

## Good News Project, Inc. Board of Directors 2017 - 2018

### **Maria Bruggink (Treasurer)**



My husband Jeff and I moved to Wausau in 1990 and love being part of this community. Jeff is a math teacher at Wausau West and I am a tax partner at Wipfli LLP – we’ve both been with these same employers since we moved to Wausau. I am the firm-wide leader for Wipfli’s Financial Institution Tax Practice. Jeff and I have been married 28 years and have three children, Megan (25), Michael (23), and Abby (21). I am currently on the board of the Wausau Noon Optimists and have been the treasurer/board member for several organizations including Susan G. Komen for the Cure, The Wausau Conservatory of Music, YWCA, and the YWCA Foundation. I also served for many years on St Anne’s Parish Finance Council and St Anne’s Endowment Board. I have served on the

advisory committee for Good News Project for many years and am excited to now be a part of their board of directors.

### **Marie Kieffer**



As owner of Verve Salon|Spa and educator for Evo Haircare, I have been able to share my passion for people in many ways. I am an active member of the Wausau Community and not only a business owner but am also a board member for Bridge Community Clinic and was nominated for Wausau’s 20 under 40 in 2013 for being a successful leader in the community. I find it imperative to give back to my community but I view the act of giving and kindness as a universal language. I traveled with The Good News Project to St. Lucia in 2015 and am excited to continue my work in Humanitarian efforts both locally and globally in the future.

### **Jeff Lamont**



Jeff Lamont is currently a Pediatrician with the Marshfield Clinic and has been in practice for over 30 years. A skilled vocalist who loves to sing, Dr. Lamont performs with the Wausau Lyric Choir and the Wausau Conservatory of Music. Dr. Lamont completed medical school at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and his pediatrics residency at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He is board-certified in pediatrics. He and his wife Jan live in Wausau and have two adult children.

### **Michelle Lindell (Secretary)**



Michelle Lindell is an English teacher at Wausau Engineering and Global Leadership Academy. She joined EGL from her recent position at Northcentral Technical College where she worked for eight years in the International Education department, serving as Global Education Director in her last two years with the college.

Prior to this, Michelle spent time as an English teacher both internationally as well as here in the U.S., teaching in the countries of Australia and Denmark before returning to enjoy teaching middle and high school in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

With a master's degree in Communication focusing on Intercultural Communication coupled with her Bachelor's in English, Michelle is excited to combine her two passions of working with students and international education here at EGL.

When not teaching, Michelle enjoys traveling, spending time with family, and pursuing lifelong learning. Michelle and her husband, Jeff, have two daughters and live in the town of Weston.

### **Charles MacCarthy, MD**



I was born in St. Paul, but moved too frequently to be able to identify a home town. "Ruined for life" by the Jesuits (their description) at University of Detroit High School, Marquette University and Loyola Medical School, I have tried to conduct my professional and personal life with a spirit of mission and service. When I met Peggy Schommer in 1957 and married her in 1961, we became a team that has enjoyed many mutual projects – raising five children, enjoying 12 grandchildren, working together on numerous school and church related projects while I practiced medicine for 35 years. But, in recent years, Good News Project has been our most consistent challenge and a source of great satisfaction and enjoyment. We cherish the hundreds of friendships we have made in the West

Indies and here at home, and look forward to seeing GNP continue to thrive. The future of GNP is in good hands with Christine Daniels as Executive Director and our talented, enthusiastic Board of Directors.

### **Peggy MacCarthy**



I was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and moved to De Pere when I was in eighth grade. I graduated from Marquette University's School of Journalism in 1960, with an "Advertising Sequence" and a minor in English. Chuck and I were married in July, 1961 and subsequently lived in Chicago, Florida, Maryland, and Rochester, MN. I worked at James Jeffords Advertising Agency in Milwaukee and Bish Creative Display in Chicago before our children were born. After that I worked from home as the Executive Director of the Student American Medical Association and had various free lance writing jobs. We moved to Wausau in

1971 and have five children and 12 grandchildren and a HUGE Good News family. I have mainly been a VOLUNTEER ever since ... currently with Good News Project! The first Good News group of five musicians went to St. Lucia in August, 1983, and as the program grew, Chuck and I made over 50 trips to the West Indies to coordinate teams, make planning trips or a combination of the two. We are thrilled with the progress of Good News Project – with our great Executive Director, Staff and Board of Directors.

### **Corina Norrbom**



Corina Norrbom is a Family Physician. She spent the first 12 years of her career in a family medicine practice in Antigo. Subsequently, in 2009-10, Dr. Norrbom worked as a rural General Practice physician in New Zealand. Since returning, she has worked at Aspirus Walk-In Clinics and in other settings at home and abroad. In 2013, Dr. Norrbom was named the first Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and

Service (WIPPS) Community Fellow while leading efforts to organize a June 2013 conference, *Preparing for the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace: A View from Wisconsin* and the November 2013 follow-up conference *It's Here: The Federal Health Insurance Marketplace in Wisconsin*, which featured over 40 national, state, and local experts. In 2014, she assembled a MN/WI Collaborative of thought leaders committed to improving population health, and with their guidance, her work over the past 2 years has focused on Community

Health Business Partnerships and multi-sector approaches to improve the health of communities in a sustainable way. Recently she was a key organizer for the local event *Baby Business: The Dollars and Sense of Investing in Working Parents* which addressed how investing in young children and supporting their parents can lead to a healthier, more prosperous community. Dr. Norrbom received her BS in Biology from Marquette University (via UWMC) and is a graduate of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She completed her family practice residency training in Duluth, MN. She is currently WIPPS Health Policy Fellow and recently accepted a part-time faculty position with the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin Campus. She continues to do clinical shifts for Aspirus Walk-Ins.

### **George Nugent**



In 1983 while living in Wausau, WI, my wife Sue and I attended St. James Catholic Church and soon became involved with the Saturday Night Singers. I recall conversations with Chuck and Peg MacCarthy and their experiences in the West Indies. A lasting impression. We moved to Minneapolis in 1986 but remained in contact with friends in Wausau and the goings on of the Good News Project.

In 1992, I was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church with a focus on social justice. In 1995, I became active in Good News Project.

Providing simple homes for homeless families fit right into my desire to take the Gospel message to action --- "care for my people".

In 2011, my wife passed away after 60 years of a remarkable marriage --- seven children, fifteen grandchildren and now eight great-grandchildren.

This organization has for many years been my avocation. Its reputation in the islands is held in high regard. Maintaining the character of moral integrity, excellence in volunteer service and compassion for the poor must continue to be the mission.

### **Mike Sellman (President)**



I began participating in Good News Project's missions to help St. Lucians about 10 years ago. That and subsequent trips have been more rewarding to me than to them. St. Lucia is a poor country monetarily but a rich country in many other ways – beautiful mountains, lush rainforests and wonderful people. I am a nuclear engineer by education and have spent most of my career operating commercial nuclear plants. Before that I served in the U.S. Navy in the nuclear submarine force during the Viet Nam War. More recently I have been a nuclear consultant around the world. My most interesting consulting work is at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory working with engineers and scientists who are developing Laser Inertial Fusion, something that can be a world changer.

Today, I am beginning to decrease my consulting and increase my time spent with my wife Renee and family (eighteen grandchildren and their parents) and mission work. I serve on a number of non-profit company boards, including Hudson Hospital and Teens for Christ in Hudson, Wisconsin.

### **Sara Sulzer**



I grew up in Kaukauna WI. In 2008 I moved to Mosinee, WI, to be with my husband, Rick, who works for his family's manufacturing company - Sulzer Machine and Manufacturing - as the Production Manager. We have two amazing children; Lucus (5) and Hannah (20 months). I currently stay home with my children and feel blessed to be able to do the most important job, raise my children. I attended the University of Wisconsin Green Bay. I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, with a minor in human development with an emphasis in child welfare. I have 10 plus years'



experience working with at risk youth and families. My most recent job was working for Community Care Connections of Central Wisconsin (CCCW), a Managed Care Organization for the State of Wisconsin, where I was a case manager for the elderly and physically disabled receiving the Family Care/Medicaid benefits. I became involved with the Good News Project while working at CCCW and I currently sit on the strategic planning committee for the HELP closet. I look forward to continuing my work with GNP.

### **Doug Thomas**



Doug Thomas recently retired after a 36 year career with Kimberly-Clark. Doug received a Masters degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University in 1981. At Kimberly-Clark, Doug initially worked in the engineering field. He then spent ten years in leadership positions in mill operations management culminating with leading the startup, staffing and initial operation of a new tissue manufacturing mill in South Carolina. Most recently, Doug led research teams at the corporate research headquarters in Neenah, WI doing process optimization and product

development for well-known brands such as Kleenex, Cottonelle and Scott.

Doug has been happily married to Eileen for 34 years and they have two sons, Chad and Ross. Chad is an attorney for Thompson-Reuters in Egan Minnesota. Ross is married to Emily and they are blessed with a 15-month-old son. Ross works in manufacturing management for Van Zeeland Manufacturing. Both Ross and Emily have volunteered for Good News Project locally and in St Lucia. Doug and Eileen have been involved with Good News Project since 2011 and have been to St. Lucia seven times. They have led Good News Project teams in Soufriere and Castries during five of these trips. They have developed strong ties to the Soufriere community and have helped establish a good reputation and support network there.

### **Robin Van Zeeland**



I was born in Kaukauna, Wisconsin and never left. I was raised Catholic and attended Holy Cross Grade School and St. John's High School. After high school I enrolled in the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Program and received my journeyman card in 1977. In 1977 I married my high school sweet heart Terry. We have 3 children Ruth (Aaron), Rachel (Mat) and Ryan (Amanda). We have three beautiful Granddaughters Veronica, Eleanor and Bernadette. Our Family started Van Zeeland Mfg. Inc. in 1980 and I have been President since 1996. I enjoy hunting, fishing, gardening, spending time with my family and of course making trips to St. Lucia.

### **Barth J. Wolf (Vice-President)**



I received a B.A. in Social Change and Development from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay in 1975 and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin – Madison Law School in 1984. I am a member of the Wisconsin Bar Association and the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals. I am the former Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary for Integrys Energy Group, Inc. (formerly WPS Resources Corporation). Integrys Energy Group is a diversified energy holding company with regulated natural gas and electric utility operations serving customers in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. I joined Wisconsin Public Service Corporation in 1988 and served in numerous legal, governance and management roles in my career. Prior to WPS, I worked as a staff attorney for Fort Howard Paper Company and as an attorney for the

law firm of Hanaway, Ross, Hanaway, Weidner, Garrity & Bachhuber. I am a member of the Community Advisory Board of St. Mary's and St. Vincent Hospitals and the Board of Freedom House,

a family homeless shelter program. I am also actively involved in numerous other community and church organizations. I married Mary Jo 34 years ago, and we have two grown daughters and one new Grandson. We live in Cape Coral, Florida, and spend part of the year in Green Bay, WI. We were members of the STL#2 group in 2014 and were excited to have our daughter and future son-in-law join us in St. Lucia in 2015.