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A Governor's Award-winning education program that educated **1,600** students this Spring.



Community programs like our annual Lake Hopatcong Block Party, which brings together more than **3,000** people to celebrate New Jersey's largest lake.



Advocacy for more resources for our lake, like the Lakes Funding Bill, which allocated **\$10M** for New Jersey's public lakes.

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Tonight's Program



6:30 - 8 pm | Dinner and Social
gourmet stations and passed hors d'oeuvres
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8 pm | Welcome and Awards Presentation

8:30 pm | Dessert, Silent Auction Bidding Continues

9 pm | Live Auction, Last Chance Silent Auction

9:30 pm | Silent Auction Closes, Split-the-Pot Raffle Drawing

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From the Executive Director

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's Annual Gala and Auction! We are thrilled to have each and every one of you here tonight, coming together to support our mission of protecting the environment and enhancing the experience on and around New Jersey's largest lake.

First and foremost, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support throughout the years. From preserving the beauty of our beloved lake to promoting education and recreation, your support has been instrumental in making a positive impact on our lake and community! Each one of you plays a vital role in our mission, and your presence here tonight is a testament to your dedication and belief in our cause.

Tonight, we are honoring three individuals whose service and dedication to Lake Hopatcong and the community goes above and beyond. In his role as New Jersey State Senator, Steve Oroho has been an ally and friend of the lake, advocating for resources and successfully securing critical funding for Lake Hopatcong. Through our education programs, volunteers Larry Orlans and Gay Ann Bucci have contributed hundreds of hours of their time, helping us educate students and introduce people from all over the state to the beauty and importance of Lake Hopatcong. We are forever grateful for these three individuals' contributions of time and their commitment to our shared cause - a vibrant and healthy lake and community.

It is through this spirit of volunteerism, service, and giving that we can continue to make Lake Hopatcong the best it can be, for this and future generations. On behalf of the staff and board of trustees of the Foundation, we say thank you and welcome, again, to this special evening to celebrate our lake, our community, and our future!

Sincerely,



Kyle Richter
Executive Director
Lake Hopatcong Foundation



From the Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support of Lake Hopatcong – one of New Jersey's greatest treasures!

As we gather for our annual gala celebration, our organization is working on several exciting projects that will help define the future of New Jersey's largest lake. Projects such as large-scale aeration, expanded sewer systems, and smart dredging are examples of where the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's advocacy is needed and makes a measurable difference. These projects will improve our lake's water quality and help reduce the risk of a lake wide harmful algal bloom. At the same time, our education programs continue to grow and receive overwhelmingly positive feedback from the 1,600+ field trip and public eco cruise participants who are introduced to the beauty and importance of our lake, every year.

As Winston Churchill once remarked, "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is blessed with volunteers who give so much. Tonight, we honor two who have truly helped to define our organization. Congratulations to Gay Ann and Larry! Your dedication is inspiring, and tonight's recognition is well deserved! Our third honoree, Steve Oroho, has shown incredible ability to work with all parties to move projects forward. He has been a strong advocate, provided sage advice, and is a true ally in keeping Lake Hopatcong healthy and vibrant. We will miss him in the Senate, but we hope he will now have more time to visit the lake!

Thank you to all our supporters, the Lake Hopatcong Commission, the many elected officials and law enforcement agencies who are our partners, my fellow board members, our hard-working staff, and our amazing volunteers.

Enjoy our lake!



Marty Kane
Board Chair
Lake Hopatcong Foundation



Our Honorees

SENATOR STEVEN V. OROHO



Senator Steve Oroho will retire this year after serving his fifth term representing the 24th Legislative District - which comprises all of Sussex County, and parts of northern Warren and Morris Counties - in the New Jersey State Senate. In 2020, he co-sponsored the Lakes Funding Bill, which was signed into law in 2021 and provided \$10M in support to public lakes in New Jersey. In January, he co-sponsored a similar bipartisan bill, which if passed, would secure another \$17M in support for public lakes.

In the State Senate, Senator Oroho serves as the Minority Leader and sits on three committees: the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee as well as the Senate Higher Education Committee. He is also a member of the Legislative Manufacturing Caucus. In the State Legislature, Senator Oroho takes a particular interest in budgetary and economic development issues.

Senator Oroho first ran for public office in 2001, winning a seat on the Franklin Borough Council. He moved up to the Sussex County Freeholder Board (now Board of County Commissioners) in 2005, upon his successful election, and served one term before winning the election to the State Senate in 2007 and has been re-elected four times. Before entry into public office, Senator Oroho had extensive professional experience in the finance departments of top New York City firms including work for Price Waterhouse, W.R. Grace and Company, as well as Young and Rubicam where he held the position of Senior Vice President of Finance. Senator Oroho is presently a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ with Nisivoccia Wealth Advisors and a licensed certified public accountant.

Senator Oroho is married, and the father of five children and ten grandchildren. He resides in Franklin Borough, Sussex County.

Our Honorees

DR. LAURENCE "LARRY" ORLANS



Laurence "Larry" Orland grew up in Newark, NJ, and visited Lake Hopatcong for the first time when he was 16 years old. He attended a picnic, which was held on the lawn at Hopatcong State Park. After college and dental school, he served as a Dental Officer in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps, and then practiced dentistry for forty years in Dover and then in Randolph, New Jersey before retiring and moving to the lake as a full-time resident.

Larry is very proud to be, along with his late wife Mary, a founding member and supporter of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and enjoys participating in as many of the Foundation's activities as possible.

A love of boating led Larry to his longtime role as First Mate on the Foundation's educational pontoon boat, Study Hull, a position he's held with pride since the vessel's purchase. Larry is also very passionate about the safe enjoyment of Lake Hopatcong, and has been the Vice Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-10 and presently serves as their Operations Officer.

Larry is the proud father of daughters, Allison and Michelle, and grandfather to five adorable grandkids. He has lived in the Byram Cove section of Lake Hopatcong part-time since 1986 and full-time since 2005.

Our Honorees

GAY ANN BUCCI



Gay Ann Bucci grew up surrounded by stories of her family's experiences as concessioners at Bertrand Island Amusement Park in the 1940s and 1950s. When Gay was in high school and college, she would have the opportunity to make her own memories working alongside her aunt and cousins in the Creamy Whip stand. Though it was hard work, it was also a great time with extended family and friends.

Gay is a retired educator, who taught fifth grade and third grade for thirty-seven years with the Denville Township School District. She is a graduate of The College of Saint Elizabeth (now Saint Elizabeth University) and Seton Hall University with degrees in Elementary Education and Educational Leadership.

Gay first became involved with the Lake Hopatcong Foundation in 2016 as a volunteer for our annual field trips and has since found a home on our Education Team. It has given her the opportunity to continue to use her teaching skills to bring awareness of the importance of protecting the Musconetcong Watershed and Lake Hopatcong. Rare is the day that Gay misses one of our organization's spring field trips or an eco cruise aboard the Floating Classroom in the summer, educating the next generation of environmental stewards.

Along with being a proud member of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, Gay serves on the Board of Trustees for Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum. She also leads and plans events for a women's group at her local church. Although Gay is a life-long resident of Rockaway, her love of all things Lake Hopatcong will always have a special place in her heart.

Congratulations, Larry and Gay, on this well-deserved honor!

Your friends,
The Lake Hopatcong Foundation Education Team



A collection of handwritten signatures in blue ink, including: John, Blair Keller, Amy Bunch, John Hama, Earl Bridges, John Ott, Dorna Macaluso, Chip Hill, Michelle Sales, and Paul DePa.



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**Bob and Cynthia Hamburger
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Senator Steven V. Oroho and
Volunteers Larry Orlans and Gay Bucci.**

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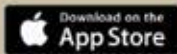
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