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*Proud 2005-2006 PWEF Grant Award Recipients, joined by PWEF Board officers.*

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## **WDOT and SPAC**

Schreiber High School has a new radio station, WDOT, which went "live" on the air in the spring of 2006. This grant combines an after-school club with curriculum. Under the direction of teacher and club advisor Jeremy Klaff, students learn about technology, radio media and production. This club engages students in all aspects of broadcasting, programming shows, arranging musical segments, and engineering. The aim is to establish a listening community—through news, commentary, music, and entertainment—while serving to expand the educational development of the Schreiber student participants. There are approximately 200-300 participants and the club continues to grow in popularity, as well as in applications for different uses throughout the school district community.



*WDOT Club members*



*Amy Bass with  
Dot & Ed Slade*

The Slade Performing Arts Center/SPAC at Schreiber High School celebrated its grand opening in June 2006 with a special ribbon cutting ceremony, concert and dedication celebration. The Slade Performing Arts Center is a multi-purpose room that accommodates small-scale theatrical productions. It is also a music classroom and rehearsal venue. This is an intimate setting for chamber music concerts, dance, music recitals, and drama productions.

These two new facilities were made possible through the generous support of Dot and Ed Slade and the Slade Family Foundation.

## **Walk for Port on the Fitness Trail**



The Port Fitness Trail is ideally located between Weber Middle School and Schreiber High School. This athletic facility is used for physical education and outside classroom instruction by teachers and students and by Port community members on weekends and after school on weekdays. The fitness trail is .74 miles long and includes 11 stations in total—back extension, two person rotator, pommel horse, S-shaped jump bar, push up bars, air walker, horizontal bars, rower, multi bars, sit up board, and jump bars. It promotes walking wellness and enhances interdisciplinary projects, such as environmental studies. It is currently used by 350-400 students and countless community members of all ages. Signage was generously donated by the Athletic Association of Port Washington (AAPW).

## **Robotics—The "Woody" Project**

This after-school technology club successfully competed in regional and national championships for the first time ever in our district! Our PWEF grant enabled an energetic group of Schreiber students (grades 9 to 12), working under the direction of teacher and club advisor Don Schaefer, to form a FIRST Robotics Team and to use their creativity and imagination to build a robot from a kit of parts. The Team entered their robot, "Woody," in a regional competition and advanced to a national competition consisting of 1,125 teams from 33 regions. Our Team was judged on spirit, design, professionalism, maturity, and ability to overcome obstacles. This was a first for our school district and the students who pioneered this project. They overcame many difficult challenges with the help of their mentors, advisors, technicians, teachers and community supporters. The success of this team continues to make history and has laid the ground work for a new Robotics team in the new school year.



*FIRST Robotics Team*

**OCTOBER 2006**

<b>Field Trips for Exceptional Children</b> (Susan Begina, Megan Williams, Lauri Koss, Loren Maroff, Amy Overzat, Nicholas Stavrinos)	An expansion of last year's program that takes special needs children on local field trips to increase social interaction with the community. ( <i>Manorhaven, Guggenheim, Daly</i> )
<b>Dance for Special Needs Students</b> (Susan Begina)	A series of studio visits enables developmentally disabled students to participate in specially-tailored movement classes. ( <i>Manorhaven</i> )
<b>Sensory Integration in the Classroom</b> (Susan Begina, Denise Kammerer, Donna Sanchez)	Children with sensory-seeking behaviors (identified but not classified) are given various materials to help with classroom concentration. ( <i>Manorhaven</i> )
<b>Storytime Theater</b> (Elise May)	A series of performance skills workshops using stories to enhance language arts for K-2 students. ( <i>Manorhaven, Guggenheim, So. Salem</i> )
<b>Language and Art</b> (Andrea Illiano, Mariann Dragunas, Erica Goldsmith)	ELL students visit the Nassau County Museum three times. Lesson plans integrate language immersion with art appreciation. ( <i>Guggenheim</i> )
<b>Get-A-Voice</b> (Barbara O'Donnell, Gina Kelly)	Addressing the problem of name-calling, staff, students and parents are trained in techniques to raise awareness and taking responsibility. ( <i>Daly, Guggenheim</i> )
<b>New Kid Survival Kits</b> (Erin Fealy)	New Guggenheim families receive kits made by this 3rd grade class welcoming them to school & town. ( <i>Guggenheim</i> )
<b>Magic School Bus Pretzel Chemistry</b> (Jane Ronis, Caryn Ronis)	Salem parent & chef Jane Ronis teaches chemistry through cooking with a guest appearance by Ms. Frizzle. ( <i>So. Salem</i> )
<b>All The World's A Rhyme</b> (Kim DeStefano, Ruth Addeo)	Specially selected materials to support a new early literacy curriculum on the new Daly Stage System. Additional funding from the Ozymandias Foundation provided new stage equipment. ( <i>Daly</i> )
<b>Taking the SMART Board Above &amp; Beyond</b> (Dr. Irene Virgilio)	Elementary science and foreign language programs for the Interactive Whiteboard. ( <i>Daly</i> )
<b>Daly's Outdoor Environmental Program</b> (Daly Compact Committee)	Curriculum and materials to be used in the new Daly Outdoor classroom. ( <i>Daly</i> )
<b>Blues: An 8th Grade Experience</b> (Jeff Moss)	An inter-disciplinary study of African-American history culminating in workshops and performances by blues guitarist Little Toby Walker. ( <i>Weber</i> )
<b>FIRST Robotics Kit &amp; Competition</b> (Don Schaefer)	Year 2 of this national competition for student-built robots. In 2006, Schreiber took regional "Rookie of the Year" honors sending them to the national championships. ( <i>Schreiber</i> )
<b>Digital Physics Archive</b> (Don Fish)	A projector and SMART Board will be used to create class work and an archive of physics lessons. ( <i>Schreiber</i> )
<b>Alternative Energy: Hydrogen Fuel Cell</b> (Don Schaefer)	Modernizes the Principles of Engineering course with reusable kits to create hydrogen fuel cells as alternative energy. ( <i>Schreiber</i> )
<b>Get Smart</b> (Jeff Lesser)	State-of-the-art Whiteboard technology plus teacher training allow new levels of flexibility and interactivity in all areas of mathematics. ( <i>Schreiber</i> )
<b>Still Lives from our Environment</b> (Joy Jaworski, Kris Murphy)	AP Photography students use a scanner as a camera creating still lives with local nature. ( <i>Schreiber</i> )



## GRANT AWARDS RECAP

### Schreiber High School

#### **Parenting Workshops for Spanish-speaking Parents, 2005**

David Miller

#### **WDOT Radio Station, 2005**

Jeremy Klaff

#### **Backyard Habitat, 2005**

Jim Jones, Tree Hugger Club



#### **Time Management and Study Skills 9th Grade Workshops, 2005** ▲

Julie Gross, Karen Hazen

#### **Slade Performing Arts Center, 2005**

Mark Brenner



#### **FIRST Robotics Kit & Competition, 2005** ▲

Donald Schaefer

#### **Faces & Stories of Schreiber Lives, 2005**

Joy Jaworski, Kris Murphy

#### **Walk for Port, 2005**

Rose Bonanno, Fran Clark, Robin Cooper, AAPW

#### **Xeriscape™ and Sculpture Garden, 2004**

Amelia Box, Mark Graham, National Honor Society Club

#### **Science Olympiad, 2003**

Rosalie Peck

#### **Art and Literature Showcase Book, 2003**

Sara Brock

#### **Workshop for Parents of At-Risk 9th Graders, 2003**

Dr. Francis Banta

#### **Career Beginnings for Talented Seniors, 2003**

Emily Klass

#### **Linking Our Past to Our Present, 2003**

Kate Herz

#### **Time Management and Study Skills, 2003**

Schreiber Compact Committee

#### **SAT Preparation, 2004**

Ronni Smithline

#### **Writing Center Development Plan, 2003**

Evelina Zarkh

#### **Digital Video Production, 2004**

Luis Gallego, Judith Schutzman, Erin Howard

#### **20th Century Survivors: From Poland to Rwanda, 2004**

Kate Herz, Evelina Zarkh, Jeremy Klaff

#### **Computer Projection in the Art Classroom, 2004**

Joy Jaworski, Mark Graham



#### **Health and Wellness/Cardio Kickboxing, 2003** ▲

Robin Cooper

#### **SAT Prep, 2003**

Jacqueline Marshall

#### **Hands-On Logic Lab, 2003**

Geri Ganzekaufer

#### **In the Style of..., 2003**

Donald Zuvich, Gerald Izzo



#### **A Visit with Mel Glenn, 2003** ▲

Mary Seligman

### Weber Middle School

#### **Blues: An 8th Grade Experience, 2005**

Jeff Moss

#### **Poe on the Road, 2005** ▶

Maureen Peraza, Meghan Duffy, Susan McAuliffe



#### **The Blues, 2004**

Jeff Moss

#### **Every Classroom a Stage, 2003**

Erlyn Madonia

#### **Hands Eager to Reach Out (HERO), 2003**

Liza Nettleton, Kim Rosenbaum

## GRANT AWARDS RECAP

### Elementary Schools

#### Storytime Theater, 2005

Elise May (Sousa & Daly)



#### Primarily Port Washington, 2005

Amy Rowland (Guggenheim)

#### Special Education Field Trips, 2005

Susan Begina (Manorhaven)

#### Mimi Olsen Pond & Garden, 2005

Natalie Miller, Ute Johnson (Guggenheim)

#### Bringing the 19th Century to Life, 2005

Kimberly DeStefano, Lauren Geigelson, Liz LeSueur, Camille Corbisiero, Wanda Burgess (Daly)

#### Journeys Into American Indian, 2005 Territory

Claire Galanek, Maribeth Betsch (Guggenheim)

#### Digital Photo Suitcase: Year 2, 2005

Regina McLean, Jeanne Zeh (all schools)



#### Daly Stage System, 2005

Dr. Ruth Addeo, Kimberly DeStefano, Allison Schlanger, Rosanne Matty, Michelle Lumia (Daly)

#### Sharing My Life as a Reader, 2005

Lisa Castillo, Denise Johnert (South Salem)

#### SMART Board, 2005

Dr. Irene Virgilio (Daly)

#### Interactive Science Lab, 2005

Dr. David Meoli (Sousa)

#### Literature & Performing Arts, 2005

Barbara Mayer (Guggenheim)

#### Sign Language, 2004

Andrea Schieck (South Salem)

#### Mentoring Program, 2004

Elaine Ajello, Daly Compact Committee (Daly)

#### Bringing Yoga to the Classroom, 2003, 2004

Ronni Aronow (Guggenheim, South Salem, Manorhaven, Sousa, Daly)

#### Book of the Month, 2004

Ann Marie Pullicino, Karen Siegel-Smith (Sousa)

#### Barriers & Bridges: Crossing the Lines that Divide Us, 2004

Joan Brinkhuis, Claudia Levin, Kim Singh, Laury Brevig, Lourdes Mergler, Tessa Jordan, James O'Brien, Joseph Lennon, Joel Belser (Manorhaven)

#### Reading and Writing, 2004

Mary Ann Leonard (Sousa)

#### Digital Photography Suitcase, 2004

Jeanne Zeh, Regina McLean, Barbara Mayer, Lisa Castillo, Irene Virgilio, Maria Djurasovic (all schools)

#### Children's Garden, 2004

Cindy Mies, Sandy Stoessel (South Salem)

#### Cooking Through the Cultures, 2004

Alice Teepe, Julie Phillips, Sheri Suzzan (Daly)

#### Desktop Abacus, 2004

Dennis Kortwright, Lori Garcia, Chris Natale, Heather O'Shea (all schools)

#### Game Buddy Collection, 2004

Lisa Castillo (South Salem)

#### Egg Hatching, 2003

Jennifer Ghingo (Guggenheim)

#### Law, Youth, and Citizenship, 2003

Maria Djurasovic, Joan Brinkhuis (Manorhaven)

#### Math Path, 2003

Robert Bellon (all schools)

#### Owls, 2003

Joan Andors (Daly)

#### Music Writing Software, 2003

Vicki Field (all schools)

#### Creative Connections, 2003

Claudia Levin (Manorhaven)

#### Listening Center, 2003

Emily Baxter (Sousa)

#### Dolan DNA Center, Cold Spring Harbor, 2003

Heather Schneider (Guggenheim)

#### Early American Life, 2003

Joan Brinkhuis, Tessa Jordan, Jane Tafarella, Lourdes Mergler, Barbara Bongiorno, Joel Belser (Manorhaven)

#### Elementary Mentoring Program, 2003

Milana Axelson (Sousa)

#### Exploring Where & Why, 2003

Lisa Keogh (Sousa)

#### Creating a Community, 2003

Emily Baxter, Ann Marie Pullicino (Sousa)

#### Building Math Literacy Workshops for Parents, 2003

Heather O'Shea, Chris Natale (all schools)

#### Theater and Drama Residency, 2003

Dr. Linda Welles (Manorhaven)

#### Civil War Tapestry, 2003

Joan Brinkhuis, Claudia Levin, Kim Singh, Laury Brevig, Lourdes Mergler (Manorhaven)

### Additional Enrichment Programs

#### KidsPort Creative Writing Center, 2003

Marlene Selig

#### Pre-School Pre-Kindergarten Lending Library, 2003

Antonia Bracchi

#### Parent Resource Center Scholarship Program, 2003

Julie Harnick