussion/Action on Pay Application #1 submitted by PTS Contractors for the Big Foot Lift Station Force Main Replacement Project
12. Discussion/Action on requesting City participation in financing the White River Culvert Replacement Project
13. Adjourn



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TREE BOARD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 - 4:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)

Members:

President Candy Kirchberg, Alexander Gabriel, Peggy Schneider, Sonja Dailey, Alderperson Peg Esposito

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from October 8, 2024
5. Arborist Report: Jon Foster
6. Discussion regarding Park Director Position - Peg Esposito
7. Discussion regarding Downtown Holiday Lights - BID
8. Discussion regarding Museum Holiday Tree Parade decorating November 20th at 10:00 AM
9. Next Meeting Date & Time
10. **Adjournment**

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**POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Commission Members Commissioners: Spyro Condos, Jay Fairbanks, Len Jegerski, Tom Clausen and Emily Soley-Johnson
Police and Fire Liaison Shari Straube, Town of Geneva Fire Liaison Larry Kulik

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes
5. Acknowledge Correspondence
6. City Council Report
7. Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of November 7, 2024
8. Police Department Business
 - a. Discussion/Action - Approval of bills for the month of November, 2024, operating in the amount of \$416,860.93, Capital purchases in the amount of \$14,860.12, Equipment Replacement purchases in the amount of \$41,634.56, for a total of \$473,355.61
 - b. Discussion/Action –Confirmation of promotion. Officer Brandi Nelson to Sergeant, effective January 1, 2025
 - c. Discussion – 2025 Budget Update
 - d. Discussion - Completion of probation for Full Time Telecommunicator Douglas Ludwig
 - e. Discussion/Action – Approve 2025-2027 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - f. Discussion/Action –Approve donation from Al and Norma Exner Trust in the amount of \$200.00
 - g. Discussion/Action - Approve donations for Shop with a Cop for a total of 3,450.00
 - Mr. and Mrs. Len Jegerski in the amount of \$100.00
 - Immanuel Lutheran Church in the amount of \$1,250.00 (Walmart gift cards)
 - Como Community Cares in the amount of \$300.00
 - Mike's Auto Repair of Lake Geneva, LLC in the amount of \$500.00
 - Brunk Industries in the amount of \$600.00
 - Lake Geneva Rea Realty, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00
 - James and Stacey Kidwell (Kenosha Heating and Cooling) in the amount of \$200.00
 - h. Discussion - Chief's Report (briefing only – no action will be taken)

i. Discussion - Top Five Monthly Incidents

j. Discussion – Monthly activity reports -

2024 Dispatch activity for November 2024:	Telephone calls – 1,829	911 calls – 169	Window assists – 770
2023 Dispatch activity for November 2023:	Telephone calls – 1,931	911 calls - 221	Window assists – 581

2024 Patrol activity for November 2024:	Calls for Service – 2,174	Arrests - 246
2023 Patrol activity for November 2023:	Calls for Service – 1,862	Arrests - 115

k. Discussion – Thank you notes

- Dr. Albert Charles Exner, III

l. Discussion/Action – Items to be forwarded to City Council

9. Fire Department Business

a. Discussion/Action - Approval of bills for the month of November 2024, operating in the amount of \$282,008.73, Equipment Replacement purchases in the amount of \$1,229.01, for a total of \$283,237.74

b. Discussion – EMS Medical Billing/Stark Medical Billing

c. Discussion – Monthly Chief’s Update and Fire Department Report Overview

d. Discussion/Action- Posting of 2025 Full Time Hiring for Firefighter/Paramedic

e. Discussion/Action- Confirmation of moving part time Confidential Administrative Assistant Renee Edmonds to full time status beginning January 1, 2025

f. Discussion- 2024 End of the Year Fleet Update

g. Discussion/Action- Approval of Lexipol Policies

- 408 Maximum Occupancy & Overcrowding (update)
- 1022 Wellness Program (update)

h. Discussion/Action – Acceptance of donation from E. Dieterle in the amount of \$100.00

i. Discussion/Action – Thank you notes

- Raymond Fire Department
- First Lutheran School
- Marilyn
- E. Dieterle
- Francine

j. Discussion/Action - Items to be forwarded to City Council

10. Motion to go into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session specifically: Fire Department –Town of Linn Contract Update and Town of Geneva Contract Update

11. Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session.

12. Adjourn

A quorum of the City Council may be present to gather information; however, no formal Council action will be taken.
cc: Commission Members, Mayor, Council, Administrator, Attorney



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**PLAN COMMISSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 - 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

Members:

Chair: Mayor Todd Krause, Alderperson Peg Esposito, Commissioners: John Gibbs, Doug Skates, Jeremy Nafziger, and Kyle Cary

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AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Krause
2. Roll Call.
3. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2024, Plan Commission meeting as distributed.
4. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes.
5. Acknowledgment of Correspondence.
6. Public Hearing and Recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application filed by Cabot and Asia Ashwill, at 930 Bayview Drive, Lake Geneva, on a request for a second-story addition and fence replacement in the Estate Residential (ER-1) zoning district for the property located at 930 Bayview Drive, Parcel No. ZGB00026
7. Public Hearing and Recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment application filed by Maxwell Mansion, LLC, at 304 S. Wells St, Lake Geneva, on a request to expand the Outdoor Commercial Entertainment land use and remove the Limited Conditional Use status in the General Business (GB) zoning district for the property located at 304 S. Wells St and 421 Baker St, Parcel No. ZA452900001
8. Adjournment.

QUORUM OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT

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**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024 - 6:30 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Members:

President Adam St. Marie, Secretary Ann Esarco, David Quickel, Peggy Schneider, Dana Furlo, Julie Mulligan
Council Liaisons: Alderperson Cindy Yager and Mayor Todd Krause

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes
4. Discussion of Avian Committee Minutes
5. Discussion of Tree Board Minutes
6. Approval of the Board of Park Commissioners minutes from October 15 & 29, 2024
7. Discussion/Recommendation regarding requesting that the Business Improvement district develop a plan for a approval concerning downtown Christmas lights
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding replacement of a vandalized memorial plaque for Mark Sesselman
9. Update on Resurfacing of Basketball and Tennis Courts at Maple Park, Dunn Field, and Veterans Park
10. Discussion/Review and Possible Recommendation on topics at Veterans Park
 - a. YMCA Field Improvement-Funding approved from Tourism Commission
 - b. Vision for Veterans Park
 - c. Capital Improvement Projects budget item for 2027 for a Park Rental Pavilion with Restrooms and Kitchen at Veterans Park
 - d. Playground Project and Theme for Playground
11. Next Meeting Date & Time
12. Adjournment

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LAKE GENEVA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: Lake Geneva Public Library
Smith Meeting Room
918 W Main Street
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Board

Members: Dennis Lyon (President), Lynelle Gramm (Vice President), Larry Kundert (Financial Secretary / Treasurer), Wen-D Kersten, Jill Rodriguez, Chris Brookes, Sherri Ames, Barb Dinan, Mardi Pennington

Library

Director: Emily Kornak

AGENDA

1. Call to order (Lyon)
2. Roll call and introduction of guests
3. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
4. Public comment: maximum of 5 minutes per speaker, limited to items on this agenda
5. Finance, Building, & Grounds Committee report (Kundert)
 - a. Review and approval of previous month's invoices
 - b. Building and grounds report
 - c. Investment / donations report
6. President's report (Lyon)
7. Director's report (Kornak)
 - a. Usage & stats, staff reports, upcoming events, current projects
8. Committee reports
 - a. Next anniversary planning committee meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
9. Friends of the LGPL report (Brookes)
10. City report (Ames)
11. School board report (Dinan)
12. Adjournment

LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 10, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL,
626 GENEVA STREET, LAKE GENEVA, WI 53147

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2024, *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission Meeting*.
4. Comments from the public and correspondence.
5. Reports on the *Geneva Lake Museum* upcoming events, including Christmas Tree Parade, “*Tuesdays @ Two*” programs and the *Maple Park Homeowners’ Association*, including updates on the regulation of short-term rentals in the *Maple Park Historic District*.
6. Updates regarding *Black Point Estate & Gardens*, *Horticultural Hall*, and *Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tours*, including *Black Point* programs at the Lake Geneva Public Library. Also discussion regarding upcoming special events next year at *Black Point*.
7. Updates on events at *The Riviera*, at the *1928 Geneva Theater / Geneva Stage*, or local news items relating to the *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission*.
8. Review of recent bills and invoices, updates on the current balance in the *Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission 2024 City Budget*, and discussion regarding our *2025 LGHPC City Budget*.
9. Discussion and comments regarding recent building / remodeling projects within *National & State Historic Districts*, including update on status of *Eduard Babayev’s* demo of *Existing House* and construction of *New House* at 833 Wisconsin Street.
10. Update regarding the *Hillmoor Archaeological Site Survey*, the status of the proposed new *Intensive Historic Survey of Lake Geneva*, and any new discussion regarding the nomination of the former *Hillmoor Golf Course* property as a National Historic Landscape under the *Department of Interior Historic Landscape* program.
11. Discussion regarding updates to the *City of Lake Geneva Chapter 34 - Historic Preservation Ordinance*, development of a new *Local Historic Landmark Application Form*, and the status of nomination applications for buildings such as the *Lake Geneva Public Library* and *The Riviera* as *Local Historic Landmarks*.
12. Discussion regarding the repair and/or replacement of any of the existing historic plaques and signs by Jim Sherin at *Timberline Signs*, the proposed new *Lake Geneva Sanitariums* sign, and a potential new *Mill Pond* historic sign in conjunction with the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee.

13. Review of recent *Historic Plaque Program* applications and the cost of plaques from *Timberline Signs* at \$258.48 each (including sales tax), application forms, and ongoing updating the list of past plaque recipients.
14. Discussion regarding the status of the *Three Graces* statue, the latest City funding information, and the future plans for repair and/or replacement of the *Three Graces* statue based upon the existing *Three Sisters* statue in Allerton Park in Monticello, Illinois.
15. Update on the status of the *I-phone app* and *Android app* of *A Historic Lake Geneva Walking Tour*, including reactivation of I-phone app, and discussion on how to better promote the apps, including presentations to the Lake Geneva City Council. Update on any new information regarding renewal of I-phone app.
16. Discussion regarding new projects for the *LGHPC*, updates regarding the status of our website www.historyoflakegeneva.org, who to contact at City Hall regarding website revisions, and suggestions on potential future *LGHPC* projects that we might want to consider.
17. Discussion regarding any new correspondence from Stephanie Klett and Deanna Goodwin at *Visit Lake Geneva / Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce* on how the *LGHPC* can help promote tourism in Lake Geneva and better publicize our role in the community.
18. Update on any new information from Jason Tish at the *Wisconsin Historical Society*, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*, the *Society of Architectural Historians*, and the *Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions*.
19. Adjournment

***THE NEXT LAKE GENEVA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING WILL BE AT CITY HALL @ 7:00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025.***



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**AVIAN COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)**

Members:

President Sarah McConnell, Beverly Leonard, Jill Rodriguez, Karen Gallo, Victoria Ross, Kelley Happ,
and Cindy Yager- Alderperson

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Avian Committee minutes from November 12, 2024
4. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
5. Budget Update and 2025 Financial Review
6. Update from City Council
7. Bird City Application Status
8. Partnerships and Funding Opportunities
9. Birding Backpacks Project
10. Climate Change Topics/Updates
 - a. World Migratory Bird Day Activities
 - b. EV Chargers in Lake Geneva
 - c. Dark Skies Project
11. Next Meeting Date & Time
12. Future Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

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LAKE GENEVA TOURISM COMMISSION

Monday, December 9, 2024 - 4:00 PM

Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers

Members:

Chairperson Brian Waspi, Troy Migut, Zakia Pirzada, Alderperson Fesenmaier and Alderperson Stoodley;
Ex-Officio Members: Mayor Todd Krause, Comptroller Laura Pisarcik, and VISIT Lake Geneva President
Stephanie Klett

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the Tourism Commission minutes from November 11, 2024
5. Update from Heather Jones (Independent Contractor for Tourism Commission) Meet at the Lake Promotional Activity
6. Discussion/Possible Action regarding the Independent Contractor Agreement for the Lake Geneva Cooperative Convention Center Special Events Coordinator
7. Update from Tourism Entity (VISIT Lake Geneva) on Promotional Activity, Calendar, and Hotel performance
8. Update from Lake Geneva Business Improvement District (events and mission)
9. Written financial update regarding Room Tax Dollars Collected, Financials, current Budget & Disbursements, list of outstanding (unpaid) tourism grants awarded
10. Discussion/Action on Tourism Promotional Grant Program and Requests: **Maximum ten (10) minute presentation per request:**
 - a. Downtown Lake Geneva Ice Sculpture Walk; VISIT Lake Geneva
 - b. The World's Tallest Glass Tree-Mackglass Community dba: World's Tallest Glass Tree
(approved on November 11, 2024, contingent on the submission of a detailed budget)
11. Final Event Evaluations from organizations receiving Tourism Grants
 - a. Lake Geneva Beer & Spirits Festival; Nei-Turner Media Group, Inc

12. Discussion/Action regarding Tourism Grant Application revisions

13. Discussion/Possible Action regarding Placer.ai

a. Subscription benefit for Tourism administration

b. Use for Current Grant Applications and Event Evaluations

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Adjournment

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CITY OF LAKE GENEVA

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Lake Geneva Cemetery Board Agenda

Wednesday December 18, 2024 - 4:00pm

Lake Geneva City Hall – Upstairs Rm 2C

626 Geneva Street, Lake Geneva WI 53147

Chair Cathy Stoodley, Vice President Terry Krohn, Secretary Ruth Monico, Patrick Quinn,
Alderwoman Linda Frame Council Liaison, City Staff Liaison

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the Public as allowed by Wis. Stats.19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda.
Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
4. Approve Cemetery Board minutes from September 18, 2024
5. Discussion/Recommendation regarding monthly Comptroller Financial Report
6. Discussion/Recommendation on City Staff Liaison Monthly Report
7. Discussion/Update on Computer and Internet service at Oak Hill
8. Discussion/Recommendation regarding updated cemetery pricing
9. Discussion/Recommendation on how Cemetery Board can best assist Parks and Public Works
until a Park Director is hired
10. Monitor annual membership to WAC(December) - Submit dues in February
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Adjournment

This is a meeting of the City of Lake Geneva Cemetery Board. No City Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.



DATE: December 13, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Ploch, President
RE: Notice of December 2024, Board Meeting

The December 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, December 19th at the HARBOR SHORES HOTEL, at 4:00 PM.**

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of October 2024 meeting.
2. Financial reports:
 - A. Review & approve bills for payment
 - B. Treasurer's report
 - C. Approve annual donation of \$ 5,000 for local charities.
 1. YMCA- 2. Time is now – 3. LG Food Pantry
3. Lake Geneva Business Park Updates
 - A. Mashtun Brewery purchase update
4. Board nominations for 2025.
5. Long term projects: discussion
6. Updates: Visit / City / Schools / Other business
7. Adjourn meeting to Gino's East for Christmas cheer !

Future Meeting Schedule

January 16th, 2025 at 7:30 AM- Harbor Shores



Lake Geneva Business Improvement District
Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 | 9:00 AM
Harbor Shores of Lake Geneva

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
4. Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. § 19.84 (2), limited to items on this agenda except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes. *None.*
5. City news from representative
6. Appearance of VISIT Lake Geneva
7. Treasurer Report
 - a. Chart of Account Review
 - b. Budget vs Actuals
 - c. Pay Bills
8. Executive Director Report
10. New Business
 - a. 2025 Resource Main Street Visit Planning
 - b. Board Seat Recommendations
 - c. Discussion/Review of Amendments to Board Policies and Procedures
11. Comments from the Board of Directors
12. Adjourn

This is a meeting of the Lake Geneva Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Directors. No City Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.