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# Signals

The Newsletter of the  
Signal Hill Education Foundation

## Our Mission:

To insure continuing financial support for the Signal Hill School to enhance the strength of the region by providing exceptional opportunities for intellectual discovery for all members of the Signal Hill community.

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## MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

By Garen Vartanian *SHEF Board Member*

SHEF recently welcomed the addition of three new board members: Kris Shellabarger, Alicia Slocomb and Kelly Vahlkamp. The SHEF board approved their nominations at the August meeting, and all three are excited to join the board.

Kris Shellabarger has deep-rooted Signal Hill ties. For starters, Shellabarger herself is a Signal Hill graduate. In addition, her three boys graduated from SHS, as did her brother and her father and his three brothers.

Shellabarger said she joined SHEF to continue to support SHS and was honored to accept the invitation to serve on the board. "I am very excited about being on the board because it keeps me involved in the best grade school around and I get to attend meetings with some of my very good friends and fellow SHS graduates," she said. "My sister-in-law, Angela Kammann, is also on the SHEF board and I'm looking forward to meetings with her."

Shellabarger also said she is enthusiastic about fundraising for SHEF through special events. "Everyone loves time celebrating with friends and neighbors and meeting new friends and neighbors," she said "What's wrong with raising money while we do that?"

Alicia Slocomb, who previously served on the SHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and School Board of Education, also expressed excitement about joining SHEF. "After serving on the PTO and School Board, SHEF seemed like the next step," she said. "I am looking forward to working with the team of strong individuals who, like I am, are committed to ensuring that SHS remains a viable educational institution."

Kelly Vahlkamp looks forward to her SHEF tenure as well. "I wanted an opportunity to be involved with the school ... and the fact that SHEF focused on additional educational needs was a perfect fit!" she said. "We switched from a Catholic school to SHS for speech and reading needs. I have been very impressed with the school staff, parents and students."

"My children have adapted to this change seamlessly! They are thriving more than I could have imagined."

## NEW OFFICERS

The following officer appointments also took place at the August meeting: Paul Sforza as President; Ryan Altmansberger as Vice President; Beth Lenz as Secretary; and Angela Kammann as Treasurer.

Altmansberger and Lenz are new to their respective posts, while Sforza and Kammann held their positions previously.

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Plan to attend C4AC with 'A Signal Hill Christmas Story' theme

By Garen Vartanian  
SHEF Board Member



Interested in a Red Ryder BB Gun or a Leg Lamp? Feel like Triple Dog Daring someone? Then plan to attend Signal Hill Education Foundation's annual Cocktails for a Cause event (C4AC), which will be themed around the iconic holiday comedy "A Christmas Story." The 1983 film is fixture of the holiday season.



C4AC - coined "A Signal Hill Christmas Story"

- is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the home of SHEF board member Karen Graebe.

"This year's event will feature a change in venue - thank you to the Graebe's for hosting - and a unique theme I'm sure everyone will have fun with," SHEF President Paul Sforza said. "There's no better way to get in the holiday mood than to celebrate 'A Signal Hill Christmas Story' and help with a great cause."

The 2016 C4AC will feature 4 levels of sponsorship based on popular hallmarks from "A Christmas Story": Triple Dog Dare, \$1000; Red Ryder BB Gun, \$500; "Fragile" Leg Lamp, \$250; and Flag Pole, \$100. Tickets are \$50 and all-inclusive for food and drinks. For Signal Hill teachers, the tickets are only \$25.

We hope you can join us for an evening of fun, and in the meantime, "don't shoot your eye out."

**YES, We Will Attend!**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Reservations @ \$50.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of SHS Teachers @ \$25.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Flag Pole sponsors @ \$100.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of "Fragile" Leg Lamp sponsors @ \$250.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Red Ryder BB Gun sponsors @ \$500.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Triple Dog Dare sponsors @ \$1,000.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No, we can not attend, please accept the enclosed donation.

Please send reservations, payments, or donations on or before November 21 to: Signal Hill Education Foundation, 40 Signal Hill Place, Belleville, IL 62223, or pay online at SHEFinfo.org.