

The new year has arrived, and once again, it is time to begin planning for the annual Strimbu Memorial BBQ, which benefits the Strimbu Memorial Fund. The fund is a local nonprofit organization that aspires to give people a hand up, not a hand out. Since its inception in 1990, the fund has provided \$3.3 million to support academic scholarships, local economic development groups, non-profits, and other charitable organizations. During the past year, the Strimbu Memorial Fund has distributed \$147,250 in grants to area organizations and individuals. A list of the grants is included in this packet. In addition, the Fund has awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to exemplary seniors from area high schools who exhibit the qualities of leadership and self reliance.

Each May, the Strimbu Memorial Fund Board of Directors hosts the best BBQ in the East, complete with mouthwatering food, exciting entertainment, and silent and live auctions filled with a variety of unique items. The event attracts more than 1500 attendees each year. We are proud to be celebrating our 29th annual Strimbu Memorial BBQ this year on Wednesday, May 2, at Yankee Lake Ballroom in Brookfield, Ohio.

The Strimbu Memorial Fund would be honored to include an item of service in one of our BBQ auctions that best represents your business. An auction form is included for you to review. Please consider contributing to our fundraiser while gaining some great exposure for your business. We welcome you to check out our website at www.stribumemorialfund.org.

Tickets for the 29th annual Strimbu Memorial Fund BBQ are available at a cost of \$90 each. Tables can be reserved if 10 or more tickets are purchased. We historically sell out two weeks prior to the event. If you have any additional questions or wish to purchase tickets, please contact Pam Yersky at (330) 448-4046, ext. 134.

Sincerely,
Nancy Lukasko
Strimbu Memorial Fund Board of Directors