

## New Board Members and Officers Selected

The Western Kansas Community Foundation is excited to announce the addition of three new board members. Mark A. Faulkner from Ulysses and Sheryl J. Dick and Michael E. Collins from Garden City. We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to retiring member, Dr. Gerald Greene for his many years of service. Newly elected officers for the 2006-2007 year are Betty F. Benson, Chairperson; Lee Stapleton, Vice Chairman; Carolyn Myers, Secretary and Tom Walker, Treasurer.



Mark A. Faulkner

Mark Faulkner was born in Lubbock, Texas. He attended kindergarten in Littleton, Colorado, Garden City, Kansas and finally landed in Ulysses, Kansas. After graduation from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Economics and Business, Mark and his wife Suzanne returned to Ulysses. Mark worked in the irrigation business with his dad (one

of the four original owners of Ulysses Irrigation Pipe Company). At the encouragement of his banker, Judy Keusler, he obtained his real estate license in 1983. In 1986 Mark and Suzanne opened Faulkner Real Estate and continue to enjoy a prosperous business.

Mark follows in his son's footsteps as a board member of the Western Kansas Community Foundation. Chris did an excellent job promoting the vision and opportunity associated with WKCF and encouraged Mark to get on board. Chris is currently obtaining his Texas real estate license and plans to work in the Fort Worth area as a Coldwell Banker agent. Chris' sister Stephanie is a resident of Colorado Springs where she has worked for First Bank for four years.

Mark has continually promoted southwest Kansas and served his community in many leadership positions. He is a past president of Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce and is an active member of the United Methodist Church. In his spare time he enjoys biking, flying, kayaking and barefoot water skiing.



Sheryl J. Dick

Sheryl Dick is a graduate of Patricia Stevens Fashion Merchandising College in Wichita. She earned her AA degree from Garden City Community College and her BS degree from Friends University in Wichita.

Sheryl retired as Executive Director

of the Garden City Community College Endowment Association in 2001, after working sixteen years. She is married to Phil Dick who is a retired CPA and partner of Lewis, Hooper & Dick, LLC. She has a daughter, Megan and two step sons, Michael and Nathan.

Sheryl is active in many community organizations and is a graduate of both Leadership Garden City and Leadership Kansas. She has served on the Leadership Kansas Board of Directors and was Alumnus of the Year in 2004. Along with this association, Sheryl served on the Governors 2000 Systems Enhancement Highway Program Committee and Discretionary Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant Committee. She was the Governors Representative for Kansas at the National "America's Promise" Conference.

Sheryl is a past member of Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors, Kansas Film Commission Board of Directors and Friends of Cedar Crest Association Board of Directors. She is a member of many organizations, some which include, The Monday Club of Garden City, P.E.O. Chapter X, Southwest Kansas Live on Stage, Southwest Arts and Humanities Council, Friends of the Lee Richardson Zoo and the United Methodist Church.



Michael E. Collins

Michael Collins was born and raised in Garden City, Kansas. He graduated from Garden City High School in 1964 and then attended the University of Kansas where he received both Bachelor's and law degrees.

Following graduation from law school in 1971 Michael served on active duty in the U. S. Navy for three years including two and one-half years as legal officer of USS INTREPID, CV-11, home ported at Quonset Point, Rhode Island and six months teaching at Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. He returned to Garden City in January 1975 to practice law and is a partner in the firm of Hope, Mills, Bolin, Collins & Ramsey.

Michael married Jan Wagner of Richmond, Kansas in July 1971 and they have three children, Brian Collins of Chicago, Sarah Coons of Salina, and Erin Collins of Durham, North Carolina. His wife, Jan works as a literacy coach at Jennie Wilson Elementary School in Garden City. Michael is a member and past president of the Garden City Rotary Club, a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church of Garden City and serves as a co-trustee of the Mary Jo Williams Charitable Trust.



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