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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

TOWARDS THE END OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR PERSONS WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT, GERALD KITZHOFER has announced his retirement as Executive Director and CEO of Overbrook School for the Blind effective June 30, 2017.

“Jerry’s retirement will cap nine years of achievement and growth,” said Warwick S. Wheeler, Chair of OSB’s Board of Trustees. “Jerry has left a remarkable legacy that we are excited to capitalize on as we begin the search for a new executive director.”

Under Kitzhoffer’s leadership, Overbrook School for the Blind has substantially improved its programming for its students, further developed the staff’s expertise, completed an aquatic center and plans for a new horticulture center, instituted a systematic planning process, and grown its financial resources to ensure that OSB is well positioned for the future.

The year 2017 will be a milestone for Overbrook School for the Blind, marking the organization’s 185th anniversary,” noted Wheeler. “The Board of Trustees and I thank Jerry for fostering and maintaining Overbrook School for the Blind’s rich education for persons with visual impairments.

BRUCE FORSTNER
Mr. Forstner is a Partner with CGI Wealth Partners. He has also been Executive Director and Personal Financial Services Practice Leader at Ernst and Young, and a Director at Wiese Brothers Lumber. Mr. Forstner is a graduate of Great Valley High School, a Certified Public Accountant, and a Certified Financial Planner. In addition, he has a Master’s Degree from Villanova University.

ANN BURRELL
Ms. Burrell has served as PC Clerk of Overseers and Overseer for the William Penn Charter School which has established three schools in rural Cambodia. She is a fine art painter and printmaker and has served on the boards of Westington College, Mars Heights Art Center, and Friends School Havertown. She was formerly the CEO of A.D. Little and Company. Ms. Burrell has taken a degree in Digital Education from Borough College and a Masters from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Fine Arts.

JAMES MURPHY
Mr. Murphy is the Chief Financial Officer for Potter Stewart Financial Manager of OSB. He is also the proud father of an OSB Elementary Program student. Mr. Murphy has also led several Global Management Accountant who has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and has alsooutsourced a young professional group (GF Network) that meets regularly and she took the proceeds from her events as a volunteer in schools. The life of OSB has been the recipient. He is also a Founding Director of the America Running Club that benefits the Vision for Tomorrow Foundation.

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To PERC
Our parent organization—for contributing to the purchase of the new performance wardrobe for the Encore Singers in the Music Department.

For the recent donations:
Over $4,000 worth of contributions—to the OSB Music Department: Stage lighting for the auditorium: Dewey Oriente, from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy.

For the following Instruments:
Violin/Saxophone—JoAnn Logowski; Cello—Joy Doherty; Violin—Carole LaSala Gammarino; Clarinet—Karin McGettigan; Fender Acoustic Guitar—Anonynmous; Microphone/Mic stand/Amp—Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox

Last Notes…

We recently improved our online presence, profile and most importantly—our online accessibility for web users who are blind and visually impaired. Take a look around our remodeled website at www.obs.org for the latest information on what’s happening on our campus each day.

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